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Othea Loggan, 72, of Chicago, takes two trains and a bus to his job bussing tables at Walker Bros. Original Pancake House in Wilmette.

Table busser stacks up with best of 'em since 1964

He's worked at the same pancake house for 54 years — and still makes minimum wage

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI | Chicago Tribune

Othea Loggan came to Chicago and got a job bussing tables and washing dishes at Walker Bros. Original Pancake House in Wilmette. One of his brothers-in-law was the chef. Loggan lived on the South Side but he didn't mind the long, early morning commute to the North Shore, clear across downtown Chicago and Cook County. He was just happy to be free of Mississippi, where he had grown up poor, one of 10 kids. Walker Bros. was relatively new then, and a fast success, establishing itself in less than four years as a breakfast staple for businessmen from Glencoe and hungover graduate students from Northwestern alike. Loggan himself had been in Chicago only two weeks.

He started March 30, 1964.

"The Outer Limits" was on TV that night. The No. 1 song was "She Loves You." The battle of the Gulf of Tonkin, which cemented the United States in Vietnam, was six months away. And two weeks earlier, Lyndon Johnson, new to the Oval Office, proposed to Congress the first War on Poverty.

Loggan's starting salary was \$1.15 an hour, the federal minimum wage, but enough, he recalls now, to save up and

buy a small house, if you got lucky. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, roughly 40 percent of Americans in the early 1960s stayed in a job for 10 years or longer. Loggan never really intended to stay that long. He was only 18.

He didn't really have plans.

On a muggy July morning, Othea Loggan walked into the kitchen at Walker Bros.

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Kavanaugh, senators prepare for hearing

Executive power, abortion are expected to come up in grilling

BY ZEKE MILLER AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh wasn't the only one engaging in practice sessions ahead of this week's grueling confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senators from both parties also prepped for the four-day marathon — including Wednesday's multi-hour question-and-answer exchange — in which Kavanaugh's views on the biggest legal issues of the day are expected to be mined for the conservative judge's approach to the law.

Abortion, executive power, campaign finance reform, regulatory oversight and gun violence are among the many topics senators in particular were preparing to probe after the 53-year-old appellate court judge raises his right hand and is sworn in for the hearings.

President Donald Trump's pick for the court has long been readying for this moment. A White House operation is focused primarily on defending Kavanaugh and amplifying his answers, with Senate Republicans set to take the lead in going after Democrats on the committee.

The White House has assembled a team of attorneys from the counsel's office, Kavanaugh's roster of former clerks, and other Republican lawyers to document his record and meticulously prepare him for the questions they expect him to face. For every line of questioning, the lawyers and communications aides have prepared suggested responses for Kavanaugh to de-

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Heartbreak lingering in Roscoe after deadly crash

Families seek answers 11 months after pickup hit pair walking home

BY TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

ROSCOE, Ill. — At the center of Jen Figinsky's heartbreak is the fact her son is dead and she believes no one has been held accountable.

The basic facts are clear: A man with a drunken-driving guilty plea four years earlier was driving a Dodge Dakota pickup truck when, shortly before 7 p.m. on Oct. 15, 2017, he struck two 13-year-old friends who were on foot, according to police and court records.

Bobby Figinsky, a creative eighth-grader who loved being



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Macayla Wilson, 14, stands near a roadside cross honoring friend Bobby Figinsky in Roscoe. She was injured as she walked with Bobby.

outdoors, was killed. His friend, Macayla Wilson, was bruised on the left shoulder, possibly by the truck's side-view mirror. Moments later, the driver walked up to a police officer and confessed to hitting them with his vehicle.

The driver hasn't received so much as a traffic ticket in the crash, which happened in the small town of Roscoe, near Rockford. Both the state's attorney and sheriff's offices in Winnebago County say charges against

the driver are unlikely, because evidence of a crime is unclear and insufficient.

Jen Figinsky and Macayla's mother, Corin Mertz, aren't buying that explanation. They have taken photos and obtained police reports and squad car video. They have compiled a thick three-ring binder of information.

All that material, in their view, indicates the case was mishan-

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Want \$50? Agency pays to hear from commuters



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Chicago's regional planning agency wants to know how you roll, and is willing to pay for the information.

Between now and May 2019, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning will be conducting the "My Daily Travel" survey, asking 12,000 households around northeastern Illinois about their travel habits to measure and understand people's changing behaviors. The goal is to find out how residents use the roads, trains, bike paths and other ways of getting around on a daily basis.

Households that complete the survey between now and May

will receive \$50. To sign up for the survey, visit www.cmapillinois.gov/data/transportation/travel-survey.

"By sharing their daily travel information, survey participants will help CMAP build an accurate picture of local and regional transportation needs," said CMAP Executive Director Joseph Szabo in a statement.

"CMAP will use this data to better understand how Chicago-area residents get from place to place — whether by car, bus, train, bike, or on foot — and plan for regional transportation investments."

The last CMAP household travel survey was conducted in 2007-2008, back before Uber and Lyft, the widespread use of smartphones and apps like Waze, and big shifts in the area's population. It's important for CMAP to get new information, since the agency sets the agenda for trans-

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Being fired can teach the importance of not just working hard, but also the value of striving to be the best you can be.

I was fired from my first job at age 13, and I deserved it



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Do you remember your first job?
Mine was as the Sunday school pianist at my church. I was about 13.

It wasn't a bad gig for an eighth-grader. I earned \$5 a week, which, looking back on it, was way more than I deserved for my extreme lack of talent as a musician.

But in our small community of Hogansville, Ga., there wasn't much competition. No one else was vying for the early Sunday morning job at Springfield Baptist Church accompanying children singing "Jesus Loves Me" and "Amazing Grace."

I held the position for about a year — until one Sunday morning, the pastor called me into his study in the church basement and fired me.

I had half-heartedly taken piano lessons for several years, beginning with Mrs. Tarver, a refined retired schoolteacher who lived two houses up the street from my family on West Main Street, on the black side of town. She had taught me to read music, but playing it proved to be much more difficult.

Somehow, I happened to find out that the main church pianist was earning a lot more money, and she only worked twice a month. When 11 o'clock rolled around, she was expected to bring the congregation to its feet with her mastery of the organ as well as provide melodic accompaniment to

the preacher's rousing sermon. She also had to conduct a weekly choir practice.

Never mind that playing a couple of songs at the beginning and end of the one-hour Sunday school wasn't nearly as demanding. I felt underpaid.

When I was much younger, my cousin Jean held the coveted position of church musician. But by the time I was 13, she was long gone from Hogansville. On top of being an excellent pianist, Jean could sing (to my inexperienced ears) like Mahalia Jackson. Her performance along with the choir was what made some people get up on Sunday mornings and drag themselves to church.

I would never be that kind of musician. I knew it, and so did everyone else. I could barely keep the tempo on the piano. I was known for getting distracted in the middle of a song and pausing to find my place in the hymnal.

My brother, Winston, reminded me recently that I always struck the wrong key in the same place on "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," the most difficult piece in my extremely limited repertoire.

My poor performance wasn't entirely my fault, though. We didn't have a piano at my house for a long time, so I couldn't practice. My grandmother had one in her dining room, but my cousins and I weren't allowed to touch it. It was reserved for Jean.

The Rev. Richard Davie didn't live among us in Hogansville. In fact, he was a bigwig with the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta who preached part-time at Springfield on sec-

ond and fourth Sundays. Two Saturday nights a month, he would make the hour-and-a-half drive from Atlanta to Hogansville, spending the night in the spare bedroom of my aunt and uncle's pink wood frame home directly across the street from the church.

That gave my strong-willed Aunt Louisa unbridled access to the pastor's ear. And he always listened to her "advice." It is quite possible that she had advised him to give me the job. And, she likely had no objections when he gave me the boot.

My firing had nothing to do with my lack of skill as a pianist — at least that's what I choose to believe. The Rev. Davie fired me because I'd written him a letter demanding a raise.

Like many young people that age, I had an inflated sense of self-worth. For some reason, I had come to believe that anything in the limited world I knew could be mine — if I really wanted it. If for some reason I didn't get something, it was because I really didn't want it to begin with.

I don't remember how much of a raise I asked for. I suspect, however, that some members thought the \$20 a month our little church was already paying me was too much.

I remember the Rev. Davie sitting at his desk that Sunday with my little note that most likely had been handwritten in pencil on lined notebook paper and telling me that my services would no longer be required. I am certain I began to cry.

There would be other ways I could be useful in the church, the pastor told me. But playing the piano

for Sunday school would not be among them. He was eliminating the job.

For a long time afterward, we had no Sunday school pianist at Springfield. And no one seemed to notice. I don't remember any of my friends ever asking me what happened. I never felt the need to confide in anyone, except maybe my parents. But silently, I took the experience to heart.

As I went through high school, there would be other jobs. I would not take them for granted. I worked in a department store uptown after school and on Saturdays for four years until I graduated from high school. The owner once told me that I was one of the best salespeople he'd ever had.

One summer, I came home from college and worked at a T-shirt factory. I did such a good job that the manager tried to talk me out of returning to school and instead take a full-time job there as a line supervisor. I was smart enough to turn him down.

I didn't realize it then, but being fired from my first job taught me the importance of not just working hard, but also the value of striving to be the best that you can be at whatever you do. Somewhere deep inside, it has stuck with me.

I took something else away from the experience of getting canned as well. Don't be afraid to go to your boss and demand a raise if you feel you deserve it. Just make sure you have an excellent job performance record to back it up.

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Beware those who say they can solve street crime

Our leaders need to start from scratch with an open mind



RON GROSSMAN

Let me be honest about my reaction to marchers closing down roads to decry the epidemic of bloodletting on the South and West sides.

The protests — including one planned for Labor Day — are raising a legitimate issue: Why isn't something being done about a wave of violence that brings tragedy to block parties and threatens to engulf emergency rooms?

But should I be asked that question, I'd have to either duck it or respond with another question: "What can be done?"

For if there is a solution, I simply don't know what it is. I'm not sure any of us really do. I'm not saying there aren't solutions, but rather that we do not know them yet, and to pretend otherwise is not helping.

I have been reporting on Chicago for more than 30 years. I can compare what I have seen in its neighborhoods with other cities, past and present. For 25 years, I was a history professor.

Yet nothing I've seen or studied enables me to give even a small measure of solace to a black or Hispanic parent tormented by the pain of losing a child to gangbangers. I can't offer the bereaved a vision of a Chicago freed from drive-by shootings.

Others claim to know what fuels routine stories saying 40 people were shot in seven hours, four fatally. But to me it is a paradox — a thing beyond rational comprehension.

Liberals attribute such violence to America's racist heritage. Conservatives blame liberals for an indul-



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A police evidence technician photographs a car outside St. Bernard Hospital that was driven by a 41-year-old man who was shot multiple times Saturday.

gent attitude toward the poor. Black activists say impoverished neighborhoods and inadequate schools are the breeding grounds of crime.

Yet from none of those hypotheses can I deduce a remedy that would produce results — right now, or tomorrow if not today. Suppose a well-funded program was announced to bring Lawndale's schools up to snuff. Would that prompt the neighborhood's gangbangers to march into the 10th District police station and hand their guns over to the desk sergeant?

Former police chief Garry McCarthy lambasted Mayor Rahm Emanuel's announcement — on a very violent weekend — that the city had earmarked \$10 million to complete Chicago's riverwalk. The mon-

ey should have gone to crumbling neighborhoods, said McCarthy, now a candidate for mayor. Driving through Englewood, where whole blocks have but one house standing amid a field of rubble, it's hard to deny McCarthy's point.

But suppose signs were to be posted on Englewood's empty lots saying that a major renewal program is being planned. Would deadly conflicts between rival street-corner drug dealers evaporate on the news that, someday, the neighborhood will be beautified?

Pundits lament our collective failure to address the "root causes" of urban crime. Here is a rough list of those, as I see them: segregation, poverty, hopelessness.

Yet I can't trace a

straight line from those causes to today's street violence. When I was a student at the University of Chicago in the 1950s, many neighborhoods were off-limits to black people. They couldn't get served at Loop restaurants, and their children were herded into overcrowded schools. Yet I listened to jazz at the Crown Propeller Lounge on 63rd Street and caught black vaudeville acts at the Tivoli Theatre on Cottage Grove Avenue — walking to and from campus with nary a thought of personal safety.

Subsequently, the crime rate went up, and experience taught me its causes are complex and convoluted. There are no quick fixes. Street gangs can't be decreed out of existence.

In 1973, I interviewed Carey Preston, vice presi-

dent of the Chicago Board of Education, about a school conflict. Preston said the problem was that, wherever the board might draw boundaries, gangs were the ultimate arbiter of who went to which schools.

In 2008, a University of Chicago sociologist, Sudhir Venkatesh, wrote "Gang Leader For A Day." A first-person account of life in a public housing project, it reports that while the cops came and went, a gang leader ran the place — punishing residents who didn't respect his authority, rewarding others with barbecues and entertainment.

In light of those data points, consider Mayor Emanuel's impassioned plea for residents of gang-infected neighborhoods to finger the offenders. We

tried that in Vietnam, saying we were the good guys, the Viet Cong were the bad guys. That didn't win over the villagers, for whom the rebels were an all-too-real presence.

So it's time to clean the slate of pat answers, and take the approach of Socrates, the ancient philosopher who said the route to knowledge begins with the acknowledgement of our ignorance. Let's see how other cities have gotten a handle on violence by sending a blue-ribbon committee to visit them.

But committees tend to report what they think their bosses want to hear. To avoid that, our investigators will wear ribbon badges lettered with Socrates' words: "I do not think I know what I do not know."

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Northeastern looks to new president for hope

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

In recent years, Northeastern Illinois University has been in crisis mode.

Already losing ground with enrollment, the university was hit with the state's two-year budget crisis that starved it of crucial funding. Staff members were laid off, faculty members left for more stable jobs and the campus was occasionally closed to preserve cash.

Some of those troubles have been resolved, thanks to a budget agreement in Springfield.

Now comes the challenge: how to restore a sense of mission to a campus that has grown accustomed to just getting by. The job falls to the school's new president — Gloria Gibson, the first black woman to lead the university in its 151-year history — to rejuvenate the Northwest Side campus and re-establish its commitment to educating primarily minority, first-generation and adult students.

"I am very optimistic about the future here at Northeastern," Gibson said in an interview. "There's no university that does not have challenges. Even with whatever those challenges are, I'm very happy to be here. I feel this is the place for me to be at this particular time in my career."

Gibson took over the presidency in June. It is her first job as president after more than two decades in higher education.

Northeastern's board unanimously approved Gib-

son's hiring in March, winning praise from faculty members and students who attended the meeting. She has a three-year contract paying her a \$294,000 base salary plus \$35,000 stipend for living expenses.

Gibson is a rarity in higher education. Only 5 percent of U.S. college presidents are black women, according to the 2017 American College President Study conducted by the American Council on Education.

Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott at Chicago State University joins Gibson as the only black women leading Illinois state public universities. Scott took over at Chicago State, on the Far South Side, in July.

Gibson's immediate objectives, she said, are increasing enrollment, improving student retention and boosting graduation rates.

Some faculty members said they already sense a change on campus. They praised Gibson for quickly meeting with students and faculty, participating in campus events and connecting with other university and local leaders during her three months on the job.

"One of the things that has been needed at Northeastern is a leader who can create a unifying vision for us," said Vicki Byard, an English professor. "We have struggled for a long time. Dr. Gibson has been very excited about being here and she identifies with the type of student that we serve."

"People are really excited," said Francisco Gay-

tan, a professor of social work, sociology and Latin American studies. "After two years of the budget crisis, I think people feel really ready to turn a corner."

Optimism has been difficult to come by for Northeastern. With about 9,000 students, it was one of the universities hardest hit by the state's budget impasse.

About one-fifth of Northeastern's income comes from state appropriations, according to university documents.

In some ways, the impasse years were about mere survival. The campus shut down for the week of spring break in 2017, with about 1,100 employees taking mandatory furlough days to save money. Hundreds of student workers were also forced to sit out work for several days, many losing income they needed to support their education. Students lost valuable days of classroom instruction.

When that wasn't enough to address an almost \$11 million budget shortfall, Northeastern laid off 180 employees. The university drained its cash reserves to next to nothing, officials said.

Major credit agencies dropped Northeastern's ratings down further into "junk" status because of a lack of incoming cash.

Potential students took notice. Overall enrollment, which was already declining before the funding crisis, continued to fall, with the biggest drop coming in the last year of the impasse. Since 2013, enrollment has dropped from 10,821 to



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Northeastern President Gloria Gibson, right, speaks with campus employees last week during a luncheon.

8,984 last fall, a 17 percent drop, according to university data. Undergraduate enrollment took the biggest hit.

Even before the impasse, Northeastern leaders were grappling with questions about the direction of the school. Under former President Sharon Hahs, Northeastern opened its first-ever dorm in the fall of 2016. It marked a decided shift from Northeastern's history as an urban commuter campus and Hahs said it was designed to broaden Northeastern's reach.

Not all agreed with that approach. Gaytan, for example, said he felt there was still a healthy pipeline of prospective minority, adult and first-generation students locally Northeastern could recruit.

"I just think we need to get back to our roots a little bit," he said. "There's a whole ecosystem of schools. We're never going to be Northwestern or University of Chicago and there's nothing wrong with that."

Gibson seems to agree. She said a priority is maintaining high enrollment among Hispanics and first-generation students, but also recruiting more Afri-

can-Americans and Asians. "We do think there are opportunities there to grow our enrollment," she said.

Reaching first-generation students is personal for Gibson. She is the first in her family to attend and graduate college. Her mother attended college later in life and received a degree in her 70s.

Originally from East St. Louis, Gibson received her bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She received a doctorate in folklore and ethnomusicology from Indiana University.

She began her teaching career at Indiana in the departments of Afro-American studies and folklore and ethnomusicology from 1995 to 2004. She also served as vice chancellor of the university's office of multicultural affairs from 1999 to 2004.

She held an array of faculty and upper administrative positions over the following 13 years, including humanities and social sciences dean at Arkansas State University, provost at University of Northern Iowa and provost at Morgan State University in Balti-

more.

Gibson said she recognizes the significance of her ascension to the presidency role.

"To have an African-American woman as president, that speaks volumes," Gibson said. "It's not so much for me, personally, but for my students and faculty to understand we all have that potential to do more and to be more. I'm very proud to serve as a role model for women, women of color and my student body. I'm very proud that I have reached a level in the academy where I can make a greater impact."

Professionally, Gibson was drawn to the diversity of Northeastern. More than one-third of Northeastern students are Hispanic, the largest share of any racial group.

She said she saw parallels between Northeastern and Morgan State, which is a historically black institution.

"I realized there'd probably be some similar concerns," Gibson said.

Personally, she welcomed the chance to return to her home state. Gibson, who has two grown sons, is living in the Ravenswood neighborhood while she looks for a home closer to campus. It has to have a yard — she loves the outdoors and tending to a vegetable garden.

"I like playing in the dirt," she said, laughing.

For the first time in years, some say, there is room for aspiration at Northeastern.

"We've had to hunker down and we haven't been able to focus as much on the big picture," Byard said. "I feel like now we don't have to worry about sinking so much."

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Graduation rate ticks up again at CPS

District CEO says it needs 'exponential' growth to meet the mayor's 85% pledge

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

High school graduation rates at Chicago Public Schools inched ahead for another consecutive year, but they leave the city needing what district CEO Janice Jackson described as "exponential" growth to meet a campaign pledge from Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Roughly 78 percent of high schoolers graduated in 2018 within five years of starting ninth grade, according to statistics CPS made public Monday.

During his re-election bid three years ago, Emanuel committed to boosting the district's graduation rate to 85 percent by 2019. To reach that figure, the district will likely have to produce hundreds of additional graduates.

"We think that is an attainable goal, and I know

that every principal and teacher and counselor in this district is going to be working hard to meet that goal," Jackson told reporters last week. "I don't think it's ever OK to say that we've hit a ceiling and this is the best that our students can do."

At the same time, CPS and Emanuel stuck to their tradition of heralding the latest five-year graduation rate as a "record high," though this year's barely surpassed 2017's rate of roughly 77 percent.

"Which school district just reported the lowest dropout rate in history? Chicago," Emanuel said last week during a celebration for CPS Safe Passage workers. "Which school district five years in a row has reported every year consistent growth outpacing the nation as a whole in graduation from high school? Chicago."



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Elizabeth Lopez hugs a classmate after graduating in June. Roughly 78 percent of high schoolers graduated within five years of starting ninth grade, according to CPS statistics.

CPS measures its dropout and graduation rates on four- and five-year time spans that are based on the number of freshmen who enroll in ninth grade for the first time in a given school year. Over time, dropout rates have decreased and graduation rates have increased both locally and across the country.

Overall district dropout rates in 2018 were almost identical to last year, according to CPS. While the latest CPS four-year graduation rate of 75.6 percent is a slight increase from 2017, the rate lags the most recently calculated national

average of 84 percent.

The district's overall five-year graduation rates for African-American and Latino students saw little change compared to last year.

While black males saw more marked improvement, their five-year graduation rate of slightly less than 65 percent in 2018 illustrated a stubborn gap that continues to challenge a CPS administration that's put equity at the forefront of its mission.

"We saw improvements in neighborhood schools, we saw improvements in African-American and Lat-

ino males, but we have to see gains that are exponential if we really want to close that achievement gap and reach our goal," Jackson said.

The school system's African-American students, Jackson said, will be a top priority, along with a continued expansion of access to programs such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

The district chief said CPS has focused on getting students to pass core subject courses, but will now also emphasize pass rates in elective classes.

"I know that this is a heavy lift, but I'm not concerned about our district's ability to get to this goal. We're going to work extremely hard to reach that," Jackson said.

Emanuel set the 85 percent goal atop a sweeping education platform his campaign unveiled in 2015 during his successful run for a second term.

Later that year, the district lowered four years of inflated graduation statistics to account for a higher-than-advertised dropout rate. But the mayor's office stuck to its commitment, citing the 85 percent by 2019 target when it announced freshman summer programs in 2016.

Reaching 85 percent is still no small task. In order to have met that goal this year, for example, nearly 1,800 additional students would have had to graduate within five years.

CPS, on the other hand, said the district hopes to reach an 85 percent graduation rate by 2020, citing a strategy document it assembled for 2016 to 2019.

"At the end of the day, we still are posting the highest graduation rate on record for the school system, so there is a progress story there to tell," Jackson said. "But our goal is 85 percent by 2020, and that's the goal we're trying to meet."

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Heartbreak lingering in Roscoe after deadly crash

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dled. Among their grievances is that the driver was not tested for alcohol for more than four hours after the crash, according to police reports, despite being heard on a police dashcam video telling an officer on the scene that he'd had a drink.

"I understand that people make mistakes," Jen Figinsky said while reviewing her records in her home about 80 miles northwest of Chicago. "But when you make a mistake, you need to be held accountable. He's not being held accountable. I'm sorry, but this man's life needs to be inconvenienced at the least."

Unable to grieve

Bobby Figinsky and Macayla Wilson became close friends when she arrived at Kinnickinnick School in the middle of fifth grade.

"He was her first friend," Mertz recalled. "He welcomed her with open arms."

Macayla constantly talked about the tall, skinny boy with glasses who enjoyed building with Legos, drawing and filming silly outdoor YouTube videos. He didn't care for video games or computers, Jen Figinsky said, but loved to skateboard, ride his bike and camp.

His "mission at school," she said, was to "make sure everybody was happy, and he wasn't disruptive with it. That was the one thing teachers always said."

He was also learning to sew, and Jen Figinsky said her son was him taking her craft supplies to make his own.

On Oct. 15, the friends went to Bobby's favorite patch of woods, then walked to a park and a couple of stores where he bought a Snickers bar at 6:31 p.m., according to a receipt in his pocket.

As dusk approached, Jen Figinsky said, she texted Bobby asking where he was and if he wanted a ride home. That was at 6:43 p.m. One minute later, records show, the first 911 call about the crash was made.

At about the same moment, Jen Figinsky was getting ready to pick up Bobby and Macayla when she saw an alert on Facebook saying a child had been hit on Hononegah Road.

"I knew that it was him," Figinsky said, "that it was the kids."

She arrived at the scene moments after paramedics had placed Bobby in an ambulance. She watched it depart for Mercyhealth Hospital in Rockford, where her son was pronounced dead at 7:16 p.m.

"I haven't been able to grieve because of all this,"



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Jen Figinsky speaks about the roadside death of her 13-year-old son, Bobby, last month at her home in Roscoe.



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Jen Figinsky, left, and Corin Mertz trim grass around a roadside memorial for Figinsky's son, Bobby, last month in Roscoe. Above right, a selfie of Macayla Wilson and Bobby.



FIGINSKY FAMILY PHOTO

she said of her disillusionment and frustration with the investigation. She has left Bobby's room as it was the day he was killed, she said, and doesn't enter it often.

Mertz said her daughter, now 14, had a rough time returning to school. She's receiving counseling and undergoing treatment for injuries related to the crash, her mother said. Macayla declined to talk about the crash.

Mertz is grateful her daughter survived, but added: "I do want people to understand that there were two victims. She feels lost without him. I feel like part of her died that day."

Tire tracks, delayed DUI test

The two mothers' central concern is why investigators waited more than four hours after the crash to draw blood from the driver to check for alcohol in his system, even though he acknowledged to a Roscoe police officer right away that he'd had a drink with dinner.

The mothers also point to photos they say they took

a day after the crash that show tracks on the grassy shoulder of the road. They believe these indicate the driver was off the road when he struck the teens.

They also criticize investigators for allowing five days to pass before obtaining and checking a second cellphone the driver had when the crash occurred, and didn't do so until the mothers raised the issue.

Another factor that might have affected the investigation was that the crash occurred just a few feet outside the village limits of Roscoe. The Roscoe Police Department responded initially but then handed the case over to the county sheriff after the jurisdiction was determined.

Despite the driver's acknowledgment to an officer on the scene that he'd had a beer during dinner at his mother's house, he showed no signs of impairment in conversations with the police after the crash, Winnebago County Sheriff Deputy Chief Mike Schultz noted in a phone interview.

"There was no odor of alcohol, no slurred speech," he said.

Police reports state the

driver initially agreed to provide urine and blood samples, but then refused, before finally consenting. The samples, taken around 11 p.m., showed no alcohol or drugs in his system, Schultz said.

The Tribune is not identifying the driver because he has not been charged with a crime.

As to whether the teens were walking on the road or the shoulder, Schultz said all debris in the crash was on the road — an indication that the crash occurred on the pavement.

"Unfortunately, with accident reconstruction, it's never precise," Schultz said, adding they've narrowed down the location of impact to "within one foot or so" and that his department consulted with Rockford's reconstructionist who specializes in pedestrian crashes.

Schultz also noted — and police reports state — that Macayla Wilson told investigators at the time of the crash that she had her left foot on the road and that Bobby was walking to her left.

Jen Figinsky and Mertz point out that Macayla was

extremely distraught, injured and unable to give a coherent recollection at the scene.

Schultz acknowledged investigators might have acted more quickly on some aspects of the case. But "overall, the investigation was done very thoroughly and very professionally," he said.

"As far as a criminal matter," Schultz said, "I doubt that we'll ever be able to charge him. If we were able, we would. We feel terrible for Mrs. Figinsky and her loss."

Marilyn Hite Ross, chief of the criminal bureau in the Winnebago County State's Attorney's office, said it remains unclear whether tracks on the shoulder were made by tires, whose tires they were and why they were off the road. She called the investigation thorough.

"It is an unfortunate accident," Hite Ross said, "but all accidents are not criminal."

Previous charge of driving on the wrong side

The driver, a resident of nearby Rockton, has several traffic violations over the last two decades.

Winnebago County court records show that he pleaded guilty in 2013 to DUI, was fined \$1,500 and sentenced to treatment and a "victim impact panel." A charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle was dismissed in that case.

So was another charge associated with the 2013 DUI: "not driving on the right side of road," court records state.

In 2010, he pleaded guilty to negligent driving,

'Unfortunately, with accident reconstruction, it's never precise.'

— Winnebago County Sheriff Deputy Chief Mike Schultz

Winnebago County court records show, and was fined \$115, given six months of court supervision and ordered to attend driver education. According to a police report, he struck a parked car, telling police he didn't see the vehicle at first because of bright sun in his eyes.

Between 1996 and 2000, he was cited for speeding, failure to reduce speed and twice for operating an uninsured vehicle, though one of those citations was later dismissed, court records show.

Reached by phone, the driver declined to comment.

During a roughly 45-minute interview with Winnebago County Sheriff's detectives on the night of the crash, the driver said he didn't see the teens and he had his headlights on and his cruise control set "at just over 35" mph. The speed limit there is 40 mph.

"All of a sudden — *whack!*" he told detectives. "It felt like somebody threw something, or a branch or something." Later, he said: "If they (the teenagers) were on the road or ... I don't know. I don't remember."

About 35 minutes into the interview, he said, "I know I wasn't drifting off the road."

Back at her kitchen table in Roscoe, Figinsky said she consulted with an attorney about filing a lawsuit against the driver and was told that because of the driver's financial situation, her chances of receiving compensation if she won the case are slim.

She said she doesn't want money, anyway. She wants to prevent other families from experiencing the same agony she, her husband and Bobby's little brother are enduring.

"Unfortunately, I've learned that you can't take anybody at their word," Figinsky said. "Double-check everything, because mistakes do happen."

You have to be an advocate for your family, she added, and ask questions, get clarification.

"And if you don't get an answer that makes any sense, ask it again and ask it again and go as high as you have to," she said.

"I wish I would have kept asking. I didn't know what to do."

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Agency will pay to hear about your commute

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portation funding for the region and determines which projects are eligible for federal funding, CMAP officials said.

The agency is finalizing its "Go to 2050" plan, which will be released Oct. 10 and include recommendations for road and transit projects.

Ten years ago, an important change the CMAP survey discovered was the concept of "peak spreading," meaning that more people were leaving for work well before or after the rush hour to avoid traffic congestion, and leaving work earlier or later than rush hour for the same reason, said Craig Heither, principal analyst at CMAP.

"We were also seeing an increase in the number of people driving alone to work," said Heither.

He said CMAP will be interested to see how ride-sharing services like Uber and Divvy bike-sharing are being used for commutes and leisure travel.

"We also want to see if telecommuting is in wider-spread use than it was 10 years ago," Heither said. "How are people finding ways to avoid those dreadful commutes?"

Heither said CMAP is budgeting \$2.7 million for the survey, which will include the amount paid to participants. It is funded through federal transportation dollars. Households are paid out of respect for their time, Heither said.

"It asks for a lot of details. ... We want to offer them a small incentive," he said.

Heither said that when it comes to surveying households about their travel habits, research shows it is more cost-effective to offer people a small incentive to complete the survey than it is to spend time and money chasing people to get them to take it.

The survey comes in two parts. The first part asks for basic information, like address, number of people in the household, number and type of cars, race, income level, education levels and how household members get to work or school. This part of the survey takes about 15 minutes to complete.

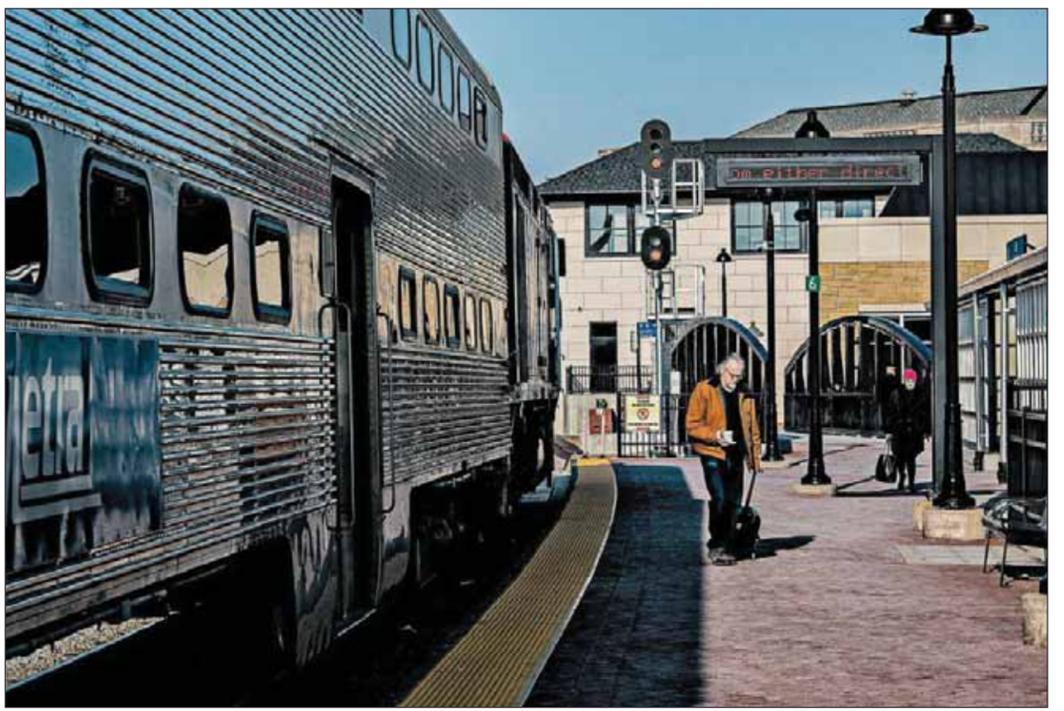
The survey taker is then assigned a date about a week or so in the future. On that day, members of the household must detail their travel, such as when they went to work and how, and whether they also went to the store or a soccer game. Heither said that the survey won't ask for the exact streets a person took while driving or walking, but will ask about what transit stops were used.

"It's more about where you started your trip, where you ended your trip and what activity were you doing, such as whether you were going to the store," he said. The second part of the survey, which can be completed by mail or by using a smartphone app, takes about 25 minutes, Heither said.

"We're trying to get a complete picture of someone's travel day," Heither explained. "We want to understand the current travel patterns in the region and the factors that effect people's travel decisions."

CMAP wants to get as broad a representation of residents as possible, and so is spreading word about the survey through the news media, social media, partner agencies and school districts, Heither said. As CMAP starts to get back results, it can decide if it is getting a good enough response from different parts of the region.

"If there seem to be areas where we're falling short, we'll try different ways to approach them," said Heither. He said once data are collected, CMAP will look



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Metra passengers use the Joliet Gateway Center transit hub in April. Commuters can earn \$50 for completing a survey.

at different demographic measures and weight the surveys so that groups are adequately represented.

The survey officially launched Aug. 24, and so far 260 households have completed the first step. Heither said all the data will be available by the end

of next year.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's road song was a maritime number by someone born to rock the boat. That someone is notably not in the Rock &

Roll Hall of Fame, and should be.

The song is "Mutineer" by Warren Zevon. Peter Lusk, of Arlington Heights, was first with the right answer.

This week's song talks about a ship, but is really about an aircraft. The sing-

er who made this number famous went on to become U.S. ambassador to Ghana.

What's the song, and who sang it?

The winner gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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LaHood to lead transportation panel for city

Former Obama secretary, task force to create guidelines

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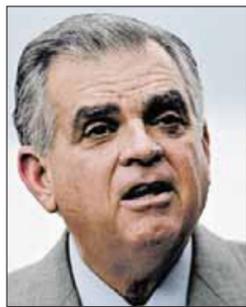
Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood will chair a new city task force to develop guidelines on emerging ways of getting around, officials said on Friday.

LaHood is volunteering to lead a group made of about 10 to 20 other members, which will include government officials and members of the private sector, said Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld, who will be part of the task force. Also in the group is Brenna Berman, the city's former chief information officer and currently executive director of the City Tech Collaborative at UI Labs.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel is putting together the transportation and mobility task force to develop guidelines and goals for managing the emergence of new modes of transportation, such as ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft, electric scooters and autonomous cars, Scheinfeld said.

"We have this explosion of new options and there are great opportunities there, but it also presents new challenges," said Scheinfeld. "It's pushing us to think differently about how we have traditionally managed transportation systems for the city and the associated infrastructure."

The emergence of new technologies, like Uber and dockless shared bikes, has created more choices for commuters but also led to concerns about street congestion and how these new modes affect public transit. City officials are hammering out regulations for electric scooters, which have seen a backlash in other



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Ex-U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has volunteered to lead a task force on transportation.

cities. In Los Angeles, for example, the scooters have been set on fire and dumped in the ocean.

Scheinfeld said she does not expect the pace of transportation technological innovation to slow.

"We want to harness the great promise of a lot of these new technologies and business models, while also balancing it in a way that supports safe, equitable, efficient transportation systems, including our public transit system," said Scheinfeld.

She said the task force "allows us to have a focused agenda, so we're not in such a reactive position." Scheinfeld said she expects the group to include representatives of different city departments, and that it will consult with private companies and academics.

The task force will meet for about six months, and provide recommendations next spring, Scheinfeld said. Guidelines also could come out on a rolling basis, as issues come up "every day," Scheinfeld said.

LaHood, 72, had been the secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation under President Barack Obama and served as a Republican congressman from Illinois.

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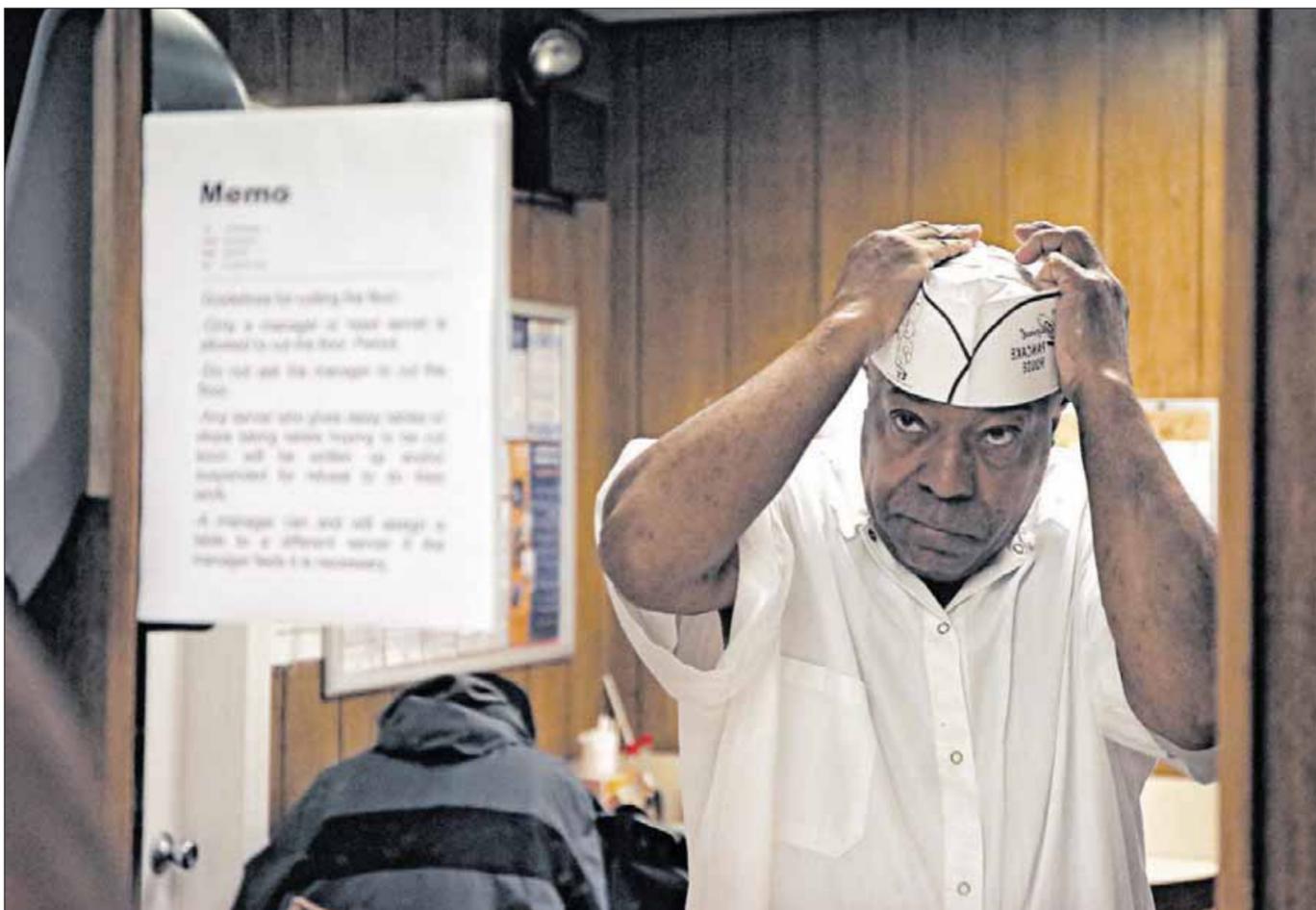
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'My father is old school — never complains about nothing, never.'

— Jose Antonio Chambers, Chicago police officer



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Othea Loggan adjusts a paper hat in a back room at the pancake house in Wilmette. He leaves home in the wee hours for the two-hour commute to work.

Table busser stacks up with best of 'em since 1964

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Original Pancake House. He arrived as he had for decades, through a side door, at 5:50 a.m., a headlong wave of motion among a staff still getting adjusted to the hour. The president was Donald Trump, the No. 1 song in the country was "Nice For What" by Drake, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average job tenure in the United States was just four years. Or, if you worked in a restaurant, it was closer to two.

Loggan, however, was still a busboy.

He was 72 now. He had never left, never graduated to serving tables, never became a manager or a chef — he says he never asked to do anything else. So, he had stayed a busboy, for 54 years. The title had evolved since 1964; he was now a "busser." But he still wore the kind of throwback paper hat that a busser wore in 1964. He made whipped butter, and squeezed the oranges for OJ, but mostly, he still bussed plates and glasses, tidied up the same dark wooden booths, passed the same windows inlaid with the same stained-glass foliage, noted the same line of customers snaking out of the front doors, received waves and hugs (and sometimes Bulls tickets) from the same regulars. He had seen generations of customers and co-workers pass through; he'd been there so long he watched Bill Murray go from neighborhood kid to superstar to venerated elder. When he squinted, the same teenagers were still curled into the same booths, the same infants tossed crayons under the same tables, the same captains of industry put away the same post-workout pancake stacks.

His 2018 commute wasn't even that different than his 1964 commute. He lives in West Gresham, not far from 89th Street. He takes two trains and a bus in the morning, then back in the afternoon, four days a week. He rides the Red Line almost perfectly from one end to the other. Door to door, that means a roughly two-hour commute, each way.

Naturally then, for at least a decade, he's fielded the same questions, all the time. Like, *Why?* Who busses tables that long? Why not find a job closer to home? Or retire?

Eventually people stop asking.

Because the more you talk to Othea Loggan, and the more you think about clearing plates of pancakes for half of a century, the more details seem both too



OTHEA LOGGAN PHOTO

Othea Loggan made \$11.15 an hour when he started working at Walker Bros. Bussers now make \$14 an hour with tips, management says. Loggan still makes time to chat with customers.

obvious and too complicated — there are few satisfying explanations. There is only a man whose choices (amid a systemic lack of choices) offer snapshots, of the changing nature of work, of the lack of opportunities for people of color, of the assumptions we make about ambition.

"He could retire now," said Javon Chambers, his grandson, himself a Walker Bros. busser for 15 years. "He's financially straight and everything. I just think he knows when people retire, they die. That's what he's said: Old people don't have nothing to do, they see their friends retire, and then they retire, and that's when they die of boredom too. It's like people who are married a long time — if one dies, the next goes right after. That's like my grandfather and this place. He doesn't want the will inside him to dry up."

Other than holding the same foot-in-the-door job an unusual number of years, Loggan has not led an unusual life. Those who've worked alongside him for decades can't tell you much about him. There's no mystery, coworkers say, only a guy who doesn't like to talk about himself; general manager Tom Zehnder said fresh details arrive at a trickle, years apart. Ray Walker, who has owned the Walker Bros. chain in the Chicago area since 1974, calls Loggan a friend and a "great man" — he sang Loggan's praises for an hour — but he has never met Loggan's wife, Claudia, and couldn't tell you much beyond the basics. He's not alone. When I called Loggan by his first name — pronounced "O-tha" — his coworkers often paused to recognize it. They only knew him as "Loggan."

Always there, never late, good at his job.

The bedrock in a place defined by its permanency.

Loggan himself chafes at a lot of this. Of course he

does. You would too. He's rankled at the idea anyone could do any job automatically for so long without a complaint or regret. He says: "Back in the day, my son was young, I didn't want to work weekends, I wanted to spend time with him. But I had to work. Now I don't work weekends, and he's older."

He lets that settle in.

He sits huddled in a booth, silent, then blurts: "Why do you want to ask about my working here? I come to work, who cares?" He says it gravely, and I recall he said the same thing eight years ago, when I first asked him about his job; he looked at me then with a guarded wariness, rolled his eyes and walked away.

The next time I asked him, he said OK but he wanted to get paid, Michael Jordan didn't do commercials for free, and only Walker Bros. would see any financial benefit here, so why should he talk? Which is right. Whenever I saw him after that, he softened, or recognized the oddness in his job. But he was never eager to share. If he smiled it was like you won something. (Keeping with Tribune policy, money was never promised or exchanged for his participation in this story.)

He has a long face and heavy, unassuming eyes that, at the restaurant, scan the room even as he talks to you — he doesn't like being unaware of what is happening.

As he spoke, words came in a fragmented, tumbling rush, as if he needed to say everything now so he could get back to work. He grew up in Greenville, in the Mississippi Delta. It was known for cotton plantations, tugboat manufacturing, and as a pocket of relative tolerance and diversity in the heart of the Jim Crow South; the Stein Mart department store chain was founded there by a family of Russian Jews.



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It was also known for profound poverty and illiteracy, both ingrained and enforced. "I saw stuff there that made you feel like you had gone back in time," Loggan says. "There was no money." (Indeed, the month he started at Walker Bros., a U.S. District Court in Mississippi upheld the use of literacy tests as a measure of who could vote in the two-thirds African-American community; and as recently as a decade ago, according to literacy surveys, as many as 25 percent of Greenville adults were considered illiterate.)

Loggan said he never really knew his father, but his mother, who died in 2000, was the chef in a Greenville soul food restaurant for 40 years.

"She would cook breakfast, lunch, then have food ready for staff on their breaks — she was dependable, and she liked her job, and she would tell me that I would have to get along with people — I'm a lot like my mother," he says.

But with four brothers and five sisters at home, "she could only help so much, and I stopped my learning early and came to Chicago." He moved with a sister, at the end of the Great Migration that brought millions of black Americans out of the South.

While he talks, he works his hands together.

He says softly to himself, "Cramps."

Asked why, after so many years, he never asked management for a less demanding job, why he stayed at the same pancake house so long, Loggan doesn't register the question, as if those questions hadn't been there in a long time. Ray Walker said he's asked Loggan about advancing but "Loggan doesn't want anything else — he's said he's fine where he is." He said, "I think he views this as a place where he knows people, he's safe and comfortable." He said Loggan "was

the complete opposite of a Black Panther kind of guy," never an advocate or rabble rouser. He said that limited schooling "probably helped smooth out his world — I would doubt Loggan really ever dreamed about buying a Cadillac."

Loggan himself, asked those questions again and again — Did you ever want to do something else? Did you ever want to advance? — only answers:

"It's as simple as this — people treat you well, you don't mind coming to work. Ray is a good man. Maybe I wanted to do something else? I don't remember. This is not an easy place to run. People come in late, don't come in at all, you have to hire — sounds like a headache, man. Who wants to wake up with that responsibility? I'm dependable and they don't worry about me, but I'm not a manager."

Jose Antonio Chambers, Loggan's son, a Chicago police officer, told me, "My father is old school — never complains about nothing, never. My mother too. There were times it was hard to get food on the table, and they did not complain." He said his father was great with numbers, that "if he hadn't grown up in the South at that time, if opportunities had been there, he might have done something else. But he got this job, he did it well, held on to it, and there needs to be a lot of respect for someone like that."

His father entered the workforce at a time when, if you were dependable and didn't rock the boat, you might assume rightly that you could remain in a job for most of your life. If you were white.

Logan will retire — maybe, someday — at a time when transient employment is the norm, when no one assumes an employer will show loyalty to them (and vice versa).

Ambition, in a time of low expectations, in a country

defined by inequality, can mean holding on to what you have, internalizing your place in the world. "I think Loggan wanted to fit in somewhere," said chef Pat Levy, also known as "Pop-eye"; he has worked at the restaurant 42 years, arriving in Chicago from Jamaica. "I think Loggan just decided to be a busboy. He is content. It's all he wants. So I ask — isn't that OK?"

It is hard not to notice the social gulf between customers and staff in a place like Walker Bros. Not that any of this is unique, of course. The optics are just a bit more evident: The staff is black and Latino, wearing old timey diner hats, serving comfort food to mostly white, affluent, well-educated North Shore families, the dining rooms wrapped in polished wood and stained glass more common a half century ago. That said, it's also not uncommon to see customers giving bear hugs to beloved bussers and servers. It's a warm community hub, a fixture of the local culture. "But the customers help us a lot, tip-wise," said Derrick Rumbult, known as "Breezy," another Jamaican native, who has bussed tables here a mere 38 years.

Loggan, after 54 years, along with his fellow bussers, still makes minimum wage. (Management says this averages out to roughly \$14 an hour with tips, before taxes.) What he doesn't receive: a pension, health care, a typical 401K plan.

Again, none of this is unique to restaurants.

It's just a little more pronounced here.

Winston Brown, another busser (for the past 38 years), taps his chest and a red light glows through his white coat — "I'm on dialysis," he says. "Medicare only. We make just enough to pay bills — sometimes. When I started here, there was one Walker Bros., this place, and now there are seven of them. And what do we get? We get to pay our rents?"

Any savings?

He laughs sardonically. Loggan doesn't complain.

Rumbult, similarly, says management "does a lot, but we could always use help." In a sense, their major benefit is a feeling of job security. With new hires today increasingly less likely to stay at a pancake house long, Ray Walker says his loyalty to his aging bussing staff has only deepened. His father, Victor, who started Walker Bros. with his uncle Everett in 1960 (franchising the busi-

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ness from an Oregon pancake house chain), hired Loggan. He says he probably treats Loggan a little better than the rest of the staff, but hesitated to go into detail: "Others would want to know what they're not getting." For instance, the company took out life insurance on Loggan (payable to his wife); Ray says that for years he's set aside about \$50 a month for Loggan, as an informal retirement fund (subject to a 30 percent penalty for early withdrawal). Yet retirement sounds iffy.

Bussers and servers at Walker Bros. stay so long, involuntary separation often means they got sick or died.

I asked Ray if it was true he brings Loggan his old clothes.

He said, yes, occasionally: "A lot of the guys, you see them in the same pants every day, or in clothes in need of repair — many of them don't have a lot of clothes to wear."

Well, then why not pay them more?

He said they get annual bonuses.

He said, "there are a lot of ways to reimburse people."

At 5:07 a.m., on the mark, as Loggan promised, a Red Line train pulled into Howard. Cars were sparse, one or two passengers apiece. Loggan ambled out and waited. He wore a Cubs hat, a Cubs T-shirt. A Purple Line train arrived. Loggan took a seat and rubbed at his knees. He'd been awake two hours, likely more.

He wasn't feeling good, he said. His aunt, in St. Louis, his mother's sister, she died the day before. She was 98. He couldn't shake it. He called his manager, told him he felt bad, his aunt had died, but he'd be at work. He massaged his hands. His grandson, Javon, who makes the commute with him, curled sideways into a seat, hoodie zipped up and pulled over his head, to catch an extra few minutes of sleep.

At the Davis Street station in Evanston, having long ago internalized exactly how much time he had before the 213 bus pulled up, he walked across to 7-11 and bought a sealed package of bologna slices and a single lottery ticket.

"Good morning," he said to the clerk.

Crossing back to the bus stop, he said "Good morning" to his fellow riders, then quieter, more as a reminder, still thinking about his aunt, he mumbled, "We all got to

go that way. And nothing you can do. Better to be with people."

The routine is a comfort.

Of course, others have stayed in the same job as long or longer. There was a police officer in Milwaukee who stayed on the force 61 years. There was a cashier at a McDonald's in Indiana who stayed a cashier 44 years. And that's just near Chicago. But since the Great Recession, more Americans tell more surveys they can't afford to retire. According to federal labor statistics, the fastest-growing workforce in America are 55-years old and older; not long ago, those people were our slowest-growing workforce.

Loggan is just an extreme example.

Ana Martinez, 54, a server at Walker Bros. for 16 years, said: "I look at Loggan and I think about those people who tell you they can't get up in the morning. I mean, some of us do it all the time. Life is too expensive. But Loggan will have to stop. Everyone has to stop some time." Loggan said he thinks about this daily. He's not ready. Retirement would mean watching baseball, running errands with his wife, who still works herself, as security at a South Side school. He has a son and a stepdaughter, but they're both adults.

He got on the bus.

For years, before there was a bus, he would walk to work from the train station, up Green Bay Road at 5 a.m., in the rain and the snow. Many times he would be stopped and questioned by police. In fact it happened so often Bruce Smaha, a former Wilmette officer (and close friend of Ray Walker), began giving Loggan a ride to work in his squad car. Smaha said he did it until he was reported himself (by a concerned citizen) and reprimanded by superiors. These days, the commute is long but smooth; Loggan gets dropped off across the street from the restaurant.

The pink neon of the Walker Bros. sign glows faint in the rising sun. "Popeye," Loggan says, passing the chef, who stands on the sidewalk, smoking and thinking before the doors open and service begins. Loggan enters through the side and before taking off his coat, he begins arranging metal pans. Then he churns butter, squeezes oranges. "I need to sleep better," he says without looking up. "But you know, some people you just can't stop thinking about."

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266 CPS workers barred after background checks

By ELYSSA CHERNEY
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Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson announced Sunday that 266 employees will not be returning on the first day of school because something in their background was flagged in a new round of districtwide checks.

Nearly 60 of the employees barred from returning to class were teachers, Jackson said in a statement.

An additional 245 of the 43,332 employees reviewed by Sunday were banned because they chose not to submit fingerprints for the checks.

The school year starts Tuesday.

Of the 266 employees, Jackson wrote: "CPS will be conducting thorough investigations in all of these instances to better understand the circumstances of each unique case. Employees were only removed based on the results of their background checks if arrests were identified that suggest a potential history of violence, sexual misconduct, or dangerous criminal activity."

The announcement comes three days after Jackson declined to discuss the findings with the Tribune, saying she would only publicly share the results once the process was completed. The district also denied a Tribune public records request for the number of people who would be banned from entering schools.

CPS officials began the mas-

sive effort to redo background checks for school employees in June following a Tribune investigation that found some CPS employees who abused students had criminal backgrounds.

Jackson also cautioned that removal "does not necessarily mean employees have done anything wrong," saying that some may return to work if an inquiry concludes they do not pose a risk to a safe school environment.

The employees who opted not to submit fingerprints risk losing their positions permanently. Employees who do not participate in the checks will be disqualified from future employment, Jackson said.

The review also included vendors who interact with students, such as custodians, engineers and school bus drivers. Last week, officials were still working to collect fingerprints from school volunteers.

"There is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of adults serving in our schools are fully

committed to keeping children safe, and the small minority of employees whose records require deeper inquiry will receive the thorough review they deserve," Jackson said.

As part of the process, the district budgeted more than \$3 million to collect school-based workers' fingerprints, review their potential criminal histories and clear them to enter campuses this fall.

The district ran the employee fingerprints through state and federal databases and reviewed the results to determine whether the employees would remain in their positions.

Some offenses — such as convictions for sexual abuse, some drug offenses and other crimes in the school code — would lead to the immediate dismissal of staff. Jackson's statement did not say whether anyone was dismissed as a result of a background check.

In her statement, Jackson said the background checks are part of a series of steps the district has initiated to protect students.

Other measures include the creation of the district's first Office of Student Protection and Title IX, a partnership with the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and the transferring of responsibility of investigating adult-on-student abuse reports to the Office of the Inspector General.

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Ex-Naperville mayor in hospice care

By MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

George Pradel, the "friendly" police officer and gregarious family man who spent 20 years as Naperville's mayor, is now in hospice care, according to a letter posted Sunday by his family.

Pradel, 80, is in too much pain to see visitors, reads the online letter posted by Pradel's sons George and Gary and daughter Carol. According to the letter, his family is trying to keep him

comfortable during their remaining time with him. "Words cannot express our appreciation for your prayers, thoughts, and well-wishes," Pradel's family wrote. "Dad told us how much this means to him. If you know George, you know he would like to be available to everyone right now. But since that's not possible, we created this website."

Several weeks ago, Pradel was admitted to Edward Hospital, where doctors found a malignant tumor. The cancer soon spread

throughout his body, according to the letter.

Pradel became mayor in 1995. During his five terms, Pradel presided over ribbon-cutting ceremonies, created a Senior Task Force and helped bring the DuPage Children's Museum to the community. He was celebrated with a downtown sculpture and even a bobblehead. Pradel stepped down in May 2015.

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McCain is buried at U.S. Naval Academy

Week of events honoring the late senator brought to a close

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
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The Washington Post

The late Sen. John McCain was buried Sunday in a private ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., bringing to a close five days of events honoring the late Arizona Republican.

McCain, who died Aug. 25 of brain cancer at age 81, was the son and grandson of four-star admirals and a 1958 graduate of the Naval Academy. He endured more than five years of torture and imprisonment as a POW in Vietnam.

The service was attended by McCain's family, close friends, former classmates and military leaders. Among the speakers were longtime friend Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., retired Army general and former CIA director David Petraeus, and the senator's son Jack McCain.

After the ceremony, McCain was laid to rest next to his Naval Academy classmate and friend Adm. Charles Larson.

McCain's family, including his 106-year-old mother, Roberta, had planned to escort his remains to Annapolis. As the hearse carrying McCain passed through a gate and into the academy, there was a loud applause from the several hundred people lining the street outside on the hot and muggy summer day. Many held their hands over their hearts and waved American flags and applauded

loudly; some shouted "God bless you."

Some in the crowd held signs that said, "Senator John McCain Thanks For Serving! Godspeed" and "Rest In Peace Maverick."

For his final resting place, McCain picked the historic site overlooking the Severn River, not Arlington National Cemetery, where his father and grandfather, both admirals, are buried.

On Saturday, official Washington — with the notable exception of President Donald Trump — gathered at Washington National Cathedral for a memorial service that featured tributes by such speakers as former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

McCain's legacy of bipartisanship and the deterioration of civility under Trump were themes mentioned by many of those who eulogized him, with some of the sharpest words aimed at the president coming from the senator's daughter, Meghan McCain.

In an appearance Sunday morning on CNN's "State of the Union," former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., one of McCain's closest friends in the Senate, said the burial service is "going to be hard, because it's the last farewell."

"Religiously, I feel their body is there, but their soul is on to the next world," said Lieberman, who also eulogized McCain on Saturday. "But I'm left with incredible memories. I say goodbye, but I'll thank God I knew a man like John McCain."

Graham also recounted



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Family members follow a horse-drawn caisson that carries the casket of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., as it proceeds to the United States Naval Academy cemetery in Annapolis, Md., for burial.

his memories of McCain during an appearance on the show. He told host Dana Bash that the main takeaway from the past week and from McCain's life is service to a cause greater than oneself.

"If you're thinking of public service, pick a cause worthy of a good fight, and, above all else, when you

make a mistake, admit it," Graham said.

Both lawmakers also weighed in on Meghan McCain's tribute to her father at Saturday's memorial service, during which she said her father's America "has no need to be made great again because America was always great."

The remark was widely

interpreted as a swipe at Trump, whose 2016 campaign slogan was "Make America Great Again."

"She did it the way her dad would have wanted her to do it," Lieberman said of the speech.

Graham told Bash that he was proud of Meghan McCain and said she was "her father's daughter."

"If you say something bad about her dad, you will know it, whether you are the janitor or the president of the United States," Graham said. "She is grieving for the father she adored, and I think most Americans understand that."

Associated Press contributed.



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Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said that she regrets Democrats invoking the "nuclear option."

Klobuchar: Dems shouldn't have allowed 'nuclear option'

Senator regrets party changing filibuster rule for judicial nominees

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., who sits on the Judiciary Committee, said Sunday that she regrets that her party eliminated the filibuster for approving most judicial nominees. The Judiciary Committee will grill Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, this week.

If the Democrats regain the majority next year, she said, she'd support bringing it back. When Democrats controlled the Senate in 2013, then-Majority Leader Harry M. Reid, D-Nev., invoked what's known as the "nuclear option" to get around Republicans blocking President Barack Obama's judicial nominees. It allowed the Democrats to approve judges by a simple majority rather than the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster.

Back then, Reid used the maneuver for all non-Supreme Court judicial nominees. But when Democrats, now in the minority, tried to filibuster

Trump's first Supreme Court pick last year, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., used the nuclear option to get Neil Gorsuch through.

Now, with the nuclear option firmly in place, Democrats have little power to stop Kavanaugh's confirmation. During an interview Sunday on NBC News's "Meet the Press," Klobuchar said that, in retrospect, the Democrats should have left the procedure alone.

"I would've liked to see 60 votes, no matter what the judge is. I don't think we should've made that change, when we look back at it," she said. "But it happened because we were so frustrated, because President Obama wasn't able to get his nominees."

When moderator Chuck Todd asked whether she'd want to bring the filibuster back, Klobuchar said she'd "prefer to" but doubted that either party would.

"I don't think anyone's going to want to hamstring themselves," she said.

When the Democrats changed the rules five years

ago, Klobuchar supported doing so and even told MinnPost that she was fine with a future Republican majority invoking the nuclear option, too, but she made clear that Democrats were not applying those changes to Supreme Court nominees.

During the interview, Klobuchar also lamented that it's "not normal" that Trump is not allowing senators to see 100,000 documents from Kavanaugh's time working in the George W. Bush administration and that 148,000 of the ones they have seen are not allowed to be shared with the public.

Klobuchar said that if she could comment on the documents now shielded from the public, she could raise "interesting questions" about Kavanaugh's qualifications.

"It would certainly strongly bolster the arguments that I could make," she said.

With its slim 50-to-49 majority, the GOP can approve Kavanaugh on a strictly party-line vote. In other words, if every Republican senator supports his confirmation, no Democratic votes are needed.

Racism seeps into Fla. gubernatorial race

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
The Washington Post

An assertion Wednesday by a white Republican gubernatorial candidate that Florida voters can't afford to "monkey this up" and vote for his black Democratic opponent, Andrew Gillum, was widely viewed as a "dog whistle" to rally racists.

If it was a dog whistle — the GOP candidate denies any racial intent — a jungle music-scored robocall that has circulated in Florida is more akin to a bullhorn.

If nothing else, the minute-long audio clip is a clear sign of how quickly racism has seeped into the contest to determine who will lead Florida.

"Well hello there," the call begins as the sounds of drums and monkeys can be heard in the background, according to the New York Times. "I is Andrew Gillum."

"We Negroes ... done made mud huts while white folk waste a bunch of time making their home out of wood an stone."

The speaker goes on to say he'll pass a law letting African-Americans evade arrest "if the Negro know fo' sho he didn't do nothin'." It is unclear how many people heard the call.

In a statement emailed to The Washington Post, Gillum's spokesman, Geoff Burgan said: "This is reprehensible — and could only have come from someone with intentions to fuel hatred and seek publicity. Please don't give it undeserved attention."

People on the other side of the aisle also spoke out against the telephone campaign, which was first reported by the Tallahassee Democrat.

In a tweet, Florida Gov. Rick Scott, R, blasted whoever was behind the call.

"There is no room for any racial politics here in



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Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum could become Florida's first black governor.



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Rep. Ron DeSantis made a comment widely viewed as racist.

Florida — none," the tweet said. "Florida is a melting pot of people from all over the globe, and we are proud of it. No attempts to divide people by race or ethnicity will be tolerated, from anyone. THIS. STOPS. NOW?"

And a spokesman for Rep. Ron DeSantis — the GOP gubernatorial candidate criticized for making racially tinged comments about Gillum — called the robocalls "disgusting."

"This is absolutely appalling and disgusting — and hopefully whoever is behind this has to answer for this despicable action," Stephen Lawson, a spokesman for the DeSantis campaign, said, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

On Sunday Gillum said he didn't want the governor's race to become one of name-calling.

"I want to make sure that we don't racialize, and frankly, weaponize race as a part of this process," he said on CNN's "State of the Union." He added that, "People are taking their cues from (DeSantis), from his campaign and from Donald Trump."

If elected, Gillum would be Florida's first black governor.

"I have been really slow to try to think on it because it's too big," he told the Associated Press. "There will absolutely be a part of this that I can't even put words to around what it might mean for my children and other people's kids. Especially growing up for them in the age of Donald Trump."

A disclaimer at the end of the robocall says it was produced by The Road to Power, a white supremacist and anti-Semitic group based in Idaho. The Southern Poverty Law Center has noted a recent rise in robocalls across the country, calling them a "new, high-tech, computer-delivered brand of hate," according to the Times.

The Road to Power is also the group behind the most subtle attempt to turn the killing of Mollie Tibbetts in Iowa into anti-immigration policy and a campaign talking point.

According to the Des Moines Register, the man producing the robocalls is named Scott Rhodes, of Sandpoint, Idaho. He's been linked to similar campaigns in California, Alexandria and Charlottesville, Va.

Kavanaugh, lawmakers get ready for confirmation hearing

Kavanaugh, from Page 1

ploy and amplifying material to release to the public.

The operation is standard for any confirmation process, but given the polarized political environment the White House is preparing for an intense battle.

The process began shortly after Kavanaugh's selection, with the team arranging binders on every conceivable issue. They now line the office used by the confirmation team in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building and many will move over to Capitol Hill for the hearing. In the subsequent weeks, White House attorneys and his former law clerks engaged Kavanaugh in question and answer sessions on those topics, as communications and legislative affairs aides looked on.

Those conversations evolved into topical sessions and then to full mock hearings. The committee's former chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chaired the mock sessions, as he and a number of other senators took turns grilling the judge on issues they expect committee members to raise, according to a Republican aide granted anonymity to discuss the process.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also participated, according to a source familiar with the sessions. Justice Department and White House attorneys, as well as outside allies, stood in for key Republican and Democratic senators on the committee. The officials would not say how many mock hearings have been conducted, but they insist Kavanaugh is well prepared.

In the office suite that served as a substitute for the committee's hearing room, White House aides sought to make the hours-long sessions as realistic as possible, employing timers and lights like those used for witnesses and even having staffers role-play as expected protesters.

Senators on the Democratic side were engaged in similar moot sessions.

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., enlisted the expertise of Ron Klain, a former White House official and top debate prep adviser, for mock exchanges. He plans to focus much of his inquiry into Kavanaugh's views on executive power. For the first round of questions, each senator on the panel is allotted 30 minutes.

“There’s a lot of different topics to focus on, but given the context we’re in, I am most concerned about Judge Kavanaugh’s long and demonstrated record of thinking that the executive branch should have more power than it does now.”

— Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del

“There’s a lot of different topics to focus on, but given the context we’re in, I am most concerned about Judge Kavanaugh’s long and demonstrated record of thinking that the executive branch should have more power than it does now,” Coons said. “It has to give one pause in a context where our current president is currently being investigated by a special counsel.”

Republicans are also preparing but an aide to the committee chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, said other than reading his questions aloud a few times beforehand, he doesn’t feel the need to engage in practice sessions.

“This is his 15th Supreme Court hearing,” said spokesman Taylor Foy about the 84-year-old senator. “He’s good.”

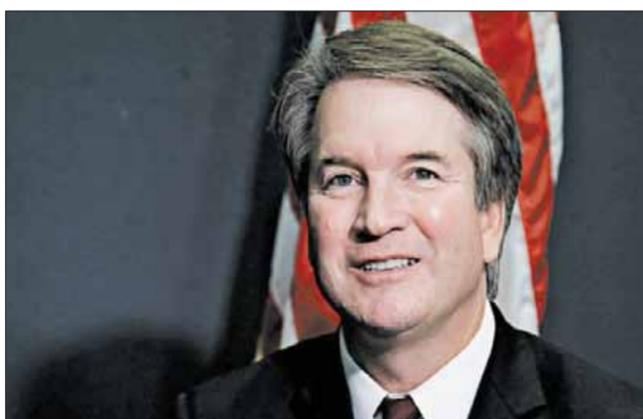
Once Kavanaugh settles in before the committee, a crew of White House advisers, lawyers, and GOP strat-

egists won’t be far away. Senior aides are set to huddle in a room off the committee’s hearing room, with a larger group of staffers working out of a “war room” in the vice president’s office suite in the Capitol.

There Judiciary Committee staff, leadership aides, and White House allies will coordinate their

rapid-response operation with the Republican National Committee and conservative outside groups like America Rising and the Judicial Crisis Network.

The RNC will be launching a public messaging push, which includes a website to educate Americans about Kavanaugh’s record.



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A team of attorneys has worked to prepare Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh for this week’s hearing.

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Pentagon says it's taken steps to cancel \$300M aid for Pakistan

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says it's taken final steps to cancel \$300 million in planned aid to Pakistan.

The move earlier this summer reflects the Trump administration's dissatisfaction with Pakistan's commitment to assisting the U.S. strategy for pressuring the Taliban, whose leaders use Pakistan as a sanctuary.

Pentagon officials say a request was submitted to Congress this summer for

authorization to use the \$300 million for other purposes. The request has not yet been approved. The move was first reported by Reuters.

A Pentagon spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Kone Faulkner, said Sunday the request to Congress was made in June or July and was "due to a lack of Pakistani decisive actions in support of" the U.S. strategy for bringing the Afghan conflict to a political solution.

Chinese billionaire arrested on suspicion of sexual misconduct

MINNEAPOLIS — Chinese billionaire Liu Qiangdong, also known as Richard Liu, the founder of the Beijing-based e-commerce site JD.com, was arrested in Minneapolis on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct, jail records show.

Liu, 45, was arrested late Friday night and released Saturday afternoon pending possible criminal charges, Hennepin County Jail records show.

The jail records don't provide details of the alleged incident.

Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said Sunday that he couldn't provide any details because the investigation is considered active. He declined to say where in Minneapolis Liu was arrested or what Liu was accused of doing.

Minnesota law defines five degrees of criminal sexual misconduct.

Russians rally to protest plan to raise starting age for pensions

MOSCOW — Russians held rallies throughout the country Sunday to protest a government plan to raise the age for receiving state pensions.

Several thousand people gathered in central Moscow for a protest organized by the Communist Party. Another Moscow protest organized by the A Just Russia party attracted 1,500 people.

Other demonstrations were reported in at least a

dozen cities throughout the country including Vladivostok in the Far East, Simferopol in Russia-annexed Crimea and Omsk, Barnaul and Novosibirsk in Siberia.

No arrests were immediately reported. The rallies had official sanction.

Putin last week conceded that the pension age for women will be raised only to 60 rather than the proposed 63.



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Grape crush: Two teenagers tread grapes in an oak barrel Sunday during the Wine Harvest Festival in Olite, Spain. This festival marks the beginning of the harvest to produce the season's wine.

Philippine strongman receives warm welcome in Israel visit

JERUSALEM — Rodrigo Duterte, accused of committing serious human rights violations as part of his deadly crackdown on drugs at home, and who has stirred controversy with comments about the Holocaust, received a warm welcome in Israel when he arrived Sunday for a four-day visit.

Ahead of his departure, Duterte said he "looks forward to broader cooperation on a broad range of mutually important areas - defense and security, law enforcement, economic development, trade (and) investments and la-

bor."

Sales of Israeli weapons to his government are high on the agenda, according to Israeli media. Filipino officials have said the Philippines has recently acquired Israeli-made arms such as Galil assault rifles and pistols for its 120,000-strong police force, which is at the frontline of Duterte's battle against illegal drugs and other crimes.

Duterte will kick off his four-day visit by attending an event of the Filipino community in Israel Sunday evening. An estimated 28,000 Filipinos live in Is-

rael, mostly as health aides.

Duterte, who has stirred controversy with his attacks on Barack Obama and even God, will receive a warm welcome in the Holy Land meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other officials.

Duterte drew outrage in 2016 when he compared his anti-drug campaign to the Nazi genocide of Jews in World War II and said he would be "happy to slaughter" 3 million addicts. He later apologized.

He is scheduled to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem on Monday.

Blast in Somali capital kills at least 6 people

NAIROBI, Kenya — At least six people were killed, including two children, after a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle outside a district headquarters in Somalia's capital, authorities said Sunday.

Capt. Mohamed Hussein said the bomber tried to

speed through a checkpoint but was stopped by security forces, prompting him to detonate the vehicle near the gate of Howl-wadag district headquarters.

The three soldiers who stopped the truck were killed instantly and the three others killed were

civilians, said the Mogadishu mayor's spokesman, Salah Hassan Omar.

Fourteen people, including six children, need intensive care, said the Aamin Ambulance service. Among the wounded was deputy district commissioner Ibrahim Hassan Matan.

Ghost buster? No, ghost shooter, who faces charges

TOLLAND, Conn. — A Connecticut man who told police he was a paranormal investigator faces several charges after firing shots in his house at what he told police may have been a ghost.

Christain Devaux, 25, of Tolland is due in court Sept. 11 on charges including the illegal discharge of a firearm, making a false statement to police, second-degree reckless endangerment, misusing an emergency call, and disorderly conduct.

Police say Devaux put two bullet holes in his wall on July 26, initially reporting the incident as an attempted break in. He later told police he believes the intruder was actually a spirit.

Devaux is free on \$5,000 bond. State police told the Journal Inquirer of Manchester that Devaux had made a similar report back in 2011.

In Egypt: Officials said Sunday that archeologists have unearthed one of the oldest villages ever found in the Nile Delta, with remains dating back to before the pharaohs. Chief archaeologist Frederic Gio said his team found silos containing animal bones and food, indicating human habitation as early as 5,000 B.C.

In Virginia: A Warrenton woman was found dead inside an inflatable swimming pool Saturday, and her brother was charged with her murder, Fauquier County authorities said Sunday. Angie A. Walls, 53, was found unconscious in the swimming pool on the rear deck of her home around 2:30 p.m. Saturday, the sheriff's office said.



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EDITORIALS

How high will CPS' graduation rate go?

Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson hopped on a conference call with reporters the other day to tout the district's latest graduation rate gains.

The district's five-year graduation rate in 2018 rose to 78.2 percent from 77.5 percent the year before. Think of these as the share of students who enrolled five years ago as freshmen and now have earned diplomas. That's a small year-over-year gain, not as impressive as last year's leap of 4 percentage points.

Still, CPS students, teachers, principals and leaders have reason to celebrate.

Because in the aggregate, graduation rates have soared by double-digit percentages in the past seven years.

And because, for the second straight year, the growth was led by African-American and Hispanic males, who historically have lagged other groups.

Inevitable question: Has the school district's graduation rate essentially peaked?

Jackson said no, that the district still hopes to achieve its goal of 85 percent graduation by 2020.

Did she say 2020? Um, hate to remind the CEO, but Mayor Rahm Emanuel has long set that goal for 2019, which would happen to coincide with the start of his third term in office if he's re-elected. The district insists that Jackson isn't moving the goalposts. We've seen documents that show the goal as 2019 or 2020. Given the school district's fiddling with graduation stats several years ago, we're always wary.

Whatever the goal year, however, the reality is that absent another quantum leap, CPS won't reach 85 percent graduation as soon as 2019 or 2020.

Which doesn't mean it will never happen, but which does mean that district

leaders need fresh strategies to help more students earn diplomas.

Part of the district's strategy for continuing an upward trajectory, she says, is to "double down on improving practices that we know work." One prong of that approach: Expand access to challenging, high-quality programs, like International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement and STEM, to keep more students engaged. Smart plan.

We've also urged CPS leaders to quickly shutter poorly performing, half-empty schools and rescue their current students, who don't have the chance to choose from a full menu of academic courses.

Not long ago, roughly half of CPS students didn't make it to graduation. The better results since then are generating greater expectations. We're optimistic that CPS eventually can reach, and exceed, its

graduation goals. The ultimate if probably impractical goal, of course, is 100 percent.

The freshman on-track rate, a reliable indicator of how many students will graduate, has risen for seven straight years. At the close of the 2017-18 school year, 89.4 percent of freshmen were on track for graduation, up from 69 percent in 2011. We trust that's a harbinger of better graduation rates to come.

The good CPS news isn't limited to rising graduation rates. The district also has reported record high math scores for Chicago elementary students on a national benchmark exam. And more high school grads are earning early college and career credentials.

So yes, as the new school year begins Tuesday, CPS students, teachers, and principals have many reasons to take a bow. Students' achievement is heading in the right direction — up.



Under a proposal, people over age 18 could buy spray paint in Chicago.
 ALYSSA POINTER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

Lift ban on spray paint sale

In 1992, Chicago banned the sale of spray paint to battle a growing infestation of graffiti. "Spray paint cans have become weapons of terror," Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, said then.

But this page scoffed: *Street gangs and all their dreadful customs are a scarily legitimate concern. Graffiti is a nasty blight. But an official city ban on handgun purchases has done little to stop weapon proliferation. Do (Ald. Dick) Mell, et al., really believe that blocking a bungalow owner from ready access to spray paint will have any real impact on the scourge of graffiti? If they do, this city has an even greater affliction than graffiti — an epidemic of addle-brained aldermen.*

Burke took exception to our descrip-

tion, and he did an end zone dance when the ban survived a 1995 U.S. Supreme Court challenge.

But Burke has had a change of heart. He and Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, are pushing to lift the ban. Under their proposal, people over age 18 would again be allowed to buy spray paint in Chicago. There would be steep fines for minors caught with spray paint or other currently banned "graffiti implements," such as broad-tipped markers. Minors caught with those implements or adults who help them acquire paint or tools would face fines of \$500 or more.

Why the shift? O'Shea argues that the ban hurts locally owned hardware neig-

borhoods by encouraging legitimate customers to shop at competitors in nearby suburbs. "I believe graffiti's a problem," he says. But "people are going to go wherever they need to go to get spray paint. The fact there might be a shop closer to them in the city — we need to do more to help our small business owners."

No argument there. We didn't think a ban on sales would solve the problem in 1992, and it hasn't.

Robert Angone, a retired Chicago police lieutenant who testified in the 1995 case, argues that graffiti could be worse if the ban is lifted. His blog entry on the court battle over spray paint is fascinating reading.

We share Angone's concern over the spread of graffiti.

Under the Burke proposal, however, Chicago would join most other American cities in strongly restricting, but not banning, spray paint. The paint still wouldn't be sold to minors. Fines would be beefed up. Store owners would have to be vigilant or risk a return of the sales restriction.

The reality is much as we predicted in 1992: The spray paint ban hasn't stopped graffiti, but it has stopped law-abiding citizens from buying aerosol paint in their neighborhoods. Burke proposes a compromise to help local businesses and customers without encouraging taggers. Let's try it.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

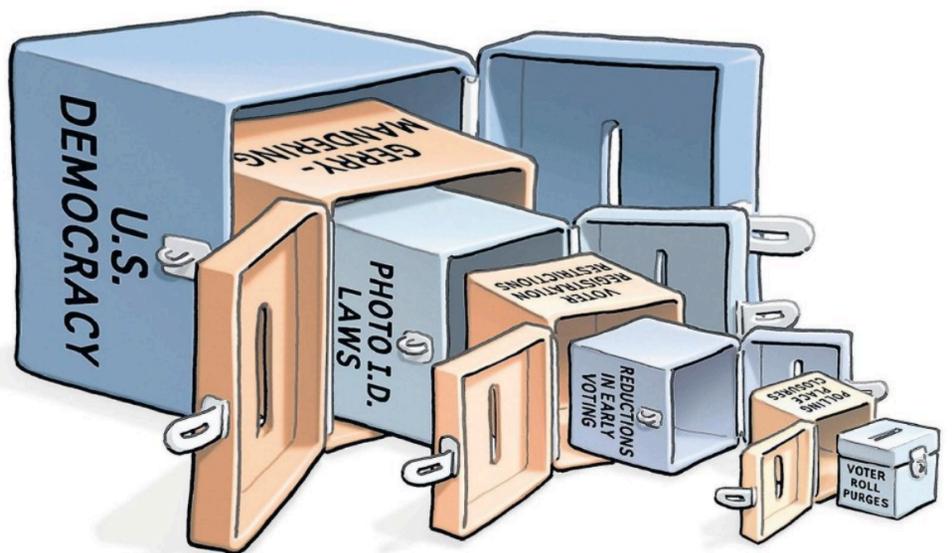
Vladimir Putin's recent fall in approval ratings has been steep. According to data collated by the Levada Center, an independent Russian polling organization, only 67 percent of Russians polled said that they approved of his activities in July 2018, compared with 82 percent in April and 79 percent in May. Putin is theoretically bound by the Russian constitution to step down from the presidency in 2024, so planning and jockeying for an eventual political succession is never far from people's minds. His declining public support could increase the likelihood of a successor in 2024. But Putin would feel comfortable only with a successor similar to what he himself was for Boris Yeltsin. Yeltsin chose Putin to be Russia's president in part to maintain the political achievements of the 1990s, which Putin did not do. Mainly, however, he was chosen to ensure the security of Yeltsin, his family and his political associates. On this front, Putin proved much more capable. If he is unable to secure this kind of protector-successor, Putin will likely find a way to remain in power in 2024. ... For now, Putin's steep decline in approval has shown that he is not nearly as politically invulnerable as previously thought.

Andrei Kolesnikov, Foreign Affairs

WASHINGTON — Declaring the rapid decrease in the population of several endangered species "problematic," Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke called for new legislation Thursday designed to slow the destruction of the nation's wildlife so that he might relish every last minute of its extinction. "We need to preserve these magnificent animals so that I can watch them suffer one by one," said Zinke. ... Zinke concluded by introducing a fundraising measure designed to draw out the suffering of the nation's most iconic endangered bird by selling T-shirts and bumper stickers emblazoned with the legend "SAVE THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR FOR LAST."

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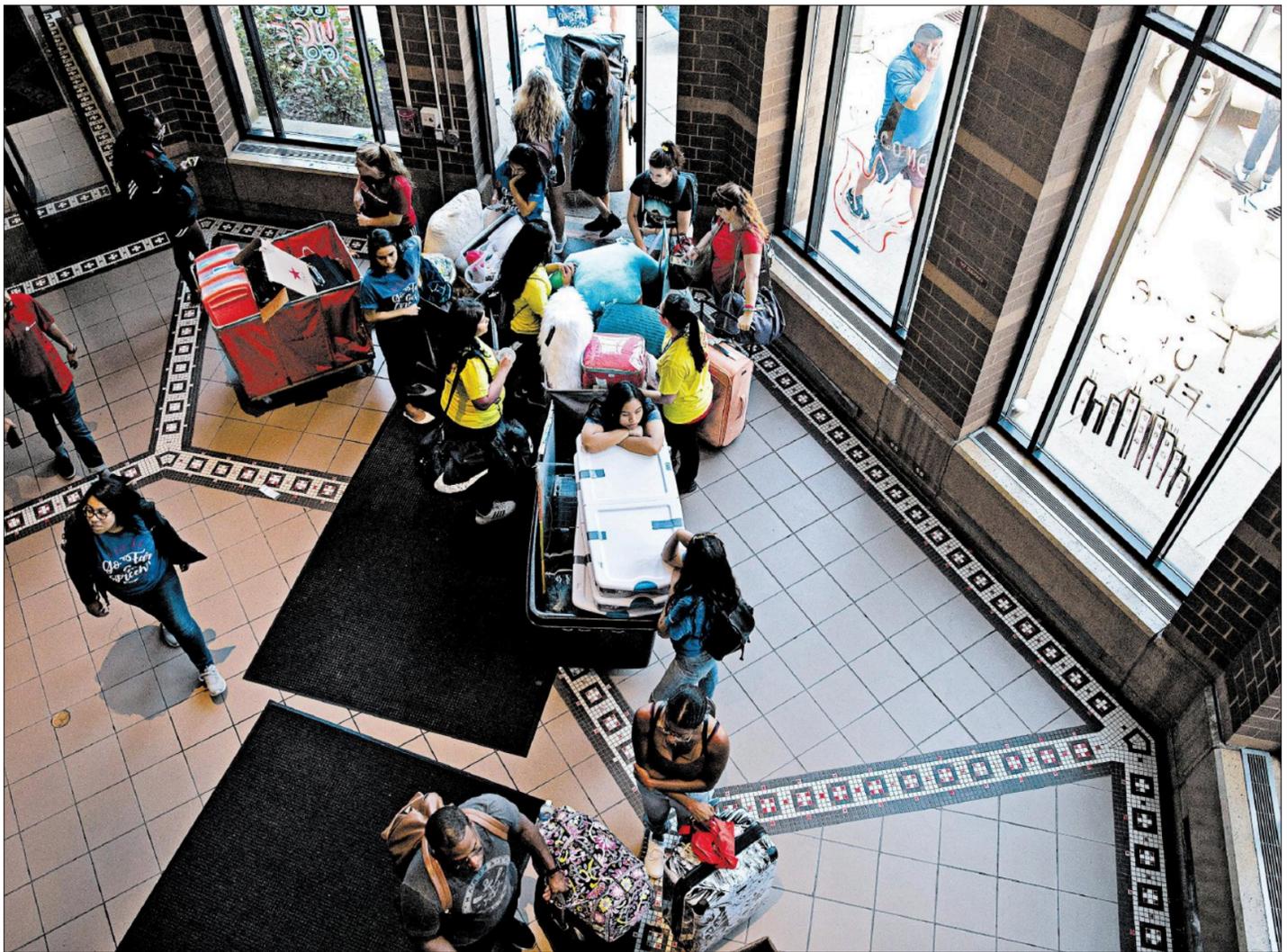
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PERSPECTIVE



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University of Illinois at Chicago students and family members get help from volunteers during move-in day at the school in August.

A better way to keep Illinois college students in the state

BY ERIC JENSEN

With the recent passage of legislation aimed at keeping Illinois high school students in Illinois for college, it is encouraging to see lawmakers finally taking bipartisan action on this important issue. However, from my vantage point as president of an Illinois university, the AIM HIGH grant pilot program is an incomplete, inefficient and mistargeted response that serves both Illinois students and taxpayers poorly.

Signed Aug. 21 by Gov. Bruce Rauner, AIM HIGH allocates \$25 million in matching state funds for public universities in Illinois to create a pool of merit-based scholarship aid for Illinois residents. So-called merit scholarships are aimed at high-performing high school students and are not based on a family's financial need.

This initiative seems to be designed to counter strategies used by universities in other states that are aggressively recruiting Illinois high school students by offering enticing merit-based financial aid packages. Most prominently, the University of Alabama spent more than \$136.3 million in merit aid in 2016, with Illinois high school students receiving a disproportionate share.

I agree that the state should take an active role in fighting so-called brain drain, and at our university we have taken actions aimed at retaining local

students. But AIM HIGH focuses on the wrong target. As a first step, if legislators want to keep students in Illinois, they should do so by allocating more to the already-underfunded, need-based Monetary Award Program. As it is now, half the students in Illinois who qualify and apply for MAP are denied due to lack of funding.

By choosing to allocate scarce financial aid dollars to a merit-based scholarship program, Illinois legislators are limiting access to higher education for students from lower- and middle-income families. While high-ability students who have financial need may qualify for some merit-based aid, this type of assistance is simply not enough to make college possible for many low-income families.

The problem with allocating more merit-based aid when fighting an enrollment crisis is that merit-based scholarships favor students who can afford college anyway, as affirmed by Thomas Harnisch, director of state relations and policy analysis for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, in an Aug. 27 Chicago Tribune article.

If we want to get serious about increasing statewide enrollment and retention, we need to use programs like MAP to create opportunities for talented, hardworking students who otherwise could not afford to attend

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college.

AIM HIGH also mistakenly excludes students attending private institutions. Private colleges and universities in Illinois, including my own institution, Illinois Wesleyan University, have continued to innovate and compete in the challenging higher education marketplace, with a commitment to diversity and accessibility, despite limited support from the state.

Collectively, Illinois' private, nonprofit institutions accounted for 28 percent of statewide higher-education enrollment, compared to 24 percent at public four-year institutions, during the fall of 2017. Since 1996, enrollment at private nonprofit institutions in Illinois has increased by 22 percent, compared to a 2 percent decrease at public schools. Most important, private institutions don't just enroll students; they also graduate them at very high rates. Graduation confers enormous benefits in terms of lifetime earnings, and private

institutions in Illinois do an exceptionally good job at turning students into college graduates.

I am most proud of the fact that Illinois' private institutions rank among the nation's best in transforming students from the bottom fifth of incomes as students to the top fifth as adults, according to work by the economist Raj Chetty and collaborators. This work shows that nine of the state's top 10 most effective schools in enabling social mobility are private.

Public institutions transform lives and are incredibly valuable resources. But private institutions are similarly transformative, which is why our students share access to Illinois scholarship funds like the Monetary Award Program.

We graduate students, and so change lives, efficiently and very effectively. And, in contrast to public institutions, we do so without much in the way of additional support from the state. As a result, a tax dollar allocated to an Illinois student goes further at a private institution.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which will be divvying up the AIM HIGH money, is charged with "making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students."

Unfortunately, AIM HIGH misses that mark.

Eric Jensen is president of Illinois Wesleyan University.

Women, are we the ones driving mothers out of the workforce?

BY DEANNA HARTLEY

As far as you know, I'm just a regular female professional, but what you may not realize is that I'm part of a rising demographic of working women in their 30s who remain childless by choice so as not to derail their slowly rising careers.

I won't lie, I've caught myself at times looking differently at co-workers who were working moms when they established certain patterns: arriving late to work, abusing work-from-home policies, taking frequent extended lunch breaks, dashing out of or canceling meetings to leave early, dumping work on others so they could attend their children's dance recitals.

But now, with my biological clock ticking and the societal pressure mounting on me to either start a family or freeze my

eggs, it's beginning to dawn on me that I may soon find myself in the same predicament I previously considered less than ideal.

So often we hear about the dissonance and even disdain between stay-at-home mothers and working mothers, but has that chasm widened even further to include a more unexpected rift? I'm beginning to realize the more relevant, albeit subtle, divide among women exists within the confines of the workforce: between those who delay or forfeit childbearing and parenthood and those who have families and strive, successfully or otherwise, to "have it all."

Lately, I've found myself asking the question: Am I, a married but childless female professional, a huge part of the problem? The other day I bumped into an old friend, who spent our entire 20-minute walk to the train —

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each of us clutching her 5-year-old daughter's popsicle-soaked hands — telling me about her transition back into the workforce following her recent maternity leave stint. "I feel like I'm being judged all the time at work," she said. "I feel less competent and confident than I have in a while, and it's hard to shake it."

Why, I asked. After all, she has been working at the same company for more than a decade, rising through the management ranks, and oversees a team of her own. "I'm the only woman on the team with children, and when I'm

running 15 minutes late to work, everyone thinks I'm lazy or entitled. They don't know I've been up since 5 a.m. feeding and bathing and getting my kids off to school or day care."

I felt a tear welling up in my eye. I smiled. "Who gives a damn what they think?" I said. "You are killing it. Just keep doing what you're doing." (I realized later that I had cursed in front of the child.) But was it hypocritical of me to throw a stone at her co-workers when I myself lived in a glass house?

Increasingly, I find the need to

shift the conversation from a binary view of whether women either can or cannot have it all to a more complex and nuanced perspective where we, as women, begin to self-examine and dissect today's workplace culture and how it at times can lead us to inadvertently judge and ostracize one another.

I'd hate to think that this, often passive-aggressive, behavior drives some women to drop out of the workforce altogether because they feel they cannot keep up.

If we, as women, cannot look with empathy and acknowledge the necessary steps working moms need to take to successfully balance work and life and find that ever-elusive equilibrium, then how can we possibly expect them to understand it?

Deanna Hartley is a Chicago-based writer and editor.

PERSPECTIVE

Real Chicago pizza isn't 'Chicago pizza'



MIKE ROYKO

Originally published March 25, 1993.

A publicity firm that represents a corporation has sent me a large package of information about pizza. More specifically, what has become widely known as "Chicago pizza."

It begins: "There are few legends in the culinary world. There are even fewer original ideas. But then again, Ike Sewell was one of a kind."

"Fifty years ago, Ike Sewell created the original deep-dish pizza and founded Pizzeria Uno, one of the most popular restaurants in Chicago and now across the country. The saga of Ike Sewell is a true American success story, which will be celebrated throughout this year."

"We think you will agree that America loves pizza. We believe that your readers will be surprised to learn that one of their favorite Italian dishes is American, created by an All-American

football player who was raised on a Texas ranch."

The publicist goes on to describe the hoopla that will accompany the 50th anniversary of the late Ike Sewell's creation.

So what I have is information from a publicist for a corporation located near Boston that now owns the Chicago restaurant that was started by a Texan to sell an American version of an Italian dish.

Well, if I may be excused, I will skip the festivities. I really don't want to hurt the feelings of the corporation that now runs the chain of Pizzeria Uno clones around the country, but I can't stand deep-dish pizza.

And for years I have been fighting a lonely battle against calling this particular food "Chicago pizza." In the words of Slats Grobnik, "it ain't."

I consider it an insult to the taste buds and intestinal tracts of Chicagoans to call this thick, heavy slab of dough and topping "Chicago pizza."

To hear them talk, Chicagoans had never tasted pizza until Ike Sewell opened his first place on Rush Street.

Not so. When I was about 5 years old — which was a few years before Ike Sewell got his idea — my

mother regularly visited a lady friend on Taylor Street.

In those Great Depression days, most mothers didn't hire babysitters. Unless there was a grandparent or an older sister handy, you dragged the kid along.

So we would ride the streetcars to Halsted and Taylor, then the gateway to one of the biggest Italian neighborhoods in America, and walk to Angela's flat.

After they talked and had coffee, the highlight of the day came. We'd walk down the street to one of the many Italian restaurants and have ... of course, pizza.

Even now, I can remember what I liked best about it, besides the way it tasted. You did not need a knife or a fork or any other silverware. You grabbed it with your mitts and chomped.

This, of course, is what has made pizza a national dish. Like the hamburger, the hot dog or fried chicken — the other great American foods — you eat it with your hands.

Being logical little creatures, kids know that anything you can eat with your hands is better than something you have to cut with a knife or stab with a fork.

But we're talking about thin-crust pizza, not the thick slabs that Ike Sewell successfully marketed to the pizza-ignorant.

If you try to pick up a piece of deep-dish pizza, you might get a hernia. Or it could fall on your lap and break your thigh bone.

And the worst part is that it is so thick and heavy, you can eat only a slice or two. And that requires a knife and fork.

Ah, but with good thin-crust pizza, you can pop piece after piece into your mouth, like potato chips, until you are in a happy, satisfied stupor.

That's why about 80 percent of the pizza joints in and around Chicago use thin crusts, which is the true Chicago pizza.

This probably surprises tourists, yuppies and lifelong suburbanites, who have spread the myth that Chicago pizza is the cumbersome creation of Ike Sewell. They are the same kind of people who put ketchup on a hot dog. And look at you blankly when you tell them that a true Chicago hot dog should receive a dash of celery salt, the barbarians.

And despite what the Boston corporation's publicist says, Ike Sewell didn't even invent deep-dish pizza.

Simple logic requires that we ask how a Texan could come to Chicago and — voila! — decide to create a new form of pizza. We are talking about Texas, where a deep-fried boot is considered

gourmet cuisine.

The fact is, Ike Sewell knew a couple of Chicago Italians named Rudy Malnati and Ric Riccardo Sr. These guys knew how to toss spices. They came up with the deep-dish concept, and Ike Sewell marketed it. Both went on to start their own pasta joints.

So if we want to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a real shrewd businessman, who knew how to regularly get the names of his restaurants into gossip columns, that is one thing.

But to call that stuff "Chicago pizza" is an insult to every potbellied glutton in this great city. We burp in shame.

Excerpted from "The Best of Royko: The Tribune Years," a new collection of Mike Royko's later



work. By the time Royko died in 1997, he had written nearly 8,000 columns — about half of them for the Tribune — and had become a part of the daily fabric of Chicago life. To learn more

about the new book, edited by his son David Royko, visit store.chicagotribune.com/best-of-royko.html.

Social Security shouldn't be a piggy bank for family leave

BY MICHAEL R. STRAIN

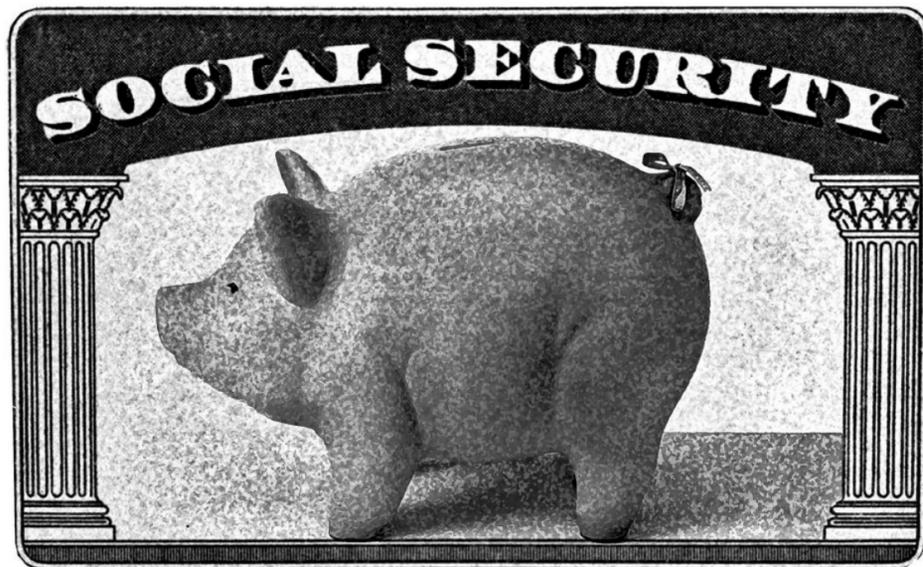
Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., has introduced a paid-leave bill that would allow parents to collect Social Security benefits following the arrival of a new child, even if those parents are not retired. The benefits would be used to finance time away from work, and parents collecting them would be required to delay receiving Social Security payments by several months once they reach normal retirement age.

While some on the right are supportive, Rubio is taking heat from many conservatives (including from me). The Florida Republican argues that the bill wouldn't "expand government" because it is designed not to increase federal spending over the long term, but merely shifts when spending occurs across a person's life.

I'm not sold that spending won't go up, but let's leave that aside. It still seems that the bill would expand government in scope, even if not in scale. There is not currently a federal program for paid parental leave, but there would be if this bill were enacted.

Some supporters of the bill argue that it would add flexibility to Social Security, not expand it. It's even been described as a Social Security "reform." This characterization — reform and flexibility — is appealing to many conservatives. But if this is the goal, then the Rubio bill does not go far enough. I have two suggestions to improve it.

The claim that the bill does not increase federal spending requires believing that paid leave benefits taken today will be paid back with delayed receipt of retirement benefits decades from now. This invites my first suggestion: Make sure spending



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doesn't increase by coupling any paid-leave benefit with actual cost-saving measures to Social Security as a whole.

The Congressional Budget Office calculates that linking initial Social Security benefits to average prices rather than average wages would save \$114 billion over 10 years. Reducing payments by 5 percent for new beneficiaries would save \$105 billion over a decade. But if we're cutting, then I'd favor making Social Security relatively less generous for high-income households. In a 2016 report on reducing the deficit, the Congressional Budget Office presents a way to make Social Security more progressive while also reducing 10-year spending by \$36 billion.

It's hard to know how much the Rubio plan would cost, in part

because of significant uncertainty around how many workers would sign up for the parental-leave benefit. A similar plan has been analyzed by the Urban Institute, which finds costs of \$4.9 billion in 2019 and \$9.2 billion by 2025. The bottom line is that reasonable cuts to Social Security borne most heavily by upper-income households could easily finance a federal paid-leave benefit, while also significantly reducing the federal budget deficit, which should be a goal of any Social Security reform effort.

That's reform. Regarding flexibility, it is odd to congratulate this bill for that if the only expense to which early Social Security benefits can be applied is parental leave. Furthermore, it's not clear why paid leave should be at the top of the list.

Why not allow early Social Security benefits for other discrete, infrequent life events? College tuition and home purchases immediately come to mind.

A 2014 report by President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers found that 40 percent of working women report access to some form of paid leave following the birth of a child, and that this access increases with income. The more workers who receive the benefit from their employers, the less value offered by the bill's (so-described) flexibility.

One reason not to allow early benefits for tuition and home purchases — and to stick with only paid leave — is to help ensure that spending through the Social Security system actually does not increase, a key promise

of the plan. But if the Rubio bill were improved by including actual cuts to Social Security spending, then this concern is no longer operative. Hence my second suggestion: Don't restrict new spending to paid parental leave. One way to put this suggestion into effect would be to couple Social Security cuts with an expanded child tax credit, perhaps by making the credit larger in the year a household welcomes a new child. Lower-income households should get a relatively larger expansion. This money could be spent to finance a few months away from work — or, if the parents prefer, on any of the many expenses facing new parents.

This package — Social Security cuts and an expanded child credit — is much more attractive than the Rubio bill. It reduces federal spending, and it doesn't expand the government's scope. It actively reorients federal spending away from the elderly and toward children. It does not rely on spending cuts decades from now to finance new spending today, as the Rubio bill does.

And rather than deciding that they should direct their new resources to finance paid leave, it offers new parents real flexibility by allowing them to decide to spend on whatever they choose. Because what's right for my family may not be what's right for yours.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Share the wealth

Willie Wilson, a candidate for Chicago mayor, has chosen to share some of his wealth with those less fortunate. He was vilified and castigated by some, especially his political rivals, as buying votes. He has been absolved of that charge.

This writer would urge other political candidates, especially the millionaires running for governor, to emulate Wilson. We live in a society where millionaires spend millions on political campaigns trying to tear down opponents. Many of them on the local as well as the national level seem to have unlimited wealth that they and their families will never spend in a lifetime.

All the while, in 21st century America, we have citizens who are homeless, sleeping on the street, and many others going to

bed hungry at night.

There are those among us who look at these unfortunates and say, "I've got mine, get yours the best way you can and stop looking for a handout."

I would urge those who have been blessed enough to achieve wealth to spread it around and adhere to the expression, "There but for the grace of God go I."

Keep on spreading the wealth, Willie Wilson.

— Ned L. McCray, Tinley Park

Trump's core

I was not a Donald Trump supporter in the primaries. I supported U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz on two points: his stance on the immigration issue and his outspokenness. However, after the primaries I supported Trump on the fact that he said the right things — and I believe strongly that his

secretary of state would have received a phone call at whatever hour of the night if an American embassy were under military assault.

Later I became more strongly pro-Trump because he consistently tried to do what he promised. No other Republican has ever tried to do that. All of the Democrats and centrist Republicans are aghast at the stupidity of the Trump hard core.

The Democrats never abandon their own. They support the hard-core socialist wing with a wink and a nudge, and push, either harshly or gently, in that direction. Lately they have been emboldened because they have weakened the Republican center. The hard right remains committed to Trump. The centrist Republican Party was always a party that just wished to govern, with or without principles. Unlike the Democrats, they would govern from left-center, middle or slightly right-center according to the politics of the day. They would profess hard-right rhetoric to nail down the base to win pri-

maries, then shift to the center — or even to the left — to win general elections.

Thus, the country would always drift leftward until the point that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and U.S. House candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez could openly profess democratic socialism as the future and to actually call for the abolition — or restructuring — of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Borders physically and geographically define a nation, within which there is generally a common culture. A nation that will not defend its borders soon will have no common culture.

That is why we support Trump. He does as he promised. (And my 401(k) has skyrocketed under him.)

— Bob Mason, Beach Park

Moving to the middle

It seems most of the American electorate is in the deep end of the political pool, drowning in false moral equivalencies, when it should be swimming for the

center, where voters can touch the bottom and take a cleansing breath.

Instead we await yet another lesson in Civics 101 while being inundated with ill-fitted comparisons to the impeachment sagas of Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

Many will come to realize Mitt Romney was right: Russia may well be our most dangerous geopolitical foe and Donald Trump is indeed a fraud.

Had we understood Barack Obama to be more Jimmy Carter than Abraham Lincoln, we might now be enjoying the sixth year of a Romney presidency with workable, bipartisan health insurance and immigration policies, a saner approach to global diplomacy, and a roaring economy.

That said, maybe the Democrats will win in November, and Trump will yield to his centrist tendencies, creating broad legislative compromise and positively impacting the lives of all Americans.

We can dream, can't we?
— Phil Balsano, Naperville



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Jill on Money

College courses that can set you up for success

As millions of college students head to campuses, they will be confronted with the dizzying prospect of selecting classes. For some, the choices will be limited, but there are always a couple of electives.

I contacted some of my go-to resources to learn what they think every college student should take. All of them are seasoned professionals from diverse backgrounds and are ages 40-70.

A physician told me that her growth in college came “not only from the classroom, but from being on my own, in the time before my parents could be at my fingertips with a smart phone. I learned how to take care of myself, figure out how to solve my own problems, find my way around physically and emotionally. I learned that I wasn’t the smartest or the best or the most qualified, because I was surrounded by students that were my equal or perhaps were even sharper or more motivated than I was.”

After pressing her on a specific class, this science whiz surprised me by saying, “My creative writing class was an important way of forcing myself to be self-aware.”

Three people from vastly different fields (television producer, lobbyist and hedge funds) all said that classes where you have to read, write and think critically (i.e. English and history) would serve students well.

As one noted, “If you can’t write an email, document, PowerPoint, social media post or signage correctly and with proper spelling, you’re DONE!”

A non-profit strategist went beyond the general “learn how to write” advice. She said college students need to “hone the basic three paragraph essay,” rather than master the 20 page research paper, replete with “a thesis with an endless narrative to support/prove your notion. While the process of researching is certainly beneficial, in today’s world of limited attention spans, I have found that it is more important to communicate your ideas in 300 words or less.”

A marketing executive said every college student “should take an introduction to psychology course. It’s critical to have insight and empathy for others, whether they’re customers or colleagues.”

Separately, a tech pro thought that her background in neuroscience, which taught her “how our brains work, has had endless benefits for understanding my own health, learning, and capabilities.”

Many suggested a class in public speaking or improvisation, which “can help you think on your feet” and better prepare you for life, “the ultimate improvisation.”

I know that at this point, you might be thinking, “What about the science, technology, engineering and math stuff?” Almost everyone said that a basic understanding of accounting was imperative.

“So many people I meet are numbers-phobic. It’s not OK; you have to understand the basics to even make personal financial decisions.” One lawyer turned entrepreneur said, “Although I hated it at the time, my accounting class has turned out to be critical in the day-to-day management of my business.”

Others chimed in with statistics (“relevant in so many professional areas — business, social sciences, hard sciences or any market research driven pursuit”), economics or behavioral economics and coding.

Finally, a number of my friends recommend playing sports (intramural counts!), being part of the student newspaper or government and, in general, being as social as possible.

“Teamwork and a network of relationships are two of the most important things you can take away from college.”

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Best investments

Financial moves to make in your 30s

BY LARRY ALTON
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Are you in your 30s? If so, it’s a great time to start thinking about building wealth and taking steps to make your retirement accounts stronger. You are more established in your career and making a salary that should give you extra cash to invest, but you also are young enough to reap the benefits of compound interest.

So what types of investments should you be making?

Let’s start with a high-level vision of a successful investment plan for the average 30-something. Though each person has his or her own goals, if you’re following a general path, you should be planning for a long-time horizon — 30 years or so — and optimizing your investments to pay off over that time horizon.

Trying to get rich by timing the market or focusing on short-term investments isn’t going to pay off. You also need to consider investments accessible to the average professional; most people cannot afford an apartment complex or be able to invest in promising startups.

Here are a few ideas for investments that make sense for a lot of people in their 30s. Keep in mind that it’s smart to do your homework and invest an amount that you can handle.

1. Pay off high-interest debt

While not an investment in the conventional sense, you should have a plan to pay off all your debts in your 30s. Before you use your money to earn a 7 percent annual return, you should use your money to avoid a 15 percent accrual of interest on your credit cards.

That doesn’t mean you have to wait to start investing until all your debts are paid off; in fact, some debts with low interest rates are good to keep. But you should work on getting high-interest rate debt off your plate before focusing on other investments.

2. Buy a house

Buying a house isn’t the right move for everyone, and it can be a complex process. However, in markets with reasonable prices, it’s often financially advantageous to buy a house instead of renting, so you can start building equity instead of just losing your rent money every month.

Choose a neighborhood with high growth potential to maximize the appreciation value of your home, and make sure to get a fixed-rate mortgage with a substantial down payment (so you can avoid paying PMI).

3. Utilize tax-advantaged accounts

Take advantage of tax-advantaged accounts as early as possible. These accounts are designed to help you invest for retirement by making your contributions or earnings exempt from taxes.

If your company offers a 401(k) with a company match, your first priority should be maxing out that match; it’s free money, and your contributions will come out of your gross pay (rather than your net pay). Then, turn your attention to a Roth IRA, which will shield you from paying taxes when you cash in the earnings on your account.

4. Stocks and index funds

Within those tax-advantaged accounts, make sure you’re investing in stocks, including stock-based index funds. Stocks may seem like they’re inherently risky, but don’t let yourself be intimidated.

As long as you’re diversifying your portfolio with companies of different sizes and from different industries, or are investing in index funds that contain dozens of stocks, your growth rate will average out to be positive over the course of many years.

5. Cryptocurrencies



Yes, cryptocurrencies are volatile. In late 2017, the price of one Bitcoin soared to nearly \$20,000; the current price is about \$7,000. If you are able and willing to go on a wild ride, there’s something to be said for diversifying your portfolio with high-risk, high-reward assets when you’re young.

If the uncertainty of traditional cryptocurrency is too much for you, consider new developments like TrustToken’s stablecoins, which are backed with fiat currency.

Cryptocurrencies are not the right investment for every investor, but they can be a valuable addition to a balanced portfolio.

6. Bonds

You should also make sure to have some bonds in your portfolio.

Unlike stocks, bonds aren’t often susceptible to price fluctuations with good or bad news. Instead, they function like loans to the government or individual companies, and are associated with a fixed interest rate.

They aren’t guaranteed investments, and their rate of return is lower than other investments, but they’re much safer than stocks, so they deserve a place in your portfolio.

7. Other diverse investments

You should also consider making other investments to diversify your portfolio. For example, you might purchase a rental property where you can earn a monthly profit in exchange for being a landlord, or you could purchase real assets like precious metals.

A portfolio with most, if not all, of these investments can help you make the most of your 30s, even if you don’t have a lot of money to invest. Stay consistent with whatever plan you adopt and, eventually, you’ll see the fruits of your labor.

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Life insurance can protect IRA

Reducing tax risk is one benefit



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Thanks to the impressive gains in the stock market over the last 10 years, many IRAs and other retirement accounts have grown substantially in value. But the bull market won't last forever. What will happen if the market corrects or cools off?

Ed Slott, an expert on IRAs, has pointed out that life insurance is not only "the single biggest benefit in the tax code," it is also "the most cost effective way to protect a large IRA." (Check out Slott's website, IRAHelp.com.)

Many people, once they reach 70 1/2, are forced to withdraw more money from their IRA than they wish to. These individuals should consider using the after-tax proceeds from the required minimum distributions to pay for life insurance premiums. After the death of the IRA owner, the life insurance proceeds can be used to pay any estate tax or other post-death expenses so the beneficiaries of the IRA will not have to.

The use of life insurance eliminates tax risk. The payment is guaranteed. For sophisticated investors who are nervous about the direction of the stock market, expanding their life insurance coverage will certainly provide some protection from investment risk.

Under current regulations, an individual can shelter \$11.2 million from estate and gift taxes; couples can shelter up to \$22.4 million.

Many individuals make the maximum contributions to their IRA plans, 401(k)s and other retirement plans. It makes sense to consider buying additional permanent life insurance to provide additional tax benefits when you have made the maximum contributions to these retirement accounts.

If you are in retirement and are required to make withdrawals from your assets to meet normal living expenses, using the cash value from your insurance policies is more cost-effective than withdrawing funds from taxable retirement funds. Withdrawals from cash value will have no impact on your tax bracket.

It is possible that withdrawals from your taxable retirement accounts will push you into a higher tax bracket.

If you do not have sufficient long-term



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care coverage, consider using long-term care riders associated with some life insurance policies. Discuss this option with your life insurance agent. You can be sure that your beneficiaries would prefer that you use this option than depend on them to pay for nursing home costs or the costs of assisted living.

In previous columns, I have discussed the value of the "stretch option" for beneficiaries of IRA accounts. If these beneficiaries are also the beneficiaries of your life insurance policies, this will enable them to use these non-taxable proceeds and not have to withdraw amounts in excess of their required distributions on inherited IRAs. This will allow them to minimize taxes and adhere to the maximum stretch.

Even if your beneficiaries inherit Roth IRAs, receiving insurance proceeds will allow them to maintain the Roth accounts longer and have the proceeds tax free.

Another advantage of buying more life insurance is that it can give some leeway to a surviving spouse to convert a regular

IRA into a Roth IRA. The spouse can use life insurance to fund a trust. The use of an IRA would have required minimum distribution requirements and tax implications. From a planning perspective, life insurance proceeds are more flexible than other alternatives.

Buying life insurance has some disadvantages: There are no tax advantages for making the initial premium. Insurance policies are not flexible in early years. They are not liquid in the short term. Funds are tied up long term. Policy withdrawals reduce the death benefit. Using cash value to pay premiums reduces the death benefit.

The bottom line is that life insurance can provide significant benefits, depending on your particular financial situation. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages with your attorney, financial planner and life-insurance agent.

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The Savage Truth

Get real with your kids about costs of college

Now that students are back in school, it's time for parents (and grandparents) to take a breath and gain some perspective on the costs and benefits of a college education. Yes, college can pay off in the long run. But you may be doing yourselves and your children a disservice with magical thinking about how to manage the costs.

Any cost/benefit analysis cannot exclude the burden of debt placed upon graduates, delaying their opportunity to be financially independent. Nor is it a good idea for parents to cosign or take out parental college loans without understanding the impact on their own retirement plans.

Saving for college should start when the child is born. But the family discussion about college costs should start before the child even enters high school. Only then can a family — especially those with multiple children — set realistic goals and avoid the pitfalls of overwhelming debt.

According to Fidelity's 2018 College Savings Indicator Study, parents are falling woefully short of what's needed to pay for college. On average, they are on track to meet just 28 percent of their college funding goals.

Only 49 percent of parents feel it's their obligation to pay for the entire education. In fact, one-third of parents expect their children to have at least \$10,000 in the form of part-time jobs, gifts and savings to contribute to college.

The study reveals that 40 percent of families with high school sophomores or older students have not discussed with their kids the fact that they will be expected to contribute to college savings.

It's time to sit down with younger children and do the simple math of college costs and the burden of debt. There are multiple college-cost calculators that will make the situation clear.

Start with the future college cost calculator at Collegeboard.org. If you think the dollars seem astronomical today, you'll be shocked at what tuition is projected to cost in 10 or 15 years.

Then go to the cost of student loan calculators at Simpletuition.com. You'll quickly see that student loans aren't the easy answer to covering college costs. And as interest rates may rise in the future, the burden will grow larger. And the way the math works, you'll pay more than twice the cost of tuition by the time your loans are repaid.

So how can parents start the discussion earlier? You may not want your children to know your income, but you can demonstrate that a big hunk of your salary goes first to taxes. I've seen the shock when children realize that as much as 40 percent of a parent's paycheck goes to pay federal, state and local income taxes.

Now you're ready to set realistic expectations about the cost of college. Show them how living at home for the first two years and attending community college can cut costs and enable them to transfer to a university for the final two years.

Introduce them to Scholarships.com, so they can start preparing resumes to apply for deals that will cut their cost of college. Help them contribute to their 529 college savings plan out of part-time work.

Let them know well in advance that if they change majors, they cannot extend their college career for an extra semester. And do the math on cost savings from graduating in less than four years, perhaps offering your kids an incentive to keep half of the savings.

Americans now have a \$1.5 trillion dollar student debt burden, which is not dischargeable in bankruptcy.

Don't get caught in this trap. An education should be a benefit, not a burden. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Social Security and surviving spouses

There are options for maximizing benefits

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Many retirees know that spouses can coordinate their claims to boost their total benefit payout from Social Security. But many may not realize that if they are widowed before claiming benefits, they may also have options to maximize Social Security by coordinating the timing of claims for their own retirement benefit and a survivor benefit.

Unfortunately, the Social Security Administration isn't likely to fill them in on this strategy. A report this year by the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General found that 82 percent of surviving spouses taking benefits could have received a higher monthly benefit by restricting their application to survivor benefits only and delaying their retirement benefits up to age 70.

As a result, the Social Security Administration underpaid about \$132 million to more than 9,000 beneficiaries age 70 and older, and it will underpay about 2,000 more beneficiaries who are under age 70 about \$9.8 million annually once they reach age 70, according to the report's projections.

While changes in the law a few years ago affected strategies for coordinating



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spousal benefits, those changes didn't affect survivor benefit strategies. "You do still have the option to take one benefit and delay the other benefit," says James Mahaney, vice president of strategic initiatives for Prudential Financial.

Surviving spouses need to consider whether they can maximize benefits by taking the survivor benefit first and later switching to their own benefit or by taking their own benefit first and then switching to a survivor benefit.

You can claim a survivor benefit as early as age 60 (age 50 if disabled), but it is reduced if claimed before the survivor's full retirement age. It won't grow past the survivor's full retirement age -- the most a surviving spouse receives is 100 percent of the benefit the deceased spouse received or was eligible to receive at his death.

But the survivor's own retirement benefit, which can be taken as early as 62 at a reduced amount, can grow beyond her full

retirement age. Each year she delays her own retirement benefit past full retirement age, her benefit grows 8 percent a year up to age 70.

Once you figure which benefit could grow the largest, you'll likely want to delay that benefit. Be aware, the benefit amounts and the age you claim will make a difference.

Let's say a widow at her full retirement age is due a \$2,000 survivor benefit or her own benefit of \$1,800. With a full retirement age of 67, she could earn 24 percent in delayed-retirement credits if she takes her own benefit at age 70. She could claim a reduced survivor benefit worth \$1,430 a month as early as age 60 and take that until she switches to a boosted benefit of her own at age 70, worth \$2,232 a month. If she lives to age 90, she would receive a total of \$707,280 in benefits. (All totals exclude annual cost-of-living adjustments.)

If she instead takes her own reduced monthly benefit at 62 worth \$1,260 and then switches to the full monthly survivor benefit of \$2,000 at age 67, her total payout by age 90 would be \$627,600. That's about 11 percent less than the first scenario, in which she earned the delayed-retirement credits.

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A little home help

For many people, a house is their largest investment. Here are three tips to help save money on that investment.



Contest your property tax assessment

Start by checking the property record card at your assessor's office, which may be available online. If you find an obvious error, such as the wrong number of bathrooms, your assessor may agree to reduce your assessment — and your tax bill — immediately. If there isn't an obvious error but you still believe your assessed value is too high, you can appeal. The process typically takes a couple of months, and you'll need evidence to back up your case, such as data on comparable properties.



Cut your energy bills

Try an online home energy audit, such as the Home Energy Saver (homeenergy.saver.lbl.gov/consumer), developed by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Provide your zip code and answer questions about your home and current energy costs. You'll receive recommendations for making home energy upgrades.

See if going solar pays off

Plug your address into the Solar Calculator at energysage.com and it will use a satellite view of your roof and property to estimate your potential savings and break-even point for installing a solar power system. (The actual results will vary with your roof's characteristics and the hardware and financing that you choose.) You can also get competing, apples-to-apples estimates from participating local solar installers

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What happened when I turned off social media notifications for 1 month



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Most of us know the diabolical role our cellphones play in distracting us and in luring us into multitasking — even if only for a few seconds — simply because the little device beeps or flashes at us.

And there is certainly a lot of discussion about how much power social media has to suck us into false realities and take us away from the very real people sitting right in front of us.

I used to think I was above it. I would boldly profess that I didn't need to look at my phone every time a notification went off. Then I realized that I wasn't above it. I was right there like a Pavlovian dog.

My phone flashed or beeped. I looked at it. My brain said, "Don't do it." My arm reached out seemingly on its own to fetch my cellphone for me. I was well trained.

I had become a slave to my social media cellphone notifications. That didn't feel so good, especially for a guy who has always prided himself on being slightly more capable of thinking for himself than a lemming.

I found a few cellphone productivity apps out there that turn off social media for specific periods of time. Those sounded cool and seemed to work well for

people, but I couldn't quite get over the fact that I would be using technology to curb my technology problem.

Could I actually do this old-school style?

I was going to give it a shot. I manually turned off all my social media notifications. Suddenly, there was no flashing on my phone. There were no beeps. There was an eerie calm. This was weird. I kept looking at my phone waiting for something to happen.

Here's how my month shook out.

Week 1

I checked my social media accounts every day. I convinced myself that I was checking it frequently simply to make sure everything still worked because I wasn't seeing or hearing those prompts on my phone anymore.

The silence and lack of flashing were killing me. I didn't accidentally turn off social media completely, did I? That would be bad.

I wasn't sure exactly why it would be bad, but it didn't take much for me to convince myself that it was indeed bad. I think the technical term for it is FOMO. I never thought I was FOMO kind of guy.

Whew. To my relief, when I logged in

every time, I got to see that I had new interactions. OK, I'm still good.

Week 2

I got pretty busy with work and family. That might have been a blessing in disguise. I still checked in multiple times a day on a few days, but I had a couple of days during which I didn't check until the end of the day simply because I wasn't thinking about it.

That was weird. When I did that, I was of course rewarded by seeing more interactions because they had accumulated. That was awesome.

Week 3

No more multiple checking on any day. That was interesting. Maybe more importantly, that frequency reduction didn't seem to have a negative effect on my interactions and I had a sense of relief for the first time that I wasn't a slave to my notifications.

This felt pretty good.

That programmed urgency I used to exhibit while doing a check and respond, check and respond, check and respond had subsided (and more quickly than I thought it would).

Week 4

Landmark event. Something crazy happened. I forgot to log into my social media for a couple of days. I didn't want interactions to suffer, of course, but for the first time in a month, I wasn't being driven to the phone by the interactions themselves.

I was deciding when to go in. I was in control. Not my cellphone. Not those notifications. Not my right arm.

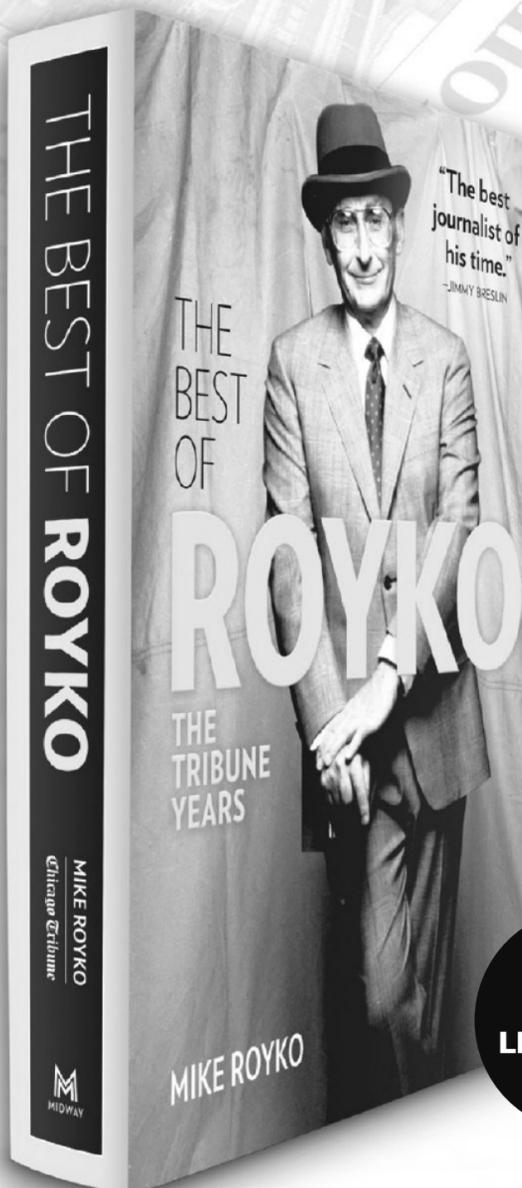
The fact that I forgot was the trigger that helped me feel as though I had actually changed my habit. The Pavlovian dog could indeed be re-trained. And maybe most importantly, the Pavlovian dog was feeling less stress. Was it really this simple?

Social media is important for lots of reasons these days, so I didn't want my new habit to result in losing important interactions with people. I started doing what I did with everything else I needed to do. I just added it to my list of things to do every day.

But when I wanted to do it. I was in control again.

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JAMES MIRRLEES 1936-2018

Nobel laureate, leader in taxation theories

By **MATT SCHUDEL**
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James Mirrlees, a British economist who won the Nobel Prize for his theories of economic incentives, which have been applied to taxation, insurance and the allocation of public services, died Wednesday at his home near Cambridge, England. He was 82.

His death was announced by Nuffield College of the University of Oxford, where he was a longtime professor. The cause was a brain tumor, the London Times reported.

Dr. Mirrlees, who shared the 1996 Nobel Prize with William Vickrey of Columbia University, approached economics from a background in mathematics. He was particularly fascinated by ideas first put forth by Vickrey and others concerning "information asymmetry," in which one party in an economic transaction is privy to knowledge the other does not have.

"That just means not knowing as much as you would like," Mirrlees explained.

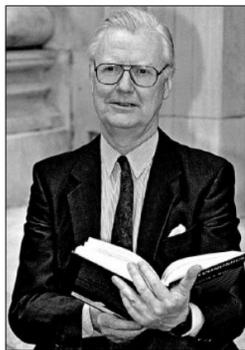
He sought to explore the implications of information asymmetry and how it affected individual behavior and economic policy.

A simple example of the concept would be when someone offers a used car for sale. The seller has a greater understanding of the condition of the automobile than the buyer. The idea has been used to understand costs and benefits in real estate, health insurance, investing, welfare and employee motivation.

"My subject has always been economics and human welfare," Mirrlees said after winning the Nobel.

He was perhaps best known for his work on "optimal taxation," for which he developed a mathematical model to define a balance between what he called equity and efficiency. In other words, he sought to find a point where government taxation would provide a shared benefit to society without being an onerous burden on individual workers.

The happiest day in his life, he said, was not the day he learned that he was to



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British political economist Professor James Mirrlees died Wednesday at age 82.

receive the Nobel but another day in 1968, when he "finally cracked the optimal tax problem ... It came in a flash and was very satisfactory."

Tax codes were traditionally based on income levels, graduated to assess a higher tax rate on people who earned more money. Mirrlees was interested in discovering if there was a point of diminishing returns when high taxes would reduce the motivation of productive workers.

"Mirrlees' work on the optimal income tax was a starting point for a vast amount of research," economist Bengt Holmstrom of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told the New York Times in 1996.

His theories were seized on by people across the political spectrum, from those who supported higher taxes to provide increased government services to those who advocated of a "flat tax" rate that would be the same at all levels of income.

"Every member of the House Ways and Means Committee and every lobbyist has been practicing Jim Mirrlees' tax theory for years as they have argued about the efficiency of various tax policies," former Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers told the Times in 1996. "He provided the first mathematically rigorous treatment of efficiency and equity that is central to modern economic policy debate."

But his statements on economic policy were open to interpretation. He suggested that the highest tax rates in Britain — which

exceeded 80 percent when he developed his theories — could cause top earners to grow discouraged and stop working hard.

On the other hand, he said taxes "could reasonably be higher, particularly for middle income earners" and could easily exceed 50 percent without affecting productivity.

"It could become a disincentive," he said, "but you could use the revenue for health services, education, and welfare payments."

His private views, he said in 1996, were in line with Britain's liberal Labour Party "because of a desire for egalitarianism, not for any great fondness for public ownership."

James Alexander Mirrlees was born July 5, 1936, in Minnigaff, Scotland. His father worked in banking, and his mother was a homemaker.

He studied mathematics at Scotland's University of Edinburgh, graduating in 1957, then enrolled at the University of Cambridge in England, obtaining degrees in mathematics and economics before receiving his doctorate in economics in 1963.

He joined the Oxford faculty in 1968 and was considered an inspired teacher. He had interim appointments at MIT, Yale University and the University of California at Berkeley. He advised Asian and African governments on economic policy before returning to Cambridge in 1995. He later had a faculty appointment at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

His wife of 32 years, Gillian Hughes, died in 1993. Survivors include his wife since 2001, the former Patricia Wilson; two daughters from his first marriage; a stepson; and four grandchildren.

Mirrlees had a reserved nature and enjoyed spending his free time playing the piano and reading detective novels. He had a sunny confidence in the economy and in the ability of people to adapt to changing times.

"People will get employed doing other things," he said. "That is the faith of economists, which non-economists find hard to believe: there will be other jobs somewhere else."

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Boveri, James R.

James R. Boveri. Beloved Son of Geraldine and the late Mario Boveri. Loving Brother of Richard H., John M. (Marian) Boveri. Visitation Tuesday September 4, 2018 from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 North Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL. Funeral and Interment Services will be Private. Please omit flowers. Funeral info. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Burnett, Judy

Judy Burnett, nee Friedman, of Northbrook, respected early childhood speech pathologist; beloved wife and best friend for 41 years of Howard; loving mother of Bill (Michele) and Eric (Sharada Krishnamurthy); adored Grammy of Noah and Jack; devoted daughter of Arthur and the late Cookie Friedman; cherished sister of Bruce (Wendy) Friedman and Sheri (David) Wishnia; dear sister-in-law of the late Norman; treasured aunt, teacher and friend to many. Service Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062, www.cancerwellness.org or Bears Care, Attn: Marge Hamm, 1920 Football Dr., Lake Forest, IL 60045, www.chicagobears.com/community/bears-care. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Cantafio, Amelia D.

A Funeral Mass for Amelia D. Cantafio, 97, formerly of Oak Park, IL, will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 465 N. Benton Street, Palatine. Interment will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. Amelia was born on December 14, 1920 in Riverton, IL to Loretta and Priscilla Fulgenzi. She passed away on Saturday, September 01, 2018 at the Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park. Amelia was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Cantafio. She is survived by her children, Loretta (Ronald) Revers, Frank (Marianne) Cantafio, Priscilla (Mel) Lewis, Claudia (Arthur) Krugel, Monica (Robert) Decker, Joseph Cantafio, John (Bridget) Cantafio, Jim Cantafio, Mary (Thomas) Soudan, William Cantafio, and Elizabeth (James) Sincox; 31 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements made by **Ahlgim Family Funeral Home**, Palatine. 847-358-7411 or AhlgimFFS.com

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Conrick, William F.

William F. Conrick, Veteran WWII U S Marines Beloved husband for 67 years of Camille nee Basile Loving father of Mary Ann (Dan) Jordan, William, Jean (The late Terry) Allen, Joanne (Dan) Lynch, Thomas, and Cathy

(Jay) Ek Fond grandfather of Lisa, Lauren, Cami, Jack, Megan, Mary, Billy, Amanda, Michael, Danny, Ann Marie, Tom, Brendan, Sean, Maggie and Aidan Dear Brother of the late Patricia and Arlene Conrick Fond Uncle of many Visitation Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 3:00-9:00PM at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Av. Norridge, IL. Funeral 9:00AM Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from the funeral home to St. Eugene Catholic Church Mass 10:00AM Interment with military honors at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers donations in Bill's name to St. Angela School 1332 N. Massasoit Chicago, IL 60651 would be appreciated Bill was a teacher for 37 years in CPS, a graduate of St. Phillip HS and DePaul University, a member of Commander Barry K of C #1118, and George Bell American Legion Post 0716 Info 708 456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Evans, Percy H.

Percy H. Evans passed away peacefully under hospice care on Tuesday August 28, 2018 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Margo M. Evans, loving father of Dean, Bryan and Diane Evans; loving grandfather to Rachel and Sydney Evans, Langston and Malcolm Fitts. Loved by many friends. Visitation Tuesday Sept. 4th 6 to 9pm at Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 7838 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago IL. Funeral Services Wednesday Sept 5th at Liberty Baptist Church 4849 S. King Drive Chicago IL 10am Wake, 11am Service Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Fink (Newburn), Judith A. 'Judy'

Born August 24, 1942 in Battle Creek Michigan, died Thursday August 30, 2018 at the age of 76 in Streamwood Illinois after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. She is survived by her two sons, William (Bill) Fink, Richard Fink and his wife Deborah Ditkowsky, and five grandchildren, Keith, Morgan, Elenna, Casey and Sam. Judy was a recipient of the 2002 and 2004 Presidential Volunteer Award for her service at the Senior Center in Elgin, IL. Judy generously requested to donate her body for Parkinson's research. A memorial service will be held in Battle Creek Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation or your local Parkinson's organization. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

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In 1783 the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.

In 1868 the Japanese city of Edo was renamed Tokyo.

In 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1976 the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking II landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1978 Pope John Paul I was installed as the 263rd pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1989 a Cubana de Aviacion jetliner crashed after takeoff in Havana, killing all 126 aboard and 26 people on the ground.

In 1994 China and Russia proclaimed an end to lingering hostilities and pledged to no longer aim nuclear missiles at each other or to use force against each other.

In 1995 the online auction site eBay was founded in San Jose, Calif., by Pierre Omidyar under the name "AuctionWeb."

In 1997 Arizona Gov. Fife Symington was convicted of lying to get millions in loans to shore up his collapsing real estate empire. (His conviction was overturned in 1999.)

In 2001 influential movie critic Pauline Kael died in Great Barrington, Mass.; she was 82.

In 2004 the three-day hostage siege at a school in Beslan, Russia, ended in bloody chaos after Chechen militants set off bombs as

Russian commandos stormed the building; nearly 340 people were killed. **Also in 2004** former President Bill Clinton was hospitalized in New York with chest pains and shortness of breath; he ended up undergoing heart bypass surgery.

In 2007 Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, 63, went missing after taking off in a single-engine plane in western Nevada. (The wreckage of the plane and traces of his remains were found more than a year later.)

In 2008 Major League Baseball's first use of instant replay backed an onfield call of a home run for Alex Rodriguez during the ninth inning of the New York Yankees game against the Tampa Bay Rays. It took 2 minutes, 15 seconds to uphold the homer that gave the Yankees an 8-3 lead.

In 2014 a judge sentenced Theodore Wafer to 17 years in prison for the 2013 fatal shooting of Renisha McBride, 19, an unarmed motorist who banged on the door of his suburban Detroit home at 4:30 a.m. (Wafer fired a shotgun blast through a locked screen door.)

In 2016 President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping formally joined a sweeping global agreement reached the year before in Paris to cut greenhouse gases, moving the world toward a dramatic reduction in climate-warming emissions.

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Graff, Eileen

Graff, Eileen, 79, passed away peacefully at Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, FL on August 31. She is survived by her husband Gary Graff, son Steven Graff and his wife Anne and grandson, Forest, son Brian Graff, and his wife Katy and grandson, Jacob. Eileen was loved and respected by all who knew her, especially by her husband, Gary, who cherished his special relationship with her for almost 60 years. She had a smile which captivated anyone she encountered. She is like a lost treasure and will be greatly missed. She will be interred, Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Beth David Memorial Gardens, in Hollywood, FL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation for Alzheimer's research.

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Hautzinger, Karl

Karl Hautzinger, age 75; beloved husband of Diane; loving father of Michael (Jeanine) and Brian (Kristine); devoted grandfather of Brennen; dear brother of Martin, John, Steve, Matt, Maria, Anna, Helen and the late Joseph; loving brother-in-law of Ellen. Visitation Tues. Sept. 4, 2018, 3-9 PM, at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral Wed. 10 AM. Entombment Elmwood Cemetery. 847/394-2336.

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Kontos, Nicholas J.

Nicholas J. Kontos, of Park Ridge, passed away on Thursday, August 30, 2018. He was born in Sellaia Sparti, Greece the son of the late John and Evangelia Kontos. He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen nee, Paraskevopoulos; his loving children, John (Frances) Kontos and Angela (Michael) Kais; proud grandfather of Eleni (James Leventis), Niko, Alexander and Zoe; dear brother of Panagiotis (Angelo) and the late Chris; brother-in-law of Vicky Kontos, Eugenia (the late Nicholas) Lymberopoulos, fond uncle of many nieces, nephews and their families. Visitation 4:00-9:00 pm Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Family and Friends will meet on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell, Niles for funeral service at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church. Interment in Ridgewood Memorial Park. For information 773-736-3833

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Mulvihill, Martin

Martin Mulvihill, age 91, a resident of Villa St. Benedict in Lisle, IL and longtime resident of Westchester, IL, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2018. He was born on November 26, 1926 in County Kerry, Ireland. He was a proud retired member of Local 399 of the International Union of Stationary Engineers. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Mary T. Mulvihill; loving father of Martin Mulvihill, Col. Kevin (Janel) Mulvihill U.S.A.F.(Ret.), Patricia (Ken) Lumb and the late James Mulvihill; adoring grandfather of Terri, Katie, Kenny, Bridget, Tara, Marie, and Elizabeth; great grandfather of Rosie; dear brother of the late Alice, Nora, Michael, Mary, Kitty, Ned, Jer, and Jack; cherished uncle and friend to many. For those that would like to leave a lasting tribute to Martin's life, memorial donations to Villa St. Benedict would be greatly appreciated. Visitation will be Friday, September 7, 10:00 until 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel, 1920 Maple Ave., Lisle, IL 60532. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM and interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville**, entrusted with arrangements. For more information, please call (630)355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com.

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O'Neill, Barbara A.

Barbara A. O'Neill, 79, of Johnsbury, passed away Sept. 1, 2018 at JourneyCare Hospice, Barrington. She was born in Chicago on Aug. 17, 1939. In her early years she was a Den Leader for the Boy Scouts. Barbara was an artist, avid golfer and member of McHenry Country Club. She enjoyed boating and retired to Nokomis Florida where she volunteered much of her time and made many friends at the Inlets Community. Barbara enjoyed cooking and had a flare for interior decorating. A loving Mother, Mamo, and Great Mamo. She is survived by her children, Michael O'Neill, Norine (Warren) Moulis, and Pete O'Neill; grandchildren, Brian O'Neill, Terrance John "T.J." O'Neill, Neil Moulis, Davin (Tony Nissen) Moulis, and Haily (Tim Donley) Moulis; great grandson, Luke Moulis Nissen; sister, Aggie (Jim) Thavis; brothers, Michael (Marguerite) Ridge and John Ridge; sister-in-law, Maureen Ridge, and many nieces and nephews. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; Peter Ridge and Mary (Davin) Ridge; beloved husband, Terrance O'Neill; son, Thomas O'Neill; brothers, Peter Ridge and Thomas Ridge. A memorial mass will be held Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 10am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2302 W. Church St., Johnsbury, IL. Interment will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Johnsbury, IL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, FL 33134, online at donate@copdfoundation.org or to JourneyCare Hospice, 405 Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington, IL 60010, online at journeycare.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Hamsher Lakeside Funerals and Cremations**, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake, IL 60020. You may leave online condolences at HAMSHERLAKESIDE.COM; for information, call 847-587-2100.

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Sweeney, Patricia M. 'Sissy'

Patricia M. "Sissy" Sweeney nee Frain beloved wife of John Sweeney; loving mother of Sean (Anne) Sweeney, Katie (George) Curtin and Patrick Sweeney; devoted grandmother of Maggie, Rowan and Jack; cherished sister of Barbara Culbertson, Michael (Leslie) Frain, Billy (Peggy) Frain, Mary (Joe) Labno and the late Jimmy Frain; dear sister-in-law of Patricia and Lori Frain; dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Troop, Saul "Sonny"

Saul "Sonny" Troop, 91, beloved husband and best friend of Roslyn, nee Sverdluk, for 68 wonderful years; loving father of Sherry Troop, Karen (Paul) Roy, Gayle (Dan) Kasten and Mindy (Rusty) Palmer; cherished grandpa of Adam (Natalie) Roy, Kaelah Roy, Emma Roy, Sara Kasten, Sam Kasten, and Melissa Palmer; devoted son of the late Rose and Simon Troop; dear brother of Mark Troop; adored and treasured friend of many. Chapel service Wednesday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice at www.journey-care.com/donate. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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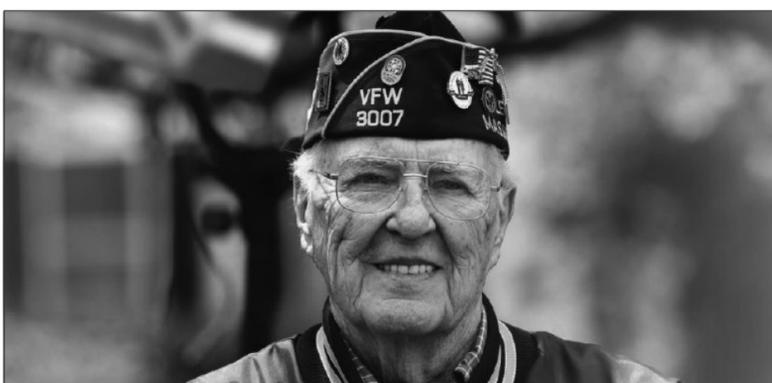
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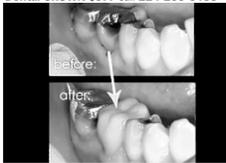
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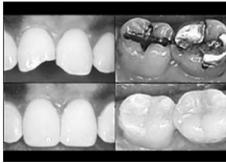
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Khalil Mack meets the media Sunday at Halas Hall. "I'm not a big talker," Mack said. "When I get out there and get on the field, you can probably sense what's going to happen."

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Everyone's pumped

Humble Mack confident he'll be NFL's best defensive player

It's easy to imagine Bears fans, if given the same seat, having the same reaction as Sandy Mack Sr., the father of the team's newest and best pass rusher, Khalil Mack.



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

As his son humbly introduced himself to the city and the franchise's followers, just hours after putting his signature on a six-year, \$141 million extension that guarantees him \$90 million, Sandy Mack, wearing a gray Mack Trucks ballcap, sat in the corner of the Halas Hall media room next to his wife, Yolanda, and occasionally pumped his right fist.

"You could say a lot of different things, but until I go out there and play, I'm not a big talker," Khalil

Mack said. "I like to go out and use my actions to speak, you know, and when I get out there and get on the field, you can probably sense what's going to happen."

Fist pump. "I've always thought of myself as the best defensive player in the league and I want to play like the best defensive player in the league," he said. "I want to be the best at what I do, and that's just me. That's what comes with Mack. Good response?"

Fist pump as the younger Mack looked over at his father.

A fan base starved to cheer on a winner is just as enthusiastic.

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Khalil Mack was a dominant force with the Raiders in 2016 when he was defensive player of the year.

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Pace again shows his aggressive style in acquiring Mack. **Back Page**

Pass-rush specialist embraces pressure of record-setting deal

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Midway through his introduction to Chicago media Sunday afternoon at Halas Hall, Khalil Mack addressed the pressure that "absolutely" accompanies becoming the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history overnight.

The new Bears outside linebacker said he believes the six-year, \$141 million contract extension that he signed Saturday after the Raiders traded him to Chicago will drive him to prove he's worth it.

"I've always thought of myself as the best defensive player in the league, and I want to play like the best defensive player in the league," Mack said. "I want to be the best at what I do, and that's

just me. That's what comes with Mack."

Mack's parents, Sandy and Yolanda, sat to the side of the interview room, and as he spoke, his father murmured his approval.

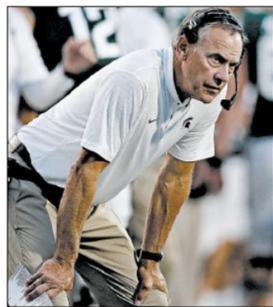
"Good response, Pop?" Mack asked.

Yeah, not bad. Now when can you start?

Mack arrived in Lake Forest with exactly one week to prepare for the season opener against the Packers at Lambeau Field on Sept. 9.

The two-time All-Pro and three-time Pro Bowler held out of all Raiders offseason activities with one goal in mind: "To get a deal," he said. He watched Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald get

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BIG TEN
Beasts of the East stumble out of gate

Penn State and Michigan State, both ranked in the preseason top 11, had to escape season-opening scares at home. Teddy Greenstein, **Page 2**

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Baez boosts case for MVP

Hot 'El Mago' homers, reaches key milestones as Lester outduels Nola

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — With four weeks left in the season, the landscape looks promising for the Cubs with a balance of dependable starting and relief pitching, dazzling defense and a fearless offense.

And the rise of Javier Baez. Baez strengthened his case for the National League Most Valuable Player Award by hitting a home run in the sixth inning off

Cy Young Award contender Aaron Nola that enabled the Cubs to pull away to an 8-1 win over the Phillies.

With one swing, Baez became only the fifth player in franchise history to hit 30 home runs and drive in 100 runs before or in his age 25 season, joining Ernie Banks (1955), Ron Santo (1964-65), Anthony Rizzo (2015) and Kris Bryant (2016).

"Hopefully that's the first of many for him," Jon Lester said after the Cubs expanded their lead to a season-high five games entering an NL Central showdown in Milwaukee beginning Monday. "I

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NL CENTRAL RACE

Contenders	W	L	GB
Cubs	81	55	—
Brewers	77	61	5
Cardinals	76	61	5½

UP NEXT
Cubs (Hamels 9-9, 3.70) at Brewers (Davies 2-5, 5.23) 1:10 p.m. Monday, WGN-9

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The Cubs are rolling as they head to Milwaukee to face the Brewers. Paul Sullivan, **Page 2**



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Javier Baez rounds the bases after hitting a solo shot in the sixth for his 30th home run of the season.

TOP OF THE SECOND



BY PAUL SULLIVAN

Hot Cubs roll into Miller Park

PHILADELPHIA — Thousands of road-tripping fans are expected to take over Miller Park this week as the Cubs and Brewers convene Monday to kick off a key three-game series in Milwaukee.

The invasion of Cubs fans has been such a frequent occurrence no one really bats an eye anymore.

When I asked Christian Yelich at the All-Star Game if they were annoyed by the hostile takeover, the Brewers star insisted it was no big deal.

"We've got other things to worry about than what's going on in the crowd," he replied. "I feel like all those games we play are pretty tight. We're more worried about that than what's going on in the stands."

The Cubs and Brewers got a head start on all those road-trippers Sunday night. Both the Cubs' flight from Philadelphia and the Brewers flight from Washington were diverted to O'Hare Airport because of a line of thunderstorms in southern Wisconsin on Sunday evening. The teams chartered buses to take them on the 90-minute trip to Milwaukee, where they'll play the series opener Monday at 1:10 p.m.

The Brewers should be worried about the Cubs since their chances of winning the National League Central seem to be slipping away, leaving them to focus on the wild-card race.

The Cubs and the Brew Crew were tied for first place on the morning of Aug. 1, shortly after the Cubs acquired left-hander Cole Hamels, who takes a 4-0 record and 0.69 ERA into Monday's start.

Since the start of August the Brewers are 14-14 and remain five games behind the Cubs after both teams won Sunday.

The Cubs have been on a roll with 10 wins in 12 games. They could go for the jugular in the land of cheese, and then get everyone some rest down the stretch.

"This is probably the best stretch we've had," Jon Lester said after earning his 15th win with six shutout innings in an 8-1 win over the Phillies. "Just seems like everything is going in the right direction for us."

Perfect timing for the Cubs before the biggest series to date, the first of two show-downs over the next 10 days against the Brewers.

The biggest difference between the teams, surprisingly, may be the state of their respective bullpens. The Cubs relievers have held their own since Brandon



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Cubs fans celebrate Sunday in Philadelphia and will be out in force this week in Milwaukee.

Morrow went on the disabled list in mid-July, while the Brewers pen appears to be wilting at the worst time.

The Brewers' relievers ranked third in the National League in the first half with a 3.33 ERA, but were third-worst in the NL in the second half, with a 5.21 ERA heading into Sunday's game.

Manager Craig Counsell sounded a bit frustrated Sunday when trying to explain why he can't use his best reliever, Josh Hader, every day. Two former White Sox relievers, Joakim Soria and Dan Jennings, blew a late lead Saturday night in Washington while Hader rested.

"This is getting a little maddening," Counsell told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "I've explained it numerous times. He can't pitch every day. He can't drive the bus. He can't serve the food in the room. ... I know we want him to do it all, but he's not going to do it all. I have to take care of him."

The Cubs are in the middle of a 23-games-in-23-days stretch, having gone 10-3 in the first 13.

The matchup Sunday between Lester and Cy Young contender Aaron Nola turned into a rout, despite Nola striking out 11 in 5²/₃ innings, including seven in a row.

Solo home runs by Daniel Murphy and Anthony Rizzo gave them an early lead before Javier Baez blasted his 30th of the season in the sixth, driving in his 100th run in one fell swoop.

"I thought he'd have a good year," manager Joe Maddon said. "But this is above and beyond."

With 26 games remaining, the Cubs have a five-game lead over the Braves for best record in the National League and could secure home-field advantage in the division series and, if they make it, the National League Championship Series with a strong finishing kick.

"It's always important," Maddon said. "It's the best way to do it. That's definitely what we want to do. It's going to be a tough month. We need to get out of this stretch in good shape, then we play at home, where we've played really well for the most part."

"Having the best record is very important to us. Obviously it sets you up as you move forward. ... If we manipulate (players' rest) properly and continue to pitch and play defense, I think we can end up with the best record."

But first things first, and the Brewers are a pesky bunch. This is the series everyone's been waiting for, so let's see who's ready.

"Anytime you play your division (rivals) in September, it's a big series," Lester said. "This is a good one for us to go up there and hopefully continue to play good baseball like we've been doing. ... Cole has been throwing the ball really well for us. Hopefully he continues that and our offense has been rolling."

"I look forward to this series. This'll be a fun series."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Heisman watch and playoff stock



Heisman stock up: Tyler Murray.

Tua Tagovailoa was as advertised in Alabama's rout of Louisville, but the breakout star of the day was Oklahoma

quarterback Murray, a former transfer from Texas A&M who already has signed a \$4.7 million deal to play out-field for the A's as the No. 9 pick in the MLB draft. Murray was 9 of 11 for 209 yards and two touchdowns in less than a half of the Sooners' 63-14 rout of Florida Atlantic — don't scoff, the Owls won 11 games last year.

Heisman stock down: Pac-12 contenders.

San Diego State held Stanford running back Bryce Love to 29 yards on 18 carries; Arizona quarterback Khalil Tate began the Kevin Sumlin era with a 17-of-34, 197-yard passing performance and only 14 yards on eight carries in a home loss to BYU; and Jake Browning had two turnovers and took five sacks in Washington's loss to Auburn.

Playoff stock up: Notre Dame.

Gaining only 69 yards and five first downs in the second half against Michigan is concerning, but if Brandon Wim-bush can minimize mistakes, a stout defense and offensive line could carry the Irish a long way. The schedule doesn't have many breathers, but it also includes only four true road games: Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, Northwestern and the finale at USC.

Playoff stock down: Washington.

The conventional wisdom was that the Huskies had more to gain or lose than Auburn on Saturday's "neutral-site" game in Atlanta. A 21-16 loss to last year's SEC West champs is hardly an embarrassment, but this was Washington's chance to show a national audience that its preseason hype was merited. Now the Huskies likely need to run the table in the Pac-12, a gauntlet that includes trips to Utah and Oregon and a home date with Stanford.

— Joel Boyd

Vulnerable Penn State, Michigan State survive



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Big Ten

Five things we learned about the Big Ten this weekend, including the fact that Fox Sports analyst and former Ohio State tailback Robert Smith perhaps should not have picked Texas to make the College Football Playoff.

The beasts of the Big Ten East must be better. Penn State needed overtime to survive a date with Appalachian State. A fluke? Hardly. The Nittany Lions played turnover-free ball, committed just two penalties and still almost lost at home, needing a fourth-and-2 completion on the final drive of regulation. Two questions: How were they caught off guard by an onside kick midway through the fourth quarter? And how could they miss so many tackles in their 45-38 victory?

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio looked ill on the sideline — and that was after his team rallied from 31-30 down in the final minutes against Utah State. The game produced two dazzling plays: Brian Lewerke spun and fired to Felton Davis, who made a diving catch; linebacker Joe Bachie leaped, tipped a ball to himself and secured an interception to end the game. Nice comeback. Scary night as a 23.5-point favorite.

At least Ohio State did its part, slaughtering Oregon State 77-31. Dwayne Haskins became Ohio State's first quarterback to throw for 300 yards and five touchdowns in his first start. Nick Bosa had two sacks and a fumble recovery for touchdown. It was a day for fantasy stats. Reality for this program will come in Week 3, against TCU. And Urban Meyer won't be on the sideline.

And as for Michigan... Who saw any of this coming? A four-game losing streak. A 9-9 record since losing as an 18-point favorite at Iowa in 2016. A streak of 17 losses to ranked opponents on the road, second-longest in the Big Ten. The league is 17-2 since bowl season. Michigan is 0-2. An eternally weak offensive line (the curse of Erik Swenson?). These are Michigan's rushing numbers in its last four games: 37 for 58 against Wisconsin, 36 for 100 against Ohio State, 33 for 74 against South Carolina, 33 for 58 at Notre Dame.

Shea Patterson is an obvious upgrade at quarterback. He can sling it. But if his line and weapons remain suspect, he won't beat Ohio State. And maybe not Northwestern, Wisconsin, Michigan State or Penn State. The Wolverines play all of them this year. Gulp.

Jim Harbaugh had no meaningful answers after the loss to Notre Dame. The

BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS

- 1. Wisconsin:** The Badgers broke in seven new defensive starters and the result was impressive — three points and 305 total yards allowed to Western Kentucky.
- 2. Ohio State:** Nice win for the Urban Meyer-less Buckeyes, but please no one drone on about "overcoming adversity."
- 3. Michigan State:** Mark Dantonio had reason to scowl after MSU rushed for less than 4 yards per carry in a seven-point squeaker against Utah State.
- 4. Penn State:** James Franklin after surviving against Appalachian State: "I started the game at 46 years old. I ended it at 51."
- 5. Northwestern:** The Wildcats committed no turnovers and did not allow a sack in their ninth straight victory; they specialize in allowing the opponent to screw up.
- 6. Iowa:** After his beating NIU with ease, Kirk Ferentz's crew deserved bonus points for his honest, emotional response to tooping Hayden Fry in Iowa victories.
- 7. Michigan:** Wolverines need to resurrect Dave Brandon to cancel the Notre Dame series. He should try to spike the Ohio State and Michigan State ones too.
- 8. Maryland:** You know who will not be replacing DJ Durkin if Durkin gets fired? Tom Herman.
- 9. Purdue:** Jeff Brohm bet on QB Elijah Sindelar, who threw three first-half interceptions. Now what? Backup David Blough completed 12 of 16 passes, scrambled well and had no picks.
- 10. Nebraska:** They canceled Christmas in Lincoln.:(
- 11. Indiana:** Hoosiers did not need to show passports to earn a solid victory at Florida International.
- 12. Minnesota:** Do yourself a favor and watch Antoine Winfield Jr.'s 76-yard punt return. Seems he broke 10 tackles.
- 13. Rutgers:** Congrats on crushing Texas State. Good luck in Columbus.
- 14. Illinois:** How do you avoid a brutal home loss to a bad MAC team? By getting six tackles-for-a-loss from linebacker Jake Hansen.

best coaches inspire confidence after tough defeats. In public, Harbaugh has become a robot. He's that math teacher who makes you fall asleep during lectures. And at this rate, during games too.

Terps should take a bow. Who thought Maryland would upset Texas, or even cover the 13.5 points? Not me. The Terps honored deceased teammate Jordan McNair by taking the field with 10 men, taking a delay-of-game penalty that the Longhorns declined. Well done by all involved.

And then the Terps balled out. Jashaun Jones became the first FBS freshman since



ABBY DREV/AP

Penn State's Amani Oruwariye intercepts a pass in overtime Saturday to seal the win.

Marcus Mariota with a touchdown run, reception and pass in the same game. Maryland rallied from 29-24 down, proving three things: 1) The players have heart; 2) DJ Durkin recruited well; 3) interim coach Matt Canada is poised to replace him.

Rondale Moore is a sensation. If every Purdue opponent wasn't already aware of "No. 4," they will be soon. The 5-8 Moore lit up Northwestern on Thursday night, breaking ankles and slithering through tackles for 313 all-purpose yards. Purdue is thankful the freshman from Louisville's Trinity High (where Boilermakers coach Jeff Brohm played) decommitted from Texas and turned down offers from Ohio State and Alabama.

"He's a talent, no doubt," NU linebacker Nate Hall said. "His quickness, his knack for understanding where the defenders are, his cutbacks ... he put that on film so teams will prepare for him, I'm sure."

When I think of Kirk Ferentz, this word comes to mind: Dignity. His program is hardly perfect. Hawkeyes fans have gotten frustrated by five-loss seasons and talk of the ginormous buyout. And yet there's a trust factor with Ferentz, a sense that given an ethical challenge, he'll do the right thing.

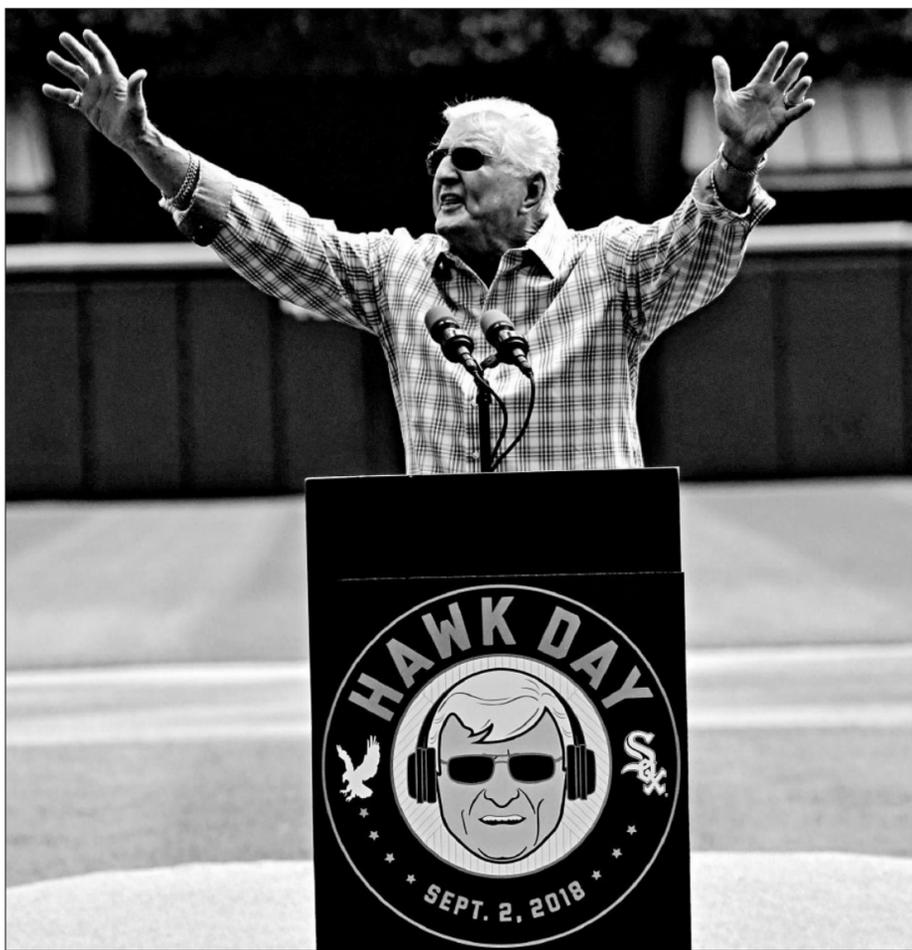
How many Power Five coaches deserve that tag?

Ferentz is the dean of Big Ten coaches and after the Hawkeyes pounded NIU 33-7, he is Iowa's all-time winningest coach. As the Athletic's noted, Ferentz spent more time praising the Kinnick Stadium maintenance crew than basking in the accomplishment.

Defensive end A.J. Epenesa said he didn't even know about Ferentz's record until he was asked about it after the game: "He puts the team in front of everything."

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WHITE SOX 8, RED SOX 0



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Ken Harrelson acknowledges the White Sox crowd on "Hawk Day" as he is honored before Sunday's game.

Hawk Day: Yes!

White Sox pay tribute to thankful, proud Harrelson

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Winging it, like always, Ken Harrelson formally said goodbye to White Sox fans on a steamy Sunday at Guaranteed Rate Field. He had some Hawk moments in his 15-minute speech before the Sox's 8-0 victory, for sure. But mostly he was Kenneth Smith Harrelson, his late mother Jessie's son, surrounded by family and friends and reflecting on a 60-year career in baseball, with a quick side trip through the world of professional golf.

Harrelson was being honest when he told reporters beforehand that Hawk Day would be "bittersweet," and it's clear to anyone who knows him he'd love to step into a time machine and do it all again. Yet he was being genuine when he ended his speech by quoting from Lou Gehrig's famous farewell.

"Lou Gehrig was sick and he knew it," Harrelson said. "He said today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I know how he felt. I'm standing here right now, Lou, on my White Sox field, and I think I finally understand how you felt because I feel exactly like you felt. I feel like I'm the proudest man and the luckiest man on the face of the earth, and I'll tell you why."

"When you take a man's money, you take a man's money. When you take a man's time, you take a part of his life. I want to thank you all for giving me 35 years of your time."

Harrelson, who moved from the broadcast booth to become the White Sox general manager in 1986, has been tied closely to the team since returning as the

THE BOX SCORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
BOSTON						
Velazquez p	0	0	0	0	0	—
a-Vazquez dh	1	0	0	0	1	.209
Scott p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Betts rf	3	0	0	0	1	.340
Lin ss	1	0	0	0	1	.178
Bogaerts ss	3	0	2	0	0	.282
Travis rf	1	0	0	0	1	.176
Moreland 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.250
Pearce 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.283
Martinez lf	3	0	2	0	2	.437
Nunez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.262
Leon c	1	0	0	0	1	.196
Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.248
Holt dh-2b	2	0	0	0	1	.262
Swihart c-3b	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	2	.230
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	12	
WHITE SOX						
LaMarre rf	4	1	1	0	1	.281
Delmonico lf	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Anderson ss	5	2	3	1	1	.248
Davidson 1b	4	1	2	2	2	.239
Palka lf-rr	5	1	1	1	2	.236
Rondon dh	4	1	1	1	1	.262
Smith c	2	0	1	1	0	.285
Moncada 2b	5	2	2	0	2	.475
Sanchez 3b	5	1	2	1	0	.251
Engel cf	3	0	1	2	3	.238
TOTALS	39	8	15	8	12	

a-struck out for Velazquez in the 9th. **LOB:** Boston 8. **WHITE SOX 13.** 2B: Anderson 2 (26), Davidson (22). **HR:** Anderson (18), off Johnson; Palka (20), off Cuevas. **RBI:** Anderson (59), Davidson 2 (56), Palka (54), Rondon (10), Smith (15), Sanchez (47), Engel (27). **SB:** Bogaerts (6), Swihart (4), Sanchez (13), Engel (15). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4 (Moreland, Nunez, Swihart, Bradley Jr.); White Sox 9 (LaMarre 2, Palka 2, Rondon, Sanchez 4). **RISP:** Boston 0 for 4; White Sox 6 for 18. **Runners moved up:** Anderson, Palka, Moncada. **GDP:** Nunez. **DP:** White Sox 1 (Anderson, Davidson).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Johnson, L, 4-4	1½	7	4	4	1	2	4.36
Poyner	1½	1	1	1	1	1	2.19
Cuevas	2½	3	2	2	2	5	4.75
Scott	1½	2	0	0	0	3	9.82
Velazquez	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.24
WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Shields, W, 6-15	6	4	0	0	2	6	4.39
Frare	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Minaya	1	0	0	0	2	4	4.98
Santiago	1	1	0	0	1	2	4.74

Inherited runners scored: Poyner 1. **HBP:** Shields (Holt), Cuevas (Davidson), Scott (Delmonico). **WP:** Shields, Cuevas. **PB:** Leon (9). **Umpires:** H, Sean Barber; 1B, Ted Barrett; 2B, Will Little; 3B, Lance Barksdale. **Time:** 3:12. **A:** 30,745 (40,615).

play-by-play man in 1990. He will wrap up his broadcasting career the weekend of Sept. 21-23 when the Cubs visit the South Side.

Harrelson served as the point man on several celebrations, including the World Series parade in 2005 and retirement ceremonies honoring Mark Buehrle, Paul Konerko and Jim Thome. This one drew a crowd of 30,745.

He started writing a script a couple of weeks ago for his own but decided to chuck that draft and just speak from the heart. He was emotional from the start, when he spoke about his wife,

TIGERS AT WHITE SOX

All games on WGN-AM 720.

Monday: 1:10 p.m., NBCSCH. **RH** Michael Fulmer (3-10, 4.71) vs. **RH** Reynaldo Lopez (5-9, 4.51). **Tuesday:** 7:10 p.m., WGN-9. **LH** Francisco Liriano (3-9, 4.96) vs. **RH** Lucas Giolito (10-9, 5.66). **Wednesday:** 7:10 p.m., NBCSCH. **RH** Jordan Zimmermann (6-6, 4.22) vs. **RH** Michael Kopec (1-0, 0.82).

Aris, but reeled himself in and did a good job talking about Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and the organization Reindorf built after purchasing the team in 1981.

Harrelson's opinionated, pro-White Sox broadcast style isn't for everyone, which is probably why he hasn't won the Ford C. Frick Award, recognizing baseball's top broadcaster. But he is a three-time finalist for the award and has many people pushing for him to win an upcoming election, including Rangers radio play-by-play man Eric Nadel.

Nadel was one of eight broadcasters who spoke about Harrelson in video clips played on the stadium scoreboard during the 30-minute ceremony.

"Thanks for showing me there's a different way of doing this," he said. "Thanks for showing me that you can show your personality on the air, that you can show your emotions on the air."

Orioles broadcaster Gary Thorne calls Harrelson one of the last of the real characters in the broadcast booth.

"We don't see much of that anymore," he said. "We've got so many numbers and so much stuff that gets jammed into a broadcast you don't have time to be a personality in many cases. Hawk took time to be that. That's why the fans love him."

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CUBS NOTES

Lester in control with six scoreless innings

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — While Jacob deGrom, Aaron Nola and Max Scherzer and others compete for the National League Cy Young Award, the Cubs rotation has been coming on strong recently, showing the quality pitching manager Joe Maddon envisioned in spring training.

Despite a wobbly first inning, Jon Lester continued the upward trend Sunday by throwing six scoreless innings to outpitch Nola as the Cubs pulled away to an 8-1 win over the Pirates.

Since getting peppered for nine runs in 3⅓ innings against the Nationals on Aug. 11, Lester has allowed four runs in his last four starts. That has virtually paralleled the performance of the Cubs starters, who have posted a 2.21 ERA in their last 17 starts since Aug. 16 — when Lester pitched six shutout innings versus the Pirates.

Lester worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth and retired six of the last seven batters. "When it gets a little tight, and you've got a lead, he makes really good pitches," Maddon said. "He made good pitches when he had to."

Lester (15-5, 3.53) quickly tempered talk of his Cy Young candidacy, but he lowered his ERA at Citizens Bank Park to 1.10 in six career starts, the lowest ERA of any pitcher with at least five starts there.

The Cubs, who scored one run in eight innings against deGrom in a 2-1 win over the Mets in 11 innings Tuesday, are scheduled to face Scherzer on Saturday.

CUBS AT BREWERS

All games on WSCR-AM 670.

Monday: 1:10 p.m., WGN-9. **LH** Cole Hamels (9-9, 3.70) vs. **RH** Zach Davies (2-5, 5.23). **Tuesday:** 7:10 p.m., NBCSCH. **LH** Mike Montgomery (4-4, 3.82) vs. **LH** Wade Miley (2-2, 2.18). **Wednesday:** 7:10 p.m., WGN-9. **LH** Jose Quintana (11-9, 4.21) vs. **RH** Jhoulys Chacin (14-5, 3.53).

Bonus break for Ben: Ben Zobrist might get two consecutive games off as Maddon attempts to preserve the versatile veteran's energy for the stretch run.

Zobrist, 37, may get a break Monday, partly because he's 1-for-11 lifetime against Brewers starter Zach Davies.

"The healthier and fresher we keep Zo, the greater the return," said Maddon, who thought it would be "unwise" to start Zobrist in Sunday's series finale after Saturday night's game.

Shortstop Addison Russell may get his first start since being activated from the 10-day disabled list Saturday.

Left-handed reliever Brian Duensing and pitcher Tyler Chatwood are expected to join the team from Triple-A Iowa, which concludes its season Monday. Duensing and Chatwood are on minor-league rehab assignments.

Extra innings: The Cubs hit three triples — in the sixth, seventh and eighth — to equal their most in one game since April 24, 2002. ... Left fielder Kyle Schwarber has 11 outfield assists, the most by a Cubs outfielder since Alfonso Soriano (12) in 2012.



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

Javier Baez is slides into third base with a leadoff triple Sunday to spark a four-run rally by the Cubs against the Phillies. Baez scored two runs.

Baez, Cubs down Phils

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think everybody is getting to see what the hype was about when they drafted him (in 2011) and called him up (in 2014).

"It's nice to see him put it all together and have a good year for us on both sides of the ball. It's definitely a key component to our lineup."

Baez legged out a triple to spark a four-run eighth that allowed the Cubs to cruise to their 10th victory in their last 12 games and move to a season-high 26 games over .500.

"He's been unreal since I got here," said Daniel Murphy, who snapped a scoreless tie with a homer in the third after Nola had struck out six consecutive batters.

Murphy marveled at Baez's quick backhanded stop and throw from shortstop Saturday to retire Roman Quinn.

"There are three people on this planet who make that play, and I got a front-row seat to one of them."

But Baez's biggest growth spurt has occurred at the plate, where he has managed to drive in 100 runs while starting in every spot in the batting order (except ninth) at least four times.

"(Rizzo told me he's not surprised with the homers, but surprised with the RBIs)," Baez said. "I feel great about it. I did move around a lot in the lineup, but we trust every guy in the lineup. It's just about people on base."

Baez has been the mainstay on a Cubs roster that has endured a first-half slump by Rizzo, a 4½-month funk by the rotation, the loss of slugger Kris Bryant for 51 games because of left shoulder inflammation and the loss of closer Brandon Morrow since the All-Star break with right biceps inflammation.

In the last six games, the Cubs have won against formidable starters such as Noah Syndergaard and Jacob deGrom of the Mets, Mike Foltynewicz of the Braves and Nola.

"I feel our guys have done well against the league's best," Lester said. "I think especially a guy like Javy. When you put up the league's best against him, he seems to go to another gear."

And Murphy has elevated the Cubs offense, batting .306. He

THE BOX SCORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
CUBS						
Murphy 2b	4	1	1	1	0	.301
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Russell ss	1	0	0	0	0	.258
Baez ss-2b	5	2	2	1	2	.299
Rizzo 1b	2	3	2	2	0	.280
c-Caratini ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	.244
Bryant rf-3b-lf	3	1	1	0	2	.280
Gore lf	0	0	0	0	0	—
Schwarber lf	4	0	1	1	2	.239
De La Rosa p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kintzler p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Contreras c	3	1	0	0	1	.263
Happ cf-rr	4	0	2	2	2	.239
Lester p	2	0	0	0	2	.113
lf-La Stella ph	0	0	0	0	0	.273
c-Almora ph-cf	1	0	0	1	0	.293
Bote 3b-2b-3b	4	0	0	0	2	.248
TOTALS	34	8	9	8	13	
PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Quinn cf	4	0	1	0	1	.351
Hoskins lf	4	0	1	0	2	.251
Bautista rf-3b	4	0	1	0	0	.198
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.225
Cabrera 3b-2b	3	0	2	0	1	.264
f-Cozens ph	1	0	0	0	1	.095
Kingery ss	4	1	2	0	2	.231
Florimon 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.250
a-Alltherr ph-rr	2	0	0	0	1	.170
Alfaro c	4	0	2	1	0	.255
Nola p	2	0	0	0	1	.058
Arano p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Morgan p	0	0	0	0	0	—
d-Franco ph	1	0	0	0	1	.267
Garcia p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Rios p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
g-Williams ph	1	0	0	0	0	.263
TOTALS	36	1	10	1	12	

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a-filed out for Florimon in the 6th. b-pinch hit for Lester in the 7th. c-grounded out for La Stella in the 7th. d-struck out for Morgan in the 7th. e-filed out for Rizzo in the 9th. f-struck out for Cabrera in the 9th. g-grounded out for Rios in the 9th. **LOB:** CUBS 4, Philadelphia 8. **2B:** Happ (16), Quinn (6), Cabrera (32), Alfaro (16). **3B:** Baez (9), Schwarber (3), Happ (2). **HR:** Murphy (9), off Nola; Rizzo (23), off Nola; Baez (30), off Nola. **RBI:** Murphy (35), Baez (100), Rizzo 2 (88), Schwarber (57), Happ 2 (39), Almora (33), Alfaro (33). **SP:** Almora. **Runners left in scoring position:** CUBS 3 (Murphy, Contreras, Bote); Philadelphia 5 (Cabrera, Nola 2, Alltherr, Williams). **RISP:** CUBS 2 for 8; Philadelphia 1 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Schwarber. **GDP:** Contreras. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Kingery, Florimon, Santana).

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lester, W, 15-5	6	8	0	0	0	7	3.53
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.90
De La Rosa	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.72
Kintzler	1	2	1	1	0	2	4.56
PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola, L, 15-4	5½	5	4	4	2	11	2.23
Arano	½	1	0	0	0	0	2.65
Morgan	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.89
Garcia	½	3	4	2	0	4	4.69
Rios	1½	0	0	0	0	1	5.58

Arano pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. **Inherited runners scored:** Arano 1-0, Morgan 1-0, Rios 2-1. **Umpires:** H, Mark Ripberger; 1B, Doug Eddings; 2B, Joe West; 3B, Marty Foster. **Time:** 3:37. **A:** 36,517 (43,647).

battled from a 1-2 count to hit his homer off Nola, who had allowed only seven home runs in his previous 28 starts.

"He knows what he's doing at the plate," manager Joe Maddon said. "He's constantly talking to the rest of the guys, and I appreciate that."

Television cameras caught an animated Murphy returning to the dugout, but Maddon deferred all inquiries about the nature of Murphy's excitement.

"No, I think the things I said are for my teammates," Murphy said with a smirk.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Frare perfect in major-league debut

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Caleb Frare can't hardly believe he's with the White Sox, and they feel thrilled to have added him as a second left-hander in the bullpen they're constructing for future seasons.

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Cubs Hamels (L)	9-9	3.70	13-13	2-0	21.0	0.43	
Mil Davies (R)	1:10p	2-5	5.23	2-6	0-3	14.2	6.75
StL Flaherty (R)	8-6	2.87	11-11	2-0	19.0	0.95	
Was Scherzer (R)	12:05p	16-6	2.22	19-9	1-1	18.0	2.50
Phi Velasquez (R)	9-9	4.05	11-14	1-0	11.1	4.76	
Mia Urena (R)	12:10p	4-12	4.56	7-19	1-0	15.0	3.00
Cin Harvey (R)	6-7	4.97	12-11	1-0	15.2	3.45	
Pit Williams (R)	12:35p	11-9	3.30	13-13	1-1	19.0	0.95
SO Bumgarner (L)	5-5	2.68	8-8	1-1	21.0	2.57	
CF Anderson (L)	2:10p	6-7	4.79	10-17	0-3	11.1	15.09
NY deGrom (R)	8-8	1.68	11-16	1-0	23.0	0.78	
LA Wood (L)	7:10p	8-6	3.42	13-12	1-0	16.0	2.25
SD Mitchell (R)	0-3	7.08	2-5	0-1	12.1	8.76	
ARI Godley (R)	7:10p	14-7	4.42	16-11	1-1	17.2	6.11

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Det Fulmer (R)	3-10	4.71	5-16	0-2	13.0	9.69	
Sox Lopez (R)	1:10p	5-9	4.51	10-17	0-0	14.2	5.52
Hou Gibson (R)	7-11	3.79	12-15	1-2	17.0	6.35	
Miu Keuchel (L)	1:10p	10-10	3.58	16-12	1-1	18.2	4.82
NY Sabathia (L)	7-5	3.36	14-10	1-1	18.0	2.50	
Oak Cahill (R)	3:05p	5-5	3.60	10-7	1-1	15.1	4.70
KC Junis (R)	7-12	4.53	10-15	1-0	20.0	2.70	
CL Plutko (R)	3:10p	4-4	4.94	4-5	0-2	16.2	5.40
TB TBD							
Tr Stroman (R)	6:07p	4-8	5.27	8-10	0-0	16.0	3.38
LA Shoemaker (R)	1-0	4.76	1-0	1-0	5.2	4.76	
Tex Springs (L)	7:05p	0-0	2.55	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Sea Rogers (L)	1-0	5.40	1-0	1-0	5.0	5.40	
Bal Ramirez (R)	8:10p	1-3	6.28	3-3	1-1	14.0	5.79

INTERLEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Bos Eovaldi (R)	5-7	4.35	6-11	0-3	11.1	9.53	
Ast Toussaint (R)	1-0	1.50	1-0	1-0	6.0	1.50	

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS
Cubs 8, PHILADELPHIA 1	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
WHITE SOX 8, Boston 0	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Toronto 6, MIAMI 1	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Milwaukee 9, WASHINGTON 4	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
KANSAS CITY 9, Baltimore 1	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Cincinnati 6, ST. LOUIS 4 (10)	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
TEXAS 18, Minnesota 4	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
OAKLAND 8, Seattle 2	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
N.Y. Mets 4, SAN FRANCISCO 1	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
LA. DODGERS 3, Arizona 2	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Colorado 7, SAN DIEGO 3	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Tampa Bay 4, CLEVELAND 4	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
ATLANTA 5, Pittsburgh 1	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
HOUSTON 4, L.A. Angels 2	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS
Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:10	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Baltimore at White Sox, 7:10	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
St. Louis at Washington, 6:05	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6:07	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:10	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:10	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	
Boston at Atlanta, 6:35	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	

NL LEADERS	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS
BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Gennett, CIN	133	505	79	161	.319
Yelich, MIL	122	490	96	155	.316
Zobrist, CHI	113	368	59	114	.310
Arnette, STL	129	449	52	139	.310
Cain, MIL	118	453	72	139	.307
Freeman, ATL	136	526	84	161	.306
Markakis, ATL	136	531	72	163	.303
Arenado, COL	130	488	85	147	.301
Ibanez, CHI	133	508	85	152	.299
Goldtschmidt, ARI	135	511	84	151	.295

HOME RUNS	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS
Carpenter, STL	35	Markakis, ATL	39		
Aguilar, MIL	31	Trumble, STL	39		
Ramirez, COL	31	Adrianza, COL	31		
Goldtschmidt, ARI	31	KMarte, ARI	30		
Munoy, LA	31	STOLEN BASES			
Suzuki, CIN	31	Turner, WAS	35		
WALKS		Trout, LA	30		
Blacker, COL	97	PITCHING			
Yelich, MIL	96	Scherzer, WAS	16-6		
Albies, ATL	90	Lester, CHI	15-5		
Hammer, STL	86	Harmon Killebrew, MIN	15-4		
RBI		Chacin, MIL	14-7		
Baez, CHC	100	ERA			
Schwarz, CIN	100	deGrom, NY	1.68		
Aguilar, MIL	93	Adrianza, WAS	2.22		
Arenado, COL	92	Nola, PHI	2.22		
Rizzo, CHI	88	Foltynewicz, ATL	2.20		
Stroy, COL	87	Freeland, COL	2.96		
WALKS		STRIKEOUTS			
Freeman, ATL	161	Scherzer, WAS	249		
Gennett, CIN	161	deGrom, NY	224		
Markakis, ATL	161	Corbin, NY	224		
Yelich, MIL	155	Nola, PHI	188		
Peraza, CIN	153	through Sunday			

BLUE JAYS 6, MARLINS 1	BREWERS 9, NATIONALS 4
TORONTO	MILWAUKEE
McKinney rf-1f	Granderson lf
Travis lf	Yelich rf-ph
Morales lf	Wendle lf
Mackay lf	Shaw 2b-1b
Griuchuk rf-1f	Thames 1b
Diariel Jr. ss	Andrioli lf
Diariel 3b	Moustakas 3b
Hernandez cf	Pina c
Malle c	Rodriguez cf
Reid-Foley p	Arcaia ss
c-Phillip ph-cf	Guerra p
TOTALS	TOTALS
MIAMI	WASHINGTON
Riddle ss	Eaton rf
Anderson 3b	Harmon Killebrew lf
Realnuto 1b	Harper cf
Castro 2b	c-Zimmerman ph
Alegia lf	Rendon 3b
Brinson cf	Soto lf
Wallach c	Reynolds 1b
Sierra rf	Dieroff 2b
a-Rivera ph	Kieboom c
Graves p	Rodriguez cf
b-Dietrich ph	Stevenson cf
d-Rosalski p	TOTALS
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Villar ss	Votto 1b
Smook 1b	Garcia pr
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Anger 3b	Dixon rf
Petersen 3b	Profar 3b
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Nunes ph-ph-3b	DeScalfani p
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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
							@GB 7:20 NBC-5 AM-780
	@MIL 1:10 WGN-9 AM-670	@MIL 7:10 NBCSCH AM-670	@MIL 7:10 WGN-9 AM-670	@WAS 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@WAS 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@WAS 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670	@WAS 12:35 TBS AM-670
	DET 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	DET 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	DET 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720		LAA 7:10 NBCSCH+ AM-720	LAA 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	LAA 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720
							NEXT: Sept. 16 ORL. 4 FS1

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
Noon	Red Sox at Braves	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000
1:10 p.m.	Cubs at Brewers	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
1:10 p.m.	Tigers at White Sox	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
3 p.m.	Yankees at Athletics	ESPN
7 p.m.	Mets at Dodgers	MLBN
10 p.m.	Orioles at Mariners	MLBN
7 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Florida State	ESPN

HORSE RACING

Noon PGA Dell Championship Golf (more, 12:30 p.m., NBC-5)

MOTORSPORTS

10 a.m. NHRA U.S. Nationals finals FS1 (more, noon, FOX-32)

TENNIS

10 a.m. U.S. Open Round of 16 ESPN2 (more, 6 p.m., ESPN2)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25	CP	REC	PF	PA	SUNDAY/NEXT GAME	*A.M.
1. Alabama	1	1-0	51	14	Sat vs. Arkansas State, 2:30	
2. Clemson	2	1-0	58	17	Sat at Texas A&M, 6	
3. Georgia	4	1-0	45	0	Sat at South Carolina, 2:30	
4. Wisconsin	7	1-0	34	3	Sat vs. New Mexico, 11*	
5. Ohio State	3	1-0	77	31	Sat at Rutgers, 2:30	
6. Washington	6	0-1	16	21	Sat vs. North Dakota, 4	
7. Oklahoma	5	1-0	63	14	Sat vs. UCLA, noon	
8. Miami	8	0-1	17	33	L 13-17 vs. #25 LSU	
9. Auburn	10	1-0	21	16	Sat vs. Alabama State, 6:30	
10. Penn State	9	1-0	45	38	Sat at Pittsburgh, 7	
11. Michigan State	12	1-0	38	31	Sept. 8 at Arizona State, 9:45	
12. Notre Dame	11	1-0	24	17	Sat vs. Ball State, 2:30	
13. Stanford	12	1-0	31	10	Sat vs. #15 USC, 7:30	
14. Michigan	14	0-1	17	24	Sat vs. Western Michigan, 11*	
15. USC	15	1-0	43	21	Sat at #13 Stanford, 7:30	
16. TCU	15	1-0	55	7	Fri at SMU, 7	
17. West Virginia	20	1-0	40	14	Sat vs. Youngstown State, 5	
18. Mississippi State	18	1-0	63	6	Sat at Kansas State, 11*	
19. Florida State	19	0-0	0	0	Mon vs. #20 Virginia Tech, 7	
20. Virginia Tech	17	0-0	0	0	Mon at #19 Florida State, 7	
21. UCF	23	1-0	56	17	Sat vs. S. Carolina St., 11	
22. Boise State	22	1-0	56	20	Sat vs. Connecticut, 9:15	
23. Texas	21	0-1	29	34	Sat vs. Tulsa, 7	
24. Oregon	24	1-0	35	24	Sat vs. Portland State, 1	
25. LSU	24	1-0	33	17	W 33-17 vs. #9 Miami	

CP-coaches poll; PF/A-points for/allowed

WEST	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	NEXT GAME
Northwestern	1-0	1-0	31	27	Sat vs. Duke, 11*
Minnesota	0-0	1-0	48	10	Sat vs. Fresno State, 6:30
Illinois	0-0	1-0	33	24	Sat vs. Western Michigan, 6:30
Iowa	0-0	1-0	38	7	Sat vs. Iowa State, 4
Wisconsin	0-0	1-0	34	3	Sat vs. New Mexico, 11*
Nebraska	0-0	0-0	0	0	Sat vs. Colorado, 2:30
Purdue	0-1	0-1	27	31	Sat vs. E. Michigan, 11*

SUNDAY'S FBS SCORE: North Carolina A&T 28, East Carolina 23

NFL

Gruden opens up on Mack

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jon Gruden didn't mince words. As excited as he was to coach Khalil Mack in his second stint with the Raiders, Gruden believes the right move ultimately was to trade Mack to give the team the draft picks and salary-cap room needed to rebuild a depleted roster.

"It wasn't my goal to trade Khalil when we got here," Gruden said Sunday. "One of the reasons I'm here is because of him. Unfortunately, we had a standoff with a contract, and we could not come to terms. The Bears made us an offer of two first-round draft choices and here we are today."

The Raiders made the blockbuster trade Saturday, dealing one of the game's most dominant defensive players to the Bears.

Mack then immediately signed a six-year, \$141 million extension with the Bears that guarantees \$90 million. That's the richest deal ever for a defensive player and nowhere near where the Raiders were willing to go after already committing \$25 million a year to quarterback Derek Carr. The Bears were willing to commit that money in part because they have quarterback Mitch Trubisky on a rookie deal.

The Rams gave \$87 million guaranteed to Aaron Donald last week in what was the richest defensive contract for one day until Mack surpassed it.

"We would like to have the player stay here," Gruden said. "We're going to be second-guessed until the cows come home on this. I understand that. But, bottom line is, we did do our due diligence, there was a stand-off, and he got a great contract from the Bears — a great contract."



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Serena Williams serves in her 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 win over Kaia Kanepi in the fourth round of the U.S. Open on Sunday.

U.S. OPEN

Williams advances after 3-set struggle

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams' yells of "Come on!" crescendoed right along with the tension in a fourth-round U.S. Open match that began as a rout and suddenly became riveting.

When she ripped a backhand winner to claim the third set's opening game Sunday, Williams let out her loudest shout of the day, leaning forward and rocking both arms. This turned into a test, and she passed it.

Williams reached the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for a 10th consecutive appearance — she wasn't there last year because she gave birth to her daughter during the tournament — by picking her level up after a lull and using 18 aces to beat Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

"It wasn't an easy match at all. She obviously knows how to play," said Williams, a six-time U.S. Open champion who finished with more than twice as many winners as Kanepi, 47-22. "I was just happy to get through it."

Next comes a quarterfinal against 2016 runner-up Karolina Pliskova, who beat Williams in the U.S. Open semifinals that year.

"I know she was the best at that time, but I just wanted to win. So that's why I won, because I believed I have a chance," the No. 8-seeded Pliskova said.

"I have a game to beat her."

In men's action, defending champion Rafael Nadal reached his fourth Grand Slam quarterfinal of the season, and 36th of his career, by getting past Nikoloz Baslashvili 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.

"Now is the moment to make the next step, step forward, play more aggressive. I did a lot of things well during the whole season. (It) is the moment to make it happen again," said the No. 1-ranked Nadal, who has won 26 of his last 27 matches. "I hope to be ready to make that happen."

He gets two days' rest before taking on No. 9 Dominic Thiem for a semifinal berth in what will be rematch of this year's French Open final, which Nadal won in straight sets.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. Red Bulls	17	7	4	55	50	29
Atlanta	16	5	6	54	56	33
N.Y. City FC	14	7	6	48	50	36
Columbus	12	8	7	43	35	34
Philadelphia	12	11	4	40	39	41
Montreal	11	14	3	36	37	45
D.C. United	8	11	6	30	42	43
New England	7	10	9	30	33	54
Toronto FC	7	14	6	27	45	52
Orlando City	7	16	3	24	40	61
FIRE	6	15	6	24	37	52
Vancouver	4	15	7	17	37	52

Three points for win, one point for tie.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	16	1	6	54	48	17
Seattle	11	4	4	41	26	16
Portland	11	6	6	39	37	27
RED STARS	8	7	6	45	55	43
Utah	8	7	8	32	20	22
Houston	9	9	5	35	34	34
Orlando	8	9	6	30	30	36
Washington	2	17	5	11	12	35
Sky Blue FC	1	16	6	2	20	47

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Liverpool	4	0	0	9	1	12
Chelsea	4	0	0	3	12	12
Watford	4	0	0	3	12	12
Man City	3	1	0	11	3	10
Tottenham	3	0	1	9	4	9
Bournemouth	2	1	7	7	17	7
Everton	1	3	0	7	6	6
Arsenal	2	0	2	6	5	6
Leicester	2	0	2	8	6	6
Man United	1	0	6	7	6	6
Southampton	1	2	4	4	4	4
Fulham	1	1	2	7	9	4
Brighton	1	2	5	7	4	4
West Ham	0	3	6	3	6	3
Cardiff	0	2	2	2	5	2
Huddersfield	0	2	2	10	2	2
Newcastle	0	1	3	3	6	1
Burnley	0	1	3	9	1	1
West Ham	0	4	2	10	0	0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Arsenal 3, Cardiff 2
Man United 2, Burnley 0
Watford 2, Tottenham 1

WNBA PLAYOFFS

SEMI-FINALS (Best-of-5)
SEATTLE 2, PHOENIX 2
Aug. 26: SEATTLE 91-87
Aug. 28: SEATTLE 91-87 (OT)
Aug. 31: PHOENIX 86-86
Sunday: PHOENIX 86-84
Tuesday: at Seattle

ATLANTA 2, WASHINGTON 2
Aug. 26: WASHINGTON 87-84
Aug. 28: ATLANTA 78-75
Aug. 31: ATLANTA 81-76
Sunday: WASHINGTON 97-76
Tuesday: at Atlanta

FINALS (x-if necessary; best-of-5)
Thursday: TBD, TBA
Sept. 9: TBD, 2:30
Sept. 12: TBD, TBA
x-Sept. 14: TBD, TBA
x-Sept. 16: TBD, 7

NFL

REGULAR SEASON: WEEK 1	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30 (NBC-5)	Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30 (NBC-5)
Bears at Green Bay, 7:20 (NBC-5)	Bears at Green Bay, 7:20 (NBC-5)
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon	Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, noon	Cincinnati at Indianapolis, noon
at N.Y. Giants	at N.Y. Giants
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon	Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon
Houston at Dallas, 3:05	Houston at Dallas, 3:05
Seattle at Denver, 3:25	Seattle at Denver, 3:25
Washington at Carolina, 3:25	Washington at Carolina, 3:25
Monday, Sept. 10	Monday, Sept. 10
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 6:10	N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 6:10
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 9:20	L.A. Rams at Oakland, 9:20

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MINOR LEAGUES

MIDWEST LEAGUE EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bowling Green	41	27	.603	
Lansing	37	32	.536	4½
Great Lakes	36	32	.529	5
Fort Wayne	32	36	.471	9
West Michigan	32	36	.471	9
Lake County	29	38	.441	11
South Bend	29	39	.426	12
Dayton	27	41	.397	14
CORNBELT	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Cedar Rapids	45	24	.652	
Quad Cities	40	29	.580	5
Peoria	37	31	.544	7½
Kane County	36	31	.537	8
Wisconsin	36	32	.529	8½
Clinton	30	39	.435	15
Burlington	20	45	.308	23

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Lake County 6, Lansing 2
Great Lakes 5, South Bend 3
Quad Cities 2, Peoria 1
Bellevue, Cedar Rapids 4
Clinton 4, Burlington 3
West Michigan 2, Fort Wayne 1
Bowling Green 8, Dayton 7
Kane County 2, Wisconsin 1 (10)

FRONTIER LEAGUE EAST

CLUB	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	54	42	.568	
Chicago	46	46	.500	4
Lake Erie	50	45	.521	4
Schaumburg	55	51	.519	9
Traverse City	44	51	.463	9½
Windy City	41	54	.432	12½

WEST

CLUB	W	L	PCT.	GB
River City	52	44	.542	
Evansville	51	45	.531	1
Flora	49	47	.510	3
Southern Illinois	48	49	.505	3½
Normal	48	47	.505	4½
Gateway	38	58	.396	14

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Lake Erie 10, Washington 4
Traverse City 8, Windy City 5
Joliet 7, Schaumburg 3
Chicago 4, Wichita 4
Gateway 3, Southern Illinois 2
Normal 8, Evansville 7 (13)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION NORTH

CLUB	W	L	PCT.	GB
Gary SouthShore	58	41	.586	
St. Paul	58	41	.586	
Fargo-Moorhead	51	48	.515	7
Chicago	45	54	.455	13
Winnipeg	41	58	.414	17
Sioux Falls	39	60	.394	

BEARS

Pressure of record deal welcomed by Mack

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a six-year, \$135 million contract Friday but said he couldn't repeat his reaction to the deal in front of his parents Sunday.

A day after Donald signed his deal, Mack topped it, getting \$90 million guaranteed, compared with Donald's \$87 million. That the contract didn't come from the Raiders left him "definitely shocked," but that wore off quickly.

"You don't have time to be shocked for long," Mack said. "It's kind of like, 'Oh, word? The flight's tonight? All right.' I guess I don't have time to really think about it, but even then I'm looking forward to playing this game I love."

Mack said he has been doing "everything" to stay prepared for when his holdout would end, which was documented by Oakland-area fans who posted accounts and a photo to social media of him working out at a 24 Hour Fitness.

Bears coach Matt Nagy said the chances of Mack being ready for the opener are "hopefully pretty good," and the Bears certainly could use Mack and his 40½ career sacks Sunday to stop Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, a task for which Mack said he was excited.

But Nagy also said coaches would take a "smart approach."

"We'll get to see where he's at mentally here after tonight, and then we'll have a practice tomorrow and physically get an idea," Nagy said. "We'll just have to listen to his feedback where he's at. We told him, communication is imperative. It's not like being able to plug somebody in on a Madden game and just say, 'Go sack the quarterback.' There's some planning that's involved in it."

Nagy, the former Chiefs offensive coordinator, had to game plan against Mack and the Raiders twice a year in the AFC West, so he's very familiar with the type of game-changing performer who was just added to his defense.

"The word that used to always come to mind for myself was dominance in what he does," Nagy said. "Whether that's how to beat him mentally, physically, with just his strength, speed to power (or) the experience that he has."

"You hear him, as humble as he is, up here talking. It's safe to say that you can understand that he's not a talker. He shows it by his actions, and you see that on tape. Because of that, you create even more respect from the opponents on offense."

General manager Ryan Pace expects Mack's impact to extend beyond his on-the-field play, to his leadership, work ethic and professional demeanor.

He saw that immediately as he, Nagy, defensive coordinator Vic Fangio and Nagy's four sons went to Mack's hotel to greet him after he flew in Saturday night.

"That's the thing that shines right away, like how much he loves this game and how passionate he is about this game," Pace said. "You can just feel his energy, how eager he is to put the pads back on and get back at it. Whatever time it was last night, 11 o'clock, and he's itching to get back out there with his teammates. I think those kind of qualities are infectious."

Bears fans, of course, are itching to see him in uniform.

Mack was informed of billboards arranged by the Bears along the Stevenson, Eisenhower and Edens expressways with his photo and the words, "Welcoming our newest Monster."

"That's very exciting, but that's only one side of it, right?" Mack said. "What excites me more is coming in and learning the playbook, getting to know my new teammates, being around the coaching staff and understanding the system. These are the things that excite me even more. I love the game of football. That's what I'm all about."

Mack won over a few new Bears fans Saturday night at the hotel meeting. He shook Nagy's sons' hands and asked their names, becoming an instant hit.

"They were bragging to all their friends," Nagy said. "Well, you know, you can understand. They are so, so excited and they were talking about trying to trade for him on Madden since it's not out yet. That's pretty cool, being able to be a part of that, but I told them, don't brag too much. Just enjoy the moment."

That's a little advice for Bears fans too. Good luck getting them to take it.

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Bears general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy huddle with pass rusher Khalil Mack on Sunday as Mack is introduced at Halas Hall. Pace called Mack "a premier player at a premier position."

Quite the rush

In acquiring Mack, Pace again shows his aggressive approach

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

A wide smile came across Ryan Pace's face Sunday afternoon. The Bears general manager had already promised that he wasn't going to use his favorite expression of enthusiasm — "I'm fired up" — as he recounted a landmark weekend at Halas Hall. But now Pace had been asked to describe the adrenaline rush of his Saturday at the office, the day on which his mandatory roster tinkering was overshadowed by a blockbuster trade.

With yet another aggressive swing, Pace had brought one of the league's most menacing defensive players to Chicago. Khalil Mack was suddenly a Bear. A long-suffering fan base was suddenly doing backflips. The 2018 Bears season suddenly had a heightened level of intrigue.

But back to the moment the Mack deal became final, back to the phone call on which Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie gave Pace the seal of approval. At that point, the exhilaration Pace felt proved profound. As if in some sort of Hollywood montage, Pace cycled through the highs and lows of the trade talks, through those uncertain "moments where you're staring at your phone."

He credited team Chairman George McCaskey, President Ted Phillips and chief contract negotiator Joey Laine for their collaboration. He beamed at the final result.

"We'll remember this," Pace said, "for a long time."

The energy in Pace's voice Sunday seemed reminiscent of

April 27, 2017, the night on which the Bears went all-in to draft Mitch Trubisky. That required an eye-opening and expensive trade with the 49ers but ultimately gave Pace the quarterback he believes can lead the franchise for a decade or longer.

Whether it pans out or fails, Pace will have no regrets.

The trade for Mack? Also eye-opening. Also expensive. But in Pace's eyes, more than worth it.

"This is a premier player at a premier position," he said. "This doesn't come around that often."

Again, no regrets.

Plus, in contrast to the night the Bears selected Trubisky, the union with the 27-year-old Mack gives the franchise a player who already has enjoyed high-level success in the NFL, a three-time Pro Bowl selection who won Defensive Player of the Year honors two seasons ago.

"He's a rare talent," Pace said.

Pace said he first began entertaining the possibility of a deal before training camp began when word of the tense dynamics surrounding Mack's contract holdout began circulating.

"You hear the rumors," Pace said. "I touched base with the Raiders just to feel if that was real or not. Maybe back then it didn't seem like it could be realistic."

Still, Pace kept his finger on the pulse of the situation even amid widespread league skepticism that the Raiders would be willing to pull the trigger on a deal. And when they did, the Bears were the beneficiary, landing a player who arrived Saturday night feeling re-energized.

"I really can't wait," Mack said. "I'm itching. It's been a long time since I played football."

No wonder Pace and coach Matt Nagy seemed so invigorated themselves. On the last Sunday before the regular season, the Bears were in essence celebrat-

ing their first victory — the addition of one of the league's most disruptive defenders, a proven playmaker still in his prime.

Nagy expressed his appreciation for the boldness Pace had shown. In January, Nagy entrusted his coaching career to Pace. That required a leap of faith given the Bears had won only 14 games in the GM's first three seasons. But Nagy said from the get-go, his connection with Pace gave him confidence, knowing he'd have a boss with the gusto to make moves he strongly believed in. "I knew instantly," Nagy said. "Or at least I believed instantly where this could go. And it does not shock me at all how it's gone."

Yes, the deal for Mack required the Bears surrendering their first-round picks in 2019 and 2020 as a part of the compensation. And yes, the Bears then had to guarantee Mack \$90 million on a six-year, \$141 million extension that made him the highest-paid defensive player in league history.

But Pace again emphasized Sunday that he would always push to be aggressive when it came to finding quarterbacks and pass rushers.

"So when a guy like this becomes available in the prime of his career ... you've got to be willing to act."

Time will tell if Mack can quickly propel the Bears into championship contention. Time will tell if this trade will pay the dividends the team envisions. Still, Pace's willingness to act is certainly not in question.

"It's very easy to play it safe and play it cautious," he said. "And not that we're going to be reckless. But we're going to be aggressive."

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Mack arrival has everyone pumped

Biggs, from Page 1

Mack is already towering over expressways on digital billboards. The team is selling his No. 52 jerseys. Optimism that has been running high since a frenzy shopping spree in free agency led into a draft in which the Bears added linebacker Roquan Smith and wide receiver Anthony Miller, players that should make contributions from the start, is bubbling over.

General manager Ryan Pace boiled down the essential parts of the trade and the implications for the team's drafts in the next two years. In his view, the Bears are swapping their 2019 first-round pick for Mack and the team already traded its 2019 second-rounder to draft Miller this year. The Bears swapped their 2020 first-rounder to the Raiders and received the Raiders' second-rounder that year in return, a deal Pace was thrilled to make for a premier edge defender.

Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie said Saturday night that Oakland worked to negotiate with teams that would ideally return the highest pick possible in 2019. So, obviously the Raiders view the Bears as less competitive than at least the

other teams most interested in acquiring Mack.

That has done nothing to quell playoff talk surrounding a team that has finished in the basement of the NFC North for four consecutive seasons. Pace and coach Matt Nagy may be thinking it, but they certainly didn't verbalize that Sunday.

"I just don't think it's fair to go there," Nagy said. "We're not, inside the building, going to put any expectations as to what we need to do. Before this happened, and I think you guys will agree with this, our goal from the start has been to win the Super Bowl. Now, there's ways to get to that, and if our goal is not that, then we're not in this for the right reason. Does this help us? Yeah, obviously it helps you, but how are we going to get to that point? There's so many variables."

If you read between the lines the last few weeks, Nagy has done his best to temper expectations for an offense that will just be settling into a new scheme with a second-year quarterback in Mitch Trubisky that the team is sky high on. The team that lines up Sunday night against the Packers at Lambeau Field will no doubt look different in November and December.

Sure, the Bears could be making their first postseason push since 2010. But we don't know what twists and turns lie ahead, and Pace, fresh off a contract extension in January, and Nagy, entering Year 1 of a five-year contract, aren't ready to put grand expectations on the 2018 season.

"You can live in a pretty small world up here and that's what we all strive to do," Pace said. "I hope that everyone's excited, our fan base is excited. I know our organization is excited, and not just football, the whole building. ... But I don't have a good feel for the outside world right now."

The outside world has skyrocketing expectations. Right now, all the Bears will say is they're going to do everything possible to get Mack up to speed to suit up against the Packers.

"I can't be here for long," Mack said. "I've got to go talk to the coaches. I've got to go — I had a playbook in my hand for like two seconds. That's the most exciting part for me and I'm looking forward to it, especially. That's going to be right after this. Cool. Perfect."

Fist pump.

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BEARS NOTES

Pace: Not 'rushing' Smith was right call

BY COLLEEN KANE, RICH CAMPBELL, BRAD BIGGS
Chicago Tribune

Bears general manager Ryan Pace said he's happy with how the team has handled first-round pick Roquan Smith's preparation for the season opener against the Packers.

Smith didn't play a pre-season snap after a 29-day contract holdout kept him out the first three games and a tight hamstring prevented him from playing in the final two games.

Pace said he believes they have been "really smart" about not pushing Smith before he was completely ready and said he doesn't have any concerns about how the events of the summer will affect Smith's rookie season.

"He's a really good football player with a high football IQ that can get acclimated really quickly," Pace said. "I think we did the right thing, instead of rushing him in and having some long-term setback. I'm glad we handled it that way and I don't have any concerns about him adjusting to the defense."

After the weekend off, the Bears return to practice Monday to ramp up their preparations for Sunday's opener at Lambeau Field. Smith has been limited in practice the last two weeks, but a change in his practice status could bode well for his readiness to make his NFL debut.

The status of defensive end Akiem Hicks and outside linebacker Leonard Floyd will also be worth watching as Week 1 opens. Hicks missed the last two pre-season games with a sore knee. Floyd has been out with a broken hand, but coach Matt Nagy said last week he expected him to return to practice with a club on his hand.

Cuts and additions: The Bears tweaked their 53-man roster Sunday before the ink had dried on the original. They placed tight end Adam Shaheen on injured reserve, released center Hroniss Grasu, re-signed defensive lineman Nick Williams and, of course, added outside linebacker Khalil Mack.

Shaheen will be a candidate to return from injured reserve, Pace said. By rule, he will miss at least the first six games of the season.

The second-year tight end was having a promising pre-season before he injured his right foot and ankle Aug. 18 against the Broncos. He did not require surgery, Pace said.

Grasu becomes Pace's highest draft pick not to last through his rookie contract. He was selected in the third round (71st overall) in 2015, Pace's first draft as Bears GM. He played for Bears offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich at Oregon.

Williams adds veteran depth to the defensive line rotation.

Practice moves: The Bears also began forming their 10-man practice squad Sunday.

Among the expected additions are receiver Tanner Gentry, running back Ryan Nall and outside linebacker Josh Woods, sources told the Tribune.

Gentry played 182 snaps in four games as an undrafted rookie in 2017. He had three catches for 35 yards and spent most of the year on the practice squad.

Nall averaged 7 yards per carry on 32 attempts to lead the Bears in rushing during the pre-season. The Oregon State undrafted free agent also had a touchdown and a 69-yard run. Woods, an undrafted rookie out of Maryland, missed the final three pre-season games with a hand injury.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bears linebacker Roquan Smith did not participate in any of the pre-season games.

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TOD LEONARD/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

Alex Solis, a 54-year-old Hall of Fame jockey who won 5,035 races before retiring in November, says "it's a blessing" to find his second career in horse racing as a trainer.

He's right back on track

After Hall of Fame career as jockey, Solis now a trainer

BY TOD LEONARD
San Diego Union-Tribune

DEL MAR, Calif. — Alex Solis sat on the beach for months in Florida. He fished to his heart's content. He ate until his belly was beyond full — something he didn't dare do in his Hall of Fame career as a jockey.

It all seemed the perfect way to retire for the 54-year-old Panama native who got so much from horse racing (5,035 victories) while it exacted its own toll (a broken back and hip replacement among myriad ailments).

Ultimately, though, there were only so many dinners to plan and rounds of golf to play.

"I'm always used to doing something," Solis said. "I have to have a purpose in life. Going down to the beach every day, eating and drinking and fishing — basically, doing nothing — that's not me."

Solis yearned to be back at the track, and more critically, to rekindle the love for horses that was instilled in him while growing up on a farm.

"I had a horse before I had a bicycle," he said.

Solis thought he'd set himself up for a future in the game when he joined the California Horse Racing Board in 2015 while he was actively riding. He went to school to become a steward. But there was something missing in those posts: the thrill of competition and the day-to-day connection with the animals.

If Solis wasn't going to ride anymore, there seemed only one answer: training.

Not more than a month after Solis officially announced his retirement at Del Mar last November, he began working in the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella. Quietly, earnestly, Solis has become an integral part of the operation and now serves as a second assistant with Mandella's right-hand man of more than 35 years, Angel Vega.

Other than the distasteful shock of his alarm going off at 4:15 a.m. — at least an hour before his jockey wake-up calls — Solis is happy with the work.

"It's been a blessing," Solis said early Thursday morning at Del Mar as he juggled his various duties among the 40 horses and 38 workers in the Mandella barn. "Working for Richard, he does things the way I want to do."

"My whole life, I've believed in training the way he does it. It's fun, and he's a great teacher. He makes you understand it. He explains it very easy."

Mentoring is nothing new to Mandella, who has contributed to the start of numerous trainers' careers, including Richard Baltas, Dan Hendricks, Mike Ma-



CLIFF SCHIAPPA/AP

Solis, background, rides Victory Gallop to fourth at the Breeders' Cup in 1998. Pat Day, foreground, celebrates his win aboard Awesome Again.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

Solis' jockey career included a win with Snow Chief at the Preakness in 1986 and halting Cigar's 16-race win streak with Dare and Go in 1996.

chowsky, Jedd Josephson, and Beau Greely.

"He's willing to bring you along in the process and not just give you the results of a decision," said Gary Mandella, who manages the barn with his dad. "There are about 25 decisions a day you have to make, and he's willing to give you information about the whole thing. The people who work for him aren't just robotic."

Of Solis, Gary Mandella said, "Alex is great. He's here for all the right reasons. What holds some jockeys back is the grind and the time you have to put in. But Alex is here and focused."

It is fairly rare for jockeys to find a second career as trainers, though there are some notable riders who have.

John Longden is the only per-

son to both ride and train Kentucky Derby winners, and Bill Shoemaker turned to conditioning after his career.

Among the current trainers who came from riding are renowned Frenchman Freddy Head, and Americans Peter Eurlon and Wesley Ward — the latter of whom won an Eclipse Award as top apprentice jockey before weight issues derailed his riding career.

Solis, who has gained all of eight pounds since he stopped riding, chuckled when he admitted he had no idea about much goes into preparing the horses, and he's got a lot of responsibility. On Thursday morning, he donned a helmet and flak jacket to gallop three horses on the track, and then headed for the grandstand with a

stopwatch and binoculars to monitor other works.

Before any training takes place, Solis and others check on how the horses slept, and if they have any overnight injury or illness. Late morning is reserved for monitoring what and how much they eat, depending on their racing status.

"It's definitely a different world," Solis said. "When you're a jockey, you come to the barn 15 minutes before (the workout). You get instructions, come back, do your report, and go on to your next workout."

"Here, I'm riding horses to the paddock, galloping them, walking them afterward. I spend a lot more time with them and get to know their personalities."

He does believe a jockey's knowledge can contribute to better training.

"Being on top of them, you can feel the engine," he said.

Mandella and Solis combined for some big days when the jockey was riding. Solis was aboard two of Mandella's four winners in the 2003 Breeders' Cup. And Del Mar fans will recall the pair halting Cigar's 16-race winning streak with Dare and Go in the 1996 Pacific Classic.

"That was special — I remember jogging back and being happy, and everybody was booing," Solis said with a grin.

Despite that relationship, Mandella admitted he didn't truly know Solis until he began working alongside him.

"The more you're around him, you realize how sensitive he is to people and horses," the trainer said.

That was clearly evident in a comment Solis made about when

he might strike out on his own as a trainer: "If I'm going to have these animals' lives in my hands, I better know what I'm doing."

Mandella, who at 67 has been training for 44 years, is brutally honest with Solis about the life he's looking at leading. Fourteen-hour workdays are standard practice, and the days off are few.

"When he leaves me," Mandella said, "he can erase the rest of his life. This will be it. I've always told my assistants that you can find somewhere to make as much money and have a simple life."

"This business, once you start training, you better devote yourself completely to it, or you won't be a success."

"It would not have surprised me if he had worked only a couple of months. He's been a very successful jockey."

"I don't think he has to do this. I think the jury is still out on whether he'll decide if he wants to give up his life to do this. So far, he's done well."

When Solis, who came to America in 1982 with \$700 in his wallet and no English in his vocabulary, considers the hardships, he remembers being in jockey school in Panama at the age of 14. Ahead of him, he couldn't see 5,000 wins, a Triple Crown victory in the 1986 Preakness aboard Snow Chief, and a Hall of Fame career.

With Mandella's tutoring, the training road is better defined, and Solis' vision is clearer.

"It's exciting, you know, to think of having my own barn," he said. "Hopefully, we get some good horses and conquer some other worlds."

"You never know?"

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REED SAXON/AP

DirecTV's Sunday Ticket allowed Saints great Archie Manning, center, to watch his sons Eli, left, and Peyton play.

Time to tune in

Entering its 25th season, DirecTV's Sunday Ticket remains a big hit

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

When Archie Manning was playing pro football, his family and friends had to scramble to see his games. Sort of like what Manning had to do behind the Saints' sieve of a line.

When his sons, first Peyton in 1998 and then Eli in 2004, broke into the NFL, all Archie had to do was sit in his favorite chair and turn on DirecTV's Sunday Ticket.

The satellite television provider's most successful sports package — when AT&T spent \$47 billion to purchase DirecTV in 2015, the deal was predicated on having the broadcast rights to Sunday afternoon NFL games — heads into its 25th season.

It has over two million subscribers. It doesn't come cheap: The price for the most-inclusive Sunday Ticket Max that has Red Zone and a fantasy football channel is close to \$400, which has drawn complaints from subscribers.

Then again, there's access to all those games, meaning a Giants fan living in Marco Island on the Florida Gulf Coast can see all of Eli he wishes. Or a Packers fan living in the Arizona desert gets his fill of Aaron Rodgers, and so on.

Plus all the bettors and fantasy players out there can watch their choices in action.

"It's pretty unbelievable that more than 20 years ago when I was introduced to it, Peyton was going into the NFL, and we are not one of these parents that try to go to the games every weekend," Archie says. "So we could watch on TV and were able to do that from New Orleans.

"And then when Eli came into the league, we could get his games. Otherwise, we would not be able to pick up all the Colts and Giants games. Having two sons playing on Sunday when Eli came along, it was just great to have Sunday Ticket."

It's been a boon for the NFL, whose ratings, like all other sports, have shrunk on network television. Having the satellite package that brings in \$12 billion over eight years makes DirecTV a key broadcast partner, as well as a place for innovation.

"I feel that NFL Sunday Ticket's biggest impact is it created a new standard,"



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Peyton, left, and Eli, advertise for the DirecTV's Sunday Ticket package, which has over two million subscribers.

says Brian Rolapp, the league's chief business and media officer. "All other sports have emulated in one form or another an out-of-market package; it's now an expected component of any sports media offerings. As a result, sports fans have benefited immensely, as in this day and age they are afforded the opportunity to watch the sport or the team they love regardless of where they live. To me, that's what it's all about.

"There is no question that making all of our Sunday afternoon games available to fans — regardless of what market they are in — has helped increase the popularity of the league. It allowed us to make Sunday afternoon football national while not compromising the regionalized, free over-the-air games (that are blacked out on DirecTV in those local markets)."

The Mannings often have been called the "First Family of Football." Certainly Peyton and Eli — and to a lesser extent, Archie and wife Olivia — have been Sunday Ticket's first family.

Peyton first hit the commercials scene for DirecTV in 2001, three years after four future Hall of Famers — Troy Aikman, Jerry Rice, Brett Favre and John Elway — did the initial spot for Sunday Ticket. Peyton became a regular in 2003 and was joined by Eli in 2007.

Some of those ads — "Displaced Fan Syndrome," "Football Cops," "Football On Your Phone" — have become YouTube

sensations, in part because they put the Manning brothers in such unexpected and hilarious roles. Archie even got to join the fun when two of those spots were filmed in New Orleans.

"I was ready to have a back fusion and it was going to be (filmed) the next week," Archie says of one of the commercials. "I told them 'can't stand up.' They got me into it somehow."

"Eli kind of carried those commercials, especially the rap one — I still get people talking to me about 'Football On Your Phone.'" Archie then sings that phrase just as Peyton and Eli did.

For Eli, stepping so out of character was tantamount to him becoming a scrambling quarterback.

"The ones with my brother were pretty special," he says. "The most nervous was for 'Football On Your Phone,' the rap video. Being dressed up like Timberlake in 1999 in New Orleans, that's a little out of my element. It had a shock effect on a lot of people and that made it fun."

"Peyton and I were both making fun of each other and trying to sing that rap, and just how bad I knew I was sounding. We definitely had to sing it; they put us in a sound booth, and there were a lot of repeats of us trying to get the right pitch and everything going. It was pretty amazing what they can do with some of technology today."

Well, if DirecTV can make rap stars out of

Brothers Manning, coming up with Red Zone had to be a snap. Archie says he "really loves red zone." Apparently, so do subscribers and the folks watching in restaurants.

"Innovations have included the invention of Red Zone, the concept of which has been widely copied by other leagues and networks like ESPN; Game Mix channels, where fans can watch four to six live games at once," says Dan York, AT&T senior executive vice president and chief content officer.

"In addition to celebrating the 25th season, we will also hit another tremendous milestone: broadcasting our 5,000th game."

Way back when the first games were being televised by DirecTV, it wasn't exactly a huge conglomerate getting the telecasts on the satellite network. The product launched in 1994, the same year as satellite service but only a partial season of Sunday Ticket was available, beginning in November. Compared to now, the telecasts were rudimentary.

"I started in 2000, and back then NFL Sunday Ticket was standard definition only, no channel mix, no Red Zone or Fantasy Zone," says Catherine Pack, assistant VP of video operations for AT&T. "The way the signals were delivered to us, we were in communication with the folks the NFL hired in Stamford, Connecticut who were at the time responsible for running commercials for the NFL, and we had 30-second to 1-minute break positions we had to cover. It took an army then, and an even larger one now."

Nowadays, many NFL fans sit down on Sunday afternoons, turn to the channels numbered 700 and higher on DirecTV, and gorge on football. Count Archie Manning among them, of course.

At times, he might get distracted by a certain two-time Super Bowl winner who lives in Denver texting him about what they are watching. But that's part of the pleasure, Archie says. "Peyton is fun to watch football together with," he says. "We watch college football a lot, or we watch pro games. 'When Eli's game is not on, a lot of people think I just watch the Saints, but I kind of keep up with everything.'"

Jags 'D' aims to 'dominate world'

Team hopes to ride brash, talented unit to Super Bowl win

BY MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Standing on the sideline and watching one-on-one drills, Jalen Ramsey had an up-close look at this touchdown.

The receiver used a triple move to beat one of Ramsey's fellow defensive backs. Ramsey shook his head in disbelief and hollered a few choice words across the practice field.

"That ain't happening in a game," Ramsey said, noting how long it took the play to develop. "Our defense is too good."

Ramsey was being modest. The Jaguars 'D' has a chance to be great, maybe even generational.

The bold, brash Jaguars, who relied on stout defense to win the AFC South and reach the conference title game last season, believe they will be even better on that side of the ball this fall. The unit allowed too many rushing yards early in 2017 and gave up too many big plays late, but pinned those problems on having three newcomers and three second-year players learning how to mesh while honing the details of coordinator Todd Wash's 4-3 scheme.

Nowadays, they feel like they've figured out each other and the playbook.

And in a Super Bowl-or-bust season for the Jaguars, the talent-laden group plans to do whatever it takes to hoist the Lombardi Trophy and join a list of revered defenses that have carried teams to championships.

"Every great defense has won it all," Pro Bowl linebacker Telvin Smith said. "That is what we want to be. A great defense is not mediocre. It is not to say you won a couple (division) championships. No, we want to say we dominated the world. That is the next step."

The Jaguars finished second in the NFL in yards (286.1 per game), points (15.8), sacks (55), takeaways (33) and interceptions (21) last year. Players wanted more and were admittedly disappointed with the final rankings.

Coach Doug Marrone has since used it as motivation, publicly and privately needling his defenders.

"Make no mistake about it, I like it when people have a chip on their shoulder," Marrone said. "I have a boulder on my shoulder."

The Jaguars feel they have plenty to prove, mostly because of how last season ended.

They squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter of the AFC championship game at New England. The vaunted defense gave up an 85-yard touchdown drive — the key play was a 21-yard completion on third-and-18 that left players openly questioning the scheme — and then allowed Tom Brady and Danny Amendola to hook up again for another score late.

"I would be lying if I said that didn't keep me up all offseason," said safety Tashaun Gipson, who blamed himself for the rare conversion. "Got lax. I have to make that play."

Even though they don't want to look back, the Jaguars will try to make amends.

They return 12 of their top 14 defenders from 2017, including six Pro Bowl selections. The only guys missing are veteran linebacker Paul Posluszny, who retired from the NFL after 11 seasons, and nickel cornerback Aaron Colvin, who signed a four-year, \$34 million contract with the division rival Texans.

Even without them, the Jaguars will have eight starters on that side of the ball who have made the Pro Bowl in the last four years. That's talent at every level of the defense, a mix of



JASON BEHNKEN/AP

Jalen Ramsey leads a Jags secondary which in 2017 led the NFL in passing defense.

youth and experience.

All-Pro defensive end Calais Campbell is coming off a career year that included 14½ sacks and is the undisputed leader of what is widely considered the most disruptive front in the league.

Defensive end Yannick Ngakoue (20 sacks and an NFL-leading 10 forced fumbles in two seasons) is a budding star.

Malik Jackson is one of the most complete defensive tackles in the league. Fellow inside guy Marcell Dareus, acquired from the Bills in late October, helped shore up a shaky run defense. The Jaguars ranked 30th in the league without him and eighth with him.

Speedy linebackers Smith and Myles Jack benefit most from the star-studded D-line, free to chase ball-carriers and make plays all over the field. Smith and Jack had a hand in three of the Jaguars' seven defensive touchdowns in 2017.

The secondary scored just once, but was nonetheless a big part of the group's success.

The Jaguars led the league in passing defense, giving up 20 yards a game fewer than anyone else, and was the only team in the league to have four players with at least four interceptions. Ramsey, Gipson and fellow safety Barry Church had four apiece.

While Ramsey emerged as the league's best — and most vocal — lock-down cornerback, A.J. Bouye was just as good on the opposite side. Bouye had six interceptions, knocked down a dozen more passes and didn't allow a touchdown in the regular season. According to Pro Football Focus, quarterbacks posted the lowest passer rating in the league when throwing his way.

"We put up all those numbers, but it is a new year," Bouye said. "There are teams that are really studying us now as a defense. We are just going to be ready for everything and we are going to continue to make plays."

The Jaguars can only hope to get their money's worth. Their defense is the most expensive ever assembled, with the small-market franchise slotted to pay more than \$110 million to the 'D' in 2018.

The Jaguars are built to win now, and even though a number of rising stars have them well-positioned for years to come, the defense may never be stacked like this again.

It has drawn comparisons to some of the NFL's greats, including the 1976 Steelers, the 1985 Bears, the 2000 Ravens, the 2002 Buccaneers, the 2008 Steelers, the 2013 Seahawks and the 2015 Broncos.

All those teams have a Super Bowl victory in common.

So there's only one way for the Jaguars to join the list. And in a league that seems to make playing physical defense more difficult every year, it's nothing short of a daunting task.

But the Jaguars welcome the challenge.

"I'm sure everybody has different opinions on what they believe elite is," Ramsey said.

"As a defense, we are going to set our goals and figure it out. But 'win' is at the top of everything."



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Pianist Ramsey Lewis performs Saturday with his quintet, Urban Knights, during Chicago's Jazz Festival at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

IN PERFORMANCE

A Jazz Festival farewell?

Ramsey Lewis masterfully delivers final hometown concert — maybe

BY AARON COHEN | Chicago Tribune

Just before pianist Ramsey Lewis' Chicago Jazz Festival set on Saturday, he stood quietly and let one utterance set the tone for his milestone appearance.

Mark Kelly, commissioner of the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, had brought Lewis onstage to read an official proclamation honoring the 83-year-old musician's extensive contributions as an artist and jazz advocate. Kelly also stated this would be the pianist's final hometown concert. The packed Jay Pritzker Pavilion — many of whom had not heard that news earlier — shouted a loud “no.” A smiling Lewis then countered with a sly “maybe.”

Lewis' contrasting such per-

sonal nuances with volume to win over a large audience encapsulated his set with his quintet, Urban Knights, as well as his 70 years in music. He also cogently summarized his extensive career within 75 minutes.

From acoustic piano, Lewis' subtle gestures continuously challenged his band's electric instrumentalists and aggressive drummer Charles Heath. They sounded excited to engage. On their version of Stevie Wonder's “Living for the City,” guitarist Henry Johnson and Heath built up steam, but after they went for a big sound, Lewis replied with quieter bluesy runs and arpeggios.

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Mike Lubin of Chicago dips his daughter, Minerva Zuzu, 3, while dancing Saturday at the Jazz Festival.

REPORT FROM VENICE

Will Oscar lightning strike again?



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Tribune movie critic

VENICE, Italy — About an hour into the Venice Film Festival world premiere of “A Star is Born” on Friday, a bolt of lightning apparently struck the Sala Grande auditorium. Zapping the digital projection equipment, the electrical “event” caused a power outage, forcing an unscheduled 10-minute intermission before repairs were made and the screening resumed to applause and cheers.

“Thanks for waiting!” hollered director/star Bradley Cooper. Even before the movie started up again, on Twitter an international assemblage of wags speculated on who hurled the bolt in question. Was it the Lord himself, anointing the “Star is Born” remake? Or was the



AMAZON STUDIOS

In the lavishly bloody “Suspiria,” Tilda Swinton plays Madame Blanc, a teacher at a dance company that is not what it seems.

ghost of Judy Garland, robbed of an Academy Award for her performance in the 1954 film version, aiming a little diva-to-diva “gotcha!” to Cooper's co-star, Lady Gaga?

I missed the light show; arriving Friday evening, I ran to catch my first movie about an hour after the bolt from the skies. Formally known as Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica, the 75th edition continues through Sept. 8. With each passing year, Venice becomes more crowded. The festival located on the Lido, across the water from Venice proper, is also increasingly crucial to the

branding of a movie's perceived awards-worthiness.

Eventual top Oscar winners “Birdman,” “Spotlight” and “The Shape of Water” opened in Venice, moved quickly on to the Telluride, Colo., festival and then, in many cases, traveled up to Toronto a week or two later, four months before the Oscar nominations signaled the weary end of the awards season.

On screen and off, spirits of all kinds haunted the rain-soaked, extremely buzzy first four days at Venice. In Luca Guadagnino's lavishly bloody, heavily inflated

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Politics a major player in Hollywood ratings game

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
The Washington Post

A few months after President Donald Trump took office, Lorne Michaels, producer of “The Tonight Show,” was in a meeting with fellow television executives when one of them asked him about a threat to the late-night juggernaut. Was he worried that his program could face a ratings swoon because host Jimmy Fallon was much less political than rival Stephen Colbert?

Michaels said he wasn't. “He brushed it aside,” said a person at the meeting who asked not to be identified because they were not authorized to speak about it. “He didn't seem concerned at all. He just said that the pendulum would swing back, and Fallon would be fine.”

Michaels turned out to be mistaken. The longtime reigning king of late night, “The Tonight Show” has been steadily losing the race for total viewers to CBS' “The Late Show” as audiences seem to prefer the acerbic anti-Trump comments of the show's host, Colbert, to Fallon's nonpartisanism.

Late-night TV viewers are “making their decisions based

on what's happening in the White House,” said Rick Ludwin, who ran NBC's late-night programming for years.

A year and a half into the Trump presidency, entertainment companies are grappling with a fan base that is splintering into political factions as never before. Whether in regard to explicitly political entertainment or the rapidly multiplying number of entertainers who talk about politics, Americans appear to be increasingly figuring ideology into their Hollywood choices.

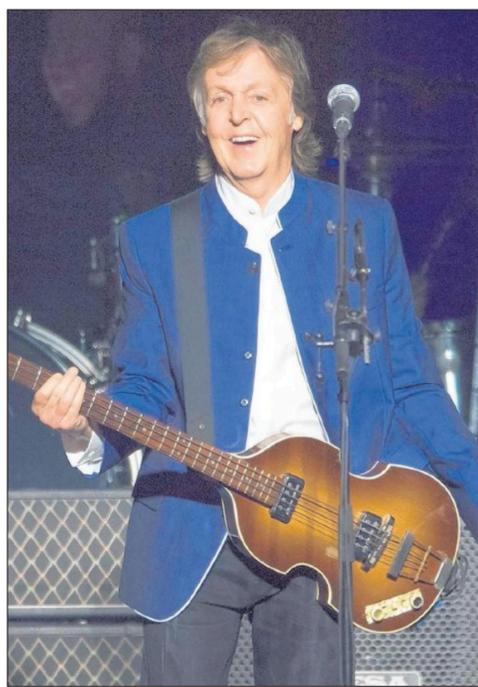
Some fans, to be sure, have long been drawn to or repelled by the occasional outspoken celebrity — Jane Fonda for her antiwar views, for example. But fans are now judging a much wider range of entertainment and entertainers for the way those people express their views in America's increasingly polarized climate. These days, how fans feel about stars can be as much about ideology and outspokenness as it is about roles and personal style.

“It's a totally new world,” said Elizabeth Currid-Halkett, a professor at the University of

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McCartney talks of seeing God during psychedelic trip

Former Beatle Paul McCartney has told a British newspaper he believes he once saw God during a psychedelic trip. The 76-year-old star told The Sunday Times he was "humbled" by the experience. He said that "it was huge. A massive wall that I couldn't see the top of, and I was at the bottom. And anybody else would say it's just the drug, the hallucination, but we felt we had seen a higher thing." The Beatles' music was heavily influenced by psychedelic drugs in the band's final years. McCartney also spoke of allowing himself to believe that his lost loved ones, including his late wife, Linda, are "looking down" on him. The singer is promoting a new album and a tour. He remains one of music's most popular concert acts.

— Associated Press



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Box office

1. "Crazy Rich Asians," \$22.2 million ▲
2. "The Meg," \$10.5 million
3. "Mission: Impossible — Fallout," \$7 million
4. "Operation Finale," \$6 million
5. "Searching," \$5.7 million
6. "Christopher Robin," \$5 million
7. "Alpha," \$4.5 million
8. "The Happytime Murders," \$4.4 million
9. "BlacKkKlansman," \$4.1 million
10. "Mile 22," \$3.6 million

Source: Associated Press
Estimated sales, Friday-Sunday



MICHEL EULER/AP 2017

Bono loses voice: Irish rock band U2 canceled a concert in Berlin after singer Bono lost his voice during the performance. "Bono was in great form and great voice prior to the show but after a few songs he suffered a complete loss of voice," the band said on its website late Saturday. "We don't know what has happened and we are taking medical advice." The German news agency dpa reported Sunday that Bono still managed to perform the song "Beautiful Day" with the help of the audience and then disappeared backstage. Concertgoers were first told that there would be a short break before eventually being informed that the show was over and they should keep their tickets for a replacement show.

Sept. 3 birthdays: Singer-guitarist Al Jardine is 76. Actress Valerie Perrine is 75. Guitarist Steve Jones is 63. Actor Steve Schirripa is 61. Actor Holt McCallany is 55. Actor Charlie Sheen is 53. Musician Redfoo is 43. Actress Ashley Jones is 42. Guitarist Tomo Milicevic is 39. Actor Garrett Hedlund is 34. Singer August Alsina is 26.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Vaping in locker room: What to do?

Dear Amy: My 10-year-old son was in the locker room after ice hockey practice and he saw a 13-year-old vaping. This other boy was smoking a vaping device with strawberry-flavored nicotine. I'm very proud of my son for telling me and for giving my husband and me the opportunity to let him know that just like smoking, or drugs, vaping is not healthy and may become addictive. My husband says to mind our own business and it's not our place to say anything, but I feel awful knowing this child is doing something that could make him ill in the future. Do I sit back and do nothing, as my husband suggests? — A Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned: Your young son saw something that concerned him. He very wisely shared this with his parents. You and your husband expressed appropriate concern about what he had witnessed. And then your husband basically turned a good parenting encounter into a terrible lesson: "When you witness a rule infraction or other behavior that makes you uncomfortable, keep quiet about it. It's really none of your business." Your son could witness other behavior in the locker room (or elsewhere) that concerns, confuses or frightens him. Please leave the door open for him to talk, and for you to act on his behalf. He should be encouraged to report anything to you, and you should thank him for that, answer his questions and tell him, "We've got this."

You seem oriented toward reporting this to the vaping child's parents. What you should do is report it to the coach and let the coach handle it. I assume vaping is not permitted in this locker room. The coach should enforce this. Of course, coaches, educators and parents should also talk to their kids about vaping. Because vaping is a fairly recent phenomenon, there don't seem to be long-term studies showing what inhaling flavored nicotine might do to young lungs. But the nicotine in e-cigarettes is addictive. The amount in a small Juul-brand flavor pod is equal to a pack of cigarettes. There is also emerging research indicating that vaping increases the risk of youths taking up cigarettes. These are all things you can talk to your son about. You can also let him know that kids sometimes do very dumb, foolish and dangerous things, and that you hope he always knows he has the strength inside him not to do these things.

Dear Amy: I married into a wonderful large family. When we eat at a restaurant, after we have ordered our food, they all leave the table together to wash their hands (presumably because they've touched menus, which might have germs). I'm OK to stay behind to guard the table and the purses. Are they legit in their concerns about germs from a menu? Should I wash my hands too, just to blend in with their tradition? — Wondering

Dear Wondering: Gathering on the stoop to trade

stories is a family tradition. Playing soccer on the lawn is a family tradition. Washing your hands before eating is something that every human lucky enough to have access to water and soap should try to do. This is not about germ menus. The average person has probably touched hundreds of items (including their own nose and mouth) between hand washings. Yes, anyone washing their hands in a restaurant restroom will touch many things before eating — but in addition to cleaning the hands, hand washing centers the mind. It helps slow a person down before sitting at a communal table. It also helps to fill that sometimes-awkward time between ordering and receiving food. You should try it.

Dear Amy: "Minding My Business" is a retired gentleman who wants to use his business-class lounge privileges during an overseas trip with another couple he says are too cheap to upgrade. Must he sit with them in the crowded terminal? No. He could simply buy them a "day pass" to the lounge. — Frequent Traveler

Dear Traveler: According to "Minding My Business," his pals could afford this perk. He should notify them of the opportunity to buy temporary access to his airline's lounge. It would make a long layover much more pleasant.

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Judge Mathis recalls highlights from Chicago show

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

A Michigan woman and her son recently traveled to Chicago so the woman could plead for help from Judge Greg Mathis. The woman had sued her son for \$100, but she really just wanted to get him into rehab for his heroin addiction.

He ended up leaving the courtroom set in a huff as Mathis lectured him about taking responsibility for his actions. Mathis told the woman he would send her son to rehab on his show's dime only when the young man was ready. She seemed defeated.

"Every taping day for the last few years, certainly last season, we've had a person addicted to opioids come on the show, and we attempt to assist the addict and the family," Mathis later told the Tribune in a phone interview. "We'll continue to try and do our part in addressing that epidemic."

Mathis has heard thousands of small claims disputes since his show began taping in NBC Tower in 1999. In recent years, he has focused on using his syndicated show's platform to send opioid addicts to rehab and bring families together through paternity testing. With the 20th season of "Judge Mathis" set to premiere Monday, Mathis recalled stand-out moments from the show and looked to the future.

Not only is Mathis the longest-serving African-American television arbitrator and TV's second-longest-serving judge, behind Judge Judy Sheindlin, he also has

outlasted his daytime TV colleagues in NBC Tower. "The Jenny Jones Show" and "Judge Jeanine Pirro" got the axe years ago; Jerry Springer and Steve Wilkos moved their shows to Connecticut nearly a decade ago to take advantage of tax credits; and Steve Harvey pulled up stakes for Los Angeles last year to attract more celebrity guests.

"I've thought about (moving from Chicago), only because it was suggested that we perhaps move to Los Angeles like the other television shows are, whatever the other reasons might have been, but I protested vehemently. I didn't want to interrupt the success. I felt that it was working well, so why disturb that? Secondly, I just love Chicago a lot more than Los Angeles," said Mathis, who is based in his home state of Michigan and stays at an apartment that overlooks Navy Pier when he's in Chicago.

The show is also a success because Mathis, 58, inspires the litigants through a mix of humor and empathy. When the mother of the Michigan heroin addict made excuses for her son, Mathis told her how he turned his life around. He got into drugs and carried a gun at a young age, but committed to change when he learned his mother was dying of colon cancer.

He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a law degree from the University of Detroit. He served as a district court judge in Michigan before the show launched.



JUDGE MATHIS

In April, "Judge Mathis" won its first-ever Daytime Emmy for outstanding legal/courtroom program.

Mathis said he surveyed the daytime TV landscape at the time and predicted his show would last only three years. He credits WCIU-Ch. 26, which airs new episodes of "Judge Mathis" at 3 p.m. weekdays and re-runs at 2 p.m. weekdays, for its support. A WCIU representative would not disclose ratings information to the Tribune.

In April, the show won its first-ever Daytime Emmy for outstanding legal/courtroom program. That award has gone to "Judge Judy" and "The People's Court" in recent years. Mathis

said he was so surprised by the win, he didn't have a speech prepared.

Bo Banks, who joined the show as an executive producer in 2002, said it was "truly amazing" the program earned that recognition. The Virginia native, who is now based in Chicago, said her team works hard to find relatable and entertaining cases to keep the show fresh. About 5,000 cases, from courthouses around the country and submissions from viewers, are reviewed each week.

Mathis said most of the litigants are undereducated, underemployed or unemployed people who react in destructive ways when they are under financial or social stress. The show pays for travel to Chicago, lodging and a small stipend for those picked to appear before the judge, which seems to be standard procedure for daytime TV shows.

Mathis hears 10-12 cases per filming day. Filming takes place three days a week, every other week from April to November. The litigants enter the second-floor courtroom studio separately and plead their cases in front of an audience of about 60 people. Bailiff Doyle Devereux, who lives in Hinsdale, keeps the crowd entertained during breaks between cases.

When asked about his favorite moments from the show, Mathis recalled a former gang member who overcame abuse from a family member to earn his associate's degree and become a youth minister; and a pair of brothers who completed rehab for drug

addiction after their mother begged Mathis for help.

Mathis offered rehab to 22 litigants last season; 10 took him up on the offer. Show representatives do not disclose how much rehab and DNA tests cost the show. Paternity testing has long been a staple of daytime TV, but Mathis said his team is committed to tracking down potential fathers and providing counseling to the family — unlike other shows that have sensationalized paternity results.

Mathis, who flirted with a Congressional run earlier this year, said the direction the show has taken provides him with new fulfillment, and he'd like to do this job for as long as he can. "It's really not up to me. It's up to the viewers. I enjoy what we do, particularly the last several years, when we were able to focus a lot more and put more resources — thanks to Warner Brothers and Telepictures — toward changing lives," Mathis said.

He may have one more success to add to his list. Banks said the Michigan heroin addict called days after he taped the show to say he wants to go to rehab.

"Let's hope that rehab sticks. Rehab is a tough thing. People go like four, five, six times sometimes before it works, and so we're going to start him with 30 days and see what happens. But if he's sincere about it, then he'll call and say he needs more. Hopefully he will be," Banks said.

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Binge-watch age gets its 'Jack Ryan'

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In today's television renaissance, it was only a matter of time before Hollywood's class of movie elite making the leap to the small screen would come to include novel-to-big screen icon Jack Ryan.

Everyone's favorite brainy CIA analyst-turned-action hero from the mind of novelist Tom Clancy has been the centerpiece of a five-film franchise over three decades that has generated more than \$378 million at the box office. The flashy roster of stars that have played Ryan include Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck and Chris Pine.

The binge-watch generation has gotten a new version of the hero long revered by their parents (and grandparents) with the eight-episode first season of "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," which premiered Aug. 31 on Amazon. Bringing some more grounded relatability to Ryan's early status as a humdrum government staffer with a desk job is "The Office" alum John Krasinski, who struck gold on the big screen this year with "A Quiet Place," which he wrote, directed and starred in.

Krasinski's Hollywood profile has been on the rise in the years since the NBC comedy wrapped in 2013. The baffled facial expressions that drove Krasinski's humorous portrayal of paper-pusher Jim Halpert have been replaced by exasperation in this setting, with the more ominous theme of national security hanging in the balance.

Created by Carlton Cuse ("Lost," "Bates Motel") and Graham Roland ("Almost Human"), the series is not directly adapted from one of Clancy's espionage novels. It trades in the author's Cold War backdrop for the war on terror in the Middle East.

"The reason we did an original story is because Clancy wrote these geopolitical thrillers of the moment, and those were written 30 years ago," Cuse said. "We started trying to re-adapt 'Clear and Present Danger' and it just felt really dated and old-fashioned. That was when we had the revelation to come up with our own original story."

Viewers are introduced to this younger version of Ryan as he uncovers suspicious financial transactions in Yemen that has him concerned the U.S. is on the precipice of another 9/11. The boy-next-door analyst soon finds himself thrust onto the front lines in pursuit of a terrorist leader, to his befuddlement — "I'm an analyst," he tells his boss, played by Wendell Pierce. "I don't interrogate people, I write reports."

Not anymore, Jack. Before he was trying to keep the world safe on the big and small screen, the former Marine character made his public debut in Clancy's 1984 novel "The Hunt for Red October." Ryan would go on to be featured in more than a dozen of Clancy's subsequent books. His status as one of Hollywood's most rebooted characters kicked into gear in 1990 with Baldwin's portrayal in "The Hunt for Red October." Ford had a longer run with "Patriot Games" (1992) and "Clear and Present Danger" (1994); Affleck took over in "The Sum of All Fears" (2002), with Pine taking his turn in "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit" (2014).

Executives at Paramount Television, a division of the studio behind the film franchise, started to reimagine Ryan for TV following the release of "Shadow Recruit," the lowest-grossing film in the Jack Ryan slate. Barack Obama was in his second term as president when Cuse and Roland began work on the series nearly four years ago.

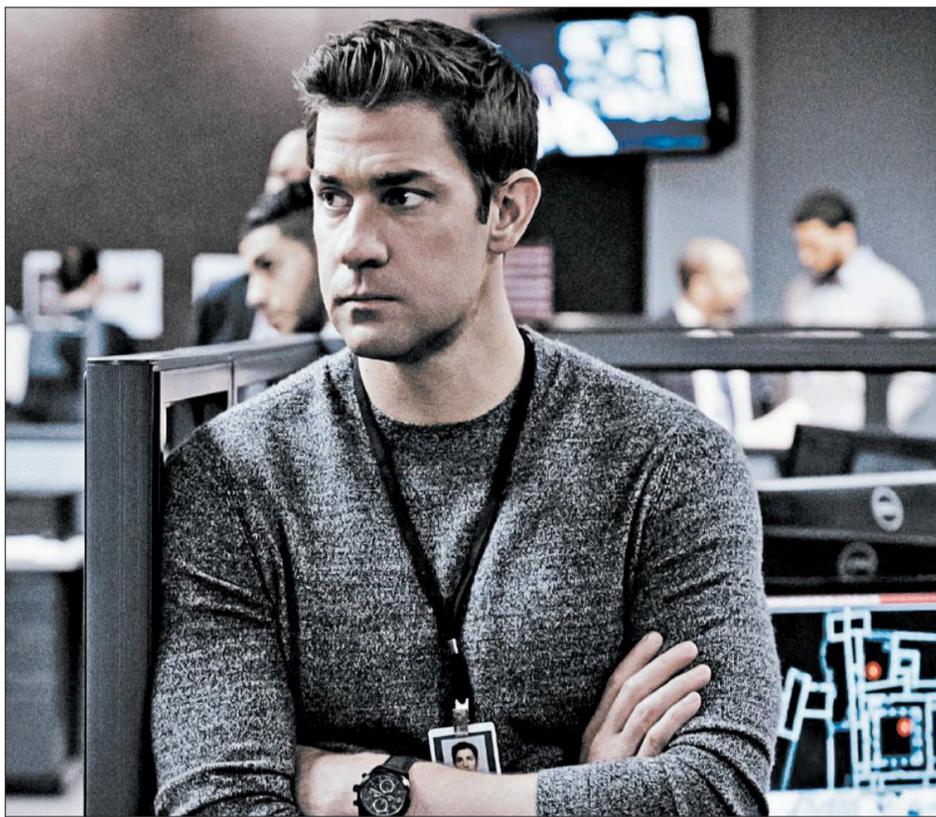
"We had really no idea how things were going to evolve," Cuse said. To have it premiere now against the backdrop of the Trump administration, whose antagonistic relationship with government entities continues to fuel the news cycle, feels "timely."

"To be doing a show," Cuse added, "that celebrates the intelligence community and the military community as places full of competent, professional people is needed. I think it's a good moment in time to acknowledge that people who do this work, they're not in it for the paycheck. They're not getting rich doing it. They're doing it because, in some larger sense, they feel a sense of duty and purpose."

To ground the premise of the series and to ensure they captured the culture of today's CIA, the producers relied on a couple of consultants who worked for the government agency, including David Chasteen, who served as a model for the younger version of Ryan.

"The CIA had changed so drastically in the last 10 to 15 years," Roland said. "The structure of how people interacted with each other, and also the age of the CIA has gone down and gotten a lot younger in recent years. So we wanted to represent that."

It helped that the intelligence community admired Clancy's work. The producers noted that a CIA liaison who was working for the public relations department at the time when the producers visited Langley, the agency's headquarters in Virginia where the show did some filming, had



JAN THIJS/AMAZON

"The Office" alum John Krasinski brings grounded relatability to Jack Ryan's early status as a humdrum government staffer with a desk job on "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," now streaming on Amazon.



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Carlton Cuse, left, and Graham Roland created "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," which is not directly adapted from one of Clancy's novels.

two Jack Ryan movie posters in her office.

Authenticity aside, this is a show with Jack Ryan in the title. The principal task would be in finding their Jack Ryan.

"Jack Ryan is sort of America's James Bond," Roland said.

"There's something uniquely American about Jack that I think has caused him to persist. His moralism and his Boy Scout quality that Clancy references in his books, and we refer to in the show, I think weirdly, now, more than ever, that's relevant. We've been in this time of the antiheroes and now we're returning to classic heroes."

The producers said Ford's version of the bookish and reluctant hero initially influenced their take of the character. But when Krasinski came on board, the producers said, his innate charm and earnest personality were already tailor-fit for the role.

"He's really accessible," Cuse said. "The classic film stars that have played (Ryan) before, they kind of loom large both literally on 40-foot movie screens and also figuratively. I think in television, you have this point of accessibility with characters. We tried to play to the fact that John feels like somebody that you've had in your living room before."

Mace Neufeld, the 90-year-old producer of the film franchise and an executive producer on this TV series, is certainly impressed.

"John brings a very friendly, likability to the character naturally," Neufeld said. "He's different than the others that have come before him. Jack Ryan is a kind of person who you would like to have watching your back. He's a kind of best friend that will keep you out of trouble. And he's incorruptible, which is a rarely-used word today, particularly in American politics."

Despite the author's name in the title of the series, Clancy's estate was not involved in the project. (The author died in October 2013.) Asked whether he thought Clancy would approve of the series, Neufeld let out a hearty chuckle.

"You want an answer to that question?" he began. "I think the answer would be absolutely not. He didn't approve of our adapting four out of five of his books, but we seemed to do very well without his approvals."

The series makes its debut on Amazon at a moment of transition for its video streaming service. The big-budget drama was originally ordered by former Amazon Studios head Roy Price, who was ousted last October after an allegation that he had sexually harassed a television producer working on one of his shows. The series was inherited by the new regime headed by Jennifer Salke, who was previously president of entertainment at NBC and is steering Amazon's programming away from niche fare toward broad, mainstream hits.

"I would say that we're really fortunate that all along the way, people liked and appreciated what we were doing," Cuse said. "One of the best moments in the whole process was when Jen came in and took over and before she'd even officially started, she texted me one weekend. She had been watching episodes of the show and wanted to tell me how much she liked it. It was really reassuring."

If that didn't do it, a second season was greenlighted ahead of the show's premiere, with production now well underway in Bogota, Colombia.

That Jack Ryan — he's never too far away.

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Lewis farewell?

Jazz Festival, from Page 1

Lewis' set also spotlighted the divergence within his repertoire. Some of his selections drew an expected audience reaction, like the thousands of hand-claps that responded to his bluesy take on The Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night." Or the gentle humor he brought to The Stylistics' "Betcha By Golly, Wow" while also opening space for Johnson's guitar fills that recalled Wes Montgomery. But Lewis also played John Coltrane's magisterial "Dear Lord"

with the meditative spirit that the piece commands, his ruminant single-note lines punctuated with strong chords. Then he segued into his upbeat 1965 jazz/R&B crossover hit, "The In Crowd."

Perhaps Lewis' performance was a farewell — or not. Either way, as he and his band closed with his 1974 "Sun Goddess," they showed that the night had to be considered a celebration.

Along with Lewis' appearance, his instrument was especially well represented throughout the

afternoon and evening on different stages in Millennium Park. Pianist Kenny Barron's quintet preceded Lewis at the Pritzker, and he drew on his own decades of experiences working in an array of musical contexts. He echoed his former bandleader Dizzy Gillespie's accents through a slow version of the trumpeter's "Bebop." Barron also brought his warm lyricism to Caetano Veloso's samba, "Aquele Frevo Axe."

Earlier, at the park's Von Freeman Pavilion side stage, pianist Matthew Shipp and saxophonist Ivo Perelman co-led a quartet that performed a riveting hourlong work of open-ended improvisation.

Sometimes Shipp's repeated notes would signal changes in dynamics, which Perelman would answer with surprising shifts in tone. Tempos also suddenly, and constantly, took new turns, but the group maintained a sense of narrative throughout the spontaneous piece.

Amina Claudine Myers, who doubles on piano and organ, followed the Shipp and Perelman quartet at the Freeman Pavilion. On both keyboards, and as a singer, Myers showed how closely she has remained to gospel. Even when she sang blues lyrics, or emphasized the groove in her organ lines, church-based chord progressions were always a

tangible source. She also offered a sharp response to drummer Reggie Nicholson's forceful cymbal strikes.

The festival honored the late Chicago pianist and teacher Willie Pickens, who died last year at age 86. His daughter Bethany Pickens, also a pianist, led a moving tribute at the Pritzker that featured many of his long-time associates. Vibraphonist Stu Katz led on the lovely "Irma In July," which Bethany Pickens said her father composed for her mother.

Saturday's Pritzker stage also highlighted the Chicago debut of Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, a thrilling New York-based

jazz orchestra. Conductor Argue's ideas focus on big concepts, such as his "Real Enemies" suite, which involves conspiracy theories and how fears are exploited for nefarious political ends. The band's movements were equally large, usually unexpected, but ultimately joyous. Classic swing gave way to klezmer that detoured into funk. The 19-member ensemble also framed lively solos from alto saxophonist Alexa Tarantino and trumpeter Jason Palmer.

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Politics and ratings

Hollywood, from Page 1

Southern California who wrote the book "Starstruck: The Business of Celebrity." "People look at politics when deciding how they feel about a host or actor. Pop culture has now become one more thing that divides us, just like cable news and social media."

Examples of fans embracing — or rejecting — entertainers because of their politics now occur regularly.

Republican fans of Robert De Niro vowed to boycott the actor's movies in June after he stood up at the Tony Awards and, to the surprise even of those closest to him, unleashed two expletives at the president on live television.

In July, some liberals on Twitter called for a boycott of Mark Duplass, believing the Democratic actor-creator known for "The League," "Togetherness" and "Wild Wild Country" had violated the party's ideals when he urged followers on Twitter to listen to conservative blogger Ben Shapiro. Duplass later walked back the endorsement.

Other parts of the business have been trying to figure out how to digest strong political feelings in their own ranks. In June, at the height of the family-separation controversy at the border, "Modern Family" creator Steve Levitan tweeted that he was "disgusted" to work for a studio,

20th Century Fox Television, that is also home to Fox News, noting that "23-hour-a-day support of the NRA, conspiracy theories and Trump's lies gets harder to swallow every day as I drive onto that lot to make a show about inclusion." He said he would not renew his deal with the company.

The news caused a ripple both at Rupert Murdoch's corporation and among his representatives. Levitan eventually issued a statement, via his representative at the United Talent Agency, walking back his promise not to renew his deal.

Fan feelings became intensely tangled up with politics in the instance of Disney and James Gunn, director of the "Guardians of the Galaxy" film series. Last month, far-right activists, in part via the conservative Daily Caller, resurrected old Gunn tweets in which he joked about rape and pedophilia.

The activists, who said they were motivated by Gunn's anti-Trump comments, urged Disney to fire him just as it did "Roseanne" star and Trump supporter Roseanne Barr for a racist tweet in May. Conservative fans echoed their calls. (Gunn offered an apology and explanation, saying he had evolved in the years since he sent the tweets.)

The studio quickly let Gunn go. But fans, many of them prominently liberal, responded with a call for

reinstatement, as did the principal cast of the movies. A Change.org petition imploring the company to rehire Gunn has garnered more than 390,000 signatures.

For stars like De Niro, who seldom headline the kind of movie built to take in hundreds of millions at the box office, outspokenness could be of considerable benefit. That's especially true because of the multiplying opportunities for actors — De Niro's next major movie, "The Irishman," is with Netflix, sparing him a box office referendum.

"Anti-Trump sentiment is a net negative if you evaluate your income based on every last person's willingness to support you with a ticket purchase," said Eric Schiffer, the chairman of Reputation Management Consultants, which specializes in celebrity image. "But it's also a rocket tied to his back for the many who agreed with him — it enhances the loyalty factor exponentially."

That's true of Colbert too. The host no longer needs the tens of millions that a Johnny Carson, Jay Leno or David Letterman needed to win the night. There simply aren't that many people watching broadcast television at 11:30 p.m.

"Part of the issue now is that the bigger the base, the more you have to worry about offending it," said a television marketing expert,



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Candidate Donald Trump, left, appears with Jimmy Fallon on "The Tonight Show" in 2016.

who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject. "The climate actually puts the fragmented in a better position to make political statements."

For his part, Fallon has tried to adjust. In June, he sought to walk back a 2016 Trump appearance that critics said normalized the then-candidate. It went over poorly — liberals didn't buy it, and the president tweeted that the late-night host was "whimpering."

More recently, Fallon has attempted to nab a piece of the anti-Trump viewership with recurring segments like "the Trump Network News." The host is relying on his comic gifts to poke fun at Trump but is in the more gentle, non-ideological vein of Carson and Letterman, who rarely betrayed their politics —

unlike Colbert, who makes no secret of his allegiance. So far, Fallon has not made a dent in Colbert's total-viewer lead.

Michaels and Fallon, via an NBC spokesperson, declined to comment.

But while the increased political speech can help those appealing to a smaller audience, it creates headaches for those who try to reach wider swaths of America.

For years, Jennifer Lawrence was the biggest movie star in the country, driving "The Hunger Games" to nearly \$1.5 billion in U.S. box office receipts between 2012 and 2015.

Since the election of Trump, Lawrence has been more outspoken about the White House, saying in interviews that the administration has become "al-

most an obsession." She has since had three film flops in a row — "Passengers," "mother!" and "Red Sparrow." While only the first was expected to be a broad hit, the latter two underperformed, even with their more modest expectations.

It's impossible to know whether Lawrence's outspokenness directly influenced the box office sales, but people in Hollywood are taking the possibility into account.

"I don't think parts of Middle America want to hear from her now the way they once did," said an agent at a company that competes with Creative Artists Agency, which represents Lawrence. The agent acknowledged that a few of his own company's clients have run into similar challenges.

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Mary Ann (Brodinski) and Ernest Bleicher



Mary Ann and Ernest Bleicher of Beecher, Ill. were united in holy matrimony on Sept. 6, 1958 at St. Barbara Church in Bridgeport, Chicago. They have been blessed with 4 children, Ernest Jr., Mark, Marybeth, and Robert, their spouses, 10 grandsons and a great granddaughter. As we celebrate and cherish the past 60 years with you, we look forward to the years ahead. Thanks for the wonderful example of love and commitment you have shown our family.

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Will Oscar lightning strike again?

Venice, from Page 1

remake of the 1977 Dario Argento "Suspiria," Dakota Johnson stars as the American girl who joins a brutally serious dance company commanded by the charismatic Madame Blanc (Tilda Swinton). Jessica Harper — born in Chicago and coming out later this year, she told me, with a 10-episode podcast-format memoir titled "Winnetka" — played the Johnson role in the '77 original. She's seen, briefly, as the wife of a Jungian psychotherapist whose patient has disappeared without a trace.

Though listed in the credits as "Lutz Ebersdorf," the actor portraying the doctor is widely rumored to be Swinton, encased in old-age prosthetics and makeup. At Saturday's news conference, Swinton read a letter from the alleged Ebersdorf, in which he stated he "strongly suspects" "Suspiria" to be his one and only film.

On first viewing, Guadagnino's version of "Suspiria" itself feels encased, not in makeup but in some provocative but ungainly notions about how to reactivate this material. The remake is set in 1977 Berlin, and screenwriter David Kajganich draws opaque parallels between the supernatural goings-on in the dance troupe and the far-left Baader-Meinhof Group terrorist organization. Germany's war years inform the atmosphere of dread as well, although by the time Guadagnino strains to encompass the whole of Germany's grievous 20th century, things have gotten a little out of hand.



NETFLIX

Tim Blake Nelson stars in "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs," a six-part anthology film from Joel and Ethan Coen.

Fully 52 minutes longer than Argento's, this "Suspiria" found plenty of admirers on the Lido. It's a genre departure for the man who made the sensual awakening tales "Call Me by Your Name" and "I Am Love." Yet the obsessive focus on atmosphere in "Suspiria" connects to the director's previous work, even if the movie becomes a tough slog. Walkouts were plentiful at the screening I attended, thanks to protracted scenes of mutilation and crazy, De Palma-level geysers of blood flooding the climactic dance ritual.

The latest from Joel and Ethan Coen, a six-part anthology film financed by Netflix, contends with its own ghosts. "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs" finds the Coens in literary homage territory, relaying old-timey "tales of the American frontier" in deliberately clashing keys. The gag in the title story (Tim Blake Nelson is perfect as the singing cowboy) hinges on the dorky, cheery demeanor of Scruggs, who delivers ballads of his exploits even as he blasts gunslingers' fingers off.

In more plaintive later tales, the best one featuring Zoe Kazan as a young woman who finds love, for a while, on a wagon train west, the Coens treat sudden, random death and a variety of adversities more seriously. Or try to, anyway. The tone often feels uncertain and dodgy, both in the writing and the staging. Still, the anthology format's a nice throwback.

Another Venice premiere came from someone long deceased: Orson Welles, whose film "The Other Side of the Wind" has been in the birthing stage for decades. Welles' scenario concerns a Wellesian director with suicidal Hemingway tendencies (played by John Huston) adrift in the pretentious New Hollywood landscape of the 1960s and '70s. Welles shot "Wind" for several years in the '70s, with money put up by a loose string of investors including the Shah of Iran's brother-in-law. Welles labored on, never quite raising enough cash, never nearing completion.

He died in 1985; in 2015, Netflix acquired the rights to the wealth of existing

footage, shot in various formats. Peter Bogdanovich, a friend, acolyte and surrogate son to the filmmaker, joined forces with producers Frank Marshall and Filip Jan Rymasz to shape the two-hour, two-minute "Other Side of the Wind" we have, finally, here.

Closer to its U.S. premiere we'll say more about this whirling farrago, and what it was, wasn't, is and isn't. The version introduced in Venice is frank, messy, perversely fascinating. It's a movie, unfinished by its maker, about a filmmaker unable to finance and finish his movie. It's about a grand old maverick surrounded by sycophants, underminers, loyalists and traitors, filmed with a cast including a telling combination of people Welles considered likewise. (The cast includes everyone from Mercedes McCambridge to Bogdanovich to George Jessel (!) to the constantly, constantly nude Oja Kodar, Welles' lover at the time. She plays the deadpan, drifting star of the Huston character's modish, Antonioni-style comeback.)

The spirits of the dead lurk everywhere in this film, which has inaccurately been labeled a reconstruction. How can "The Other Side of the Wind" be reconstructed if it was never built in the first place?

Michael Phillips is in Venice as part of a panel of American critics participating in a sidebar program, the Biennale College Cinema. Travel expenses were paid for by the festival.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Tom Papa

"Baked" (9 p.m., Food): Cutting carbs may be important to a lot of diet-conscious people these days, but in this new series, comic Tom Papa hits the road to celebrate how breaking bread — or other baked goods for that matter — often brings people closer together. The season premiere, "New York: If You Can Bake It There," finds him in the Big Apple, where he and buddy Jim Gaffigan enjoy a glazed doughnut with "everything" bagel sprinkles.

"American Ninja Warrior" (7 p.m., NBC): The stage of the competition that the entire season has built toward — the Las Vegas Finals — continues in this new episode. This round on the obstacle course means everything to those who have made it this far in the contest, since it will determine who gets the American Ninja Warrior title and the \$1 million grand prize. Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabamila are the hosts, with Kristine Leahy as co-host.

"Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (8 p.m., CW): "Scandal" alum Cornelius Smith Jr. — who was quite immersed in that show's drama in its later seasons — joins in the improvised fun in this new episode, as he teams with series regulars Wayne Brady, Colin Mochrie and Ryan Stiles to generate humorous songs and skits from ideas suggested by the studio audience. Comic Jeff Davis makes another of his many "Whose Line" appearances during the half-hour. Aisha Tyler is the host.

"Better Call Saul" (8 p.m., 10:21 p.m., AMC): In the new episode "Quite a Ride," Jimmy (Bob Odenkirk) is hopeful that he finally has identified a new market for his distinctive — if unconventional — talents. Elsewhere, Mike (Jonathan Banks) checks out the background of a potential partner, while Kim (Rhea Seehorn) proves herself capable of driving a hard bargain.

"Elementary" (9 p.m., CBS): A woman's disappearance becomes of more critical concern to Holmes (Jonny Lee Miller) when his math-wizard friend (guest star Rich Sommer) is accused of having orchestrated the vanishing in the new episode "The Geek Interpreter." Siobhan Fallon Hogan and daytime-drama veteran Stephen Schnetzer ("Another World," "Guiding Light") also guest star.

"Lodge 49" (9:15 p.m., AMC): A still-insecure Dud (Wyatt Russell) begins to feel hopeful about his new relationship, which seems to be going pretty well in the new episode "Paradise." Elsewhere, Ernie (Brent Jennings) flirts with disaster by going ahead with preparations for the Sovereign Protector ceremony, even though Larry's (Kenneth Welsh) spiraling madness is becoming evident.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actors Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul, Anna Gunn, Dean Norris, Betsy Brandt, RJ Mitte, Giancarlo Esposito, and Bob Odenkirk; show creator Vince Gilligan.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer-songwriter Ariana Grande; actor Nick Kroll; Aerosmith performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Natalie Portman; actor Marc Maron; Alt-J and Pusha T perform.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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Chicago-area native on how she 'hit a nerve' with Netflix series

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Netflix's new dark comedy "Insatiable" is set in the Southern world of beauty pageants, but the controversial series also has roots in the Chicago area. Show creator Lauren Gussis said she drew upon her own experience dealing with bullies and an eating disorder while growing up in the north suburbs.

and seemingly without reason" while in middle school, and she lost self-esteem, struggled with trust issues, craved revenge and developed a binge-eating disorder that lasted into her 20s.

She turned to writing and theater work because that's where she felt safe. After graduating from Northwestern in 2000, she worked on a local indie movie, "UP, Michigan!" before moving to Los Angeles.

She served as a writer's assistant on the WB drama "Birds of Prey," the teen series "The O.C." and the Fox soap opera "North Shore." Her first staff writing job was on the NBC military drama "E-Ring." She ended up working on the Showtime serial killer series "Dexter" for several years until its 2013 finale. The following year, Gussis was handed a New York Times Magazine story about Bill Alverson, the so-called "pageant king of Alabama." The idea for "Insatiable" was born.

"Anytime someone is so focused on fixing up another person, my question is, What are they avoiding themselves? And so that was the story that I wanted to tell — the story of a guy who kind of uses one of his pageant clients as an avatar to make all of his dreams come true. Then mutually, he becomes her white knight and saves her from herself," Gussis said.

The CW network showed initial interest in the dramedy, but it eventually landed at Netflix. The 90-second trailer — which shows Patty being taunted by classmates until Ryan sheds her fat suit — immediately spurred backlash when it was released in July. A Change.org petition garnered more than 200,000

signatures from people who thought the series "perpetuates not only the toxicity of diet culture, but the objectification of women's bodies."

"I knew that this was going to hit a nerve, but I was surprised that people were reacting so strongly to a trailer without even seeing the show," Gussis said. "There are some things in the show that have been misunderstood. But I've been really, really moved by the amount of love and support that I've gotten from fans."

Body dysmorphia, sexuality, unhealthy relationships with food and dependence on external sources for self-worth are among the many themes explored on the show, which Gussis describes as an over-the-top "fever dream of revenge fantasy."

Gussis said since the series premiered, she has heard from some childhood friends and acquaintances, including one who offered an apology. Gussis said she wasn't harboring resentment toward that person, but the gesture made her feel "so seen in a way that I don't think I had felt seen in that place before, and it was kind of remarkable."

Netflix has not announced if there will be a second season of "Insatiable." When asked if she would change anything about the first season in light of the criticism, Gussis stood by her work.

"The show is so much about wanting things to be different, and then the second they are different, then you want them to be different again. So I think for me, part of my work spiritually is loving what is," Gussis said. "I choose to love it exactly as the way it is because it's brought me to this place on this day, which is exactly where I need to be."

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	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	Alice ©	Alice ©	Alice ©	Alice ©	Alice ©
	This TV 9.3	Thank God It's Friday (PG,78) ** Jeff Goldblum. ©				Funny Lady (PG,75) ** ©		
	PBS 11	Antiques Roadshow: "Austin." ©		Antiques Roadshow: "Bismarck." ©				Exit Zero (N)
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Next Day Air (R,'09) * Donald Faison. ▶		Modern Family ©
	FOX 32	So You Think You Can Dance: "Top 4 Perform." (N)				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds: "In Heat." ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶
	TeleM 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		Sin Senos Si (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)		Whose? (N)	Whose Line	Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ▶
	UniMas 60	(6) Me caigo de risa		Renta	La jefa del campeón	Renta		Velvet ▶
	WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Monument
	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		La bella y las bestias (N)		La piloto (N)		Noticias (N)
	AE	Nightwatch Nation ©		Nightwatch Nation ©		(9:01) Nightwatch Nation		First (N)
	AMC	The Godfather, Part II (R)		Better Call Saul (N) ©		(9:15) Lodge 49: "Paradise." (N) ©		
ANIM	The Last Alaskans ©		The Last Alaskans ©		The Last Alaskans ©		Wolves ▶	
BBCA	Heart	The Untouchables (R,'87) *** Kevin Costner, Sean Connery. ©			Kevin Costner, Sean Connery. ©		Top ... (N) ▶	
BET	(6:05) The New Edition Story		(8:25) The New Edition Story: "Part Two."					
BIGTEN	BTN Football in 60 ©		BIG Football & Beyond		BTN Football in 60 ©		Football ▶	
BRAVO	Married to Medicine ©		Married to Medicine ©		Southern Charm (Season Finale) (N)		Watch What	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		American Greed (N) ©		Greed ▶	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		RBG (PG,'18) *** Ruth Bader Ginsburg. ©				AC 360 ▶	
COM	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	South Park	
DISC	Street Outlaws: Full		Street Outlaws (N) ©		(9:02) Diesel Brothers (N)		Outlaws ▶	
DISN	Raven	Raven	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	
E!	Mean Girls (PG-13,'04) *** Lindsay Lohan. ©				Mean Girls (PG-13,'04) *** ©			
ESPN	College Football: Virginia Tech at Florida State. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2	(6) 2018 U.S. Open Tennis: Round of 16. (N) (Live)						SpoCenter ▶	
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD	Kids Baking		Kids Baking (N)		Baked	Baked (N)	Chopped ▶	
FREE	(5) Frozen (7:25) Ratatouille (G,'07) *** Voices of Patton Oswalt. ©						700 Club ▶	
FX	(6) The Avengers (PG-13,'12) *** Robert Downey Jr.				Iron Man 2 (PG-13,'10) ** ©			
HALL	Summer Nights Movie Countdown ©							
HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
HISTV	American Pickers ©		American Pick. (N)		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ▶	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	There's Something About Mary (R,'98) *** Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. ©						HappyGil ▶	
LIFE	His Perfect Obsession (NR,'18) Arianne Zucker. ©				(9:06) I'll Be Watching (NR,'18) ©			
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	(5:30) Pitch Perfect *** Teen Mom 2 (N) ©				Florabama Shore (N) ©		Teen Mom ▶	
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. ©						The Loop (N)	
NICK	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG,'05) *** Johnny Depp. ©				Friends ©		Friends ▶	
OVATION	(6) Jaws (PG,'75) *** Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. Jaws 2 (PG,'78) ** Roy Scheider. ▶							
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN (N)		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ▶	
OXY	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) ©				Snapped ©			
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SYFY	(6:30) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10) ***				Harry Potter ▶			
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan © ▶	
TCM	AFI Life Achievement: George Clooney		O Brother, Where Art Thou? (PG-13,'00) *** ©					
TLC	Counting On		Counting On (N)		Little/Prairie (N)		Counting ▶	
TLN	Supernatural	Humanit	Faith Chi	Dynamic	Robison	Monumental	Humanit ▶	
TNT	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 (PG-13,'15) *** Jennifer Lawrence.						Fightplan ▶	
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures: "Haunted Asylums." (N) ©				Ghost ▶	
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Miz & Mrs ▶	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Basketball Wives ©		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball ▶	
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶	
WGN America	Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ▶	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Blind Side (PG-13,'09) *** Sandra Bullock.				REAL Sports Gumbel		Insecure ▶
	HBO2	Insecure ©	Insecure ©	Insecure ©	Insecure ©	Animals ©	(9:40) Sharp Objects ©	
	MAX	October Sky (PG,'99) *** Jake Gyllenhaal. ©				(8:50) Knight and Day ('10) **		
	SHO	Shameless ©		Marshall (PG-13,'17) *** Chadwick Boseman.				Pearl Hrbr ▶
	STARZ	America to (7:31) Power ©			(8:31) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17) ***			
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Sept. 3): Profit through connection and expression this year. Patience and persistence fulfill passionate dreams. Discover uncharted terrain. Magic between friends this summer comes before your health, fitness and work change directions, leading to a spiritual epiphany.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Stick to practical destinations with an exploration. Follow a passion or curiosity to make a fascinating discovery. Write down what you're finding out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Profits are available. Stick to your budget. Don't get sidetracked. Communications flow for silver and beauty. Increase efficiency. You can solve a puzzle. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Follow a personal passion project and stick to achievable, practical goals. Practice makes perfect. Explore artistry and craft. Discuss techniques with an expert.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Privacy and peace suit your mood. Consider your passions, loves and ideals. Enjoy museums, histories and old photos. Rest, and catch up on your favorite subjects.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Enjoy productive meetings, creative collaborations and group endeavors. Make valuable connections. Share resources, information and passion.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Your work is attracting attention. Polish your presentation before sharing it. Travel could interfere with a hot project. Recruit team support and share the win.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Expand your territory. Try fresh flavors, ideas and views. Learn by leaps and bounds through personal experience. Love grows through communication.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A lack of funds would threaten plans. Collaborate to save for a shared goal. Don't lose what you've got for more. Share your gratitude.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Creative collaboration can get romantic. Share possibilities with your partner. Talk about what you love. Artistic expression flowers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Talk with a coach to improve your work, physical performance, health and vitality. Get expert feedback and instruction. Practice and refine your moves.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Your heart turns to thoughts of love. Flirt and banter with someone attractive. Artistic expression can spark into beauty. Cook up some fun.

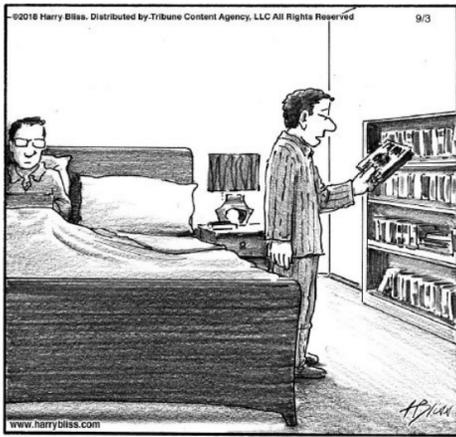
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Domestic pursuits satisfy. Beautify your space with simple touches. It's amazing what you can do with fresh paint. Share delicious treats with family.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ Q 10 4 3

East	South	West	North
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

A.1—No one sent for you. Pass, and give left-hand opponent a confident look.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 4 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ A K J 10 4 ♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♥	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A.2—In the balancing seat, your actions show about a king less than they would in direct position. 3D would not do this hand justice. Double again.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 4 ♥ Q 10 8 5 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ K J 10

Right-hand opponent opens 1H. What call would you make?

A.3—All four 10's might tempt you to bid 1NT, but there is nowhere to run if you're doubled and no good lead if you end up defending. Pass.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 7 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ Q J ♣ Q J 10 3

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A.4—Partner has shown 12-14. Just bid 3NT. This hand is not worth more than that.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



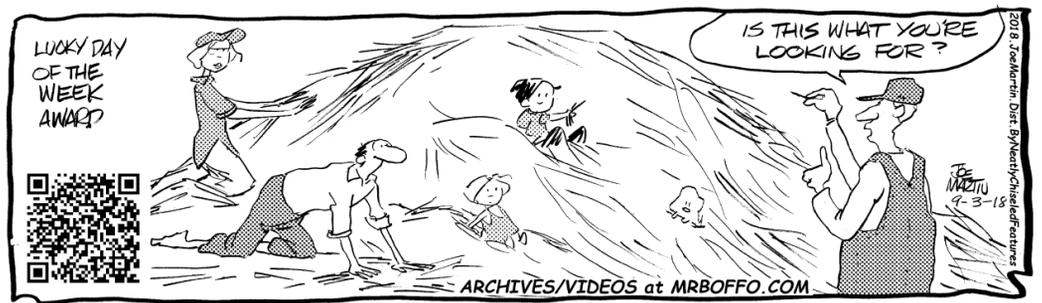
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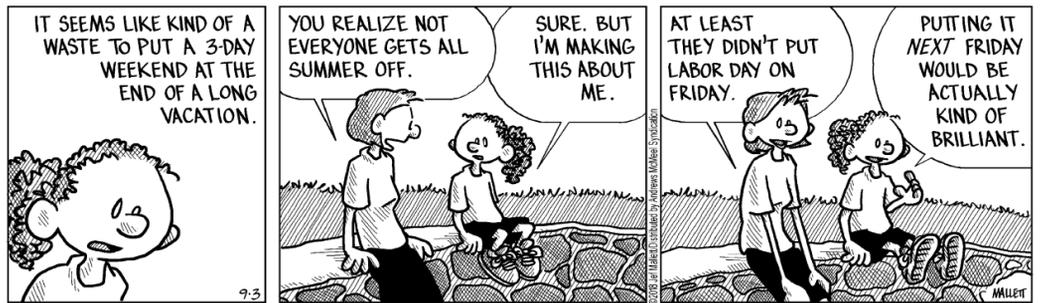
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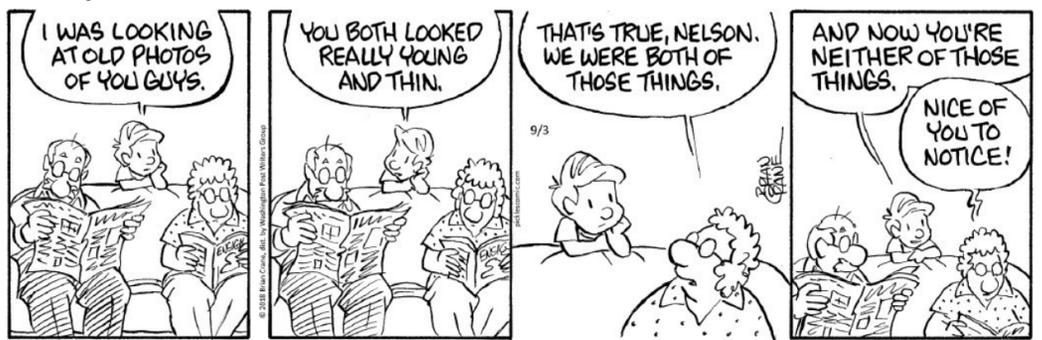
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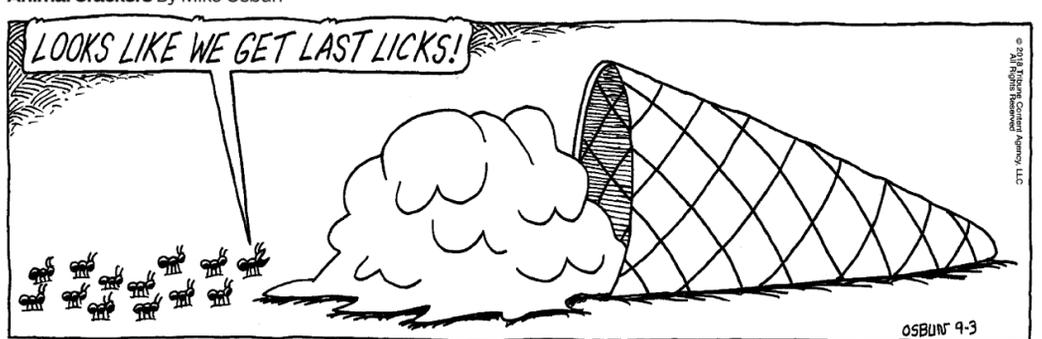
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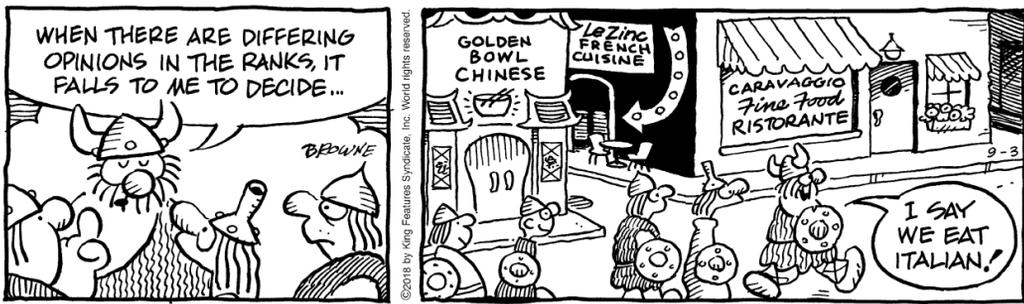
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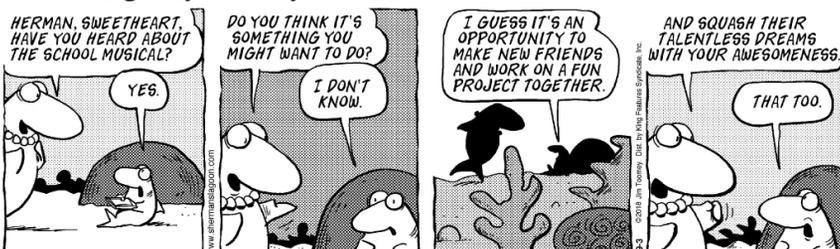
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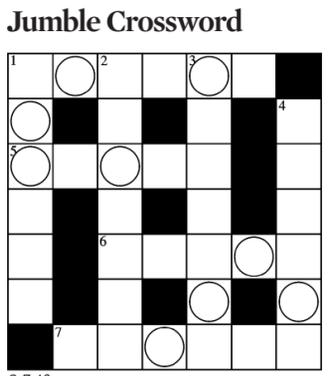
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

In Greek mythology, Narcissus was too smitten with himself to notice when which nymph fell in love with him?
A) Clio
B) Daphne
C) Echo
D) Eurydice
Saturday's answer: In 1915, the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service were merged to form the U.S. Coast Guard.
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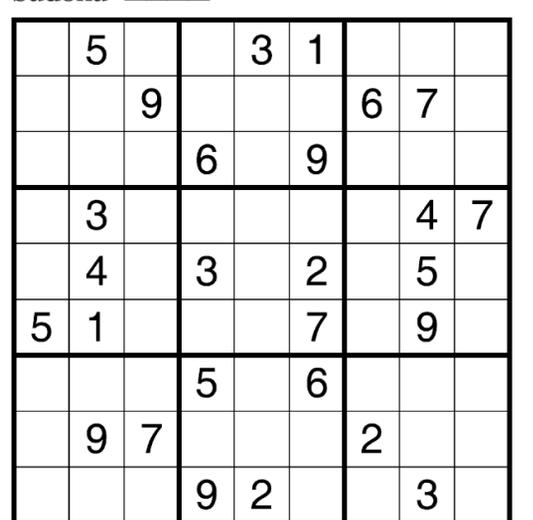
Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Horse movement
 - Unsophisticated
 - Habit, custom
 - Rescind
- CLUE DOWN**
- Launch pad sight
 - ___ time
 - Run
 - Allure
- ANSWER ACROSS**
- OLAGLP
 - IAEVN
 - SEGUA
 - EREALP
- ANSWER DOWN**
- ARTGNY
 - IESLREU
 - AREOEP
 - EPLPAA

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
CLUE: This region is shared by Argentina and Chile.
BONUS: [Circled letters: O, A, R, G, N, Y, I, E, S, L, R, E, U, A, R, E, O, E, P, E, P, L, P, A, A]

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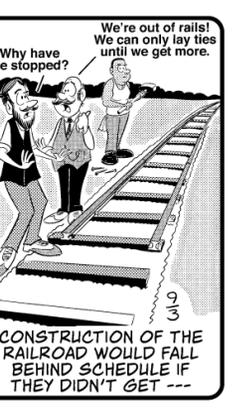
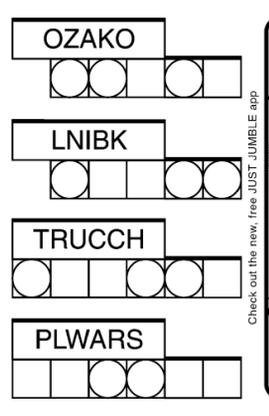
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6	5	2	4	7	8	1	9	3
9	1	8	5	3	2	4	6	7
4	9	6	2	8	3	7	1	5
8	2	7	1	4	5	9	3	6
5	3	1	6	9	7	8	2	4
2	8	5	7	6	1	3	4	9
3	6	4	8	5	9	2	7	1
1	7	9	3	2	4	6	5	8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions
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Jumble

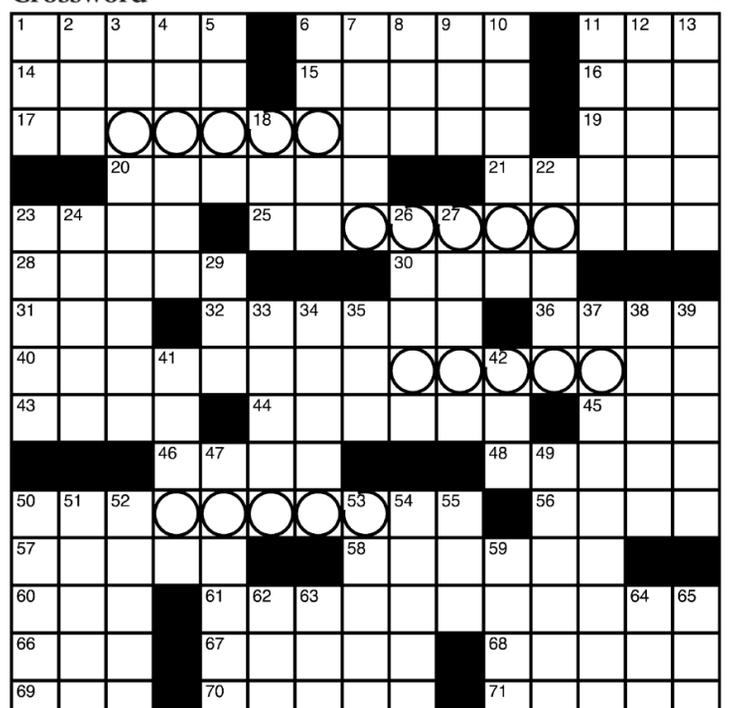
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here
[Circled letters: O, L, T, R, P, A, I, N, G, S]

Saturday's answers
Jumbles: GLITZ GRILL TRENCH TATTLE
Answer: They wanted to install a new traffic signal and just needed the city to — GREEN LIGHT IT
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Crossword



- Across**
- Laughing sounds
 - Charged, bull-style
 - Diagram of streets, highways, etc.
 - Egg-shaped
 - Football venue
 - In the style of
 - Not in need of drying or ironing
 - Unit of sunlight
 - Scottish monster, familiarly
 - Former name of the Congo
 - "Let's do it!"
 - Gets settled
 - Salary increase
 - Philosopher Descartes
 - Put two and two together
 - Turkish hospice
 - Org. with a "Speak Freely" blog
 - "I do not like them with a fox" Seuss poem
 - Walrus cousin
 - Throws gently
 - Lawyer's gp.
 - Cupcake finisher
 - Productive city for van Gogh
 - "... What a Feeling" movie
 - 90-degree pipes
 - French farewell
 - Where most Russians live
 - Cruise on-screen
 - Be sold, as property ... and a hint to each set of circled letters
 - Large primate
 - Divided Asian peninsula
 - Landlocked African country
 - Young fellow
 - Brewery supply
 - Cookies commonly in cookies and cream ice cream
 - NHL's Ducks, on ESPN crawls
 - Hero in a loincloth
 - Anti-theft device
 - Check recipient
 - Bad check letters
 - Trailing no one
 - Rock outcroppings
 - Niña's mother
 - Prom gown, e.g.
 - Bristles, to a biologist
 - A, in German class
 - Doled (out)
 - Plato's marketplace
 - Some QB protectors
 - Dare
 - Clotheshorse's concern
 - Amherst sch.
 - Beethoven's "Für ___"
 - Org. chronicled in "The Puzzle Palace"
 - Killer doll in "Child's Play"
 - Fix
 - Lethal
 - Parkinson's drug
 - Zeroed in
 - Barcelona babies
 - Bandleader Xavier
 - Prior to, poetically
 - "Yikes!"
 - Flat-bladed garden tool
 - Coach Parseghian
 - ___ volente: God-willing
 - Oldest H.S. students
- Saturday's solution**
- FEARFACTOR MASK
LISTENHERE EDNA
ATTENDANCE TMEN
THUCST VARTIES
SEEDGE CREDENZA
OREL MPA A ESSSES
DONATIONBOX
ARTDECO BREWPUB
MADREINCHINA
USMAP LITE INDC
PHILLIES SPARK
MADMEN POP FIB
OKGO ASTEPABOVE
STEN WOODEDAREVA
TIED ENTICEMENT
- Down**
- Addendum to the five W's
 - "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
 - Is completely stumped
 - Parthenon city
 - Wet septet
 - Wheel spokes, geometrically
 - Aragorn's love, in Tolkien
 - Formerly, in bridal bios
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MONDAY, SEPT. 3 NORMAL HIGH: 79° NORMAL LOW: 60° RECORD HIGH: 97° (1953) RECORD LOW: 47° (1974)

Wet pattern continues, but muggy heat to end

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 87 **LOW** 73

■ A very warm and sultry Labor Day with periods of thunderstorms, but some dry periods especially midday.

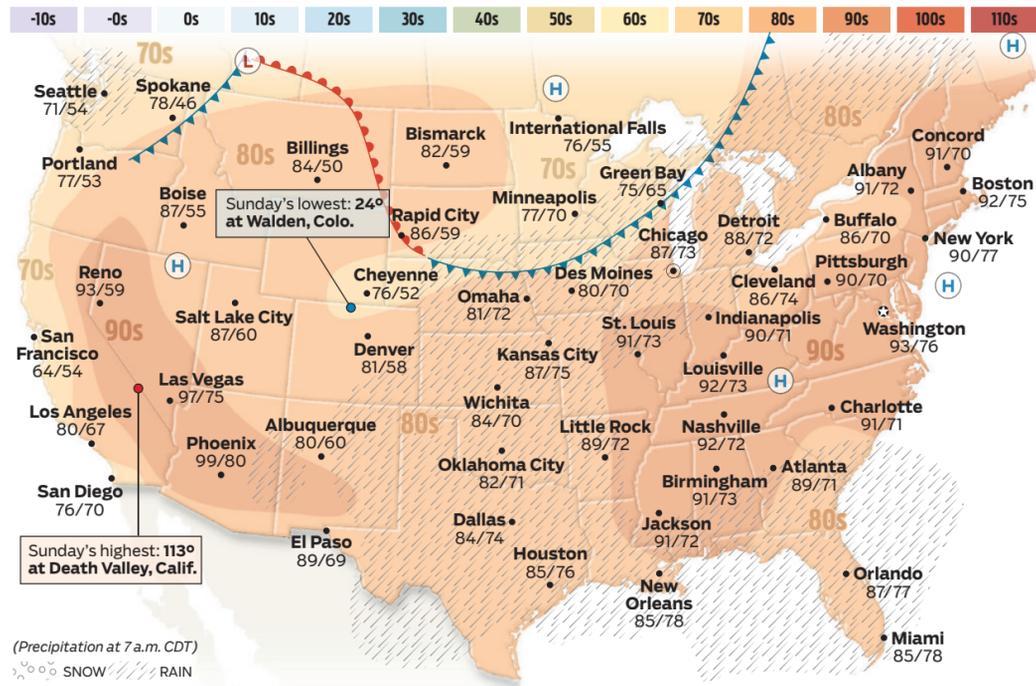
■ Overnight thunderstorms linger into the morning. Heavy rainfall possible especially well north of the city.

■ Mostly cloudy, very warm and humid. Highs in the middle/upper 80s. S/SE winds 8-15 mph.

■ Scattered thunderstorms redevelop in the afternoon and continue at night, affecting 50-60 percent of the area.

■ Overnight lows in the low/mid-70s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



It's been a downright tropical weekend in the Chicago area, with oppressive heat and humidity accompanied by frequent thunderstorms. Despite an abundance of cloudiness Sunday, temperatures still reached the lower 90s in many locations. More thunderstorms developed Sunday evening, prompting a flash flood watch for the waterlogged Wisconsin border counties, where upward of 5 inches of rain fell Saturday night. The stormy pattern should continue through the week, though a brief, sunny Tuesday dry-out will send the mercury back to the lower 90s. A frontal boundary will sink south across the area Wednesday night, turning winds into the east, dropping temperatures here into the 70s, though the proximity of heat and humidity just to the south will continue to trigger showers and thunderstorms.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

HIGH 92 **LOW** 74

Sunshine prevails. Hot and humid as highs reach the lower 90s. Heat indices near 100. South winds 10-15 mph. A welcome break from the rain, but an isolated thunderstorm can't be ruled out.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

HIGH 87 **LOW** 67

Clouds return, bringing an increase in shower and thunderstorm activity. Very warm and humid with high in the mid/upper 80s. Storms continue overnight.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

HIGH 75 **LOW** 64

Cloudy and cooler as winds shift into the east-northeast. Periods of showers and some thunderstorms. Highs from around 70 far north to the lower 80s far south.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

HIGH 73 **LOW** 64

Cloudy with occasional showers and some thunderstorms, especially central and south. East winds 10-18 mph. Highs from 70 far north to 80 far south.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

HIGH 72 **LOW** 63

Some filtered sun north, mostly cloudy central and south. Chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly south. East winds continue. Highs hold in the 70s.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

HIGH 76 **LOW** 64

Cloudiness persists, accompanied by scattered showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10-18 mph. Highs from the middle 70s north to the lower 80s south.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
We just closed out a very warm May to August with a lot of 80-degree-plus days. Are we on pace to set a record number?
— Pat Byrne, Hoffman Estates

Dear Pat,
It would take a warm September and early October, but the record is in reach. Through Sunday, the city had logged 87 days of at least 80 this year, placing it sixth on the city's all-time list (since 1871) and trailing 2012's 95 days. However, 2005 holds the record for the most warm days, logging 103, and through Sept. 2, that year had only counted 83. With 80s all but guaranteed, Wednesday should mark the city's 90th day, needing just 14 more days to break the record. Even though the city's normal high temperature drops to 79 on Monday, the average last 80 occurs on Oct. 3, and with above-normal temperatures forecast into November, the record is certainly in reach.

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Heat and humidity fueling copious Chicago area rains

A SOGGY SAT. NIGHT/ SUNDAY MORNING

Heavy rains soak areas north of Chicago

Marengo	5.14"
Woodstock	4.08"
Roscoe	2.89"
Capron	2.80"
McHenry	2.30"
Mundelein	2.24"
Waukegan	1.15"
Genoa	1.38"
Lake Zurich	1.18"
Arlington Hgts.	1.47"

Much more rain on the way—with huge totals possible!

TROPICS

HEATING UP

Tropical Storm 'Gordon' should form Monday

Heavy rains, tropical storm-force winds to target central Gulf Coast



2018 WARMTH RACKING UP 80s

Through Sunday, Chicago has logged 87 days of at least 80°—the sixth-highest since 1871

Years with greater number of 80+ days through Sept. 2—and the annual total

#1 2012	95 days
#2 1977	91 days
#3 2010	89 days
#4 1991	88 days
#5 1955	88 days
#6 2018	87 days

■ All-time annual record (2005) was 103 days—but only had 83 days with 80+ through Sept. 2

AVERAGE DATE FOR THE LAST 80+ DAY: **Oct. 3**

MOST 80+ DAYS BEYOND SEPT. 2: **25 days** (1963, 1947)

AVERAGE 10 BEYOND SEPT. 2: **days** LEAST: **0** (1876)

HOT/MUGGY SUNDAY

Chicago temperatures

O'HARE	MIDWAY
■ 22nd 90+ of the year	■ 25th 90+ of the year
90°	91°
PEAK HEAT INDEX: 94°	PEAK HEAT INDEX: 97°

■ Another 90° possible Tuesday!

CHICAGO'S LABOR DAY CLIMATE

Extremes (since 1894)

HOTTEST	97° (Sept. 6, 1954)
COLDEST	44° (Sept. 2, 1945; Sept. 5, 1988)
LOWEST MAX	61° (Sept. 2, 1974)
WETTEST	1.49" (Sept. 2, 1912)

Recent Labor Day stats

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Sept. 4, 2017	82°	62°	Trace
Sept. 5, 2016	87°	62°	0"
Sept. 7, 2015	88°	76°	Trace
Sept. 1, 2014	83°	70°	0.36"
Sept. 2, 2013	79°	60°	0"

■ The last 90° Labor Day was on Sept. 1, 2008 (90°/62°)

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MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	90	71	pc	90	71
Carbondale	pc	90	70	ts	90	70
Champaign	pc	90	70	ts	90	70
Decatur	ts	89	70	ts	89	70
Moline	ts	84	72	ts	86	73
Peoria	ts	88	72	ts	89	71
Quincy	ts	90	72	ts	90	71
Rockford	ts	81	70	ts	87	72
Springfield	ts	90	72	ts	91	72
Sterling	ts	82	70	ts	87	71
Indiana	pc	90	71	pc	90	70
Bloomington	pc	92	71	su	93	71
Evansville	pc	88	70	pc	89	70
Fort Wayne	pc	90	71	pc	90	70
Indianapolis	ts	89	69	pc	89	69
Lafayette	ts	84	70	ts	88	69
South Bend	ts	84	70	ts	88	69
Wisconsin	ts	75	65	ts	83	68
Green Bay	ts	78	70	ts	86	71
Kenosha	ts	78	70	ts	86	71
La Crosse	ts	78	70	ts	84	70
Madison	ts	79	70	ts	83	70
Milwaukee	ts	79	70	ts	86	72
Wausau	sh	74	63	ts	79	66
Michigan	ts	88	72	ts	89	73
Detroit	ts	82	70	ts	87	72
Grand Rapids	pc	88	55	ts	77	61
Marquette	pc	74	56	ts	77	61
St. Joseph	pc	74	56	ts	77	61
Traverse City	ts	76	68	ts	86	73
Iowa	ts	78	69	ts	81	67
Ames	ts	78	70	ts	83	69
Cedar Rapids	ts	78	70	ts	83	69
Des Moines	ts	80	70	ts	83	68
Dubuque	ts	79	70	ts	84	70

OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	87	71	ts	83	70
Albuquerque	pc	91	72	sh	88	69
Albany	pc	80	60	pc	82	61
Amarillo	ts	81	63	ts	83	63
Anchorage	su	65	48	pc	65	48
Asheville	pc	65	54	cl	85	65
Aspen	ts	65	43	ts	70	45
Atlanta	pc	89	71	pc	88	71
Atlantic City	pc	84	73	pc	87	74
Austin	ts	92	75	ts	91	74
Baltimore	ts	91	77	pc	93	77
Billings	su	84	50	pc	68	47
Birmingham	pc	91	73	pc	90	73
Bismarck	pc	82	59	pc	72	46
Boise	su	87	55	su	88	58
Boston	pc	92	75	sh	87	70
Brownsville	pc	97	78	pc	95	78
Buffalo	pc	86	70	pc	86	72
Burlington	ts	89	70	pc	81	64
Charlotte	pc	91	71	pc	91	71
Charltn SC	ts	86	75	cl	86	75
Charltn WV	pc	90	68	pc	91	70
Chattanooga	pc	91	71	pc	91	72
Cheyenne	pc	76	52	sh	71	50
Cincinnati	pc	91	71	pc	92	70
Cleveland	pc	86	74	ts	86	75
Colo. Spgs	ts	72	54	pc	76	54
Columbia MO	pc	90	73	ts	90	71
Columbia SC	pc	92	72	pc	93	72
Columbus	pc	91	72	pc	91	72
Concord	pc	91	70	sh	88	64
Crps Christi	pc	91	78	pc	89	77
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Driving fun comes standard with Alfa Romeo Giulia

If you're not familiar with Alfa Romeo, all you need to know will be answered once you drive the Alfa Romeo Giulia, the company's first mainstream sedan to be offered stateside since the 164 model in 1995, and the first of a new line of vehicles built on an all-new rear-wheel-drive platform dubbed Giorgio.

Alfa Romeo Giulia
Base prices: \$37,995-\$39,995
Engine: 2.0-liter turbocharged V-6
Horsepower: 280
Torque: 360 pound-feet
Fuel type: Premium
Wheelbase: 111 inches
Length: 182.6 inches
Cargo capacity: 13 cubic feet
Curb weight: 4,938 pounds
IIHS rating: Top safety pick

The first version of the Giulia made available here, the Quadrifoglio, boasts a Ferrari-derived 505-horsepower turbocharged V-6 engine that reaches 60 mph in 3.8 seconds. The setup enables an otherworldly performance matched only by the car's stratospheric starting price: \$72,000.

Comparatively, the newly available Giulia (\$37,995) and Giulia Ti (\$39,995), although simpler, are better buys.

Powered by an all-new 2.0-liter direct-injection turbocharged and intercooled four-cylinder engine designed specifically for Alfa Romeo, the Giulia produces 280 horsepower and 306 pound-feet of torque and speeds you to 60 mph in 5.1 seconds, 1.3 seconds slower than its Quadrifoglio sibling. Most drivers will never notice nor care to spend nearly double the price to recoup it. The engine is available with an all-wheel-drive system that can send up to 60 percent of the engine's power to the front wheels. All Giulias come with a responsive eight-speed automatic transmission.

The Giulia's performance is gracefully athletic, authoritative and entrancing, not to mention remarkably quick and quiet. There's more body lean than in the Quadrifoglio, but the ride is supple and forgiving and yet firm when it needs to be. The steering reacts speedily to inputs and is nicely weighted, although its road feel is negligible. Aiding the car's performance is Alfa Romeo's DNA drive mode selector, which includes dynamic, natural, and all-weather settings. My advice? Leave it in dynamic unless it's snowing. Trust me on this one.

With so much sporting agility, it's no surprise the Giulia can be fitted with a full array of safety nannies when you order the \$1,500 driver assist plus package. It helps prevent a front-end collision, keeps you at a safe distance while using cruise control, and nags you when you step out of your lane. It's almost like having your spouse ride shotgun.

Inside, you'll find a cabin with an asymmetric instrument panel anchored by an infotainment screen. Measuring 6.5 inches, it grows to 8.8 inches when the navigation package is ordered. Similar to BMW's iDrive system, it's controlled by a knob located on the center console.

With the \$600 sport interior package, the Giulia's cabin offers first-class accommodations, including soft, sumptuous and supportive red leather seats offset by black trim and red stitching; aluminum accents; steering column-mounted paddle shifters; and a leather-wrapped sport steering wheel. The dual-pane sunroof proved to be the perfect finishing touch, endowing the cabin with a greater sense of space, especially in the rear.

Tempted yet? You should be. The Alfa Romeo Giulia proves to be an entertainingly athletic machine, one with a unique flavor that proves irresistible.

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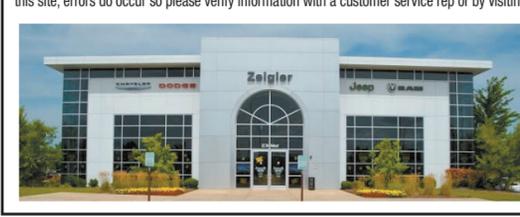
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