



Kavanaugh clears last day of hearing

Senate Democrats hammer nominee on abortion, race

BY MARK SHERMAN AND LISA MASCARO
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats mounted a last, ferocious attempt Thursday to paint Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh as a foe of abortion rights and a likely defender of President Donald Trump if he makes it to the high court. But their chances of blocking Trump's nominee seemed to fade away by the end of a second marathon day of testimony in his confirmation hearing.

Questioning of the 53-year-old appellate judge wound down without him revealing much about his judicial stances or making mistakes that might jeopardize his confirmation. In what almost seemed like a celebration, Kavanaugh's two daughters returned to the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing room for the final hours of testimony, accompanied by school basketball teammates their father has coached.

The hearing pivoted during the day to *Roe v. Wade*. The Democrats' best hope of stopping Kavanaugh — who could swing the court further to the right for decades — would be branding him as a justice who might vote to overturn the ruling, attracting the votes of two Republican senators who support abortion rights.

A newly disclosed email suggested he once indicated the abortion case was not settled law, though Kavanaugh denied in the hearing that he had been expressing his personal views on the issue.

The tone in the email from 2003 contrasted with his responses to questions on Wednesday when he stressed how difficult it is to overturn precedents like *Roe*. In the email, Kavanaugh was reviewing a potential op-ed article in support of two judicial nomi-

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Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, with father Owen at left, is escorted from Cook County Jail after posting additional bond on Thursday.

Judge gives Van Dyke wrist-slap bond hike

Penalty for talking to media lighter than the jailing prosecutors sought

BY MEGAN CREPEAU, STACY ST. CLAIR, CHRISTY GUTOWSKI AND JASON MEISNER | Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke walked out of Cook County Jail on Thursday surrounded by a phalanx of uniformed Chicago police officers after a judge gave him a slap-on-the-wrist bond hike for giving media interviews in violation of a long-standing gag order.

About 90 minutes earlier, Judge

Vincent Gaughan had tacked on an additional \$2,000 to Van Dyke's original \$1.5 million bond, saying the officer violated the conditions of his bond when he spoke to reporters about the case just days before the trial's start.

Van Dyke remained expressionless as sheriff's deputies took him into custody and escorted him

from the courtroom after Gaughan announced his decision from the bench. His attorney left the courtroom a short time later carrying a plastic bag containing his personal effects, including a tie, belt, wedding ring and a \$20 bill.

Gaughan's ruling meant Van Dyke had to post just \$200 to get out of custody, a much lighter punishment than the jailing sought by prosecutors. It also reflected the delicate calculation

Gaughan faced — the exceptionally authoritative judge had to show that his order had teeth without inflaming the already heated case.

Van Dyke's father, his attorney and several Chicago police officers in attendance immediately offered up the necessary cash. Court records show his father posted the \$200 at about 11:45 a.m. Thursday.

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Mia McCline destroys a television with a sledgehammer on Aug. 24 at Rage Room in River North.

Smash a TV, relieve stress?

Patrons pay to break stuff at 'rage rooms' across the country

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
 Chicago Tribune

A suburban elementary school teacher swings a mini sledgehammer at a 20-inch television, cracking the screen with several whacks until the old-fashioned cathode ray tube implodes in a small puff of smoke. Then she turns her attention to a stack of shiny white dinner plates, flinging a few against a plywood wall where they shatter and fall, leaving a trail of broken crockery.

After roughly 15 minutes of mayhem, Marie Musil says she's

satisfied.

"It's definitely a good stress reliever," says the 38-year-old from west suburban Darien, breathless and a little sweaty on a recent Friday night.

This is the controlled chaos of Rage Room, a River North entertainment venue where patrons pay to alleviate stress by demolishing breakable household items, electronics or objects of their choice brought from home.

Common sources of tension range from relationships to jobs to national politics: 3D-printed busts of President Donald Trump

are available for the smashing at \$8 each. The "Office Space"-style attraction draws corporate events, date nights, birthday celebrations and bachelor and bachelorette parties, as well as the grieving.

"It's exhilarating," said owner Joe Lupa, who opened Rage Room in fall 2017 as part of his entertainment company Escapades. "Not necessarily an escape from reality but to lose yourself, for a moment at least."

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Suit: Seniors home staff stole \$600K from woman

Lincoln Park workers allegedly preyed on dementia patient, 97

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND CHRISTY GUTOWSKI
 Chicago Tribune

Without any living relatives and a debilitating diagnosis of dementia, Grace Watanabe had nowhere else to turn.

The 97-year-old needed help with her finances and looked for guidance at Symphony Residences of Lincoln Park, a senior facility where she had been staying since 2010.

Watanabe, who was forced to live at a Japanese internment camp during World War II, had built up a life savings of \$600,000 over a lengthy career as a federal government employ-

ee. But instead of helping Watanabe, a group of workers at the home are accused of draining her assets in a yearlong scheme that included cashing checks,

making ATM withdrawals and transferring money online without her consent, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday by acting Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert. Virtually all of her life savings are gone, the lawsuit said.

"I've never seen this level of corruption from the very highest levels to the very lowest levels," Golbert said. "These Symphony employees were paid to assist the residents with the care they needed. Instead, they took advantage of Ms. Watanabe's vulnerabilities to access her money."

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, lists a handful of workers at Symphony, part of a large nursing home chain in the Midwest, who are accused of cashing large checks from Watanabe since March 2017. The checks, many of which were described as a gift in the memo, were for amounts up to \$50,000, Golbert said.

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Sens. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Kamala Harris, D-Calif., listen during Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing.



JOHN KASS

Sen. Booker becomes 'Spartacus,' forgets T-Bone

If only Sen. Cory Booker had insisted on having an "I am T-Bone moment" at the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

It would have truly been heroic, with supporters of the Democratic presidential hopeful from New Jersey shouting that they, too, were T-Bone, the name of Booker's imaginary drug dealer friend from the mean streets of Newark.

"I am T-Bone!"
"No, I am T-Bone!"
Sadly, Booker didn't want to play T-Bone on national TV.

So, he became Spartacus. "This is about the closest I'll probably ever have in my life to an 'I am Spartacus' moment," said Booker. It was a dramatic moment, and Booker flushed with pride at the revolt he was leading against Republicans in the Senate, though it turned out to be more of a cheap publicity stunt.

Still, the Spartacus bit was epic. And an epic fail for Booker. But what senator wouldn't want to be Spartacus?

For those of you who aren't fans of gladiator movies, Spartacus was a Thracian gladiator played by Kirk Douglas in a 1960s Hollywood extravaganza. He led a slave revolt against mighty ancient Rome. His best friend was Tony Curtis, a Greek slave from the Bronx, who told the evil Roman general Laurence Olivier that he was quite fond of snails.

Or was it oysters? I forget. I was a kid.

We watched it at the Double Drive-In on the South Side of Chicago when I was a little boy. Our dad was so tired after a 16-hour day cutting meat at the family store that he kicked off his shoes and fell asleep.

He ended up with his feet sticking out the driver's side window.

And he snored like a lion, snoring so loudly that my mom and my two little brothers and I couldn't hear the panicked whimpers of two wealthy Romans forced to fight to the death for the amusement of the lusty gladiators.

The terrified, trembling Romans — a fleshy old one and a pinched, skinny one — looked remarkably like Sens.

Dick Durbin and Charles Schumer in torn, soiled togas.

They were talkers. Not fighters. But the gladiators poked them with spears to make them fight. Spartacus saved them because he was a good revolutionary.

It's not every day that a politician with national pretensions becomes a leader of a gladiatorial revolt against the state. But that's what Booker did, squabbling theatrically with Republicans over supposedly confidential Kavanaugh documents.

I couldn't see the inside of Booker's mind through the TV screen, as I munched on a delicious Green Zebra tomato from my garden.

But one look at Booker's bright, shining eyes, and his rapidly changing facial expressions as he spoke of having his "Spartacus moment," and you could see what was on the screen inside his mind. Behold:

Booker at the 2020 Democratic National Convention, accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, with former President Barack Obama placing a laurel wreath upon his head, and thousands upon thousands of Democrats in the arena shouting.

"I am Spartacus! I am Spartacus!" That's what the vanquished gladiators in "Spartacus" said when they lost the last desperate battle and wound up being crucified because they wouldn't give their leader up to Laurence Olivier.

My dad woke up during the mass crucifixion scene, ate a piece of fried chicken Mom had brought to the drive-in, then fell back asleep, his feet through the window.

He snored through the credits. Booker's "Spartacus" bit involved defying the Republican-majority Senate's rules by releasing what he thought were damaging and confidential George W. Bush White House emails that would prove Kavanaugh's attitudes on racial profiling.

Warned he was breaking the rules, Booker released them anyway. It turned out the Kavanaugh emails had been cleared for release hours before. He wasn't defying anything. It was a stunt.

And Kavanaugh's views on racial profiling? The emails showed Kavanaugh to be opposed to racial pro-

filing of all kinds.

Conservative pundit Ben Shapiro tweeted that Booker should not be called Spartacus, but rather, "Fartacus."

I won't go there. But I have other complaints against Booker. It may just be that Sen. Spartacus has committed other cultural sins as defined by the left.

For one, Booker is not remotely Thracian, yet becomes Spartacus at a public spectacle. And Booker is not Greek, yet has been photographed by the Associated Press giving a double Moutza — the Greek hand signal of contempt — at Senate witnesses during another hearing.

That's clear cultural appropriation, Sen. Spartacus. You should have gone full T-Bone.

T-Bone was a regular staple of Booker's speeches when he campaigned for mayor of Newark. T-Bone was a tough drug dealer. But according to Booker, the two developed mutual respect.

Some thought Booker, raised in a middle-class suburb, made up T-Bone to give himself street cred.

"I said hello to this guy and I'll never forget he leaped off the steps where he was standing and looked at me and threatened my life," Booker said during a 2007 speech, according to the Star-Ledger. "I later got to know this guy and his name was T-Bone and I'm a vegetarian so that was a particularly vicious threat."

He'd invoke T-Bone constantly. The tough T-Bone and the earnest Booker. Good times. Like a buddy movie.

Reporters fanned out to find T-Bone, but he just wasn't there. Booker finally stopped mentioning T-Bone. Opponents said Booker was a serial theatrical embellisher.

But how could they say such a terrible thing about a potential presidential candidate?

He's not a theatrical embellisher. He's Spartacus.

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Emanuel thought big, built big

But growth in neighborhoods was painfully uneven

When former Mayor Richard M. Daley stunned Chicago in 2010 with the announcement that he wouldn't seek re-election after 21 years in office, this question was widely heard: Will Chicago still think big?

Rahm Emanuel, who issued his own "I will not run again" shocker Tuesday, answered that question strongly in the affirmative, though his urban planning achievements did not bring him widespread popularity.

Under Emanuel, Chicago completed the downtown riverwalk that Daley began and reaped the economic benefits of a development boom that brought construction cranes back to the skyline after the hiatus forced by the Great Recession.

Also during his two terms, Chicago started revitalizing its creaking mass-transit system, installed miles of bike lanes, opened innovative neighborhood parks and libraries, and won the right to host the Obama Presidential Center.

But for all his achievements, Emanuel never could escape the shadow of the violence wracking the city's South and West sides and the resulting drumbeat of bad news that fed the narrative that Chicago is a tale of two cities — one thriving, the other struggling.

For every construction crane and ribbon-cutting, there was another homicide and a steady exodus of African-Americans, reversing the Great Migration that brought thousands of Southern blacks to the city from 1915 to 1950.

Like Daley, who oversaw the construction of such grand projects as Millennium Park, the Museum Campus and a revitalized Navy Pier, Emanuel was an exponent of the postindustrial



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

city — a Chicago that could play as well as work, a city that retained its trademark grit but was alluring enough to draw tourists from abroad.

Yet unlike Daley, who doted on flowers, imitation wrought-iron fences and other beautification touches, Emanuel saw the city as a machine, a place where the trains literally needed to run on time.

It's no coincidence that some of his most notable public works — the riverwalk, The 606 or the planned southern extension of the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line — are linear in character.

Or that the riverwalk, which stands as his signature urban planning achievement, combines the pleasure of open space with the necessity of getting around.

While his Washington experience helped Emanuel win funding for such projects, his high-handed manner — epitomized by his embrace of the proposed Lucas Museum of Narrative Art for a lakefront site that would have been leased to the "Star Wars" creator for \$10 for a term of 99 years — won him enemies.

"You are not the king of this city," challenger Jesus "Chuy" Garcia told Emanuel during the 2014 election campaign.

A dance major at Sarah Lawrence College, Emanuel had a natural interest in the arts and what they could do for Chicago. That approach manifested itself in his promise, now gaining traction, to renovate and reopen the long-shuttered Uptown Theatre and the way he threw himself behind the creation of the Chicago Architectural Biennial, the showcase for cutting-edge design that debuted in 2015.

The mayor wants "to have Chicago again on the interna-



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The riverwalk, begun under his predecessor, was one of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's notable public works projects.

tional stage as not just a center where great buildings are built, but also as a place where architectural ideas are being considered," the biennial's then-vice chair Jack Guthman said at the time.

At last year's biennial, the city expanded on that notion, asking architects to come up with new concepts for extending the riverwalk along the Chicago River's South Branch. If those ideas ever take physical form and the river really does become the city's second great waterfront, Emanuel will get much of the credit, cementing his identity as the "River Mayor."

Even so, like Daley, he leaves a list of unfinished major initiatives, exemplified by the still-empty former U.S. Steel plant on the Far South Side, where a developer's plans to build thousands of homes recently fizzled.

During an interview with me in 2015, Emanuel pushed back at the tale-of-two-cities narrative, pointing to a new Chinatown library, a boathouse in Ping Tom Memorial Park and other public works upgrades in China-

town. They were demonstrations, he said, of his "essential building blocks" for thriving neighborhoods — a good public school, public safety, a park, a playground, a library and access to transportation.

He furthered that agenda by establishing a neighborhood opportunity fund, which charges developers more for the right to pack extra square footage into downtown buildings and uses that money for projects in economically depressed neighborhoods.

And yet, the exodus out of Chicago's violence-plagued neighborhoods continues.

"Rahm's done a great job building downtown and the near-in neighborhoods," a former city official who's now a developer and asked not to be named emailed me Thursday. "What he hasn't done well is rebuild neighborhoods."

"The development in neighborhoods has been sporadic, like the Whole Foods in Englewood. ... These have become one-off projects that were meant to spur additional investments and devel-

opment, but have not been followed up with new housing or additional development. While downtown and near-in neighborhoods have added thousands of new housing units, there has been little if any new construction (particularly for-sale homes) in most South and West side communities. There's no plan for re-densifying or repopulating these neighborhoods."

The big question for Emanuel's successor is not just whether he or she will continue to think big, but whether the next mayor can bring such thinking to a full-scale effort, an urban Marshall Plan, that spreads the benefits of boom times to each and every one of the city's 50 wards.

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Misconduct probe closed against state Rep.

Accuser of Lang blasts IG inquiry as 'joke'

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois legislature's top watchdog wrote that "evidence does not support" abuse complaints against a former top deputy of Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, after the woman who made the accusations didn't participate in the resulting investigation.

Former medical marijuana advocate Maryann Loncar at a Capitol news conference in May accused Democratic state Rep. Lou Lang of retaliation, verbal abuse and "inappropriate behavior." Lang held his own news conference immediately afterward, calling the accusations "absurd" and asking the legislative inspector general for an investigation.

In a letter to Lang on Wednesday, Inspector General Julie Porter wrote that she attempted to reach Loncar via mail, email and Facebook but that "she has declined to respond to my

overtures." Porter did interview Lang and other witnesses.

"Because a preponderance of evidence does not support Loncar's allegations that you engaged in misconduct, I am closing the matter," Porter wrote.

Loncar on Thursday noted in a statement that Porter was chosen for the post by lawmakers after the job was left open for years.

"It is ridiculous to think that any person who feels victimized by a member of the House or Senate would be consoled to reveal their plight to a hand-picked I.G. appointed by the Speaker of House," Loncar said.

"What I have seen played out since my press conference confirms everything I assumed about having a Legislative Inspector General appointed by the Speaker of the House: it is a joke," her statement read. "The joke is on the victims. The joke is on the Illinois taxpayers."

In the immediate wake of the allegations, Lang re-



Maryann Loncar accused Rep. Lou Lang of retaliation and verbal abuse.

signed his deputy majority leader post in the Illinois House, where he has served since 1987.

A Madigan spokesman did not say whether Lang would get the spot back. Lang is running for reelection in November and has no opponent.

Lang didn't respond to requests for comment, but in a statement said, "I have been vindicated, and this matter is now closed."

Loncar's accusations arrived on the final day of a tumultuous spring session in which Madigan's leadership repeatedly came under fire as women detailed what they said was a culture of gender discrimination and harassment in the veteran speaker's politi-

cal and government organizations.

Loncar accused Lang of years of harassment after they initially met while she was pushing legislation to legalize medical marijuana, a proposal Lang sponsored and then-Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law in 2013.

Loncar said that at one point she was exiting a meeting with Lang when he put his hand on her lower back and asked if her husband "knew how lucky he is to have a wife like you." Asked if she considered that sexual harassment, Loncar said, "I do."

Lang denied it happened. Without talking to Loncar, Porter found, "I do not have sufficient evidence that such occurrences, if they even happened, constituted sexual harassment," according to Porter's letter.

More recently, Loncar said that in May 2017, Lang called her now-former husband and said he could "help you bury her if you want." Loncar said she considered that a threat.

"Speaking generally, the interviews corroborated

your assertions that you did not threaten to bury Loncar," Porter wrote to Lang.

Loncar's accusations against Lang came amid a string of allegations against Madigan allies.

Days after her news conference, the speaker ousted his longtime chief of staff Tim Mapes after a House staff member accused the top aide of sexual harassment over several years and fostering "a culture of sexism, harassment and bullying that creates an extremely difficult working environment."

Joining Loncar at her initial news conference was Denise Rotheimer, who last fall accused longtime Democratic Sen. Ira Silverstein of sexual harassment.

Porter determined that Silverstein did not engage in sexual harassment but "did behave in a manner unbecoming of a legislator."

In February, the Chicago Tribune disclosed aggressive and inappropriate text messages from Kevin Quinn, a top Madigan political and state government aide, to Alaina Hampton,

who was working on House campaigns.

Madigan ousted Quinn, the brother of Ald. Marty Quinn, the political point man in the speaker's long-held 13th Ward on Chicago's Southwest Side. Hampton has filed a federal lawsuit, saying she was deprived of chances to advance in the speaker's political organization as a result of the harassment.

That same month, Madigan bounced from his political organization lobbyist Shaw Decremer, a former ranking member of Madigan's state government staff.

Madigan serves as chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party. He has said he takes "responsibility" for not doing more.

And, last month, a Republican state lawmaker tasked with helping find ways to prevent sexual harassment stepped down following a report of accusations he sent nude photos of an ex-girlfriend to other men online.

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Big names drawn to mayor's race

Gutierrez, Quigley, Chico weigh runs

BY JOHN BYRNE
AND HAL DARDICK
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The pool of potential candidates to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel continued to grow Thursday as one of his 2011 opponents and two sitting Democratic congressmen confirmed they're considering whether they'll jump into Chicago's mayoral scrum.

Outgoing U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez and U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley each said they're thinking about joining the race, while attorney Gery Chico said "the pieces are lining up" for him to likely get in the campaign.

If Gutierrez and Chico did run, they could become the first high-profile Latinos to join a field that stands at 12 officially announced candidates but seems certain to grow in the weeks ahead.

Gutierrez had pledged to back Emanuel's re-election bid as he did in 2015, but he's now unencumbered by that obligation given Emanuel's surprise announcement this week that he'll forgo a bid for a third term.

Chico held many positions in Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration and came in second to Emanuel in the 2011 mayoral election. Quigley, meanwhile, is running for his sixth full term and said he doesn't "feel compelled to rush into a decision" about the mayor's race.

"This is about the ability to solve complex problems," Quigley said. "What's important to me is that whoever sits in that chair can address those problems and is willing to make tough choices."

Quigley, 59, represents a sprawling mostly Democratic district with the rough shape of a horseshoe. It includes the Gold Coast, the Northwest Side and several west suburbs. He won 63 percent of the vote in a four-way Democratic primary in March and faces Republican Tom Hanson in November.

Gutierrez is well-known after 12 terms in Congress. Given that profile, his proven ability to raise money and Chicago's large Hispanic population, he could be positioned well to emerge from the February election and advance to an April runoff if no single candidate tallies more than

50 percent of the vote.

Candidates for the 2019 mayoral race have to gather 12,500 valid signatures and file them between Nov. 19 and Nov. 26 to get on the February ballot.

Gutierrez announced last November he wouldn't seek a 13th term in the U.S. House representing the earmuff-shaped 4th District that includes chunks of the Northwest and Southwest sides.

Chico's well-known too. He pointed Thursday to his experience as Daley's chief of staff, president of the Chicago Board of Education, head of the Chicago Park District and City Colleges, and his fundraising prowess.

"I never take on races worrying about who's in, who might get in," he said. "I make the decision based on resources, the ability to get support and an infrastructure in place, and on my preparedness to tackle the job."

Chico pointed to Chicago's violence as the top problem facing the next mayor.

"If people don't feel safe in their neighborhoods, it's impossible to accomplish anything else," he said.

Other Hispanic candidates are also likely to run. State Comptroller Susana Mendoza is reportedly making calls to line up support.

Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who forced Emanuel into a runoff before losing in 2015, also has been mentioned as a possibility. Garcia is running for Gutierrez's congressional seat.

Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, said he may run, as did Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st. City Clerk Anna Valencia has said she's looking into it as well.

Also, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle continues to weigh a bid, a source close to her said.

Gutierrez confirmed in a text message that he's considering a run.

Gutierrez's daughter, Jessica, is running for alderman in the Northwest Side 30th Ward, which could make for awkward questions about her independence were they both to win.

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Merced Gutierrez, landlord of the Little Village building where 10 children died after a fire, leaves Thursday's hearing.

Little Village landlord 'extremely saddened'

Owner in court after apartment fire killed 10

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The Little Village apartment where 10 children died in a fire will remain vacant until at least December while the landlord tries to figure out if the building can be repaired and officials continue investigating the cause of the blaze.

The landlord, Merced Gutierrez, appeared Thursday morning in Cook County Circuit Court after the city filed more than 40 code violations against the property where the children were having a sleepover last week when the fire broke out. Gutierrez, 80, sat next to a relative and said nothing during the brief hearing while his attorney and the city agreed to temporarily reopen the property Friday morning to allow insurance agents to inspect the damage.

Gutierrez is set to return to court Dec. 6, and will be required to keep the building vacant and secured until then, according to a court order. City inspectors will go back into the building Dec. 4.

Before Thursday's hearing, Gutierrez and a relative declined to comment. His attorney, Anthony Peraica, said Gutierrez is "extremely saddened" by the children's deaths.

Peraica noted that his client had made repairs on the property about a year ago after the city previously cited him for code violations.

"We categorically deny that there were any violations certainly that were brought to attention or witnessed by Mr. Gutierrez," Peraica said.

Two buildings sit on the property and were involved in the fire; six of the violations filed after the Aug. 26 fatal fire were specifically issued for a rear building where the children were having a sleepover when the fire started. The citations call for Gutierrez to do things such as repair building damages and post his contact information on the property, according to city records. The citations were issued to make sure the now-vacant building was secured.

The rest of the violations filed after the fire were issued for the front building.

As of Thursday, the cause of the fire remained "undetermined" pending further investigations, according to the Fire Department. The cause and manner of deaths for all 10 children — who ranged in age from 3 months to 16 years old — are also pending.

There were no survivors of the fire that started in an enclosed back porch in the rear building in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue, where all 10 children were sleeping. The

children were first cousins and one close family friend.

The children were identified as Amayah Almaraz, 3 months; Alanni Ayala, 3; Gialanni Ayala, 5; Ariel Garcia, 5; Giovanni Ayala, 10; Xavier Contreras, 11; Nathan Contreras, 13; Adrian Hernandez, 14; Cesar Contreras, 14; and Victor Mendoza, 16.

Fire officials initially said there was no evidence of a smoke detector in the unit with the sleeping children, but they later reported that remains of what officials believe was a smoke detector without a working battery was found at the scene, according to a tweet from the Chicago Fire Department.

Peraica said they were looking into information they received that the smoke detector had been disabled because of the noise it was making.

The city last inspected the building July 3 and found violations ranging from graffiti outside the apartment where the children were sleeping to an excessive number of extension cords in all the units, according to city records. Bill McCaffrey, spokesman for the city's Law Department, said the inspection was requested by Chicago police.

Another inspection took place June 8 after a tenant complained, said Gregg Cunningham, a spokesman for the Buildings Department. Two electrical code citations were issued after an extension cord was

found from the rear building to the main apartments. The second violation found electrical grounding that caused a basement tenant to get shocked from a tub faucet.

Gutierrez has owned the property for at least 29 years, according to Cook County records. He did not have document leases with any of the tenants, and Peraica described him as old-fashioned. Gutierrez had been in the legal process of trying to evict the family from the apartment where the children were sleeping.

Gutierrez had faced past building violations for the property. In October 2015, city inspectors cited him for not having a smoke detector in the same unit where the fire started, according to city records. The case was given an administrative hearing, where the landlord showed the unit in question had been fixed, Cunningham said.

Peraica said Gutierrez had made repairs after the previous building citations. The Gutierrez family had been working with police to address concerns about activity taking place around the property, Peraica said.

"Mr. Gutierrez did everything he could to run a good building," Peraica said.

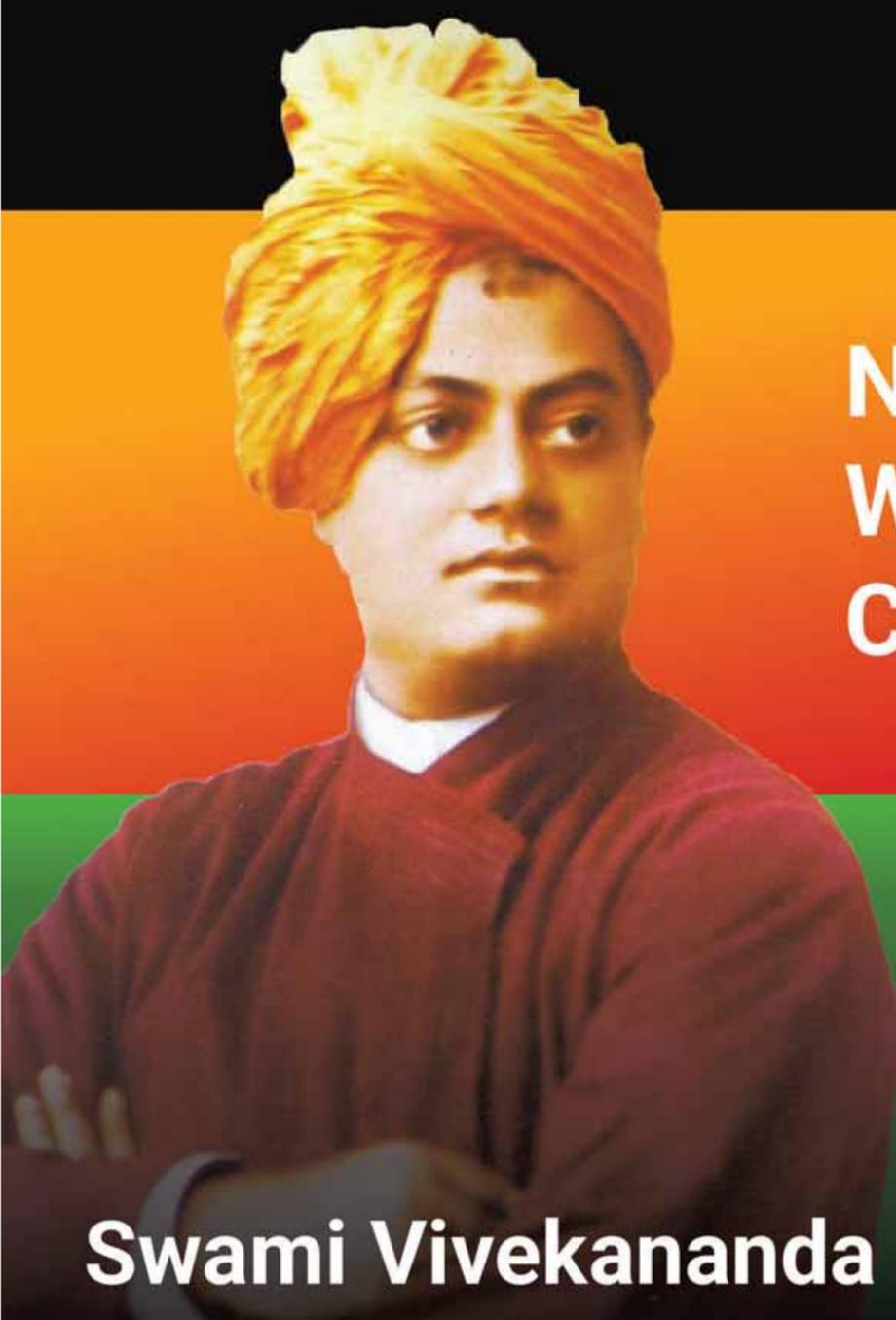
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Investigators look over the scene after two women were killed and an deputy injured.

2 sisters returning from work die in crash with squad car

BY MATTHEW WALBERG
Chicago Tribune

Two sisters returning home from work died Thursday morning when the car they were in was involved in a crash with a Cook County sheriff's office squad car in Niles, according to police and a family member.

The crash happened at Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue shortly before 6 a.m. when a Honda Accord traveling south on Harlem entered the intersection and was struck on the passenger side by the squad car, which was eastbound on Dempster, according to a news release from the Niles Police Department.

The women who died were identified as Ludwika Moskal, 69, of Norridge, who

was driving the Honda, and Helena Lukasik, 64, of Chicago, a passenger in that car, according to Niles police.

Both were transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, where they were pronounced dead, according to the news release. The 47-year-old male sheriff's department officer was also taken to Lutheran General, with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Moskal's son, Robert Moskal, said his mother and Lukasik were sisters, and the two were traveling home from working the night shift for a cleaning company at Evanston Hospital. He said his mother had retired, but went back to work because her sister wanted them to retire together.

"She was a very hard-working woman," Moskal said of his mother, his voice strained with emotion. "She was a very hardworking mother, grandmother. She loved her nieces and family."

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, though police believe weather conditions may have been a factor in the crash, according to the release. The officer was believed to be on duty at the time of the collision, but no other details were being released, Niles police said.

A spokeswoman for the Cook County sheriff's office said the officer was not responding to a call at the time of the crash.

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Teachers union gets new leadership

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
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The Chicago Teachers Union has a new president and vice president.

Jesse Sharkey has officially taken over the labor group's top post for the time being, following a Wednesday vote from the union's governing body. The new vice president is Stacy Davis Gates, formerly the union's political director.

The shift in leadership follows the retirement of former CTU President Karen Lewis, who an-

nounced her departure in June amid continued health problems. That cleared the way for Sharkey's formal takeover of the union's top job and Davis Gates' nomination to replace him as second-in-command.

Both leaders will be running for office again soon, as union officers are expected to face some competition in an election by the entire CTU membership next year.

Still, union brass is claiming credit for Mayor Rahm Emanuel's decision to step down after completing his second term.

Emanuel's controversial tenure as the de facto policymaker for city schools forms the core of the CTU's own policy proposals, labor contract demands and messages to rank-and-file teachers. That has allowed union officials to claim victory amid internal divisions over the CTU's future.

"It was Karen's leadership, fearlessness and love for our city, and for the schools in Chicago in particular and for the city of Chicago, that made this possible," Sharkey told reporters this week.

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Emanuel, Madigan reach deal; cops will radio in gun incidents

By DAN HINKEL
Chicago Tribune

By July 2019, any Chicago police officer who points a gun at someone during an arrest or street stop would have to inform dispatchers by radio of the incident under a deal between Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office that was introduced Thursday.

Cops would not have to fill out a use of force report, as they do when they use a Taser or fire a gun, but supervisors would have to review the gun-pointing incident and it would be recorded in city data. The department also would have to develop training on when to point a weapon.

The issue of tracking gun-pointing incidents was a late sticking point between Madigan and Emanuel in the push to bring federal judicial oversight to the department, a process sparked nearly three years ago by video of an officer shooting teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times. Lawyers for the two officials have been working toward a consent decree — a court order enforceable by a federal judge — intended to tighten the rules on uses of force and strengthen supervision and discipline, among other changes.

Emanuel and Madigan released a 232-page proposed order in July, but they have continued to negotiate over the gun-pointing matter and were headed toward litigating the issue while pressing forward on the rest of the document. Madigan has said the department needs to track the episodes to ensure police are using their guns appropriately, while police officials have argued it could make cops hesitate in dangerous situations.

Then, on Wednesday, the parties reached agreement. The day before, Emanuel had announced he would not seek a third term.

Attorneys for activist groups involved in the consent decree litigation voiced tentative praise for the agreement while raising questions about the completeness and accessibility of the data that would eventually be kept. Attorneys noted that consent decrees governing police departments in other cities categorize pointing a gun as a serious use of force requiring comparably extensive documentation.

"If it's serious enough to point a gun at a person, which is an incredibly serious use of force, it's important enough to document why you did it," said Craig Futterman, a University of Chicago law professor in-

involved in the litigation.

Still, Futterman and Karen Sheley, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, described the deal as a step forward.

Madigan described pointing a gun at a person as a "very serious situation" that needed to be documented and said the agreement ensures the incidents will be recorded without compromising officer safety.

"There's nothing in the draft consent decree ... that prevents an officer from defending themselves," she told the Tribune.

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told the Tribune he never opposed documenting the incidents in some way but wanted to prevent the rules from excessively burdening cops who already have to fill out lots of reports. He noted that officers doing paperwork are not patrolling neighborhoods.

"We have to be careful that we're not wiping the city clean (of officers), especially these challenged areas," he said.

The city's main police union, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police, has opposed the consent decree, and President Kevin Graham has said that mandating the documentation of gun-pointing would put officers at risk. The union now has a policy of not commenting to the Tribune, and Graham declined to comment Thursday.

Lawyers for Emanuel and Madigan are working toward a new draft of the proposal to submit to District Judge Robert Dow Jr. following a public comment period on the initial draft that drew some 1,700 comments. Once that is filed, Dow plans to take written comments and hold hearings in October on what the final decree will include.

The court agreement would be one of the most significant and lasting consequences of Officer Jason Van Dyke's 2014 shooting of McDonald. In late 2015, a judge forced the release of video of the shooting, which showed the white officer emptying his gun's magazine into the black teenager, who was carrying a knife. The video touched off furious protests rooted in long-standing grievances among African-Americans about their treatment by police.

Cook County prosecutors charged Van Dyke with murder. Jury selection started this week in his trial, and Van Dyke's lawyers are expected to argue self-defense.

After the video was released, Emanuel resisted calls for an investigation into the police force by the

U.S. Department of Justice but then embraced the idea as other powerful officials endorsed it. In January 2017, the Justice Department investigation resulted in a damning report describing Chicago's police as needlessly violent, badly trained and rarely disciplined.

In the last days of the Obama administration, which often sought to reform troubled local police departments, Emanuel agreed to pursue a consent decree. But President Donald Trump's election ushered in a Justice Department with little appetite for intervening in local police forces, and Emanuel sought to reach an out-of-court deal with the new administration. Activists and politicians, including Madigan, castigated the proposal, saying a deal without a judge's supervision was unlikely to lead to lasting reform.

In August 2017, Madigan sued the Emanuel administration to force a consent decree and the mayor agreed to work toward reforms overseen by the courts. Other groups, including Black Lives Matter Chicago and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, also sued, and City

Hall and Madigan's office reached an agreement giving those groups a role in guiding the eventual consent decree.

Lawyers for those groups have criticized the draft agreement and continue to try to influence the final product.

After the agreement was announced Thursday, Futterman questioned the way the data will be organized. Though shootings, Taser shocks and other uses of force by police are recorded with the officer's name, gun-pointing incidents will be identified by the police beat on which they occur.

Linking data to officers' names makes it easier to see which cops are using the most force — and whom they're using it against.

But Johnson voiced confidence that it would not be difficult to determine which officer pointed a gun in a given case. The draft consent decree holds that information on a gun-pointing incident must be linked to the relevant police report on the arrest or street stop, and those reports identify the officer and the other person involved.

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Marty Hlavacek, of Wheeling, puts on protective gear before going to town in the Rage Room in River North on Aug. 24.

Helping or doing harm?

Rage room, from Page 1

Similar businesses are emerging across the country, despite the misgivings of some mental health experts who caution the method might do more harm than good.

"It offers no insight, especially to someone who has chronic anger," said Chicago-based psychologist Bernard Golden, author of "Overcoming Destructive Anger: Strategies That Work." "No insight into old wounds that make them vulnerable to anger arousal. And in a sense, it's rewarding destructive, rather than more constructive, ways to manage anger. It's a quick fix."

Earlier this year, Shatter Zone in Loves Park, near Rockford, began providing "the perfect outlet for you to vent and get that weight off your shoulders," according to the company's website. In August, Outrage opened in Hannibal, Mo., and Smash Something came to Tulsa, offering "a safe place to break something."

Smash Room in Lakeland, Fla., also opened early August, with a Tampa location scheduled to come in September. Many sites include disclaimers that they don't provide medical advice or any professional treatment.

"We believe that sometimes it's better to just do what you feel and lash out when you need to," Smash Room's website advertises. "What better place to do that without judgment, consequences or public humiliation than at Smash Room."

In Chicago, Lupa says he's seen many customers leave visibly unburdened.

Some, like Musil, are simply there for the novelty. She came for the first time at the request of a friend, initially finding the idea a little "bizarre," warily eyeing the wreckage of coffee pots and coasters and computer monitors that others

left behind.

But she said the session provided a good workout and did release some tension.

Other visits can be of a deeper, more emotional nature. Lupa says he rarely knows customers' back stories when they book appointments, but patrons tend to be more open and emotive after a rage session, sometimes sharing intimate details of their lives.

Once a woman began smashing items, paused and then wept uncontrollably. When staff members tried to comfort her, she revealed her son recently committed suicide, Lupa recalls.

"It's a catharsis," he says. "From what I've seen, we really do help people."

'Part of the human condition'

Eighteen-year-old Paige Hogeveen purchased a session as a surprise to cheer up her boyfriend Bobby Crivokapich, who had lost his job earlier that day.

They choose from a variety of baseball bats, crowbars and sledgehammers. Everyone must don protective headgear, eyewear, gloves and leather jackets; pants and closed-toed shoes are required as well. No one can be younger than 18 or intoxicated, and customers must sign a waiver prior to the session.

The minimum price is \$15 a person and the cost is per item. Patrons can select their background music.

Hogeveen watches from a viewing window as Crivokapich pulverizes various items to the pulse of Eminem's "Lose Yourself." Crivokapich returns red-faced and out of breath, saying he "feels a little better," while methodically removing each boot and shaking out a few pieces of rubble.

"I'd rather act upon it than talk about it," he says.

The white walls of the rage room are covered in permanent marker mes-

sages scrawled by previous visitors, graffiti expressing a mix of humor and anger, gratitude and sadness.

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Therapy for a month

Psychologist Heidemarie Laurent believes the "rage room" phenomenon addresses a complicated and age-old struggle: how to grapple with human suffering. Yet she says the approach can be counterproductive.

"Given that emotions tend to work with behavior bidirectionally, acting in an aggressive or destructive way — by smashing things — is actually likely to feed into further rage instead of dissipating it," says Laurent, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Research indicates the best way to handle distress is to turn toward the emotion without necessarily acting on it — fully experiencing rage, disappointment, anxiety and sadness "as passing states that are part of the human condition," with a sense of openness and self-compassion, she says.

Golden says he hopes visits to these venues are generally one-time playful exercises rather than long-term solutions. Instead, he recommends relaxation techniques like yoga, breathing exercises and mindful meditation.

"Learning to pause, to think about whether we want to respond to anger, rather than really to just react to it," he says.

Primal instinct?

The business concept dates back at least a decade.

Amid national recession in Tokyo in 2008, those financially strained began paying to hurl dishes and cups against concrete slabs

erected in the back of a truck dubbed "The Venting Place," according to Reuters.

A pioneer in the industry, Donna Alexander opened Anger Room in Dallas in 2008 and is planning for another location in Kentucky in September. She says her inspiration came from growing up on the South Side of Chicago in the 1990s, where she knew people who went to jail for behaviors like punching holes in a wall. She wanted to create a safe space for people to express their anger or stress, and later in Dallas let friends and relatives bash items for \$5 in her garage.

"We're all born with anger," she says. "I just figured it was an alternative, a way to get rid of anger."

In 10 years, she's received some strange requests. Once a customer asked that the room be filled with balloons of varying sizes and proceeded to pop them. Another wanted a stack of newspapers and a deck of playing cards, and then spent the session ripping them all up.

"To this day we don't know what the meaning or purpose of this was," she says.

Some come to Anger Room grappling with an illness, writing notes like "I will overcome this" on objects before destroying them. A group of work friends who were recently let go scheduled a "just got laid-off" party, adding a little levity to a difficult time, Alexander says.

Holidays are also popular, particularly the stresses of Thanksgiving, Christmas and the new year. She hosts special breakup parties for Valentine's Day, where folks bring in pictures or sentimental items like teddy bears.

"I think it's a primal instinct we have," Alexander says. "Afterward, it's like a weight has been lifted."

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Workers allegedly stole \$600K from senior

Symphony, from Page 1

One of the employees, according to the lawsuit, is accused of stealing at least \$191,000 and having her two children cash some of the checks. A private contracted caretaker is also accused of cashing two checks, totaling \$50,000, in August and September last year.

Separately, Chicago police have opened a criminal investigation into the allegations, according to Officer Laura Amezaga, a department spokeswoman.

The Lincoln Park facility is one of 25 nursing and senior living homes operated by Symphony Post Acute Network in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, according to its website.

A statement from Symphony said the company learned several months ago that a resident "was giving" money to employees, who accepted it in violation of company policy. Symphony opened its own investigation and contacted law enforcement, attorney Ari Kirshner said in a statement on behalf of Symphony. "The dignity, safety and security of our residents is always our first

priority," Kirshner said.

The Tribune was unable to reach all five employees named as respondents in the lawsuits. Two of the workers maintained that Watanabe had gifted them the money when she was lucid. Another worker said Watanabe was never diagnosed with dementia.

But a doctor contracted by the public guardian found Watanabe had severely impaired memory and cognitive skills, according to the lawsuit.

Watanabe has been "totally incapable of making financial and legal decisions" since at least 2016, the doctor concluded in the lawsuit. She never married and has no children, the lawsuit said. A brother, described as her only relative, died in 2009.

Golbert, who was appointed Watanabe's temporary guardian Thursday, said he was notified about the allegations by the Illinois Department on Aging about two weeks ago. In May, Watanabe's bank contacted the department's Adult Protective Services Program about suspicious spending, a possible sign of financial exploitation.

"It's one of the most widespread and rapidly growing problems in our society," Golbert said, noting that about 40 percent of new cases referred to his office include financial exploitation. "The baby boomers are aging so there are a lot of people in this demographic. They have accumulated life savings in their retirement and they have become vulnerable."

In Watanabe's case, Bank of America contacted the department twice about its concerns starting in 2017, the lawsuit said.

Most recently, in May, the bank noticed suspicious activity, "including large ATM withdrawals and large check withdrawals by numerous individuals," the lawsuit said.

Bank of America employees are trained to spot the red flags for abuse and encouraged to take appropriate action if needed, a spokeswoman, Diane Wagner, said in a statement.

Watanabe has lived at the Lincoln Park facility, 2437 N. Southport Ave., since at least 2010, the lawsuit said. Born in California, Watanabe was forcibly relocated to the Poston Japanese

internment camp in Arizona between 1942 and 1946, according to online records from the National Archives. She moved to Evanston after that, Golbert said, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1969, the university confirmed. Watanabe told officials she worked at federal Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., for more than three decades, but it is unclear when she returned to Chicago, Golbert said.

Since Golbert was appointed her temporary guardian on Thursday, Watanabe has been moved to a different, highly rated nursing home in the city.

By filing the lawsuit, Golbert said he is starting the process to recover the money he says was stolen from Watanabe. The lawsuit asks Symphony to turn over all its documents regarding Watanabe's finances and the alleged theft. If a judge ultimately rules in Watanabe's favor, the staff members could be forced to repay the money to her.

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Murder trial to resume Monday

Van Dyke, from Page 1

About half an hour later, Van Dyke walked out of jail onto the rainy sidewalk, hugged his father and left in a waiting white minivan without making any comment. Both on-duty and off-duty officers surrounded him in an attempt to shield him from a crowd of reporters and camera operators.

While at the jail, Van Dyke was processed, his mug shot taken.

Last week, Van Dyke granted the Tribune his first interview since he fatally shot 17-year-old Laquan McDonald while on duty in October 2014. He also spoke with WFLD-Ch. 32 the next day.

In both interviews he told reporters he was being punished for doing his job and would have fired his weapon only if he feared for his safety or that of other police officers or the public.

"He only decided to do it because of the avalanche of publicity against him, the publicity that cannot ensure him a fair trial," Randy Rueckert, one of Van Dyke's attorneys, said Thursday in court while defending the interviews. "For 2½ years, it's been the white cop that shot the black teenager. This has nothing to do with black or white, and for 2½ years he has had to sit there and take it."

Prosecutors initially asked the judge to hold Van Dyke in contempt over the interviews, though they later said it would be more appropriate to delay that decision until after his trial, which began Wednesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago. Potential jurors filled out questionnaires and will return Monday, when jury selection begins in earnest.

The defense has argued that the officer had a First Amendment right to speak with the news media, particularly after three years of largely negative coverage. Rueckert accused prosecutors Thursday of colluding with McDonald's relatives, some of whom held a news conference Tuesday to urge protesters to be peaceful during and after the trial.

The judge has been unusually strict in controlling the dissemination of information about the case. He has regularly held lengthy discussions behind closed doors and emptied his courtroom of spectators and reporters for several recent hearings in the courtroom.

Police dashboard camera video released in 2015 by court order shows Van Dyke opening fire within seconds of exiting his squad car as McDonald, holding a knife, appeared to walk away from police, contradicting reports from officers at the scene that the teen had threatened officers with the weapon. The release of the video more than a year after the shooting sparked months of protests and political upheaval.

The special prosecution team handling the case had asked that Van Dyke's bond be revoked as punishment for the interviews, saying the public comments flouted Gaughan's "decorum order" barring substantive public comment from attorneys and potential witnesses in the case.

Van Dyke has been free on bail since he was charged in November 2015 after his family posted the necessary \$150,000 cash bail.

As a condition of his release, he was obligated to follow all court orders, Gaughan noted Thursday.

"Was this interview a violation of the condition of bail? Yes, it was," the judge said. "I'm not going to go in and speculate if this was an attempt to contaminate a potential jury pool. ... I'm not even going to comment or make any findings whether the interview was really beneficial."

In arguing for Van Dyke



Officer Jason Van Dyke's booking photo was taken after the judge in the case added \$2,000 to his bond.

to be jailed Thursday, Joseph Cullen, a member of the special prosecution team, attacked the interviews as an effort "to try the case in the press."

Cullen said Van Dyke's comments directly addressed the self-defense claim that his lawyers are expected to argue at trial. He also held that the publicity will interfere with efforts to select a fair jury.

"It can't possibly be more clear that the defendant is in the press attempting to try this case and present his case," Cullen said. "He's trying to testify in the press without being cross-examined."

Rueckert denied Van Dyke was attempting to sway potential jurors and noted that McDonald's family also had spoken to the media.

"The family of the victim in this case — quote, unquote, victim — has been giving press conferences for two weeks at least," he said. "If we're talking about trying to spoil a jury pool, that would be more impressive."

In addition, he pointed out that special prosecutor Joseph McMahon recently gave media interviews, including one with the Sun-Times for a story that ran last week. A profile of McMahon and Daniel Herbert, Van Dyke's lead lawyer, appeared in the Tribune on Tuesday. Both attorneys also spoke with WBEZ-FM 91.5.

But Cullen argued that McMahon did not discuss any issue that violated Gaughan's decorum order.

The lone witness called Thursday by prosecutors was Anne Kavanagh, Van Dyke's public relations strategist. She verified that Van Dyke gave interviews to the Tribune and Channel 32 and testified that she attended both sessions and that the Tribune story accurately reflected Van Dyke's comments.

Van Dyke, 40, gave a 40-minute interview to the Tribune on Aug. 28 in which he described the shooting as his "darkest day" on the job and expressed his fear of spending the rest of his life in prison. The Tribune previously reported that the conversation was tightly controlled by Van Dyke's attorneys and a public relations strategist who attended the interview.

McDonald's great-uncle, the Rev. Marvin Hunter, who was aware that the defense earlier in the day had criticized McDonald's family for also granting media interviews, told the Tribune that he plans to keep a lower profile in the media until the end of the trial.

"I don't want anything or anyone to try to influence this jury or this judge's decision," he said. "I want this trial to stand on its own merit and the work that the prosecutors have done."

Hunter also said a mix-up over seating for the family in the courtroom on the trial's first day had been resolved.

"We perceived it like it was a personal attack on the family, but I think they just didn't know how to handle what they were dealing with and it was just a lot of miscommunication," he said. "But it's fine."

The trial is scheduled to resume Monday, when potential jurors will be questioned individually about their backgrounds, opinions and possible biases. The process is expected to take at least a week, possibly more.

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Times op-ed prompts flurry of denials

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WASHINGTON — Gutless. Cowardly. Amateur. Laughable.

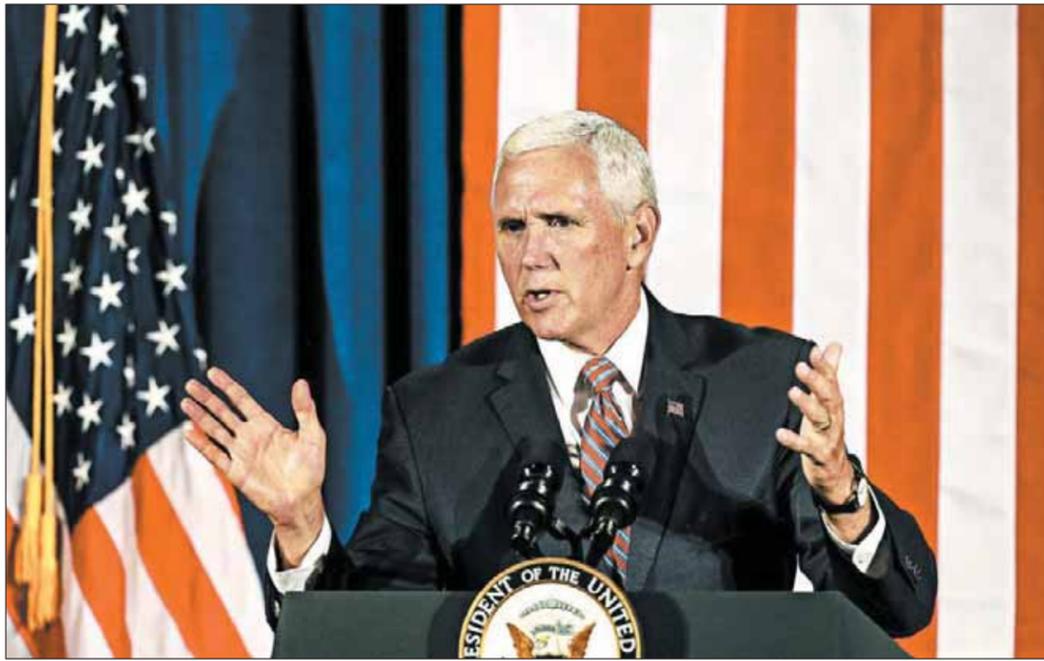
Those were the words of choice as senior officials stepped forward one-by-one on Thursday to denounce the author of an anonymous op-ed claiming there is a “resistance” within the Trump administration — and to make sure the president knew they didn’t write it.

Yet, if the endless parade of denials was aimed at tamping down talk of an uprising, it may have had the opposite effect, propelling the story to new heights and delighting Democrats who reveled in the paranoia pulsing through the ranks of President Donald Trump’s backers in Washington and beyond.

“It probably won’t take long for us to find out who wrote it,” House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said almost gleefully as she responded to a question about the bombshell New York Times op-ed at her weekly news conference.

“The vice president — that was my first thought. Then Coats, Pompeo, they denied that they had written it,” she said, referring to Trump’s director of national intelligence and secretary of state. “I guess by process of elimination, it’ll come down to the butler.”

The op-ed, published online Wednesday afternoon, was written by a senior official in the Trump administration, according to



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Vice President Mike Pence’s denial opened the floodgates for other Trump administration officials to follow suit.

the Times.

Trump erupted in anger at the piece Wednesday night, first denouncing it as “anonymous — meaning gutless,” then floating an accusation of treason and finally calling for the New York Times to turn over the author “for National Security purposes.”

On Thursday morning, Trump tweeted: “The Deep State and the Left, and their vehicle, the Fake News Media, are going Crazy — & they don’t know what to do.”

Amid frenzied speculation about who was hiding behind a cloak of anonymity, Vice President Mike

Pence was the first to assert that he had not penned the New York Times piece.

“The Vice President puts his name on his Op-Eds,” Pence spokesman Jarrod Agen wrote in a morning tweet. “The @nytimes should be ashamed and so should the person who wrote the false, illogical, and gutless op-ed. Our office is above such amateur acts.”

Speculation about Pence had been rampant on social media and cable television because of the op-ed writer’s use of “lodestar,” an archaic word that the vice president has used in multiple speeches.

Pence’s denial opened the floodgates for other administration officials to follow suit. They included National Intelligence Director Daniel Coats, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who issued his denial while in India.

By midday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders had taken to Twitter to speak out once again, chiding the media for what she called a “wild obsession” — even as some administration officials rushed to denounce the piece unprompted — and urging citizens to call the Times opinion desk if they

wanted to learn the identity of a “gutless loser.”

Yet the denials continued to roll in.

They included Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, Homeland Security Secretary Kirtjen Nielsen and U.S. Ambassador to Russia Jon Huntsman, who denied writing the piece in a statement tweeted by an embassy spokeswoman.

First lady Melania Trump weighed in on the controversy, saying in a statement that if “a person is bold enough to accuse people of negative actions, they have a responsibility to pub-

lily stand by their words.” Congressional Republicans had plenty to say Thursday about the brouhaha, including thoughts on whether they should investigate the identity of the anonymous author.

“I like to pride myself on having a vivid imagination, but I can’t possibly construct a fact pattern under which a congressional committee would look at the source of an op-ed,” said Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters he viewed the author as “a person who is obviously living in dishonesty.”

“It doesn’t help the president, so if you’re not interested in helping the president, you shouldn’t work for the president as far as I’m concerned,” Ryan said.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., a frequent critic of the president who is retiring at the end of his term, dismissed the speculation over the letter, which he said revealed nothing that wasn’t already known about Trump’s leadership style.

“I don’t know why there’s a big uproar. I think people inside the White House have understood the situation from Day One. It just hasn’t been news to me,” Corker said.

As he fielded questions from reporters about the letter, Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., mused aloud about the author’s identity.

“I don’t know what job title they’re currently fulfilling ...” he said, before Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, answered.

“I think the job is called ‘spy,’” Gohmert said.

Big quake kills at least 9 in northern Japan

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SAPPORO, Japan — A powerful earthquake Thursday on Japan’s northernmost main island of Hokkaido triggered dozens of landslides that crushed houses under torrents of dirt, rocks and timber, prompting frantic efforts to unearth any survivors.

At least nine people were killed, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said.

Officials said at least 366 were injured, five of them seriously, and about 30 people were unaccounted for after the magnitude 6.7 earthquake jolted residents from their beds at 3:08 a.m.

Nearly 3 million households were left without power by the quake — the latest in an exhausting run of natural disasters for Japan.

It paralyzed normal business on the island, as blackouts cut off water to homes, immobilized trains and airports, causing hundreds of flight cancellations, and shut down phone systems.

In the town of Atsuma, where entire hillsides collapsed, rescuers used small backhoes and shovels to search for survivors under

the tons of earth that tumbled down steep mountainsides, burying houses and farm buildings below.

The area’s deep green hills were marred by reddish-brown gashes where the soil tore loose under the violent tremors.

Twenty-eight people remained unaccounted for in the town, Atsuma Mayor Shoichiro Miyasaka told public broadcaster NHK.

“We will carry on searching for them,” he said.

Miyasaka said the town had emergency meals for up to 2,000 and that more than 500 had sought refuge in its emergency shelters.

The landslides ripped through some homes and buried others. Some residents described awakening to find their next-door neighbors gone.

“The entire thing just collapsed,” said one. “It’s unbelievable.”

The island’s only nuclear power plant, which was offline for routine safety checks, temporarily switched to a backup generator to keep its spent fuel cool.

Nuclear regulators said there was no sign of abnormal radiation — a concern after a massive quake and tsunami in March 2011 that hit northeast Japan destroyed both external and

backup power to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, causing meltdowns.

Japan’s Meteorological Agency said the quake’s epicenter was 24 miles deep. But it still wreaked havoc across much of the relatively sparsely inhabited island.

Many roads were closed, and some were impassable.

NHK showed workers rushing to clean up shattered glass and reinstall ceiling panels that had fallen in the region’s biggest airport at Chitose.

Japan is used to dealing with disasters, but the last few months have brought a string of calamities. The quake came on the heels of a typhoon that triggered major flooding in western Japan, leaving the main airport near Osaka and Kobe closed after a tanker rammed a bridge connecting the facility to the mainland.

The summer also brought devastating floods and landslides from torrential rains in Hiroshima and deadly hot temperatures across the country.

Abe said up to 25,000 troops and other personnel would be dispatched to Hokkaido to help with rescue operations.

As Japan’s northern fron-



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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says troops will be sent to Hokkaido for rescue operations.

tier and a major farming region with rugged mountain ranges and vast forests, Hokkaido is an area accustomed to coping with long winters, isolation and other hardships.

But the blackouts brought on by the quake underscored the country’s heavy reliance on vulnerable power systems: without electricity, water was cut to many homes, train lines were idled and phone systems out of order.

In the prefectural capital of Sapporo, a city of 1.9 million, the quake ruptured roads and knocked houses askew. A mudslide left several cars half buried. By evening the city’s streets were dark and shops closed.

Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshige

Seko told reporters that the extensive power outage was caused by an emergency shutdown of the main thermal power plant at Tomato-Atsuma that supplies half of Hokkaido’s electricity.

The hope had been to get power back up within hours, and some electricity was gradually being restored.

But damage to generators at the plant meant that a full restoration of power could take more than a week, Seko said.

Utilities were starting up several other thermal and hydroelectric plants, and power was restored to 340,000 households, but even with those stopgap supplies thousands will still be without electricity for some time.

Authorities sent power generator vehicles to hospitals and other locations and water tanker trucks to communities in Sapporo, where residents were collecting bottles to tide them over until electricity and tap water supplies come back online.

Long lines of people waited to charge their cellphones at the city’s regional government office.

The quake’s impact was widespread. To the north, in the scenic town of Biei, residents lined up outside of supermarkets and convenience stores, quickly clearing shelves of water, toilet paper and food.

“Only a few cartons of instant ramen were left,” said Mika Takeda, who lives in the town of 10,000.

‘A horrific situation’: 4 dead in Ohio bank shooting

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CINCINNATI — A gunman carrying enough ammunition to cause “a bloodbath beyond imagination” killed three people and wounded two others Thursday morning at a high-rise office building in the heart of Cincinnati before dying in a hail of police gunfire.

The shooting at the 30-story Fifth Third Center sent people running for

cover across the city’s Fountain Square amid cries of “Shooter!” Police responded within seconds, and four officers opened fire, bullets smashing through glass doors and the gunman falling to the floor, authorities said.

Police identified him as Omar Enrique Santa Perez, 29, but said they don’t know what motivated the attack.

Police Chief Eliot Isaac said the killer used a 9 mm handgun and was carrying magazines with some 200 rounds of ammunition.

“A very horrific situation,” Isaac said at the scene.

Police Lt. Steve Saunders said he wasn’t a current or past employee of Fifth Third, and police didn’t know why he went to that building.

Police swarmed an apartment in North Bend, Ohio, a village some 15 miles west of Cincinnati. They didn’t explain the search.

“A very horrific situation,” Isaac said at the shooting scene. “We’re in the very early stages” of the investigation.

Federal and state agents were on the scene as police searched the building.

Michael Richardson, who works in the bank building, told The Cincinnati Enquirer that he was standing outside the entrance when he heard gunshots in the lobby.

“I looked behind me and saw the guy — he shot and then he shot again. After that, I started running.”

Leonard Cain told The Enquirer he was going into the bank when someone alerted him about the

shooting.

He said a woman, who was wearing headphones, didn’t hear the warnings and walked into the bank and was shot.

One of the victims died at the scene. Two more died at University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

UC Health spokeswoman Kelly Martin said one victim remained there in critical condition and another was listed as serious.

All four taken to the hospital had gunshot wounds, she said.



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A woman is comforted by authorities Thursday after a downtown Cincinnati shooting left four dead.

Resistance rocks Mideast peace plan

Rollout of Trump's 'ultimate deal' is thrown into question

BY TRACY WILKINSON
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WASHINGTON — Two months ago, the long-awaited release of the Trump administration's ambitious plan for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, what the president has called the "ultimate deal," seemed imminent.

President Donald Trump's two top envoys to the peace process — Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and adviser, and Jason Greenblatt, a former senior Trump Organization lawyer — had prepared and begun to circulate a 40-page draft.

But the proposal hit a wall when Gulf Arab states, who have courted and been courted by Trump, flatly rejected terms they saw as radical, pro-Israel and out of line with traditional U.S. policy and international law, according to officials familiar with the peace-seeking process.

Jordan and Egypt, who had similarly promising beginnings with Trump, also scotched the terms.

The Palestinian leadership has refused to talk to the U.S. team since Trump decided in December to formally recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, upending decades of U.S. policy because the holy city is also claimed by the Palestinians.

Since then, the Trump administration has imposed new hardships on the Palestinians in an effort — so far unsuccessful — to bring them back to the negotiating table.

In the most recent example, the State Department announced Aug. 31 that the United States will no longer contribute to the United Nations relief agency for Palestinian refugees, calling the agency an "irredeemably flawed operation." It criticized other countries for not doing more to help



JAAFAR ASHTIYEH/GETTY-AFF

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and others see the U.S. proposal as an attempt to subvert the goal of statehood.

the Palestinians.

Until the Palestinians stop "bashing" the United States and agree to return to negotiations, they can expect to lose U.S. aid, Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said last week at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a conservative think tank in Washington.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration slashed its contribution to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA, which provides schools, medical care and other assistance to 5 million Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon and Jordan.

The decision announced last month will cut off about \$315 million — or about one-third of the U.N. agency's total annual budget. Critics say that will exacerbate humanitarian problems and foment instability that could threaten Israel.

The Trump administration said that the agency is vastly overcounting eligible refugees. Haley said the U.N. has erred by counting not just the 700,000 Arabs driven from their homes by Israel's 1948 independence war, but also millions of their descendants.

She spurred headlines in the Middle East when she said the "right of return," the idea that these Palestinians could return to land that is now part of Israel, must be re-examined.

Though the refugee issue is a fundamental cause of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, most experts agree a "right of return" has become more abstract than a real possibility. Still, successive U.S. administrations

declined to jettison it altogether. Instead, they have argued for compensation and land swaps with Israel.

Those controversial ideas form the basis for the 40-page document drafted by Kushner and Greenblatt, said current and former U.S., Israeli and Palestinian officials and diplomats who have been briefed on the peace plan or are familiar with it, and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss its contents.

"The U.S. drive to change the long-established principles of a deal have been more than music" to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said Nimrod Novick, former adviser to the late Israeli prime minister and peacemaker Shimon Peres.

"I suspect that he has been the driving force behind it: Take Jerusalem off the table, then take refugees off too," said Novick, a fellow at the New York-based Israel Policy Forum, which advocates for Israeli and Palestinian states coexisting side by side. "All before we change attitudes on security and eventually on borders as well."

Kushner, 37, has said he was uninterested in the history or background of the generations-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But diplomats, experts and even the Israeli military caution that siding so heavily with Israel, and taking from Palestinians any hope for eventual independence, could lead to more violence in the region.

Dave Harden, a former assistant administrator at the U.S. Agency for International Development, who

led operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the Obama administration, agrees that UNRWA "subsidizes dysfunction" and must be reformed.

But he said the Trump administration's approach is likely to backfire.

"You can't go from 100 percent to zero (funding) overnight," Harden said. "It will create a vacuum. And who will step in to fill it? The Palestinian Authority? Israel? No one will pay. And that creates a big opening for Hamas," the militant Islamist organization that controls Gaza and is considered a terrorist group by Israel and the U.S.

The Palestinian leadership blasted Haley's comments and the cutoff in UNRWA funds as an affront to international law that demonstrated "hostility" to Palestinians and their rights.

Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority, which rules over the West Bank, said that Trump's envoys were proposing that Palestinians form a "confederation" with Jordan, already home to millions of Palestinian refugees.

Abbas and his supporters saw the U.S. proposal as a thinly veiled attempt to subvert the goal of Palestinian statehood.

Another force behind the controversial moves is David Friedman, the U.S. ambassador to Israel and Trump's former bankruptcy lawyer.

In addition to pushing successfully for the transfer of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Friedman has persuaded the administration to drop the universally used terminology of "occupied territories" when referring to the West Bank and Gaza.

The administration "sees this as an opportunity to realign American policy in a way not seen in 25 years," said veteran Mideast negotiator Aaron David Miller, "and to make it more difficult for successive administrations to reset."



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Flores agreement requires that children are kept in the least restrictive setting possible.

U.S. wants to detain migrant families until cases decided

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday moved to abandon a longstanding court settlement that limits how long immigrant children can be kept locked up, proposing new regulations that would allow the government to detain families until their immigration cases are decided.

Homeland Security officials said that ending the so-called Flores agreement of 1997 will speed up the handling of asylum requests while also deterring people from illegally crossing the Mexican border.

The move angered immigrant rights advocates and is all but certain to trigger a court battle.

"It is sickening to see the United States government looking for ways to jail more children for longer," said Omar Jadwat, director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project.

"And it's yet another example of the Trump administration's hostility toward immigrants resulting in a policy incompatible with the most basic human values."

The Flores agreement requires the government to keep children in the least restrictive setting possible and to release them generally after 20 days in deten-

tion.

For decades, because of those restrictions, many parents and children caught trying to slip into the country have been released into the U.S. while their asylum requests wind their way through the courts — a practice President Donald Trump has decried as "catch-and-release."

Such cases can drag on for years, and some immigrants stop showing up to court when it becomes clear their asylum requests are going to be denied.

The newly proposed rules would allow the government to hold families in detention until their cases are completed.

Homeland Security did not say how long it expects families to be kept locked up.

But immigration officials say asylum cases involving detained families move much more quickly, taking months instead of years to resolve, in part because there are none of the delays that result when immigrants who are set free in the U.S. fail to show up for a hearing.

"Today, legal loopholes significantly hinder the department's ability to appropriately detain and promptly remove family units that have no legal basis to remain in the country," said Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen

Nielsen.

"This rule addresses one of the primary pull factors for illegal immigration and allows the federal government to enforce immigration laws as passed by Congress."

Earlier this summer, a federal judge in California rejected a request by the administration to modify Flores to allow for longer family detention.

Administration officials say they have the authority to terminate the agreement, but that is likely to be tested in court.

"They're essentially trying to accomplish through regulation what the court has not permitted," said Peter Schey, an attorney representing immigrant children under the settlement and president of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law.

Schey said he will oppose any effort to end Flores unless the government proposes acceptable regulations for the safe and humane treatment of youngsters.

"Refugee children should not be made to suffer inhumane treatment and prolonged and unnecessary detention just to satisfy President Trump's zero-tolerance approach to refugees seeking safety in the United States from the violence and lawlessness spreading throughout Central America," Schey said.

Data: Obamacare premiums stabilizing, insurers returning

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WASHINGTON — Millions of people covered under the Affordable Care Act will see only modest premium increases next year, and some will get a price cut.

That's the conclusion from an exclusive analysis of the besieged but resilient program, which still sparks deep divisions heading into this year's midterm elections.

The consulting firm Avalere Health and The Associated Press crunched available state data and found that Obamacare's health insurance marketplaces seem to be stabilizing after two years of sharp premium hikes.

And the exodus of insurers from the program has halted, even reversed somewhat, with more consumer choices for 2019.

The analysis found a 3.6 percent average increase in proposed or approved premiums across 47 states and Washington, D.C., for 2019.

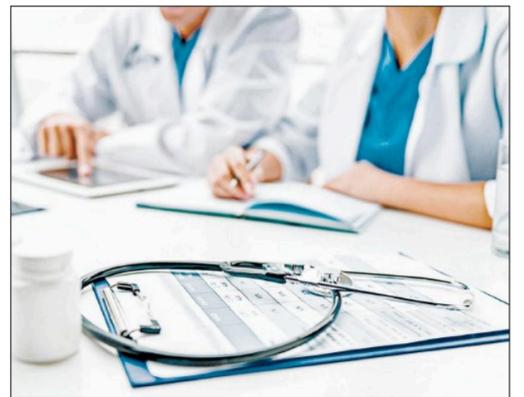
This year the average increase nationally was about 30 percent. The average total premium for an individual covered under the health law is now close to \$600 a month before subsidies.

For next year, premiums are expected either to drop or increase by less than 10 percent in 41 states with about 9 million customers. The Eleven of those states are expected to see a drop in average premiums.

In six other states, plus Washington, D.C., premiums are projected to rise from 10 to 18 percent.

Insurers are also starting to come back. Nineteen states will either see new insurers enter or current ones expand into more areas. There are no "bare" counties lacking a willing insurer.

Even so, Chris Sloan, an



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Avalere director, says, "This is still a market that's unaffordable for many people who aren't eligible for subsidies."

Nearly 9 in 10 ACA customers get government subsidies based on income, shielding most from premium increases.

But people with higher incomes, who don't qualify for financial aid, have dropped out in droves.

It's too early to say if the ACA's turnout will be fleeting or a more permanent shift.

Either way, next year's numbers are at odds with the political rhetoric around the ACA, still heated even after President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans failed to repeal the law last year.

Trump regularly calls "Obamacare" a "disaster" and time and again has declared it "dead." The GOP tax-cut bill repealed the ACA requirement that Americans have health insurance or risk fines, effective next year.

But other key elements remain, including subsidies and protection for people with pre-existing conditions.

Democrats, meanwhile, accuse Trump of "sabotage," driving up premiums and threatening coverage.

The moderating market trend "takes the issue away

from Republican candidates" in the midterm elections, said Mark Hall, a health law and policy expert at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. "Part of the mess is now their fault, and the facts really don't support the narrative that things are getting worse."

Market stability also appears to undercut Democrats' charge that Trump is undermining the program.

But Democrats disagree, saying the ACA is in danger while Republicans control Washington, and that premiums would have been even lower but for the administration's hostility.

"Voters won't think that the Trump threat to the ACA has passed at all, unless Democrats get at least the House in 2018," said Bill Carrick, a strategist for Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., whose reelection ads emphasize her support for the health law.

As if seconding Democrats' argument, the Trump administration has said it won't defend the ACA's protections for pre-existing conditions in a federal case in Texas that could go to the Supreme Court.

A new Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that Americans regardless of partisan identification said those protections should remain the law of the land.



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LGBT activists celebrate Thursday after the Supreme Court ruling in Mumbai, India.

Unanimous high court verdict decriminalizes gay sex in India

By **ASHOK SHARMA**
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NEW DELHI — India's Supreme Court on Thursday struck down a colonial-era law that made gay sex punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a landmark victory for gay rights that one judge said would "pave the way for a better future."

The 1861 law, a relic of Victorian England that hung on long after the end of British colonialism, was a weapon used to discriminate against India's gay community, the judges ruled in a unanimous decision.

"Constitutional morality cannot be martyred at the altar of social morality," Chief Justice Dipak Misra said, reading the verdict. "Social morality cannot be used to violate the fundamental rights of even a single individual."

As the news spread, the streets outside the courthouse erupted in cheers as opponents of the law danced and waved flags.

"We feel as equal citizens now," activist Shashi Bhushan said. "What happens in our bedroom is left to us."

In its ruling, the court said sexual orientation was a "biological phenomenon" and that discrimination on that basis violated fundamental rights.

"We cannot change history but can pave a way for a better future," said Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

The law known as Section 377 held that intercourse between members of the same sex was against the order of nature. The five petitioners who challenged the law said it was discriminatory and led to gays living in fear of harassment and persecution.

Jessica Stern, the executive director of the New York-based rights group OutRight Action International, said the original law had reverberated far beyond India, including in countries where gay people still struggle for acceptance.

"The sodomy law that became the model everywhere, from Uganda to Singapore to the U.K. itself, premiered in India, becoming the confusing and dehumanizing standard replicated around the world," she said in a statement, saying "today's historic outcome will reverberate



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Indian members of the LGBT community react at the Supreme court premises in New Delhi, India.

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—Chief Justice Dipak Misra

across India and the world."

The court's ruling struck down the law's sections on consensual gay sex, but let stand segments that deal with such issues as bestiality.

Homosexuality has a tangled history in India, and some of Hinduism's most ancient texts are accepting of gay sex. But same-sex couples have also been harassed for centuries in many Indian communities, whether Hindu, Muslim or Christian.

Transgender people known as "hijras," for example, have long been a common sight in India. But their treatment — both shunned as impure, and embraced for the belief that they can bring powerful blessings — reflects the complexities of gay life here.

Homosexuality has gained a degree of acceptance in deeply conservative

India over the past decade. India now has openly gay celebrities, and some high-profile Bollywood films have dealt with gay issues. But many gay people still face isolation and persecution.

On Thursday, a leader of a prominent hard-line Hindu group noted that while it doesn't see homosexuality as a crime, it believes gay marriage is not "compatible with nature."

Arun Kumar, a spokesman for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the parent organization of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, said Indian society "traditionally does not recognize" gay relationships, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

A New Delhi High Court in 2009 declared Section 377 unconstitutional, but that decision was overturned in a ruling by three Supreme Court justices in 2013 on the grounds that amending or repealing the law should be left to Parliament. But lawmakers failed to take action and in July the government told the Supreme Court to give a ruling in the case. Sukhdeep Singh, a gay rights activist and editor of Gaylaxy Magazine, said the community still had a lot of distance to go "to be legally with your partner."

"This will obviously open the doors for a lot of more things, more civil rights. And we'll fight for our rights, definitely. This is the first battle that has been won and there are many more battles that we are going to fight," he said.

Twitter bans Alex Jones, Infowars

By **TONY ROMM**
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Twitter said Thursday it had "permanently suspended" conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his website, Infowars, for sharing a series of tweets and videos that violate its policies against abuse, including verbal attacks on a reporter that Jones live-streamed outside of a congressional hearing the day before.

The company said in a statement that it implemented the ban because it was not Jones' first violation. Twitter previously had suspended Jones for a week after he broke rules against violent threats by telling supporters to get their "battle rifles" ready against news reporters and others. The new move aligns Twitter with some of its tech peers, such as Apple and Facebook, which took action against Jones and Infowars for posting offen-

sive, violent content in August.

Twitter's decision came a day after the company's chief executive, Jack Dorsey, testified to lawmakers about his company's practices for moderating content online. Before the hearing began, Jones and his followers surrounded Oliver Darcy, a reporter at CNN who has covered Infowars. In a video broadcast over Periscope, the live-streaming site owned by Twitter, Jones called Darcy a "charlatan" and a "congenital liar," and said that CNN is a "giant fraud."

Earlier in the day, Jones also chased after Dorsey and got into a verbal spat with Republican Sen. Marco Rubio while the GOP lawmaker held a press conference. "You are literally like a little gangster thug," Jones said to Rubio.

Asked about the incidents, Twitter said Thursday that Jones' attack on Darcy was one of a series of

incidents brought to its attention in the last 24 hours that violated its rules. Twitter said it would now review "other accounts potentially associated with @RealAlexJones or @infowars and will take action if content that violates our rules is reported or if other accounts are utilized in an attempt to circumvent their ban."

"As we continue to increase transparency around our rules and enforcement actions, we wanted to be open about this action given the broad interest in this case," Twitter added. "We do not typically comment on enforcement actions we take against individual accounts, for their privacy."

A spokesman for Infowars did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. But Infowars quickly published a post deriding Twitter. "This is what happens when you confront your censor," it said.

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President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh turns to his wife, Ashley, and his daughters Margaret and Liza in between testimony sessions on Thursday.

Kavanaugh clears last day of hearing

Kavanaugh, from Page 1

nees while he was working at the George W. Bush White House. The document had been held by the committee as confidential, but was made public Thursday.

"I am not sure that all legal scholars refer to Roe as the settled law of the land at the Supreme Court level since Court can always overrule its precedent, and three current Justices on the Court would do so," Kavanaugh wrote, referring to justices at the time, in an email to a Republican Senate aide. The document was partially redacted.

Asked about it by the committee's top Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, Kavanaugh reiterated his previous testimony that "Roe v. Wade is

an important precedent of the Supreme Court."

Democrats also hammered at Kavanaugh's ability to separate himself from Trump and special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 election. Throughout his testimony, Kavanaugh has repeatedly insisted he fully embraces the importance of judicial independence.

Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois put the focus on Trump, who Durbin said, "has shown contempt for the federal judiciary and has shown disrespect for the rule of law over and over again."

"It's in the context of the Trump presidency that we ask you these questions," Durbin said.

Kavanaugh refused to answer questions about

Trump or commit to stepping aside from any case about the Russia investigation that might come to the Supreme Court.

Earlier, he said his 12-year record as an appellate judge shows that he has not been afraid to invalidate executive branch actions. Kavanaugh said that he has made clear that a court order "that requires a president to do something or prohibits a president from doing something is the final word in our system."

Late Wednesday, Kavanaugh seemed to stumble at first when questioned by Democrat Kamala Harris of California about whom he might have spoken with at a law firm concerning the investigation into Russian election meddling.

The firm in question was founded by Marc Kasowitz,

who has represented Trump.

Kavanaugh eventually said he couldn't think of any such conversations but would need to see a list of the firm's lawyers. In questioning Thursday, he said more directly that he had no such conversations.

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, along with Harris, said he was willing to risk fallout over releasing confidential documents about Kavanaugh's views on race. Republican John Cornyn of Texas warned him that senators could be expelled for violating confidentiality rules. Democrats and Booker responded, "Bring it on."

Some of the documents the Democrats wanted disclosed had been released hours earlier, in a pre-dawn disclosure approved by Bill

Burck, the GOP attorney who serves as presidential records lawyer for Bush.

"We were surprised to learn about Sen. Booker's histrionics this morning because we had already told him he could use the documents publicly," Burck said by email. Booker had sought release late Wednesday, after questioning Kavanaugh on race and drawing rebuke from his colleagues for disclosing the confidential documents. They were made available after 3 a.m. Thursday.

Booker's spokeswoman said that only by raising the issue publicly was the senator able to "shame the committee into agreeing" to release the pages to the public.

The document battle stemmed from Kavanaugh's unusually long paper trail

following his years in the Bush White House. The panel's process resulted in hundreds of thousands of pages of Kavanaugh's documents being withheld as confidential or kept from release under presidential privilege by the Trump White House.

Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who released more documents Thursday, stood by his handling of the issue.

Protesters have repeatedly tried to interrupt the hearing, which has carried strong political overtones ahead of the November congressional elections.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell dismissed the protesters' "unhinged antics" as powerless to stop Trump's choice. "There's no heckler's veto," he said.

Romanians don't see Giuliani's advice as that of 'private citizen'

**BY RICK NOACK
AND AMAR NADHIR**
The Washington Post

It's unusual for a U.S. lawyer to oppose anti-corruption efforts in one of Europe's most corrupt nations.

It's even more unusual if that lawyer also happens to represent the U.S. president, whose own State Department has adopted the opposite stance. After Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani sent a letter to the Romanian government recently, asking it to rein in the fight against corruption over fears of "continued damage to the rule of law in Romania, committed under the pretext of law enforcement," State Department officials appeared puzzled.

"I'm a private citizen," Giuliani said, responding to a question about contradicting the State Department, which has welcomed the anti-corruption drive.

The problem with this argument is that Giuliani certainly isn't perceived in Romania as only a private U.S. citizen. In fact, the Trump lawyer's letter is rapidly becoming a key weapon for Romanian officials who want to weaken the country's anti-corruption authorities.

The leader of Romania's ruling Social Democratic Party, Liviu Dragnea, referenced Giuliani's letter, writing that Giuliani's "moral and professional probity commands respect all over the world." In his statement, the left-wing politician implied that not following Giuliani's advice could have repercussions for percep-

tions of Romania and its position within the "North Atlantic area."

The Romanian politician's friendly ties to the North Atlantic region's most important government, the Trump administration, were on public display last year when Dragnea met with President Donald Trump at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, according to a Facebook post Dragnea published at the time. On Facebook, Dragnea recalled Trump telling him: "We will make it happen! Romania is important for us!"

At that point, Dragnea's party was already in the middle of a push to repeal some of the tough anti-corruption laws that the country introduced in recent decades -- an effort that has been hampered at times by Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, who leads the National Liberal Party. Dragnea's enthusiasm about Giuliani's letter -- addressed to Iohannis -- might not be entirely unexpected for another reason: Dragnea himself is currently appealing a prison sentence for abuse of office.

As president of the Romanian Senate, former Romanian prime minister Calin Popescu Tariceanu would have some leeway to ask for a review of certain trials. So, when Tariceanu called Giuliani's letter "very useful" on Tuesday, according to Romania's Mediafax news agency, the comments likely set off alarm bells in European Union capitals and the State Department, which have long encouraged Romania's fight against corruption.

Speaking to Politico, the



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Rudy Giuliani told Romania he was concerned about the country's anti-corruption efforts.

former New York City mayor or acknowledged Tuesday that the letter was based on a "report I reviewed," and that he was paid for it by a global consulting firm. But leading Romanian politicians, including Tariceanu, pointed at Giuliani's track record as a prosecutor, lawyer and politician to justify their calls to stop corruption probes, and they implied that Giuliani had reached his assessment based on his professional experience rather than as part of a paid engagement.

In yet another sign of how Giuliani's intervention is fueling a domestic political battle in Romania, the country's foreign minister recalled its ambassador to the United States on Monday after the envoy portrayed the Trump lawyer's letter as "the expression of a lobby initiated by forces interested in defending characters from our country that have had legal problems."

Ambassador George Maier of the Romanian intelligence service until 2015, which puts him in the political crossfire. During his tenure, Romanian authorities approved controversial wiretapping operations and electronic sur-

veillance that resulted in the conviction of dozens of high-ranking politicians.

Supporters of Romania's anti-corruption drive argue that the measures are necessary because illegal schemes exist across the country's political system. But opponents say the system's flaws extend into the anti-corruption agency itself. They believe that probes are being used to intimidate or remove political opponents -- a view now also backed by Giuliani.

Many of the jailed or prosecuted politicians are members of the Social Democratic party, which is now the biggest supporter of softening corruption laws.

So far, the government's plans have faced opposition both at home and abroad. "After previous street protests, the European Union and United States spoke with one voice to condemn the attacks on democracy," wrote Daniel Brett of University College London School of Slavonic and East European Studies in London earlier this month.

In Romania, the ruling party is now framing Giuliani's remarks in a way that suggests the end of that unity.

Obstruction a 'no-go' in Trump talks, Giuliani says

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump will not answer federal investigators' questions, in writing or in person, about whether he tried to block the probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election, one of the president's attorneys told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani said questions about obstruction of justice were a "no-go."

Giuliani's statement was the most definitive rejection yet of special counsel Robert Mueller's efforts to interview the president about any efforts to obstruct the investigation into possible coordination between his campaign and Russians. It signals that Trump's lawyers are committed to protecting the president from answering questions about actions the president took in office.

It's unclear if Giuliani's public position has been endorsed by Trump, who has said he wants to answer questions under oath. Negotiations about the scope and format of an interview are ongoing. If the legal team holds its stance, it could force Mueller to try to subpoena the president, likely triggering a standoff that would lead to the Supreme Court.

Mueller's office previously has sought to interview Trump about obstruction, including his firing last year of former FBI Director James Comey and his public attacks on

Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Trump's legal team has argued that the president has the power to hire and fire appointees and the special counsel does not have the authority to ask him to explain those decisions.

"That's a no-go. That is not going to happen," Giuliani said. "There will be no questions at all on obstruction."

Last week, Mueller's team said it would accept written responses from Trump on questions related to Russian election interference. Giuliani suggested Thursday that Trump's lawyers had agreed to those terms but wanted to prohibit investigators from asking follow-up questions.

"If you want to follow up on our answers, justify it. Show us why you didn't get there the first time," Giuliani said. He said he was not categorically ruling out answering a second round of questions, but the entire matter of whether there would be follow-up inquiries should be settled before the president answers anything at all.

"We aren't going to let them spring it on us," Giuliani said.

Giuliani's declaration drew a swift rebuke from Rep. Adam Schiff, the highest-ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, who tweeted: "Trump's legal team never had any intention of allowing him to be interviewed, knowing he is incapable of telling the truth. It's past time to subpoena the President. No one is above the law."

NEWS BRIEFING

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GOP lawmakers ask Trump to declassify files in Russia probe

WASHINGTON — A small group of House Republicans is urging President Donald Trump to declassify documents related to the beginning of the Justice Department's Russia investigation.

Trump signaled he may do so, tweeting on Thursday that there may be "Declassification to find Additional Corruption."

The lawmakers are asking him to take the unusual step of fully declassifying a secret wiretap appli-

cation from 2016 for one-time Trump campaign aide Carter Page. The FBI was investigating Page's ties to Russia, but Trump and his allies have insisted that the wiretap was a way to spy on his campaign.

The lawmakers are also asking Trump to declassify documents related to Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, who they say had inappropriate contacts with a former spy who compiled a dossier on Trump's ties to Russia.

Brazilian presidential candidate stabbed while campaigning

BELEM, Brazil — Brazilian presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro, the frontrunner in October elections, was stabbed during a campaign rally in southeastern Brazil on Thursday, local media outlets reported.

Cellphone footage showed the candidate sitting on a supporter's shoulders and waving to the crowd when someone plunged a knife into his abdomen. A 40-year-old

man identified as the perpetrator was beaten by the crowd, police said. He was arrested and confessed to the crime, according to news reports.

Hospital officials said the candidate suffered a serious wound to his intestine and underwent surgery.

Bolsonaro is running on a tough-on-crime platform and has advocated for looser restrictions on gun ownership in Brazil.

Mexican prosecutors unearth 166 skulls in mass burial pits

MEXICO CITY — Investigators said Thursday they have found 166 skulls in clandestine burial pits in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, one of the biggest mass graves discovered so far in Mexico.

Veracruz state prosecutor Jorge Winckler said that for security reasons he would not reveal the location of the site.

Mexican drug cartels frequently use clandestine pits to dispose of their

victims.

Winckler said the bodies were buried at least two years ago and did not rule out finding more remains. He said investigators had found 114 ID cards in the field, which held about 32 burial pits.

Veracruz was the scene of bloody turf battles between the Zetas and Jalisco drug cartels, but the state also suffered waves of kidnappings and extortions.



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In the line of fire: A truck that was trapped by a racing wildfire and incinerated in Shasta-Trinity National Forest near Shasta Lake is set to be towed Thursday. The driver escaped unharmed. Authorities closed 45 miles of Interstate 5 in Northern California.

Cops raid home of couple who raised cash for homeless man

FLORENCE, N.J. — Police raided a New Jersey couple's home and hauled away a new BMW on Thursday after a homeless man accused them of helping themselves to some of the \$400,000 in online donations they supposedly raised to help him start a new life.

Citing "enormous public interest" in the case, county prosecutor Scott Coffina confirmed that Mark D'Amico and Katelyn McClure are under investigation, though no charges have been filed.

It was the latest twist in a onetime feel-good story

about Johnny Bobbitt, who spent his last \$20 to buy gas for McClure when she became stranded on a highway in Philadelphia last year, and the couple who found 14,000 people online who were so touched by his kindness that they donated to a GoFundMe page.

GoFundMe and Cozen O'Connor, the Philadelphia law firm representing Bobbitt, announced Thursday evening in a joint statement that Bobbitt will receive an amount equal to the balance of the funds he did not get from the online fundraiser.

Police armed with a

search warrant left the couple's home in Florence, about 30 miles northeast of Philadelphia, with bags and boxes of material and the BMW, according to news outlets at the scene when the raid occurred. Bobbitt has questioned where they got the money for the new car. They have said they used their own money.

The couple have previously denied any wrongdoing.

In a lawsuit Bobbitt filed against the couple, he says they used the account as a "personal piggy bank" to "fund a lifestyle they could not otherwise afford."

Protesters set fire to Iraqi provincial building

BAGHDAD — Iraqi protesters stormed and set fire to a provincial government building in the southern city of Basra, despite a curfew imposed by authorities Thursday to try and quell demonstrations against poor public services and unemployment that have turned violent.

Three protesters were shot dead by security forces, according to medical and security officials.

Iraq's popular Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr called for an urgent parliamentary session to discuss the situation in Basra, Iraq's second-largest province and home to about 70

percent of its oil reserves.

Twelve civilians have been killed since the start of the month in clashes between demonstrators and police, according to Iraq's Independent High Commission for Human Rights, which said an additional 93 civilians and 18 security forces were injured.

U.K. supported by allies on Russian role in poison attack

LONDON — The leaders of the United States, France, Germany and Canada on Thursday endorsed Britain's assessment that a nerve-agent attack on a former Russian spy and his daughter in March was conducted by Russian military officers and "almost certainly" approved at a senior level of the Russian government.

The leaders urged Russia to provide a "full disclosure" of its Novichok nerve-agent program and said they would "continue to disrupt together the hostile activities of foreign intelligence networks on our territories."

During an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council called by Britain to brief diplomats on the investigation, top Russian envoy Vassily Nebenzia denounced the accusations, calling them base untruths aimed at whipping up hostility toward Moscow.

Church probe: New York and New Jersey launched investigations into the Roman Catholic Church's handling of clergy sex abuse allegations Thursday. New York's state's attorney general issued subpoenas to all eight of the state's Catholic dioceses seeking any documents pertaining to allegations and findings.

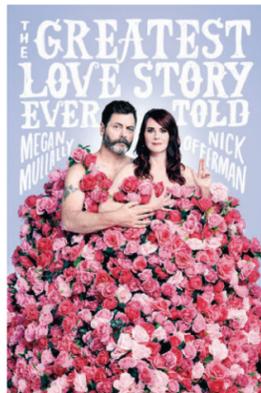
Honoring McCain: A bipartisan group of 22 lawmakers in the House and Senate introduced a resolution Thursday urging President Donald Trump to support renaming the new NATO headquarters in Brussels for the late Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in recognition of his "long and ironclad support" for the alliance.

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EDITORIALS

Chicago's mayoral race:
Caught in the crossfire

There are questions Chicago voters might like to ask candidates for mayor: *Will you promise to not raise taxes? How will you attract more good-paying jobs to the city? What's your plan to improve schools?*

If only that were the complete list of issues confronting would-be mayors. It's not, of course, because every day many Chicagoans have to fear for their lives. Their questions for the candidates begin with: *Can you stop the shooting and killing? Will you protect my kids? Should I flee this dangerous city?*

Gun violence is Chicago's tragedy and its curse. The mayhem and murder that play out daily rip apart families and pulverize neighborhoods. The carnage also takes a toll on the city's reputation. How many good-paying jobs might Chicago lose over time as employers and residents leave or bypass a city they imagine to be lawless? Back in the 1980s, *The Wall Street Journal* dubbed Chicago "Beirut on the Lake." That nickname was in reference to yesteryear's political and racial strife, not its still-endemic street violence.

So what do you call a city in which several thousand people each year are wounded or killed by gunfire? Dangerous. And desperate for a solution as the number of dead and injured mounts.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel will leave office in May with a mixed record of leadership, marred by levels of gun violence that spun



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Chicago police work the scene where a 26-year-old woman was shot in the 100 block of West 119th Street on Monday. Violence in the city remains elevated from previous years.

out of control in 2016. That year more than 4,300 people were gunshot victims; the homicide total exceeded 750. The violence has slowed somewhat since then but remains elevated from previous years. A bad summer weekend in Chicago yields a casualty list as long as that of a battlefield skirmish or a midsize plane's crash landing: dozens and dozens sent to the hospital or the morgue.

Much of the violence is centered in impoverished, isolated neighborhoods on the South and West sides, plus a few North

Side areas. Young men come of age, fall into gangs and then shoot or get shot.

On Sunday evening of Labor Day weekend, Shane Colombo was near Clark and Howard streets in Rogers Park when two men fired at each other. Colombo was new in town, here to begin a Northwestern University doctoral program in psychology. He had marriage plans, a condo and a bright future, wiped out because he decided to walk toward the "L" at about 8:25 p.m. He was struck in the abdomen and died at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston

before his fiance could get to him.

The next night, three teens were sitting on the hood of a car in the South Shore neighborhood when a car drove past and an occupant fired. Two of the teens were injured; the third, 19-year-old Prince Kargou, was shot in the head and later died. Police said the three weren't gang members. Kargou and one of the other victims were dating. She was shot first; he reached for her and was hit. "That shows what kind of friend, what type of man he is," one victim's mother told the Tribune. "Shots are fired; you can either fight or flee. And he fought for her."

What kind of a city is this when a student is struck down in the street? Happens all the time. A former colleague mourned the loss of Colombo, reflecting on "all the people" who won't benefit from his treatment as a clinical psychologist. "I really felt like he was going to have a brilliant career," the colleague told the Tribune.

What kind of a city is it when a typical summer evening scene of kids hanging out erupts in gunfire and a young man dies? Kargou was a high school grad considering a career as a nurse. Think of the life he won't have and the patients he won't treat.

What kind of a city is violence-filled Chicago, and what kind of a better city might it become?

Those are the questions the candidates for mayor will have to answer.

Chaos, disloyalty in Trump's White House

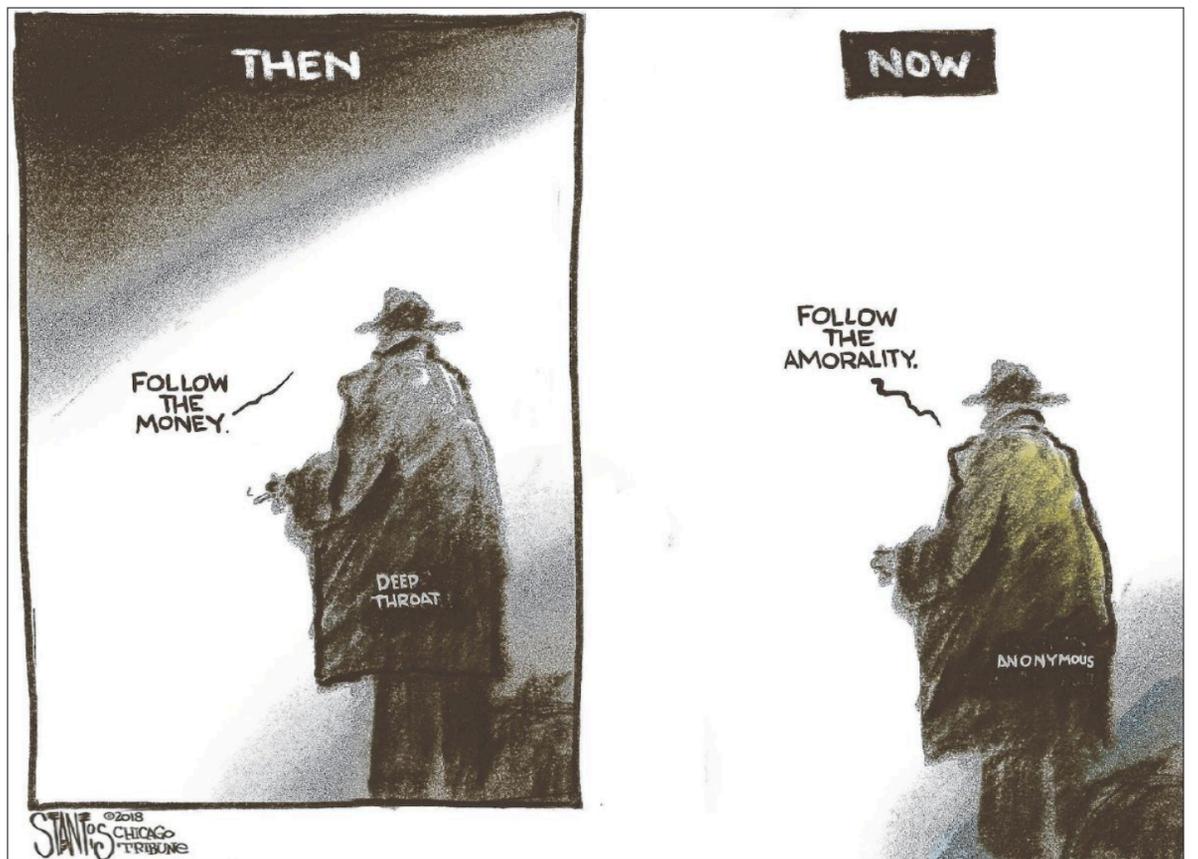
Raise your hand if you needed to read the confessions of an anonymous senior administration official to realize President Donald Trump's management style is "impetuous, adversarial, petty and ineffective." Anybody? We weren't shocked, either.

Trump's 19 months in office have aged many Americans at least twice that length of time. The president has a base of supporters who embrace or ignore the chaos and pugnacity. For others, including those of us who seek to judge Trump's policy work separately from his erratic personality, these are trying times. With him in charge, the circus never shuts down.

Twice this week, installments of America's strangest reality show — otherwise known as the Trump presidency — provided glimpses of White House staffers in panic mode. First there were news reports about Bob Woodward's new behind-the-scenes book, "Fear," in which we learned that adviser Gary Cohn lifted a letter off Trump's desk so that the president wouldn't act on his worrisome threat to scuttle a trade deal with South Korea. Then came *The New York Times'* decision to publish the anonymous op-ed describing crafty efforts by Trump officials to keep the country from running off the rails. "There are adults in the room ... trying to do what's right even when Donald Trump won't," the op-ed asserts.

Woodward's book, not yet on sale, uses unnamed sources to describe life in the White House. Readers will be able to draw their own conclusions based on the reporting of a respected journalist. The op-ed is a different matter. The unidentified official gave the piece to the Times and then sneaked back to work, hoping not to be uncovered later by a livid president.

Our problem with the op-ed is the lack of accountability. The "senior official in the Trump administration" raises a serious question about whether Trump is fit to be president, then slips past any follow-up responsibility. Instead of leading public debate over possible invocation of the 25th Amendment to remove the president from office, the writer tells Americans to trust



SCOTT STANTIS

administration officials: They've got this, whoever they are. They'll thwart his "misguided impulses until he is out of office."

But how much credibility should Americans give to someone who takes his or her shots from a secret hideaway?

The alleged presence of secret saviors shouldn't surprise anyone. Every White House adviser should consider it part of the job description to smother bad ideas and save the president from misguided

impulses. No news there. The same goes in the private sector. But bashing the boss anonymously is disloyal and, rather than fixing anything, makes everyone in the organization paranoid. This op-ed has "CYA memo" written all over it — someone wants a paperwork trail to show the world in case things later go south: *See? I told ya I tried to save the country.*

The op-ed accomplishes nothing positive and tells us nothing we don't already know. The piece says the president is mor-

ally rudderless, holds no coherent worldview and careens from objective to objective. We know that; we read his tweets. The piece says the president, while alarming, also has notched achievements such as tax reform and deregulation. We know that as well; we supported those efforts.

Sooner or later it's likely the op-ed writer will be outed, with unpredictable results. What's certain is that as long as Trump is president, chaos will be part of the picture.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Elephants ought to get a lot of cancer. They're huge animals, weighing as much as eight tons. It takes a lot of cells to make up that much elephant. All of those cells arise from a single fertilized egg, and each time a cell divides, there's a chance that it will gain a mutation — one that may lead to cancer. Strangely, however, elephants aren't more prone to cancer than smaller animals. Some research even suggests they get less cancer than humans do.

A team of researchers has reported what may be a partial solution to that mystery: Elephants protect themselves

with a unique gene that aggressively kills off cells whose DNA has been damaged. Somewhere in the course of evolution, the gene had become dormant. But somehow it was resurrected, a bit of zombie DNA that has proved particularly useful. Vincent J. Lynch, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Chicago and a co-author of the paper, published in *Cell Reports*, said that understanding how elephants fight cancer may provide inspiration for developing new drugs: "It might tell us something fundamental about cancer as a process. And if we're

lucky, it might tell us something about how to treat human disease."

Carl Zimmer, The New York Times

China has succeeded at a speed and scale unprecedented in human history. The country triumphed from a poor agrarian backwater into the largest industrial economy in the world. ... In the process of doing so, it lifted 700 million people out of poverty. ... Forty years ago, 9 of 10 Chinese lived under the "extreme poverty line" set by the World Bank. Today, the pyramid has been flipped, with only around 10 percent of Chinese

living under that line. Without that reversal, global poverty would likely have increased rather than decreased over the last several decades. ... Compared to the rise of other great powers in history — the Athenian Empire, the Roman Empire, the British Empire, America's manifest destiny, modern Germany, France, and Japan, all of which were accompanied by tremendous violence — China's rise so far has been bigger and faster than them all. And yet, it has happened peacefully. No invasion of any other country, no colonization, no war.

Eric X. Li, Foreign Policy

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE

The 16 shots were bad. The cover-up was worse.



ERIC ZORN

The images on the famous police dashcam video are very troubling. Laquan McDonald, loping along, a small knife in his hand, angling away from officers attempting to arrest him. Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke advancing on McDonald and, only about six seconds after exiting his squad car, emptying his gun into the 17-year-old, spinning him around and leaving him fatally wounded on the street. Van Dyke's murder trial, now in the jury selection phase at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, will focus mostly on what happened in those six seconds — what did each man do, instant by instant, step by step, in that fatal interval? Was Van Dyke's decision to use lethal force justified on that October night in 2014? Or did he cross the line into criminality? But what makes this story much more troubling than simply the idea that a lone officer might have unnecessarily, even wantonly, killed a suspect is what happened in the aftermath. Van Dyke's partner, Officer Joseph Walsh, told investigators that Van Dyke "backed up, attempting to maintain a safe distance between himself and McDonald" but that the teen "continued to advance on the officers" and that he "swung the knife toward the officers in an aggressive manner." Walsh added that McDonald was "attempting to kill them when the shots were fired." This account was strikingly at odds with the video evidence. The images clearly show Van Dyke was not backing up before he fired but edging forward. McDonald was not brandishing his knife at police but holding it below his waist on the side of his body away from the officers. Officer Daphne Sebastian said that "McDonald turned toward (Walsh and Van Dyke) and continued to wave the knife," and that he "continued to ad-

vance on the officers."

No. The video shows McDonald didn't turn toward the officers, that he was swinging the knife at his side as he walked, not waving it, and that he was a full lane of traffic away from the officers, increasing that distance, when Van Dyke shot him.

Officer Dora Fontaine told investigators that "McDonald was walking sideways, with his body facing east toward officers Van Dyke and Walsh ... (he) raised his right arm toward officer Van Dyke as if attacking."

The video shows that McDonald was facing south, the direction he was walking from police, and that he never raised his right arm, let alone raised it at Van Dyke.

Officer Ricardo Viramontes reported that McDonald "turned toward Van Dyke and his partner," and that, after he was shot, McDonald "continued to move, attempting to get back up."

McDonald barely twitched after the first shot dropped him.

According to investigatory notes, Van Dyke told investigators that McDonald was swinging his knife at Van Dyke "in an aggressive, exaggerated manner," raising it above his shoulder. Van Dyke said he believed this indicated McDonald was "going to try and take my life away from me." He said he then backed-pedaled, fired, and continued firing because McDonald "appeared to be attempting to get up."

And yes, it all happened quickly. Human memory is imperfect. But when every faulty memory just happens to line up with a version of events that vindicates Van Dyke and exaggerates the threat posed by McDonald, it's fair to call these accounts not just lies, but evidence of a culture of concealment that infects the trust between police and the communities that most need them.

Even worse is that the department higher-ups viewed the dashcam video several days later and raised no alarms about the stark discrepancies between the images and the officers' accounts. Even with the luxury of hindsight and the ability to review the video in painstaking detail, the brass OK'd the manifestly false police reports.



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Police Officer Joseph Walsh, left, shown with attorney Thomas Breen, faces charges related to the account he gave following the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald.

"Officer Van Dyke fired his weapon in fear of his life when the offender while armed with a knife continued to approach and refused all verbal direction," wrote Deputy Chief David McNaughton.

McDonald's death is the tragedy. The cover-up is the scandal.

We know that police officers are human and they have difficult, stressful jobs. The question isn't whether they make mistakes every so often — they always have and always will — or even whether, technically, in this instance, Van Dyke erred. The question that will loom over the upcoming verdict either way is, how do officers and city officials address those mistakes in a way that preserves and enhances the overall integrity of law enforcement?

Here, the city hid the damning video from public view for 13 months and took action only in response to the uproar.

County prosecutors charged Van Dyke with murder just hours before the video was about to be released. It took nearly two more months for the department to put Walsh and responding Detective David March on desk duty.

Not until June 2017 were they charged with conspiracy, official misconduct and obstruction of justice.

Officer Thomas Gaffney, who was on the scene and allegedly falsely reported that McDonald had injured officers prior to the shooting, also was indicted. The three are scheduled to go on trial in late November in a case with perhaps more ramifications than the Van Dyke trial.

And although the city's Office of Inspector General recommended that 11 officers up and down the ranks be fired for their conduct related to the shooting, the special grand jury investigating the case disbanded without further indictments. Many of those implicated have retired or are on paid desk duty pending disciplinary hearings.

You hear a lot about "16 shots," the number of bullets Van Dyke fired into McDonald (and the title of a terrific new podcast about the case produced by the Tribune and WBEZ). But no one has yet tallied the more important number — the count of the lies that followed.

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Emanuel and Rauner: A squandered relationship that cost city and state

BY DAVID GREISING

Rahm and Rauner. Rauner and Rahm. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Gov. Bruce Rauner could have made beautiful music together. Instead, there has been nothing but discord.

Theirs is as petty and unproductive a feud as we have seen in modern Illinois politics. In shorthand, Rahm and Rauner became Rahm versus Rauner, replete with fighting words that got in the way of progress.

Emanuel's surprise announcement Tuesday that he will not seek re-election likely sapped the venom from the feud. Behind them now is the lost potential that two of the most powerful leaders in the state could have leveraged, if only their egos and narrow political agendas had not gotten in the way.

Some will say Rauner's vendetta against House Speaker Michael Madigan is more bitter. Perhaps true. But Rauner and Madigan never had potential after the demonization of Madigan during Rauner's 2014 campaign for governor.

With Emanuel and Rauner it was different.

They had a chance to leverage surprisingly like-minded views on politics and a casual but potentially valuable friendship. Not that long ago, people actually worried about the potential political partnership of Emanuel and Rauner, out of fear they could realign the polarities of power in Illinois around the axis of their political kinship. Madigan and others would lose standing as a result.

Their political instincts overlapped, no matter what their party labels called them.

Emanuel is the kind of Democrat who takes a business-friendly approach to problems and has a healthy skepticism about the union agenda. When he reluctantly raised taxes, he actually paid down debt and paid into pensions — something his predecessor had not done.

The core Rauner agenda is a deep distaste for unionism, lust for tort reform, hostility toward workers' compensation and abhorrence for taxes. None of that describes Emanuel. But the



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel, left, and Gov. Bruce Rauner talk in Chicago in October. Although their political instincts overlapped, they were rarely on the same page.

two share a distrust of Springfield, feel charter schools could help fix the Chicago school system, and push downtown economic development over prosperity in the neighborhoods.

If they can put their feuding aside, they could use the next few months in office to get something done — the bid for Amazon's HQ2, maybe, or a serious fix to the city's school funding morass. But with Emanuel on his way out and Rauner facing a stiff challenge from Democrat J.B. Pritzker, time is running short.

Besides, they've let it get to the point where there may not be enough common ground to work from anymore.

Politics makes strange bedfellows. It also sometimes estranges bedfellows. And that's what has happened with Rauner and Emanuel.

The more than two years of state budget impasse at the start of Rauner's term threw Chicago's budgeting and cash flow out of whack. It also broke any potential Emanuel-Rauner axis.

A few months into the stalemate, in

the fall of 2015, Emanuel publicly chided Rauner to "stop name-calling and just do your job."

Rauner shot back in early 2016. In the aftermath of the controversy arising from the police shooting of Laquan McDonald, lawmakers in Springfield pushed a bill making possible a recall vote for Emanuel. Rauner said he would sign the bill.

The next spring, Rauner criticized an Emanuel-backed school funding formula as "a billion-dollar Chicago bailout." He called on people downstate to stand up to the "Chicago political machine."

Emanuel accused Rauner of "following the Donald Trump playbook of demonizing one group of people for his political advantage."

Touche, Rahm! At the time, early in the 2016 presidential campaign, Rauner was reluctant even to utter Trump's name.

In early 2017, at the height of a teacher pension funding crisis, Emanuel called Rauner the "emperor who wears

no clothes."

After an aide to the 6-foot-4-inch governor parried, saying the shorter-statured mayor suffered from a "Napoleon complex," it fell to Chance the Rapper to take the high road, calling the tit for tat "embarrassing."

Later that year, with Rauner still unable to reach a budget — and blaming Speaker Madigan — Emanuel laid blame on Rauner to a National Press Club audience. "Look, Harry S. Truman's sign, did it say, 'Go and see Sam Rayburn' or 'The Buck Stops Here'?" he said.

The war of words can have serious costs. If Emanuel moves ahead with a plan to sell \$10 billion in pension bonds to help pay down a \$28 billion pension shortfall, he'll need to explain to investors why his state's governor keeps saying nasty things about his city's finances.

Chicago is hoping to beat out 19 other cities trying to lure Amazon's second headquarters and its projected 50,000 jobs. Amazon has said it plans to steer clear of political dysfunction. Yet Rauner in January celebrated Chicago making the list of finalists by calling on Illinois lawmakers to cut taxes so Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos would see "Illinois is not always just raising taxes with a corrupt system."

Emanuel countered, saying his corporate recruitment effort — more than 50 headquarters over the prior four years — had succeeded "in the face of pretty strong dysfunction in Springfield."

One of their last standoffs took place as thousands of people shut down the Dan Ryan Expressway in July to protest the violence on Chicago's streets. Emanuel lauded the protesters, but Rauner tweeted a call for "swift and decisive action to put an end to this kind of chaos."

Emanuel's response, tweeted toward Rauner: "Delete your account."

By that point, they had become Rahm versus Rauner. Any hope they could work together for the people of Illinois had been deleted long ago.

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PERSPECTIVE

What do we still want from Monica Lewinsky?

BY MONICA HESSE

There's a line between needing to hear women's painful stories and forcing women to relive them, and on Monday evening the line got blurry with Monica Lewinsky.

On stage at an event in Jerusalem, ostensibly there to talk about the anti-bullying advocacy she's making a career of, Lewinsky was asked by Israeli news anchor Yonit Levi whether she still expected a personal apology from Bill Clinton.

In response, Lewinsky offered her own apology — "I'm so sorry; I'm not going to be able to do this," she said — and walked off the stage.

Later on Twitter she explained that she and Levi had previously agreed the question would be off-limits. "When she asked me on stage, with blatant disregard for our agreement, it was clear to me I had been misled." (A spokesman for Levi's Channel 2 news company insisted that the question "certainly did not go beyond Ms. Lewinsky's requests and did not cross the line.")

What do we still want with Monica Lewinsky? Two decades after her grand jury testimony, the former White House intern is now a middle-aged woman trapped in a time capsule, doomed to account and re-account for Clinton's behavior. Are we looking to her as a case study



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Monica Lewinsky left a recent event after being asked about Bill Clinton.

— an early survivor of what we'd now consider workplace harassment — because we think her hindsight perspective is useful? Or is it something more prurient?

With Lewinsky, it's always been prurient. A new book about gender equality in the Clinton era, "90s Bitch" by Allison Yarrow, dedicates a whole chapter to the way our culture presented her as a floozy. The media tossed around words like "saucy" and "ditzzy"; the New York Post nicknamed her the "Portly Pepperpot." (I can tell you that 1998 was not a fun

year to be a young woman named Monica; I was a high school student 800 miles away from Washington, D.C., and I still had new acquaintances ask me about my sexual talents.)

There's a weak argument, I guess, to be made that Lewinsky is only famous because of the Clinton scandal. Plenty of folks responded to her tweet on Monday by pointing this out: Could she have been a purse designer, a diet company spokeswoman or, now, an anti-bullying advocate were it not for Clinton? Are we

not owed her thoughts on him, quid pro quo?

But why is anyone so sure that Clinton's infidelity would have been her only route to fame?

How do we know that Jenny Craig represented a lucky apex of Lewinsky's career, rather than the punishing ceiling imposed on a young woman of talent who could have been a power player and instead became a punchline? Are we saying that because she was famous once — under circumstances no sentient human would choose — her choices now are to talk about those circumstances on command for the rest of her life, or to disappear?

It was ironic that the Jerusalem event happened just a week after Louis C.K. stepped onstage at a comedy club openmic night, having decided it was time for his comeback. And also just a week after Matt Lauer reportedly told fans that he'd "be back on TV." Some observers argued that these men need to be able to make livings. (Are prominent and highly paid livings the only ones available to them?)

Others wondered why we should be so worried about the careers of these men. What about the careers of their victims?

We already have some answers. Here are a few experiments regarding what happens to the careers of harassment victims: Google award-winning actresses Ashley Judd, Mira Sorvino or

Rose McGowan, and try to find any recent news story in which they're mentioned for their acting work and not as a "Harvey Weinstein accuser."

Google "Rebecca Corry," whom Louis C.K. admitted he masturbated in front of, and learn that people these days approach her to ask not about her own career as a comedy writer, but whether C.K. should get a comeback.

Try to think of a single thing you know about Andrea Constand, other than that she was assaulted by Bill Cosby.

If you are Monica Lewinsky, you've been invited to parties and then disinvited after a certain ex-president also RSVP'd. You've had your name re-emerge at the oddest of times — like when documents came to light revealing that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh had worked for Ken Starr and urged the special prosecutor to ask Clinton the most graphic questions possible.

If you're Monica Lewinsky, you already know the first line of your obituary, and you know nothing you do for the rest of your life will change that.

All of these questions about when men accused of harassment get to come back. Monica Lewinsky never got a chance to leave.

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An insider's lament about Trump serves no public good

BY RAMESH PONNURU

People write op-eds for all kinds of reasons. Some do it for recognition, some to draw attention to an issue they think has been overlooked. We can rule out both motives for a splashy New York Times op-ed, written by an anonymous someone who the Times assures us is a senior Trump administration official, and who calls himself part of a "quiet resistance within the administration."

So what was the point of it? Was it to inform the public that President Donald Trump often makes "half-baked, ill-informed and occasionally reckless decisions that have to be walked back"? Anyone who is capable of reaching that realization has already done so.

Was it to inform us that many people inside the administration consider Trump "erratic" and dishonorable? We knew that, too, from several thousand news stories quoting anonymous administration officials — almost certainly including this one.

Was it to reassure the public that Trump is being restrained by his own aides? ("Americans should know that there are adults in the room.") If so, it's not very reassuring. The message of the op-ed amounts, after all, to saying that the president is unfit for his office, so unfit that even many of his employees see it, and that they are trying to work around it.

Was it to share the news that "there were early whispers within the Cabinet of invoking the 25th Amendment" to remove Trump from office? Did one assistant secretary invoke the idea in the spirit of gallows humor, or did a few secretaries meet to discuss the idea seriously?

Was the purpose to make opponents of the administration think more kindly of the people working for it? They, too, are aware of the phenomenon of Trump officials who have serious reservations about him and are trying to limit the damage, as they see it, from his presidency.

If these opponents consider this kind of ambivalent service a morally sound course of action, they thought so already. If they think it is cowardly, an anonymous op-ed won't change their mind.

I think working for Trump while seeking to thwart some of his impulses is defensible. It's not "overt defiance of presidential authority," as one critic of the op-ed has put it, especially when the president is so lackadaisical about enforcing discipline among his underlings. In any presidency, aides want to steer the president toward the impulses they consider better. What differentiates this administration from past ones is the contempt for the president's character that animates so many of its employees.

The Trump aide who feels the president is unfit for office must



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President Donald Trump, subject of an anonymous New York Times op-ed, at the White House on Thursday.

make, and continually update, a judgment whether it will do more good to influence the administration or do it a marginal bit of political harm by leaving it in public. But he should be aware that it is enormously psychologically tempting to conclude that his own presence in office is crucial in averting disaster. If Trump's aides were making this judgment free of self-interest or

delusion, surely someone by now would have a public resignation on principle.

What can't be justified, on any calculation I can perform, is how this op-ed advances the public good. It will make the president more aggrieved and less likely to credit wise counsel than ever while changing no one's mind.

Perhaps it has at least achieved catharsis for its author. But there

is already more than enough self-expression coming out of this administration.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Trump's accomplishments

In response to disturbing accusations in Bob Woodward's new book, "Fear: Trump in the White House," the Trump administration has rebutted with a long list of its accomplishments.

Setting aside the accuracy of the items listed, I would add these two: Trump personally helped to incubate the #MeToo movement; and he can be held personally accountable for the significant increase in the number of political candidates at all levels of government (many successful) who are women and/or people of color and/or other minorities.

My heartfelt thanks, Mr. Trump.

In my view, these are impressive and welcomed accomplishments.

— Nancy Fink, Highland Park

Blind loyalty

A senior White House official who wrote an anonymous op-ed piece in The New York Times says we should not worry, because "Americans should know that there are adults in the room. We fully recognize what is happening. And we are trying to do what's right even when Donald Trump won't."

This official dismisses impeachment and removal from office, because "no one wanted to precipitate a constitutional crisis." The "adults in the room" are willing to allow a man dangerously unfit to be president to continue to have his finger on the nuclear button, with the power to single-handedly destroy all of civilization. A man whose "impulsiveness results in half-baked, ill-informed and occasionally reckless decisions" should be

allowed to continue his presidency because he did, after all, give huge tax breaks to the rich and to corporations, and he has deregulated everything he could?

Truly spectacular partisanship allows this senior White House official to risk life on our planet in order to enable the hardcore ideologues of the Republican Party to continue their quest to destroy democracy in America.

— Tom DeCoursey, Oak Park

Prepared to defend

I learned the Pledge of Allegiance when I was in the first grade. A ritual each morning at our one-room school, weather permitting, was raising the flag. Once it was raised, our entire school stood with right hands over our hearts and recited the pledge as the author wrote it. That was before any mention of God was ever in it. To this day I am moved by that act of patriotism, and the national anthem still sends a sensation through my being that I can't fully explain. By my choice I served in

the Army as an infantryman, where I was prepared to defend our country and preserve our rights to all the freedoms we take for granted.

I don't agree with Colin Kaepernick and others for their decision to kneel at the playing of the anthem, but I don't condemn them. They are exercising their freedom of speech. I can't know what's in their minds when they do this, and I don't care to speculate. After all, this is what I was prepared to defend if necessary.

— Ron Flowers, Elk Grove Village

A national embarrassment

Another proud week for Illinoisans as U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin made a complete fool of himself during Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination hearings, and U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez called for President Donald Trump to resign. When you contrast Trump's economic accomplishments in less than two years to the catastrophic condition of this state thanks to decades of

Democratic ineptness, Durbin should be taking leadership notes from Trump, and it's Guterierrez who should resign!

— Mike Davitt, Chicago

A party of hypocrites

Republicans control pretty much everything in our country right now, and their own chaotic White House is led by a president who is quite possibly an undicted co-conspirator.

And yet — and yet — they are running a contentious "hurry up" hearing for their Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, by vigorously resisting Democratic appeals for fairness. All this after these very same Republicans in 2016 denied even a hearing for President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland (who by all accounts is just as qualified as Kavanaugh) simply because an election was nine months away.

It's more than I can bear, and I'm sick of their hypocrisy, duplicity and bullying behavior.

— Judy Weik, Oak Park

PERSPECTIVE

Don't burn your Nikes! Give them to charity.

By **SONNY BUNCH**

So you're mad at Nike for hiring someone you hate to hawk products you love. What are you to do?

Nike got exactly what it wanted when it decided to make Colin Kaepernick the face of its latest round of ads marking the 30th anniversary of the company's famous "Just Do It" campaign: Everyone is talking about the shoe manufacturer, and that sort of public relations boost is worth Tuesday's measly multi-point drop in the company's stock price, erasing billions in market capitalization.

To register their displeasure with the choice of the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback — who said, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black

people and people of color" after taking a knee during the national anthem before a 2016 preseason game — a number of people announced on social media that they were junking their Nike gear. The tops of socks were cut off in order to remove the offensive swoosh; kicks were kicked into the fire so feet could be free of the oppression of disagreement.

My first instinct, as always during a kerfuffle like this, is to urge forbearance, to remind people that one need not agree with every stance a company, an artist or a family member takes to appreciate them. After all, progressives have rather quickly set aside decades of complaints about sweatshop-like conditions in Nike factories to applaud the firm's efforts to woke-wash its image; certainly conservatives could do the same when it comes to

Kaepernick's protest at anthem time.

But, in an age when "owning the libs" is the highest priority for many, how can forbearance compare to angrily destroying one's own property for likes and retweets, and shares and clicks on social media?

If you can't turn the other cheek, a sick burn is better than burning your shorts: I don't think any tagline in history has been more easily memed than "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything." You can stick that motto (or a play on it) on just about anyone (Paul Manafort; Thanos; an Aztec priest preparing to rip the beating heart from a man's chest to ensure the return of the sun during an eclipse) to show it is an empty platitude designed to make people feel good about themselves,



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Colin Kaepernick is the face of Nike ads marking the 30th anniversary of the "Just Do It" campaign, including this billboard in New York.

one made all the more empty when it is applied to someone who, while not setting foot on the field, is still racking up advertising dollars.

It may be gratifying to punch up against a massively powerful corporation and the incredibly wealthy face of that corporation, but it doesn't solve the problem in your closet, does it? There's that stylized check mark, looking back at you. It fills you with blind rage every time you have to think about someone disagreeing with you, daring to hold a contrary opinion. Just awful, that check mark.

So you want to cleanse yourself. To purge the unrighteous high-tops and jerseys and socks from your sight. Instead of lighting these items on fire — which, in addition to destroying them also makes you a figure of fun to the libs you so want to own — perhaps there's a better way to empty out your closet: by donating the offending goods to charity.

What better way to show that your community has had enough of Nike's coddling of people who do not want "to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country" that made them rich and famous?

What better way to demonstrate that you are, in fact, a community and not a klatch of isolated, angry people on Twitter? What better

way to help those in need while also sticking it to those you hate by flooding the market with goods the sales of which won't aid Nike's bottom line?

Think of the message that would be sent by Nikes showing up by the crateful at local Salvation Army or Goodwill outlets. Such imagery would prove irresistible to news outlets trying to find a local angle to this national story. Surely, folks who oppose the politicization of sports — social-media influencers such as Outkick the Coverage's Clay Travis, who has a book on the subject titled "Republicans Buy Sneakers, Too" coming out in just a few weeks — could serve as organizers in these efforts, offering up names and addresses for collection points to maximize the redistribution of Air Jordans.

I'd do it myself but, to be quite honest, I have no interest in giving up my Aaron Rodgers jersey or my comfy black sweatpants (my game-day uniform). Or setting them ablaze only to buy them again in 12 months after everyone has forgotten about this latest skirmish in our never-ending culture war.

The Washington Post

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What we know 1 year into HQ2 hunt

Chicago among 20 areas awaiting decision on Amazon's 2nd headquarters

BY RYAN ORI | Chicago Tribune

Happy birthday, HQ2. On Sept. 7, 2017, Amazon launched a corporate office search unlike any seen in the typically secretive world of real estate site selection. The Seattle-based online retail behemoth announced its hunt for a North American location for a second headquarters, one that would employ as many as 50,000 highly paid office employees on an 8 million-square-foot campus. It dubbed the facility HQ2.

Chicago was among the many cities and regions — there were 238 of them, in fact — that threw their hats in the ring for one of the largest potential white-collar job bounties to come along in genera-

tions. Amazon said it plans to pick a winner by the end of 2018.

A year after the contest began, we still don't know the winner — but here's seven things we do know:

Amazon liked Chicago better than Anchorage, Alaska: Chicago's bid, which included 10 city and suburban sites and more than \$2 billion in state and local incentives, made the list of 20 contenders Amazon announced in January.

One question mark for Chicago's bid: Its biggest public champion, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, does not plan to seek re-election.

Amazon is a marketing and real estate genius: The public

spectacle of companies wooing Amazon — cities offering prime sites and throwing billions of dollars of incentives at it — has generated plenty of buzz for the already ubiquitous company. Amazon has used the search to compile a highly detailed database of the large development sites available and comparisons of those cities' relative strengths in a variety of categories including airports, public transportation, workforce depth and housing costs.

Amazon knows how to keep a secret: The executives in Seattle are a tight-lipped bunch. Among the few relevant details known about Chicago's bid are the five sites Amazon officials viewed



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Related Midwest's development on 62 acres along the Chicago River is one of the five sites Amazon officials viewed during a visit to Chicago.

when they visited the city in March.

Those sites, the Tribune reported, were The 78, Related Midwest's mixed-use devel-

opment on 62 acres along the Chicago River between the South Loop and Chinatown; the River

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RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

River City condos to go rental for \$90M

River City Condominiums owners have approved a more-than-\$90 million sale of the South Loop complex to a Chicago developer that wants to convert the 449 units to apartments.

The vote comes after previous attempts by the same buyer, Marc Realty Capital, fell apart.

More than 2 miles north of there, another Chicago firm has a letter of intent to pay \$36 million for a 68-unit condo tower in the Gold Coast that also would be switched to apartments.

If that deal happens, JMB Realty Corp.'s purchase of the 20-story building at 110 E. Delaware Place would set a Chicago per-unit record for transactions of its kind, at more than \$529,000 per unit.

The two sales would be among the priciest in a wave of condos-to-apartments projects that have emerged in Chicago in recent years. Known as condo deconversions, the projects have proliferated during a prolonged real estate development boom and strong rental market in the city.

River City's owners voted Aug. 28 to approve a \$90.5 million sale to Marc Realty Capital, said the lawyer for the condo association, Kelly Elmore. Marc will add another \$1 million if all units' sale documents are in order by the planned closing date within the next three months, Elmore said in an email.

Marc Realty Capital has sought to buy the Bertrand Goldberg-designed complex along the Chicago River since early 2016, and last December — after two lower prices were rejected by the condo association — the sides agreed to a \$100 million sale.

In May, Crain's Chicago Business reported that deal was rejected by Marc and its investment partner, the Wolcott Group, when the buyers said they discovered the need for costly repairs during the due diligence period. Marc lowered the offer to \$89 million. After the price was revised yet again, the homeowners approved the sale, with 78 percent of the owners voting in favor, Elmore said.

Marc Realty Capital principal David Ruttenberg declined to comment.

River City is set to fetch the second-highest price in Chicago for a deconversion, trailing only a pending \$112 million sale of the 391-unit building at 1400 N. Lake Shore Drive to New York-based ESG Kullen.

New Jersey-based Strategic Properties of North America has the two highest-priced deals in Chicago: this year's \$78 million purchase of the 268-unit Kennelly Square tower in the

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Bears running back Tarik Cohen (29) gains some yards last September at Soldier Field.

As fantasy football booms, is it good for businesses?

Many employees incorporate league research time into their workdays

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

As the NFL season kicks off this week, the Philadelphia Eagles begin a quest to become the first back-to-back Super Bowl champions in more than a decade, a storyline with less interest outside of the City of Brotherly Love.

For many fans in Chicago and across the country, the focus instead will be on dethroning that blowhard from accounting who won last season's office fantasy football league, a growing pastime for about 60 million virtual team owners.

Once the exclusive domain of stat-obsessed sports nerds, fantasy football — a competition based on individual player performance — has become a booming industry in the digital age, with online platforms, subscription research services and up-to-the-minute news that can help even casual fans crush it on any given Sunday.

"It's big business," said Peter Schoenke, president and co-founder of RotoWire, a 21-year-old fantasy sports subscription news service based in Madison, Wis. "It's a lot of fun too."

Schoenke is also chairman of the Madison-based Fantasy Sports Trade Association, a 20-year-old membership organization representing 200 fantasy sports companies. The association pegs annual fantasy sports revenue at \$7.2 billion, which includes everything from advertising sold

by online league hosts such as ESPN and Yahoo to game day pizza orders.

Fantasy football can also be a major-league time suck for participants — mostly young, well-educated and gainfully employed men — many of whom spend surreptitious hours at work each week researching and juggling their team-agnostic player rosters in a bid to best their fellow fantasy owners.

A study released last month by financial technology firm OppLoans found that, on average, fantasy football players spend nearly seven work hours each week managing their teams during the NFL season.

"When you play fantasy sports, you've got to research everything, such as the wide receiver on every team," Schoenke said. "When you put in time to research and get better, it pays off."

Standard fantasy football leagues are composed of about a dozen teams — friends, co-workers or complete strangers — who hold a preseason draft to assemble a lineup heavy on high-profile offensive stars. A typical lineup may include a quarterback, running backs, receivers and other positionplayers that amass touchdowns, first downs, yardage and other statistics that contribute to fantasy scoring.

Stats from each week's NFL games determine fantasy scores, and standings are based on

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Walgreens teams with EpiPen alternative

Pharmacy, drugmaker partner to ease access to Auvi-Q device

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Amid a shortage of EpiPens, Deerfield-based Walgreens is partnering with a competing drugmaker to make it easier for consumers across the country to get its devices.

Auvi-Qs — devices used to inject epinephrine to counter severe allergic reactions — are available for the first time at Walgreens stores nationwide. Before, consumers seeking Auvi-Qs mostly got them through the mail.

A two-pack of the devices has a wholesale price of \$4,900, according to Elsevier's Gold Standard Drug Database, but the devices will be free to most consumers. Drugmaker Kaleo will cover any out-of-pocket costs for people with private insurance, regardless of whether their insurance agrees to cover the medication.

If a consumer's insurance company agrees to cover the product, the consumer can get it at Walgreens and Kaleo will cover any deductible or copay costs. If a person's insurance doesn't cover the product, Walgreens will reach out to Kaleo's hub of specialty pharmacies, which will mail the devices to the customer's home, Kaleo President and CEO Spencer Williamson said.

The companies partnered "to try to address this supply shortage," especially now, during back-to-school season, which is when a majority of epinephrine prescriptions are filled, Williamson said.

"There's been a lot of awareness around the epinephrine shortage, and it's a very important lifesaving medication, so we really wanted to be innovative and partner with someone to help improve the accessibility for the medication," said Nicole Leiter, a corporate operations vice president with Walgreens.

The most popular type of epinephrine auto-injector, the EpiPen, has been in short supply for months, sending some parents and patients scrambling.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration added EpiPens and a similar epinephrine auto-injector made by Impax Laboratories to its drug shortage list in May. The EpiPen shortage is due to "manufacturing constraints" at the Pfizer subsidiary that makes the device, according to the FDA.

Pfizer recently extended the expiration dates of many of EpiPens to try to ease the shortage, and the drugmaker has said it expects supplies to stabilize in the fourth quarter of this year. The FDA also recently granted another company approval for a generic EpiPen.

Auvi-Qs perform the same function as EpiPens but are shaped differently and play audio that walks users through the process of delivering injections.

The list price of Auvi-Q is much higher than that of EpiPens, which can cost as much

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Major hotels giving panic buttons to staff

Big chains want employees to have devices by 2020

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Tens of thousands of employees at more than 18,000 U.S. hotels will soon carry panic buttons to help protect them from harassment and assault in an era of heightened awareness around the #MeToo movement.

More than a dozen big hotel chains — including Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, IHG and Wyndham — said Thursday that they will provide personal safety devices by 2020 to all employees who deal one-on-one with guests.

The companies will also train staff to identify and report harassment and publish anti-sexual harassment policies in multiple languages.

The devices will vary by hotel. In a new, Wi-Fi en-



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Housekeeper Rani Accetola says the system gives her an added feeling of security, especially when she works late.

abled hotel, companies may give out devices that automatically send the employee's location to security officers. In an older or smaller hotel, they might distribute devices that emit a shriek.

The American Hotel and Lodging Association, which is backing the effort, says

around three-fourths of its 25,000 member hotels are participating. It is working with harassment and human trafficking organizations to develop training and testing devices to help hotels see what works best.

This isn't the first time hotels are giving panic but-

tons to staff. New York has required them since 2012, after a hotel maid there accused French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexually assaulting her in his suite. Chicago and Seattle began requiring them more recently.

But increasing public discussion about harassment and the #MeToo movement has given the effort a new sense of urgency. Red Roof Inn, Best Western, AccorHotels, Four Seasons and Caesar's are other participants in the rare display of unity from a fiercely competitive industry.

"The cultural conversations have changed, and we have gotten smarter," said Erika Alexander, Marriott's chief lodging officer for the Americas. Marriott plans to make the devices standard at all of its 5,000 hotels in North America by 2020.

Eventually it hopes to expand the devices globally.

Rani Accetola, a housekeeper at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Seattle's

Pioneer Square, has a safety fob clipped to the front of her uniform at all times. If she presses a button, hotel managers and security are immediately notified of her location. Accetola said the system gives her an added feeling of security, especially when she works late.

"At any moment, help is there if you should need it," she said.

It's unclear how often the devices will be used, but harassment of hotel staff is an ongoing issue.

In a 2016 survey of 500 housekeepers in Chicago, 49 percent said guests had flashed them, exposed themselves or opened the door naked.

The rollout of the devices will be messy. Hotel companies manage only some of their properties; others are managed by franchisees. Some companies may require franchisees to add the devices; others may not.

Hyatt mandated electronic safety devices last fall and has already distributed

them to 4,500 employees at 120 hotels in the Americas, Hyatt CEO Mark Hoplamazian said.

Hyatt has also strongly recommended the devices for franchisees, and expects to expand the program globally, Hoplamazian said.

He said the cost of the devices is easily absorbed by the company.

Shrieking alarms — the kind most widely used at Hyatt right now — cost around \$25 each. A React mobile device, like the one Accetola wears, retails for \$70, but big hotel chains will likely be able to get bulk discounts.

Hoplamazian said there haven't been many reported usages. In one instance, a guest was acting strangely so a housekeeper summoned help. It turned out there was no threat, but Hoplamazian is glad the system worked.

"While the frequency may not be high, the importance of it is really, really high," he said.

Partnership eases access to devices

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as \$600 for a two-pack, according to Elsevier.

Williamson said Kaleo set the Auvi-Q's price where it did because many large insurers refused to cover it at the same level as other similar products when the company reintroduced the device in 2017. Kaleo had to set the price at a certain level so it could give the auto-injectors for free to the many consumers whose insurance plans wouldn't cover it, he said.

In other words, the high cost paid by some insurers subsidizes the free devices for many consumers.

"That's how we provide access to all patients," Williamson said.

It's a tactic that has drawn criticism from some, including Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who last year wrote in a letter to Williamson, "Your pricing structure may sim-

ply shift the burden and cost to another entity within the health care system."

Michael Carrier, a professor at Rutgers University Law School, said it's a particularly aggressive strategy for getting a product into patients' hands.

"It shows how our health care system is broken, the fact that some entities are paying \$5,000 and some are getting it for free," Carrier said.

Walgreens customers will generally need prescriptions for Auvi-Qs from their doctors to get the devices, Leiter said. If a customer has a prescription for a different auto-injector that's out of stock, Walgreens can reach out the customer's doctor to see if a prescription for a different device can be written, she said.

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Fantasy leagues have become big business

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head-to-head matchups between owners or cumulative scores throughout the season. Many leagues include a modest entry fee, with the champion bringing home the winnings — and bragging rights — at the end of the season.

On average, players pay about \$50 to join a league, hoping to take home a first-prize payout of about \$350, according to the OpLoans study.

Founded in 1997, RotoWire provides real-time news and fantasy player information to about 100,000 subscribers who each pay about \$80 per season for the service, Schoenke said. The privately held company has 35 employees.

Subscribers use RotoWire to stay on top of player performance and to keep a fantasy team winning throughout the 16-game NFL regular season, Schoenke said.

"There's a whole component of in-season moves," Schoenke said. "You set your lineup every week, you pick up players every week, you cut guys because they're injured. Roster management is a big component of it."

The research also helps fantasy players find "sleepers" such as Alvin Kamara, a running back for the New Orleans Saints who came out of nowhere last season to be a top fantasy performer.

"That's everyone's dream scenario, to pick up a player like that," Schoenke said.

Fantasy football traces its origins to 1963 and the inaugural season for the Greater Oakland Professional Pigskin Prognosticators League, which was

developed by a minority owner of the Oakland Raiders, a team spokesman and a sportswriter.

In the 1980s, Rotisserie Baseball moved fantasy sports forward, but as the action shifted online in the 1990s, fantasy football became the dominant game, elevated by free online platforms found on websites such as ESPN and Yahoo that facilitated the formation of grassroots leagues.

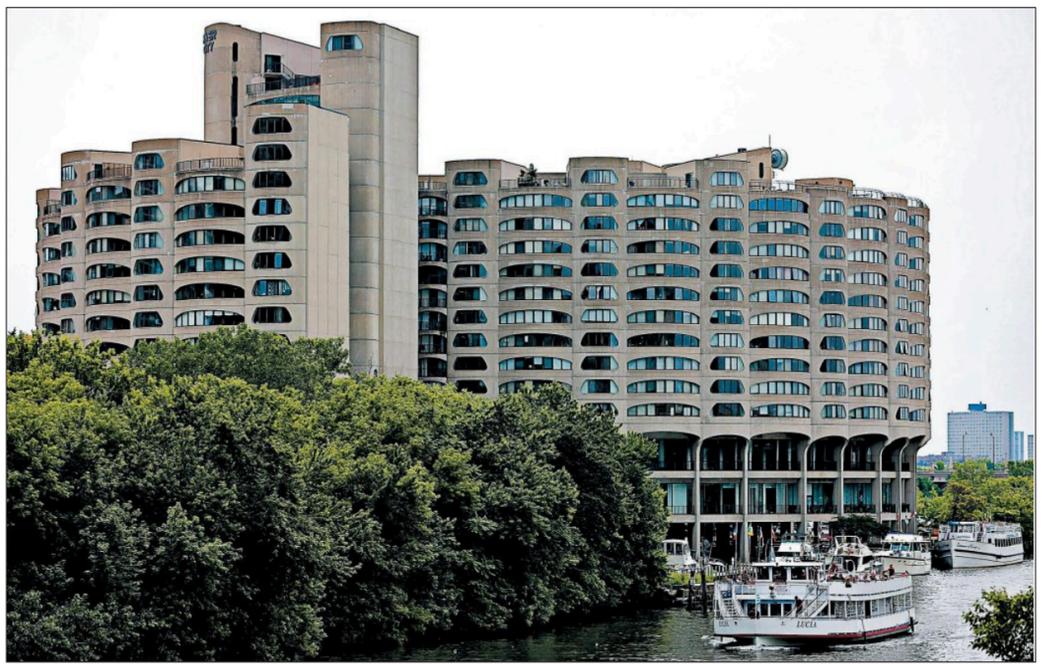
The advent of daily fantasy websites such as DraftKings and FanDuel have upped the stakes, drawing millions of registered users who pay an entry fee to jump in on any given game day, assemble their lineups and compete for potentially big money prize pools.

In 2015, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan issued an opinion that games offered by sites like DraftKings and FanDuel constituted illegal gambling and required legislation to be allowed in the state. The companies sued Madigan, claiming the sites were permissible contests of skill, not gambling. The companies continued to operate in Illinois, the state legislature never acted on Madigan's opinion, and the lawsuits were dismissed in March.

For most players, fantasy football is more about fun and besting your friends or co-workers. The time lost at work may still be an overall win for company morale, Schoenke said.

"It's an activity where people are socializing and building camaraderie around," he said. "It's not necessarily wasting time."

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The River City Condominiums are seen along the Chicago River in 2016. Unit owners approved a \$90.5 million sale.

2 condo complexes to be apartments

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Old Town Triangle neighborhood and a \$51.5 million deal for the 207-unit Bel Harbour tower in Lakeview in 2017.

JMB Realty's Gold Coast deal is still preliminary, and there's no guarantee the condo owners will accept it. The company developed the neighboring 66-story mixed-use

tower at 900 N. Michigan Ave.

After owners review the letter of intent and a purchase and sale agreement is drawn up, condo owners will vote on the offer in the coming months.

CBRE broker Sam Haddadin, who is representing condo owners in the sale, and the association's lawyer, David Sugar, declined to comment.

CBRE began marketing the building for sale earlier this year, after the owners received unsolicited offers from developers.

Patrick Meara, a senior vice president at JMB, declined to comment.

Under Illinois law, a full building sale must be approved by owners of at least 75 percent of the units. Condo sellers typically have the option to

remain, at least short-term, as rent-paying tenants after a bulk sale.

In River City's case, a deconversion would bring the property back to its original use. It opened as apartments in 1986 before it was sold off as condos starting about 15 years later.

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Amazon's hunt for HQ2 began 1 year ago

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District, 37 riverfront acres owned by broadcast company Tribune Media north of downtown; the Burnham Lakefront, a planned redevelopment of the former Michael Reese Hospital site and other land south of McCormick Place, led by Farpoint Development and Draper and Kramer; Lincoln Yards, Sterling Bay's more than 70-acre development along the river between Lincoln Park and Bucktown; and sites owned by several landlords in the Fulton Market district.

The East Coast is a strong contender: Handicapping various cit-

ies and their chances has become a spectator sport for consultants, the media and the cities themselves. Washington, D.C., is widely considered the favorite to land HQ2, since three of the 20 locations in contention come from the area — including two in the suburbs. CEO Jeff Bezos also has strong ties to D.C., including his ownership of The Washington Post.

There are new conversations about incentives: The competition has spurred discussions across the country about the wisdom of offering billions of dollars in potential economic incentives to one of the world's most valuable cor-

porations. Amazon recently became just the second publicly traded U.S. company to reach a \$1 trillion valuation, following Apple. The largest known offer by the remaining contenders is a \$7 billion package that is part of a bid by Newark, N.J.

With or without Amazon, Chicago has big plans: Sterling Bay already has announced plans to bring a 20,000-seat soccer stadium for a United Soccer League team the firm will own with Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, as well as multiple entertainment venues it plans to develop in a joint venture with Live Nation Enter-

tainment.

At The 78, Related Midwest is working on a deal to build the massive Discovery Partners Institute, a University of Illinois-led innovation center.

We learned a bit of Jeff Bezos trivia: Chicagoans now know Bezos is a "Star Trek" fan, which is why the city's pitch video was narrated by actor William Shatner. Small touches like that demonstrate the extent to which Amazon's suitors are trying to understand the inner workings of Bezos' mind.

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N. Korean charged in Sony hack, WannaCry attack

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WASHINGTON — A computer programmer accused of working at the behest of the North Korean government was charged Thursday in connection with several high-profile cyberattacks, including the Sony Pictures Entertainment hack and the WannaCry ransomware virus that affected hundreds of thousands of computers worldwide.

Park Jin Hyok, believed to be in North Korea, conspired with others to conduct a series of attacks that also stole \$81 million from a bank in Bangladesh, ac-

cording to the Justice Department's criminal complaint.

The U.S. believes he was working for a North Korean-sponsored hacking organization.

The U.S. has said North Korea was responsible for the 2014 Sony hack. That attack led to the release of sensitive personal information about Sony employees, including Social Security numbers, financial records, salary information, as well as embarrassing emails among top executives.

The hack included four yet-to-be released Sony films, among them "Annie," and one that was in theaters, the Brad Pitt film "Fury," and cost the com-

pany tens of millions of dollars. The FBI had long suspected North Korea was also behind the last year's WannaCry cyberattack, which used malware to scramble data at hospitals, factories, government agencies, banks and other businesses across the globe.

"This was one of the most complex and longest cyberinvestigations the department has taken," said John Demers, assistant attorney general for national security.

The criminal complaint, filed in Los Angeles, alleges that the hackers committed several attacks from 2014 until 2018. The investigation is continuing.

Cybersecurity experts

have said portions of the WannaCry program used the same code as malware distributed by the hacker collective known as the Lazarus Group, which is believed to be responsible for the Sony hack.

The indictment said that Park was on a team of programmers employed by an organization called Chosun Expo that operated out of Dalian, China, and that the FBI described as "a government front company."

It is unlikely that Park will be extradited because the U.S. has no formal relations with North Korea and the government was not notified about the charges.

Chicago's SpotHero raises \$10M

Company to add more developers, upgrade its tech

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

SpotHero raised \$10 million in funding from investors and plans to use the money to hire developers and reach more customers with its parking reservation service.

The Chicago-based company has been busy this year integrating its technology with Google Assistant, Hertz rental cars and other connected vehicles. With more partnerships on the horizon, CEO Mark Lawrence said it's time for SpotHero to upgrade its technology.

"Tons of data (flow) ... back and forth through the website, mobile apps, different platforms," he said. "There is a lot of technology investment we need to make."

The company has hired 20 software developers so far this year and plans to bring on another 15, Lawrence said. It also plans to hire a chief mar-



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Mark Lawrence of SpotHero accepts an innovation award at the Chicago Innovation Awards last year.

keting officer. SpotHero employs a total of 200 people, most of whom are in Chicago.

SpotHero also is eyeing new customers and plans to invest in acquiring them and retaining current users, Lawrence said. That could mean changes to the app that would allow users to more easily share it with friends, for example, he said.

With the new funding, SpotHero has raised about \$68 million since it launched in 2011. Lawrence declined to disclose investors and the valuation of the privately held startup. Its technology is now in 6,000 garages. It has readied 500 parking facilities in Chicago for driverless cars and plans to outfit more.

SpotHero also recently

teamed up with navigation app Waze and the city to install beacons on Chicago's 5 miles of lower roads to stop drivers' GPS readings from glitching underground. SpotHero invested \$15,000 in that project.

"They are positioning themselves for the long game," said Amanda Lantern, one of SpotHero's board members and CEO of Chicago-based technology company Jellyvision. "They're building the right relationships with government, they're building the right relationships with integrated technology players, and they're really building out a very impressive senior leadership team."

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1 in 4 American Facebook users have deleted app, survey finds

BY HAMZA SHABAN
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Nearly three-quarters of American Facebook users have changed how they use the social media app in the past year, following a barrage of scandals involving the abuse of personal data, foreign interference in U.S. elections and the spread of hateful or harassing content on the platform.

The new survey by the Pew Research Center revealed that 74 percent of U.S. adult Facebook users have taken one of the following actions: changed their privacy settings, taken a break from the app or deleted it altogether.

Pew found that more than 1 in 4 Americans have deleted the app from their phones; 54 percent tweaked their privacy settings, and 42 percent stopped using the app for several weeks or longer. Those interventions were also much more likely to have been taken by younger people, who outpaced older users in each of the three actions.

Pew conducted the research between May 29 and June 11, surveying 4,594 people.

The company overhauled its security settings in March and has been prompting users to review their privacy settings.

Facebook said in a statement that users manage their information through the app's privacy controls every day. "Over recent months we have made our policies clearer, our privacy settings easier to find and introduced better tools for people to access, download, and delete their information. We've also run education campaigns on and off Facebook to help people around the world better understand how to manage their information on Facebook."

The company said it plans to offer a tool called "Clear History," which will



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allow users to see the websites and apps that send the social media platform their information when used, and allow users to clear the information from their account and turn off Facebook's ability to store such data.

While the survey released Wednesday suggests large portions of Americans are abandoning the platform or scaling back their usage, Facebook reported stable daily active user numbers in its most recent earnings report. Analysts have said, however, that the company may face challenges in acquiring new users in mature markets such as the United States and Europe. Facebook said that 185 million users are on the platform in the United States and Canada every day, unchanged from last quarter. Most of Facebook's user growth now comes from Asia.

The survey found that political partisanship had no impact on a person's willingness to update privacy settings or disconnect. "Despite the tumult with politicians and pundits, ordinary Republicans have not been disconnecting from Facebook in any meaningful sense more than Democrats have," said Aaron Smith, associate director of research at the Pew Research Center. "There were no partisan differences in activity."

A separate Pew survey,

also released Wednesday, found that most Facebook users don't understand how the news feed works and feel they have little control over the content they're served. More than half of U.S. adults who use Facebook said they do not understand why certain posts, and not others, are included in their news feed.

Facebook users, technology experts and politicians have criticized Facebook for a lack of transparency as to how its algorithms curate news and critical political information.

Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst at eMarketer, said that the survey rings true with the public backlash over Facebook's data privacy scandals and with continued concerns over false news reports, election meddling, and negativity on the platform.

"It does show that consumers have a heightened awareness of privacy and how social media companies use their data. People are getting fed up with the idea that they may not have as much control as they think they do," she said.

Williamson noted that other research has not supported the case that Facebook is shedding users and that it's possible users who have shunned the app later returned to it.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Providence Bank & Trust acquires Urban Partnership

Chicago Tribune staff

Providence Bank & Trust, which operates 12 branches in the Chicago area and northwest Indiana, will acquire Urban Partnership Bank for an undisclosed sum.

The operations of the two banks will be combined and Urban Partnership will operate under the Providence Bank & Trust name

once regulators approve the deal, according to a release.

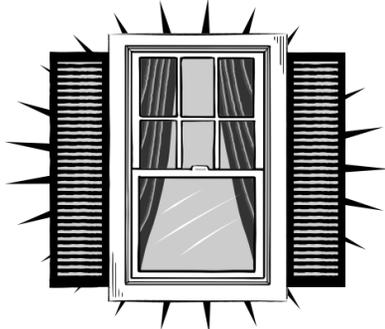
Urban Partnership was founded in 2010 with the mission of stabilizing urban neighborhoods by providing financial products and services that are often unavailable for underserved communities. The bank, headquartered in the Loop, operates one branch in Detroit and four in the Chicago area. Providence was

founded in South Holland.

"Our investment in Urban Partnership Bank reflects the growing economic vibrancy of their service area. We look forward to continuing the impactful work started by Urban Partnership Bank in supporting community growth and development," Steve Vandrunen, president and CEO of Providence, said in a news release.

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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
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High: 8,001.97	High: 2,892.05	High: 1,731.42
Low: 7,885.49	Low: 2,867.29	Low: 1,713.81
Previous: 7,995.18	Previous: 2,888.60	Previous: 1,727.65

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.03 to 2.87%	+3.00 to \$1,197.90	-0.68 to 110.83/\$1	-0.0001 to .8602/\$1	-0.95 to \$67.77

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +0.3	NASD -2.05	S&P -0.80	DOW +1.91	NASD +0.39	S&P +0.86	DOW +19.33	NASD +23.83	S&P +16.75

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	490	492.25	486	486	-7.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	353.50	354.50	350.75	353.50	+1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	828.25	829.75	824.25	826.75	+1.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 18	28.15	28.25	28.10	28.16	-0.02
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 18	306.50	311.90	306.50	311.00	+4.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Oct 18	68.64	69.02	67.00	67.77	-0.95
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 18	2.793	2.797	2.765	2.772	-0.023
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 18	1.9626	1.9845	1.9260	1.9510	-0.138

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	65.83	-17	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	96.30	+68	Middleby Corp	O	125.45	-04
AbbVie Inc	N	93.74	-1.45	Equity Residential	N	67.99	+56	Mondelez Intl	O	43.49	...
Allstate Corp	N	101.10	-30	Exelon Corp	N	44.36	+16	Morningstar Inc	O	142.27	+106
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.95	+77	First Indl RT	N	32.30	+16	Motorola Solutions	N	127.61	+19
Arch Dan Mid	N	49.41	-42	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	73.86	+74	Navistar Intl	N	37.16	-3.44
Baxter Intl	N	74.52	+45	Gallagher AJ	N	35.14	-2.48	Nisource Inc	O	106.13	+14
Boeing Co	N	351.27	+4.59	Granger WJ	N	137.75	+13	Nthn Trust Cp	O	22.52	...
Brunswick Corp	N	67.82	-02	GrubHub Inc	N	95.32	+05	Old Republic	N	111.56	-19
CBOE Global Markets	O	102.90	-41	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	152.57	-12	Packaging Corp Am	N	79.94	+53
CDK Global Inc	O	60.89	+30	IDEX Corp	N	152.57	-12	Payload Hldg	O	79.94	+53
CDW Corp	O	87.47	+33	ITW	N	141.07	-29	RLI Corp	N	78.05	+44
CF Industries	N	50.95	-29	Ingredion Inc	N	102.40	-19	Stericycle Inc	O	61.95	+08
CME Group	O	173.50	+2.21	John Bean Technol	N	120.70	+15	TransUnion	N	75.35	+01
CNA Financial	N	45.11	-24	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	148.84	-27	USG Corp	N	43.10	+01
Caterpillar Inc	N	141.57	+98	Kemper Corp	N	84.40	+1.60	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	275.66	+73
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.25	+15	Kraft Heinz Co	O	56.80	-20	United Contl Hldgs	N	87.13	-106
Deere Co	N	145.10	+22	LKQ Corporation	O	33.71	-30	Ventas Inc	N	60.12	+18
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.73	-80	Littelfuse Inc	O	221.52	-2.75	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	68.03	-21
Dover Corp	N	86.34	-56	MB Financial	O	48.73	-12	Waltrust Financial	O	88.96	-25
Equity Commonwth	N	32.05	+23	McDonalds Corp	N	163.74	+50	Zebra Tech	O	166.98	-19

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	30.85	-0.33
Gen Electric	12.51	-0.05
Rite Aid Corp	1.24	-0.11
Ambev S.A.	4.44	+0.04
Sthwstn Energy	4.97	-0.31
Twitter Inc	30.81	-1.92
Snap Inc A	9.80	-3.1
Alibaba Group Hldg	159.87	-4.36
Chesapeake Engy	4.06	-2.25
Ford Motor	9.43	-0.06
AT&T Inc	32.18	+1.16
Vale SA	12.99	+3.27
Wells Fargo & Co	57.93	-1.02
Cloudera Inc	17.93	+3.52
Petrobras	10.63	+0.7
Oracle Corp	47.71	-0.33
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.18	-0.08
Pfizer Inc	41.78	-0.7
Transocean Ltd	10.83	-0.37
Itau Unibanco Hldg	10.37	+2.9
Teva Pharm	21.75	-0.89
Nabors Inds	5.88	-0.17
Yamana Gold Inc	2.45	-0.06
Citigroup	70.11	-1.06

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Helios and Matheson	.02	-0.00
Adv Micro Dev	27.84	-6.7
Micron Tech	44.65	-4.89
JD.com Inc	27.25	+9.5
Facebook Inc	162.53	-4.65
Apple Inc	223.10	-3.77
Cronos Group Inc	11.62	-0.83
Arrowhead Pharma	19.39	+5.29
Microsoft Corp	108.74	+2.25
Applied Matis	40.27	-2.23
Intel Corp	47.26	-0.46
Marvell Tech Grp	19.46	-1.02
MannKind Corp	2.04	-0.15
Comcast Corp A	35.92	-0.36
New Age Beverages	Op2.04	+0.09
Cisco Syst	47.28	+2.01
Ctrip.com Intl Ltd	38.98	+2.01
Caesars Entertain	9.60	-0.45
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.02	+0.2
Brookfield Prpty A	19.45	+1.9
Tilray Inc	80.10	-9.76
Netflix Inc	346.46	+5.28
Zynga Inc	3.97	-0.05
Qualcomm Inc	70.36	-5.3

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2691.59	-12.8/-1.5
Stoxx600	373.47	-2.2/-0.6
Nikkei	22487.94	-92.9/-0.4
MSCI-EAFE	1918.30	-8.8/-0.5
Bovespa	76416.00	+1323.8/+1.8
FTSE 100	7318.96	-64.3/-0.9
CAC-40	5243.84	-16.4/-0.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	159.87	-4.36
Alphabet Inc C	1171.44	-15.04
Alphabet Inc A	1183.99	-15.11
Amazon.com Inc	1958.31	-36.51
Apple Inc	223.10	-3.77
Bank of America	30.85	-0.33
Berkshire Hath B	212.88	+6.2
Exxon Mobil Corp	80.46	-0.90
Facebook Inc	162.53	-4.65
JPMorgan Chase	114.10	-0.49
Johnson & Johnson	136.87	+1.01
Microsoft Corp	108.74	+2.25
Pfizer Inc	41.78	-0.7
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.72	-1.39
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.68	-1.31
Unitedhealth Group	269.65	+2.91
Visa Inc	144.50	+1.83
WalMart Strs	96.45	-1.7
Wells Fargo & Co	57.93	-1.02

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.09	2.09
6-month disc	2.23	2.23
2-year	2.62	2.63
10-year	2.87	2.90
30-year	3.05	3.07

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1197.90	\$1194.90
Silver	\$14.075	\$14.118
Platinum	\$790.90	\$784.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.43

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	37.4139
Australia (Dollar)	1.3886
Brazil (Real)	4.1171
Britain (Pound)	.7732
Canada (Dollar)	1.3139
China (Yuan)	6.8355
Euro	.8602
India (Rupee)	71.937
Israel (Shekel)	3.5829
Japan (Yen)	110.83
Mexico (Peso)	19.2801
Poland (Zloty)	3.72
So. Korea (Won)	1122.61
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.78
Thailand (Baht)	32.79

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.20	-10	+21.7
American Funds AmnrcBAla m	27.81	-04	+9.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	50.22	-24	+7.2
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	60.21	-10	+1.3
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.09	-38	+13.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.13	-31	+21.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.21	-04	+6.5
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	41.23	-18	+14.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.80	-21	+12.4
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	14.61	-05	+1.8
DFA IntlCorEqIn	36.50	-05	+1.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.48	+02	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.17	-12	-4.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	212.28	-1.16	+17.0
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.41	+01	+1
Fidelity 500dInx	100.92	-34	+19.0
Fidelity 500dInxPrrm	100.92	-34	+19.0
Fidelity 500InclPrrm	100.92	-34	+19.0
Fidelity Contrafund	13.80	-06	+24.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	13.80	-06	+24.2
Fidelity GroCo	21.12	-21	+28.7
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.51	-14	+11.7
Fidelity TlMktIdInxPrrm	83.29	-31	+19.5
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.32	...	+3.9
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.39	+02	-9
PIMCO Inclnstl	11.89	+01	+9
PIMCO TlRetInx	9.95	+01	-1.8
Schwab SP500dInx	44.92	-15	+19.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR	111.81	-32	+26.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	70.79	-21	+20.9
Vanguard 500dInxAdmrl	266.71	-90	+19.0
Vanguard DivGrIn	28.26	+11	+16.8
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	81.52	-41	+12.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	94.08	-42	+3.2
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.86	-01	-1.3
Vanguard InslDxIn	263.29	-88	+19.0
Vanguard InslDxInPlus	263.31	-89	+19.0
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	64.41	-23	+19.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	95.75	+75	+7.3
Vanguard MDCpAdmrl	203.82	-66	+16.0
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	149.61	-99	+25.3
Vanguard STInVGrdAdmrl	10.48	+01	+1
Vanguard SmCpAdmrl	78.55	-40	+22.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.91	-04	+6.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	34.37	-04	+7.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.37	-07	+8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.20	-05	+9.1
Vanguard TlBldAdmrl	10.43	+01	-1.4
Vanguard TlBldInx	10.43	+01	-1.4
Vanguard TlInBldAdmrl	21.87	+04	+2.1
Vanguard TlInBldInx	28.38	-10	+6
Vanguard TlInSldInx	113.48	-40	+6
Vanguard TlInSldInxPlus	113.49	-41	+6
Vanguard TlInSldInxInv	16.96	-06	+5
Vanguard TlInSldInxAdmrl	72.44	-27	+19.6
Vanguard TlInSldInxInv	72.45	-27	+19.6
Vanguard TlInSldInxInv	72.40	-27	+19.5
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	73.73	-06	+9.9
Vanguard WlsVncAdmrl	64.62	+02	+4.3
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	69.78	-25	+14.8

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OBITUARIES

ALLAN COX 1937-2018

Author, consultant to high-level executives

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Management consultant Allan Cox approached his work with top executives from a strong grounding in psychology, especially the work of Alfred Adler.

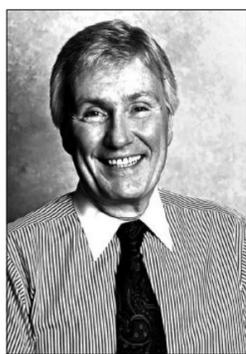
"He helped people see through a different lens," said Randy Lewis, who was a senior vice president of Walgreens when he met Cox, who at the time was working with the company's new CEO. "He was very good at helping people learn who they are and what they're about."

Cox was able to gain the trust of senior managers and "helped us find the answers in ourselves," Lewis said.

Cox, 81, the author of 12 business-related books and three books of his poetry, died of cancer Aug. 28 in his Chicago home, said his wife, Cher. The couple also had a home in San Diego.

Cox grew up in Oak Park and, after graduating from Oak Park and River Forest High School, attended Wheaton College for about two years before transferring to Northern Illinois University. There he embraced sociology and psychology, ultimately receiving a master's degree in the early 1960s, his wife said. He later completed post-graduate work at what is now Adler University in Chicago.

He began his business career with Spencer Stuart & Associates, working on executive searches. That experience led in 1973 to his first book, "Confessions of a Corporate Headhunter." He started his own firm, Allan



PEGGY VAGENIUS

Allan Cox was an active volunteer at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

Cox and Associates, in 1969.

James Metcalf, former chairman and CEO of USG, met Cox when he was consulting for a predecessor at the company. Metcalf said Cox became for him an executive coach, a mentor and a friend.

"When I became CEO, he helped me on succession planning, strategy and life balance," said Metcalf, now chairman of NCI Building Systems. "He was really good at life balance. He taught me to be a better listener, how to balance in a stressful job between work and family."

Metcalf acknowledged that high-level executives weren't always willing to open up to Cox about their own weaknesses and insecurities, but "he was a great listener, very disarming, and he viewed his clients as his friends."

Cox's corporate clients included Esmark, Kraft, Pillsbury, The Child Welfare League of America, the Minnesota Vikings and The Christian Century maga-

zine, according to his wife.

Cox was an active volunteer at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago and took part in a retreat with church leaders at a time when the church's future direction was being considered, according to the church's retired pastor, the Rev. John Buchanan. "He was enormously helpful in getting people to think creatively about the future," Buchanan said.

Cox insisted the group needed to say what the church community was about in a mission statement of 75 words or less. Out of that 1992 statement came the theme that still is carried atop the church's opening web page: "A Light in the City since 1871."

In 2015, Cox collaborated with Lewis on a 17-part YouTube series that covers Cox's career, views on management and corporate affairs, and looks at Adlerian philosophy.

Cox's business books include "Inside Corporate America," "The Making of the Achiever," "Your Place at the Table" and most recently the 2013 book "The CEO in You." His three books of poetry include his poems, as well as photos and reflections on life.

Two previous marriages ended in divorce. In addition to his wife, Cox also is survived by two daughters, Heather Brazier and Laura.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 21 in Fourth Presbyterian Church, North Michigan Avenue at Delaware Place, Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 7 ...

In 1533 England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich.

In 1822 Brazil declared its independence from Portugal.

In 1825 the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1892 James Corbett knocked out John Sullivan to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans in the first major prize fight conducted under the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

In 1901 the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1927 American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector."

In 1936 rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1940 Nazi Germany began its initial blitz on London during World War II.

In 1963 the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1969 Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen, R-Ill., died in Washington; he was 73.

In 1977 the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington. Also in 1977 convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.

In 1979 the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable television debut.

In 1990 Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce, Fla., came forward to identify herself as the young woman who had been infected with AIDS, apparently by her late dentist. (Bergalis died the following year.)

In 1992 troops in South Africa fired on African National Congress supporters near the Transkei homeland, killing 28 and wounding 200. Also in 1992 Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent resigned, four days after a no-confidence vote by club owners.

In 1995, after 27 years in the Senate, Bob Packwood, R-Ore., announced he would resign, heading off a vote by colleagues to expel him for allegations of sexual and official misconduct.

In 1996 rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mor-

tally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later. Also in 1996 Isabel Correa became the 40th person known to have died in the presence of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, less than a day after police burst into a Michigan motel room, interrupting a meeting between Kevorkian and Correa.

In 1998 St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire equaled Roger Maris' single-season home run record as he hit No. 61 during a game against the Cubs.

In 2000 a jury in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, awarded \$6.3 million to a woman and her son who had been attacked by Aryan Nations guards outside the white supremacist group's north Idaho headquarters.

In 2015 the funeral for Fox Lake police Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz drew thousands of mourners, including police from around the nation, just days before the story of the veteran cop's heroic death began to unravel.

In 2017 one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in Mexico struck off the country's southern coast in the Pacific Ocean; at least 90 people were reported dead. Also in 2017 Equifax said hackers had acquired sensitive personal data of 143 million Americans by penetrating a web-based application for the credit reporting agency.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Sept. 6	
Lotto	02 24 30 35 43 44 / 19
Lotto jackpot: \$13.25M	
Pick 3 midday	537 / 3
Pick 4 midday	0704 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday	03 16 18 39 43
Pick 3 evening	453 / 6
Pick 4 evening	7812 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening	04 10 13 26 33
Sept. 7 Mega Millions: \$187M	
Sept. 8 Powerball: \$114M	
WISCONSIN	
Sept. 6	
Pick 3	363
Pick 4	2145
Badger 5	08 16 25 27 29
SuperCash	01 07 11 16 21 25

INDIANA	
Sept. 6	
Daily 3 midday	746 / 3
Daily 4 midday	6211 / 3
Daily 3 evening	058 / 1
Daily 4 evening	2007 / 1
Cash 5	03 06 17 28 30
MICHIGAN	
Sept. 6	
Daily 3 midday	716
Daily 4 midday	7722
Daily 3 evening	511
Daily 4 evening	2588
Fantasy 5	08 24 28 33 34
Keno	04 07 14 15 16 22
	29 30 33 36 43 46 48 58
	59 63 67 69 72 76 77 78

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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In Memoriam

John (Jack) Kienzle

Happy Anniversary Dear Jack!

We will always remember the courage you showed with all you had to endure. You will forever be in our hearts and prayers and will always be part of our lives.

Love you always, Marion and Family

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Death Notices

Armstrong, Dennis R.

Northbridge, MA- Dennis R. Armstrong, age 70, passed away September 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Jean Armstrong, and son, Michael. Dennis' Memorial Mass will be Tuesday, September 25, at 10:30AM, at St. Mark's Church, Boston Rd., Sutton, MA. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA is in charge of arrangements. For a complete obituary and online condolence book, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

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Bekta-Paliatka, Lucille E.

Lucille E. Bekta-Paliatka nee Capek. Beloved wife of Edward Paliatka & the late Wayne J. Bekta. Loving mother of Linda Bekta, Judy (Ed) Ipema, Sue (Tom) Anastos & Debbie (Jim) Nellis. Cherished grandmother of Lisa, Dwayne, Michelle, Neal, Justin, Lyle, Leslie, Jim, Jackie, Ben & Ryan. Devoted great grandmother of 21. Dear "Lucille" of Julie (Mark Morrissey) Paliatka, Jean (Olaf Nelson) Paliatka, Jennifer Paliatka & Jason Paliatka. Proud "Grandma Lucille" of Ryan, Sam, Sarah, Jamie, Marie, Greta, Iris & Lavanya. Treasured sister of Joyce (the late Bob) Gramm, & the late Gene & Mary Capek & Jack (Janet) Capek. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Monday 10:00 am at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 S. McCarthy Rd. in Palos Heights, IL. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., in Oak Lawn. Former Proprietor for 47 years of the Bekta Flower Shop in Evergreen Park. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Boryla, Joyce J.

Joyce J. Boryla, nee: Hamel, beloved wife of Joseph H. Boryla; Dear sister of Kenneth (Kay) Hamel and Frederick (Pamela) Hamel; Step-mother of Deborah (Brian) Rolens; Sister-in-law of Sandra McClellan and Elizabeth Boryla; Loving Aunt of Kendrick and Kathryn Hamel, Ronald (Lisa) Boryla, James (Sarah) Nielsen Lisa (Marc) Cook, Cheryl (Rick) Markus, Cynthia (Justin) Cyr, Christine (Jamie) Bastone and Catherine, Raymond, Roy and Richard (Deanne) Kozlowski; Great Aunt of eighteen. Employee of Jewel Food Stores for 36 years; 14 years a Benefits Manager. Volunteer at the Bloomingdale Police Department for almost 6 years. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to the Hooped Animal Humane Society.

Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Chapels Service at 7:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake Street, Roselle, 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd) Interment Private



www.salerno-funeralhomes.com

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Caragher, James Allen

James Allen Caragher, age 75, a resident of Carillon in Plainfield, IL, passed away on Sept. 1, 2018 at his home. He was born on July 5, 1943 in Chicago, IL. A memorial visitation will be held on Monday, September 10, 3:00 until 5:00 PM at Crosswinds Church, 14360 Route 59, Plainfield. A memorial service will follow at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the National Kidney Foundation would be greatly appreciated. **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Plainfield was entrusted with arrangements. For info call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com for a complete obituary.

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Chamberlain, Robert Edward

Robert Edward Chamberlain, age 84, of Palos Hills passed away on August 30, at his home surrounded by his family. Bob was an inspiration to all as he courageously battled Parkinson's disease for more than 20 years. He was very generous and shared his gifts and treasure with everyone. His honesty, patience and integrity were a great example for all his children and grandchildren. May he join in heaven the love of his life, his best friend and wife of more than 51 years, Patricia Chamberlain (deceased), along with all his deceased relatives and friends. Bob is survived by his family Bill (Jeanne) Chamberlain, Cindy (Paul) Budd, Roberta (Tom) Kozlowski, Pam (Tom) Bradfish and Debbie (David) Wirtz and was the proud and loving grandfather of Eddie, Bobby, Matthew, Katie, Autumn, Brittany, Courtney, Andrew, Eric and a great-grandson due Jan 2019. There will be a Celebration mass of Bob's life on September 9 at 2:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W 111th St., Palos Hills, IL 60465. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to The Michael J Fox Foundation <https://www.michaeljfox.org> hit the green donate button, or by mail: Michael J Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

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Colias, Jean

Jean Colias, nee Valos, of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late Dino; loving mother of Michael (Michele), John (Gina), JoAnne (John) McGregory and Tina (Tom) Dillon; proud grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of seven; preceded by two brothers and one sister. Special thanks to her loving caregivers Evelyn and Rey. Family and friends are asked to meet on Monday, September 10, 2018 for visitation from 12:30 p.m. until time of funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Chris J. Balodimas

BALODIMAS

Funeral Director

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Egan

See Catherine Egan Rauch notice.

Ellison, Louis

Louis Ellison, 89, beloved husband of the late Helaine; loving father of Renee Ellison and Sandi (Bill) Dahlin; cherished grandpa of Scott and Michael Dahlin; treasured brother of the late Edna Werthmeier; caring former husband of Idelle Ellison; dear uncle and friend of many. Jewish War Veteran. Chapel service 11 AM Sunday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Glaucoma Society (www.americanglaucomasociety.net). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Hall-Wright, Anne Elizabeth

Dr. Hall-Wright, Anne Elizabeth, "Anne" (nee Blocksma), age 74, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. She was born at the San Diego U.S. Naval hospital on July 22nd, 1944 but spent the majority of her formative years in Grand Rapids, MI. She was the eldest of 5 children from a Christian

based and civically active home and was an accomplished concert pianist and violinist. Anne's parents, Dr. Douglas Dewey Blocksma and Nancy Martin Blocksma preceded her in death. Anne graduated as a Valedictorian from South High School in Grand Rapids, MI in 1962. She graduated from University of Iowa with a Bachelor's of Arts in 1966 and by her senior year was the Secretary of her sorority, KAPPA ALPHA THETA. During the summer of 1965 she interned for her family friend and then Michigan's U.S. House of Representative (5th District), Gerald R. Ford, in Washington DC. In 1968 she moved to Berkeley, CA, while her first husband, Richard C. Hall attended Law school. There, she taught, tutored French and Spanish, and volunteered as a community mediator for the Oakland Police Department and the Bay Area Black Panthers among other civic activities. While pregnant with her first-born, Derek M. Hall, she began her Ph.D. program at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. In less than 4 years she finished both her Masters and Doctorate degrees. In 1976 she completed her clinical requirements as well as passed all her exams and was officially a registered clinical psychologist. By the early 80's she maintained a thriving private counseling and developmental assessment practice, taught traditional classes at City Colleges of Chicago, accepted the position of Faculty Coordinator for the Center for Open Learning at the Chicago City-Wide College, and was a key mentor and supporter of the Center for Open Learning and WYCC-TV. She was instrumental in the curriculum design for these City College programs that opened up educational and professional advancement for a broader demographic and were a predecessor to "online learning" that is so common today. After Anne separated from her first husband in the late 80's she met Ronald A. Wright. Ron was a Korean War Veteran, Vice-President of IC Industries (now Whitman Corp.) and widower with 3 adult children. Sadly Ron's life was cut short in 1992 due to prostate cancer. Starting in the late 90's she continued to work at City Colleges, several nursing homes, took up golf, traveled extensively, joined a bridge and book club, volunteered for her condominium association board, hosted parties at her home, invested and managed real estate, and attended pilates and personal training sessions. By the late 2000's she helped take care of her grandchild, Isabel I. Viere (b. 2007). Dr. Wright leaves behind her children, Derek M. Hall and his wife Constance Hall, her daughter Katharine "Katie" Hall, her granddaughter Isabel I. Viere, her three step-children, Pamela D. Wright of San Diego, CA, Sheri Wright-Sheptak of Allentown, PA, and Ronald P. Wright of Greeley, CO and their respective spouses. She is survived by her four siblings, Carol Blocksma (Beukema) of Rockford, MI, Martha Blocksma-Elliott of Grand-Rapids, MI, Dick Blocksma of Knoxville, TN, and Ralph Blocksma of Jensen Beach, FL and dozens of nieces and nephews, step-grandchildren, cousins, and close friends. Please join us for a memorial service at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church 1424 Dearborn PKWY Chicago, IL, Thursday, September 13th at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to be made to NWM Cancer Center.

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Harada, June

June Harada, 89 of Wilmette, passed away peacefully in her home on August 30, 2018. Loving mother to Michael (Yvonne), Pat (Tom Rowland), grandchildren Andrew (Leah Ziegler), Justin, Dana, and Emily. Sister to Dorothy Murakishi. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by husband Dr. Masaro Harada and son Donald. Services at Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee St., Chicago, September 9th, 12:00 p.m. visitation, 1:00 p.m. service.

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Harper, Elizabeth Martha Smith

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Harris, Sandy

Sandy (Sandra) Harris, nee Simon. Sandy was the devoted mother of Aryn (Michael) Miller and John Harris (Tim Murphy); beloved partner of Ace (Horace J.) Schwartz; very fond "udder mudder" to Gina, Steve and Carley Fleishman; cherished sister of Ted (Jan) Simon and the late Audrey (late Mert) Bernfield; and loving aunt and great-aunt of many. Sandy's family and countless friends are the legacy of her full and rich life. She had boundless energy and loved everything from the Chicago Botanic Garden and Ravinia to tennis and foreign travel. Sandy studied at the University of Illinois and became a late-in-life scholar as an active participant of Northwestern University's adult enrichment program. Connecting all these was her desire to build stronger bonds with her family, friends and community. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club Chicago, www.gildasclubchicago.org, which supports those affected by cancer. At Sandy's request, there will be no public memorial service.

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Hasenkamp, Robert J.

Robert J. Hasenkamp. Age 79. Longtime Tinley Park formerly of Chicago's Belmont Cragin Neighborhood. Graduate of St Genevieve Grammar School and Weber Catholic High School. Retired Meat Cutter from Jewel Foods after 35 years service. Beloved husband of 61 years of the late Joanne nee Badali. Loving father of Ronald

(Doris) Hasenkamp, Catherine (Mike) Moran, Mary (Daniel) Uthe, Sharon (John) Taylorson, Christa and the late Robert Jr (Kathi) Hasenkamp. Dear grandfather of Erik Hasenkamp and Lexi (Andrew) Taurus, Maggie (Arjune) Patel, Kate Moran, Zachary (Talia), Adrienne and Nicholas Uthe, Renee (Brad) Johnson. Great grandfather of 4. Brother of James (late Carol) and the late Richard (late Shirley) Hasenkamp. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W 14th St (US Rt 30, 3 blks E of Western Ave), Chicago Heights on Sunday September 9th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Funeral Monday 9:00 am to St George Church, Tinley Park, Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth. For further service information 708-481-9230 and panozzobros.com.

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Hellwig, Albert William

Albert William Hellwig, age 86 of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully on September 1st, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Marlene, nee Pankow. Loving father of Lynn Hellwig (Dan Roller) and the late John. Grandfather of Amy and Julianne Roller and Jack, Christy, Kelly (Troy) Volkel and Howard Hellwig. Al is a disabled Korean War

Veteran and a retired accountant who volunteered his expertise for several charities. He will be dearly missed by them. Al was a lifelong Cubs fan! Visitation will be held Monday, September 10th, 5:00pm until the time of the funeral mass, 6:00 pm at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 700 W. Adams, Chicago, IL. 60061. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated in memory of Albert to Catholic Extension Society, 150 S. Wacker, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606; www.catholicextension.org Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information www.powellfuneraldirectors.com or 630-703-9131

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Hughes, Jeanette A. 'Jan'

Jeanette A. "Jan" Hughes, 78, of Elgin, passed away on Monday, September 3, 2018. She was born on February 24, 1940 in Portland, ME the daughter of Raymond & Mildred Landry. Jan was a faithful member of the Northwest Bible Baptist Church in Elgin. She owned and operated U.S. Fire & Safety Equipment Co. in Chicago. She is survived by

her daughter-in-law Phyllis Tucker and a son Bobby Tucker; grandchildren: Phillip, Jack, Timothy, Michael Tucker and Jennifer Davis; Siblings: Raymond (Jolene) Landry, Mary Beck, John (Randi) Landry; many nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack F. Hughes in 2009, and a son Bill Tucker. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 10, 2018 at Northwest Bible Baptist Church, 9N889 Nesler Rd., Elgin. Burial will follow at Bluff City Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the church in her name. **Laird Funeral Home**, Elgin is assisting the family. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com.

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Johnson, Randall S. "Randy"

Randall "Randy" S. Johnson of Palos Park passed away on September 3, 2018, at the age of 71. He was married just shy of 50 years to Bonnie (nee Bratsos), his college sweetheart, and was a caring father to the couple's 4 children - Rob, Diana (Mike) Kompore, Tracy (Ed) Toth, Lynsey (Eric) Lattyak, and loving grandfather to his 7 grandchildren: Amanda, Ryan, CJ, Ethan, Evan, Jace, and Caden. A memorial celebration of his life will be Saturday 1:00 p.m. until time of Service 4:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite charity. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Kieft, Nancy P.

Nancy P. Kieft, nee Powers, 30yr Nurse at U.I.C. Hospital, loving mother of William (Rachel); cherished grandmother of Ethan Lee and Anna Lynn; beloved sister of James (Sheryl) Powers and Mary Beth (Rob Hart) Powers; caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Sunday 1 to 4 pm at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, where funeral service will be held at 3:00pm. Int. Private. Donations to Boys town at boystown.org, appreciated. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Krofel, Frank R

Frank R. Krofel, age 74, passed away peacefully at home on September 4, 2018 after a brief bout with cancer.

He is predeceased by his mother, Virginia Garbacz, father Frank Krofel, beloved wife, Barbara (nee O'Brien), favorite aunt, Annette Dick, and many family and friends.

Frank will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Michelle (Mike), grandson Jack, siblings Julie (Michael) and Anthony, his many cousins, and numerous close friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A wake will be held at **Cumberland Chapels** on September 7, 2018 from 3-8pm at 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706

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Kurelo, Lucille

Lucille Kurelo, of Crown Point; formerly of Palos Heights, passed away Saturday, September 1, 2018. She is survived by two daughters, Mary (David) Dieckelman and Lois (David) Olson; four grandchildren: Elisabeth (Jordan) Samuels, Andrew and Bryan Dieckelman, and Thomas Olson; one great-grandson, Henry Samuels. Preceded in death by husband, Edward Kurelo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, September 8, 2018 at St. Anthony Nursing Home Chapel, 203 Franciscan Drive, Crown Point at 9:00 a.m. There will be one hour of visitation prior to Mass. At rest, St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles at 11:30 a.m.

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Laben, Elinore 'Ellie'

Elinore "Ellie" D. (nee Mladic) Laben, 94, born in Chicago, IL on October 28, 1923, a 62 year resident of LaGrange Park, IL, died August 30, 2018 at home of natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Laben. She is survived by her sister Lorraine Young and four daughters; Laurie (Steven) Jordan, Mare (John) Reardanz, Patricia Walker, Janice (William) Maresh; grandchildren Julie (Chris) Pheneger, William (Tami) Kadera, Maribeth Braga, Jonathan (Katie) Braga, Andrew (Jeanette) Braga, Timothy (Vicki) Brown, Benjamin (Dawn) Brown, Zechariah (Kelly) Walker, Meredith Maresh, Elena Maresh, Patrick Maresh and great grandchildren Mya, Ellie, Nolan, Tommy, Bobby, Maggie, Blake, Emily, Logan, Parker, Cooper, Declan and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. She will be remembered by many friends from the numerous clubs, activities and committees she served on in LaGrange Park. Private services will be held.

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Lotsoff, Roberta Sue (Bailey)

Bertie wrote this herself, and we couldn't have said it any better. We love and will miss her dearly. "Some of us follow the routine - Check the obits and if your name is not there, start the day with breakfast. OMG - guess what! - no breakfast for me! Bummer! As most of you know, I opted for 7 weeks of radiation, not for a cure, but to extend time with family and friends. It has worked since mid-October until now and it was worth it! On to the basics - I was born 4/11/1936 at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, IL and lived in Austin as the middle child of Bruce Strachan and Hazel Frances (Bright) Bailey. Older sister is Beverly Jane (Robert A., Dec'd) Jones, their children Scott Jones and Susan Jones Kwon (Charlie, kids Matthew and Kiley). "Baby brother" Bruce Edward and Vivian "my second sister" Bailey, their children Bruce and Mark (Christina, kids Lucas, Charlotte and Cameron) Bailey. I was married in 1965 to Kenneth Donald Lotsoff (Dec'd 2008). I also leave behind one of the funniest and most caring people I know, my sister-in-law, Myrna Lotsoff Romanoff and her family, Beth Lotsoff Polinsky (Mark, kids Alexa, Jenna and Blair). I cannot thank my children enough for their support. My daughter, Jennifer, who gave up her life in Santa Barbara, CA, to be here with me since the middle of October 2017, and my son, Jonathan, for dinners, Deadpool 2, many old memories and both of us learning things about each other, as well as his wonderful wife Anne and my precious grandchildren Ben and Sarah, who are my pride and joy." Remembrance Celebration service Monday September 10, 2018 5:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077 with a visitation that follows. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Maidl, Gretchen Mary

Gretchen Mary Maidl went to God Tuesday, September 4, 2018 while surrounded by her loving family. Loving Daughter of Late Frank Mathias and Barbara Ann nee Gaul. Dear Sister Heidi (Ed) Grunst, Kurt (Heidi), Matthew (Martha) and Annalisa (Domenico) Cuomo. Loving Aunt to niece and nephews. Visitation Friday, September 7, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL. Funeral Saturday, September 8, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 1101 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, IL. Entombment at Queen of Heaven. In Lieu of Flowers Masses are preferred.



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McCann, Sr., Robert H.

Robert H. McCann, Sr., Age 94, Ret. Det. C.P.D. and U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of the late Anna Mae (nee Jenen). Loving father of Anna Marie (Mark C.P.D.) Morrissey, Robert H. Jr., CCSD (Barbara), Emma (Greg) Degen, Rose (Tom) Burke, Janet McCann, C.P.D., Thomas (Megan), and Roger (Carol) McCann. Proud grandpa of 20. Dear great grandpa of 33. Devoted brother of Barbara Martin, Emma Dearth, and the late Frank McCann, Allen McCann, Neal McCann, Ken McCann, Koral Kettering, and Raymond McCann. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Chicago South Elks Lodge #1596, and the American Legion. Retired Detective 36 years with Chicago Police Department. Alumnus of St. Leo Grammar School (1939), and Leo H.S. (1943). Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeneey-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at St. Cajetan Church, 11200 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60655 on Monday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W Higgins Road, Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018 or Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeneey-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneeyfh.com

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See Catherine Egan Rauch notice.

Pelz, Mandel E.

Mandel E. Pelz beloved son of the late Edward and Catherine. Loving brother of the late Carl (Nanette) Meyer. Loving uncle of Carla (Andy) Cores, Nanette Castro, and Carl (Jennie) Meyer and great uncle of Andrew, Katie, Parley, Amber, Kevin, Adelina and C.J. Dear friend of Terry, Connie, Glen and many others who were close to him. Nanette Meyer was a very caring and special sister-in-law. Funeral services Monday 9:15 am from the **Jaeger Funeral Home** 3526 N. Cicero Ave. to Our Lady of Victory Church 10:00 am mass. Interment of cremains Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Mandel was a very proud 4th degree Knight in the Tontii Council 1567 of The Knights of Columbus. Visitation Sunday 4 to 8 pm. Info (773) 545-1320.

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Pradel, Mayor A. George

Mayor A. George Pradel also known as "Officer Friendly", age 80, the former Mayor of Naperville 1995-2015 and current Mayor Emeritus, 29 year member of the Naperville Police Department, U.S. Marine Corps veteran 1956-1960, a Naperville, IL resident since 1939, passed away on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 after a two year battle with cancer. He was born September 5, 1937 in Chicago, IL. Visitation Saturday, September 8th AND Sunday, September 9th, 2018, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at Naperville City Hall, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL 60540, (630) 420-6111, naperville.il.us Funeral services will be private. Private interment: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Rauch, Catherine 'Neen'

Catherine Egan Rauch. Some knew her as Catherine, Kay or Cathy but those closest to her called her Neen. Our darling Neen passed away on September 4. She was charming, funny, deeply religious, hardworking, fiercely independent, kind, charitable and loving. If you knew her, you already miss her, and if this is your introduction to Neen, you

will wish you had known her. Neen was simply the best of us. Neen shared so much of herself and yet, still had stories to "spill" in her last few weeks. She wanted her wits about her till the end, and she got her wish, she remained sharp as a tack. One-liners were common, just last week when offered a Life Saver candy she said it "was not working." Originally a West-side gal at heart, she graduated from Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Mary's H.S., we don't dare say the years. Neen then started her first and only job working for Wieboldt's. She rose through the ranks to become the Executive Secretary to the Comptroller in the corporate office downtown at State and Madison. Many boast of being indispensable, but after 48 years on the job, when she retired Wieboldt's closed its doors forever. Neen was a traveler extraordinaire. Whether commuting on the CTA and teaching us how to "use your elbows" to land a prime seat or embarking on one of the first TWA flights, she enjoyed every adventure. Her escapades included being stranded on a NYC subway during the 2003 blackout and climbing out of a disabled car in a dark tunnel onto the tracks and up out of the ground at age 81! Then there was the Y2K midnight 'L' adventure downtown to the Hyatt for fireworks and champagne at age 78! When not tempting fate, working, or traveling the world, Neen perfected her black belt in personal shopping. She loved to dance, bowl, ski and baked a mean nut cup. Neen was an original member and the longest parishioner of Our Lady Mother of the Church, was its Women's Club treasurer and a dedicated Minister of Care. For 94 of Neen's 95 years, she lived with her close knit family in the typical Chicago 2-flat. Neen was the daughter of the late Marie (Mahoney) and the late Denis Egan CPD, sister of the late Eileen Egan, the late William CPD (the late Marge) Egan and Mickey (the late Jimmy) McGuire. In her mid-40's Neen met her husband, the late Ed Rauch, at the 400 Ski Club and just a year into the marriage Ed succumbed to cancer. Neen was another mother to her nine nieces and nephews, Maureen (Ira) Helfgot, Colleen (Tom Clark) McGuire, Dennis McGuire, Jim (Liz) McGuire, Michael (Juvy Granada) McGuire, Emmett (Michele) McGuire, Noreen (Bill) Olker, Kate CPD (Dave ISP) Nanninga and John Patrick Egan CPD. Our lives would never have been the same without our glamorous, chic and ever present Neen. Contrary to her concern about being a burden during her recent illness, she continued to be a gift to us all to the end. We were privileged to be at her bedside daily for the past three months, especially Michael. Neen was also a loving and generous Great Aunt to Michael (Alexandra) Helfgot, Neil Helfgot, Ian, Claire and Colin McGuire, Maggie McGuire, William Nanninga CPD, Margie (Joey) Ignoffo, Johnny Nanninga, Kay (James) Pericht, Annie Nanninga, Loretta Olker, Matthew Olker USAF, and Ellen Olker. Great Grand Aunt to Rosie and Nile Ignoffo, Cora Olker and Ellie Helfgot. Neen delighted in getting to know the newest members of her family. Neen's best friends her whole life were her sisters, Eileen and Mickey, and her very special cousin Margie Sweeney. Neen touched many lives including many cousins, friends and neighbors especially Laura, and her devoted caregivers at Alden, Des Plaines. Recently, when talking with someone who was complaining about turning 65, Neen said that she had done a lot of living in her 30 years between 65 and 95. It was a great run! Neen always said she loved everything about her life; family, friends and her church. Neen had no regrets, always saying she had a wonderful life till her very last breath with all of us. We should all be inspired by such grace, accomplishments and contentment. The name says it all, our Neen was one of a kind! Family and friends will meet Saturday morning at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence, Chicago for visitation from 10:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 11:30 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady Mother of the Church would be appreciated. For info: 773-774-3333

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Ritz, Jane B.

Jane B. Ritz, age 88 of Northfield. Beloved wife of Karl H. Ritz; loving mother of Carl (Lynn) and Kenneth (Nancy) Ritz; dear grandmother of Emma, Robert, Henry and Andrea; loving aunt of Heather Trumper (nee Begg) and Fiona Begg; dear sister in law of Waldthudt (Hans) Bosch. Visitation Sunday, September 9, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the Funeral Service at 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Private family interment Memorial Park Cemetery.
Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Rogalski, Eugene 'Gene'

Eugene "Gene" Rogalski, 72, of Schaumburg, Illinois. Loving husband of Sheila Rogalski, nee Kazmierczak, beloved father of Linda (Jeff) Minard; cherished papa of Jimmy and Lindsay; dear son in law of Joan and the late Buck Kazmierczak; devoted brother of Connie (Jerry) Lewandowski; fond uncle of Steven Lewandowski.

Visitation Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. at **Morizzo Funeral Home** and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169; and Monday, September 10, 2018 from 8:30 A.M. until time of prayers 9:15 A.M. proceeding to Queen of the Rosary Catholic Church, 750 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 for a 10:00 A.M. Mass of Christian burial. For further information please contact **Morizzo Funeral Home** at 847.752.6444. The family also invites you to visit www.morizzofuneralhome.com to sign the guest book.



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Shilkaitis, Janis Joy

Janis Joy Shilkaitis, 86, (nee Souvenir); Beloved wife of the late John Kudelas and the late Stanley Shilkaitis; Devoted mother of Sheryl (Charles) Black (the late Robert Gianola) and Steven (Michelle); Loving daughter of the late Ralph Douglas, Sr. Souvenir and Mildred; Cherished grandmother of Lawrence, Scott, Amanda (Albert) Cech, Rachel (Jeff) Diaz, Brian (Mikie), Kyle and great-grandmother of Nicolette, Kayla, Alexis, Alyssa, Alexander, Jasmine, Lorcan, Waylan and Addison; Loving sister of the late Ralph Douglas, Jr. Souvenir; Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Janis retired from the Proviso High Schools after 20+ years of service. Visitation Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9 a.m. until time of funeral service 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church 6455 Joliet Rd. Countryside, IL. Interment will follow to Oakridge Cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, 773-889-1700.



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Spencer, Kirk T.

Kirk T. Spencer, 56, of Homewood, died suddenly on Sept., 4, 2018. He is survived by his loving family: wife of 34 years, Jacque Spencer nee Bottum; children: Amy Evans, Scott, Mark, Samuel, Kyle, Jacob, and Haley Spencer. Proud Pa of Tristan and Tyler Evans. He was a Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago, a passionate teacher and researcher in Echocardiography, and Director of the Echo Lab. A graduate of The Univ. of Michigan, he attended medical school at Univ. of Chicago, served his residency at John Hopkins Univ., and served a fellowship at Univ. of Iowa. A devout Christian, he was active at Solutions Church in Matteson, IL and a long-time servant in the mission field. He was goofy, loving, and generous at his core. He loved games of all shapes and sizes. He was a hockey nut and coached H-F Youth Hockey for years. Many will remember him as the proprietor of his own backyard ice rink, a great source of pride and family fun. Memorial Visitation will be held on Sat., Sept. 8th from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Memorial Service at 12:00 p.m. at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL. 60423. In lieu of flowers, memorials strongly preferred to The Ministry of Grace Gardens, a refuge for women and children who are victims of human trafficking – donate at beautifulfeet.global. Click "Donate" Select "0327 Grace Gardens" under Special Funds and Projects. Arrangements entrusted to Heartland Memorial Center. To sign guestbook or for info visit kurtzmemorialchapel.com or call 708-444-2266.



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Sussman, Miguella

Miguella Sussman, nee Genty, age 89, beloved wife of Marvin for over 64 years; loving mother of Marc (Mary), Michel (Sandy), Mathieu (Marie) Sussman; cherished grandmother of Aaron, Lauren, Daniel and Jillian; fond aunt of Gail (Steve) Miller and Sandra (Ronald Schnur) Sussman; dear friend of Jennifer (Pepi) Mannieson; cousin of many in her native France. Miguella was born in Paris, France and graduated from the University of Paris, Sorbonne in 1952. She immigrated in 1953, joining her mother already in the U.S., with plans to explore the American West and Mexico. In the spring of 1954 she met Marvin in a Spanish class while preparing to follow that dream. That summer they married and honeymooned in Mexico City and began their lifetime together. Visitation Saturday, September 8, 2018, 12:00 noon until time of funeral service 2:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Park Place of Elmhurst, 1050 S. Euclid, Elmhurst, IL 60126. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com
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Theisen, Florence Marie

Florence Marie Theisen, age 82, of Mt. Prospect, passed away September 4, 2018. Florence was born on December 9, 1935 at Ravenswood Hospital to Henry P. and Catherine M. Theisen (nee Peiffer). She was the youngest of four siblings and was raised in the Luxemburg area of Rogers Park on Chicago's north side at a time when streetcars would clang along Western Avenue. The ice man cometh to bring ice to the family's ice-box, the knife sharpener and milk man journeyed thru the alley and the street lamps were hand-lit every evening. Florence stayed in the family home long after the death of her parents and moved to Mount Prospect in 1992. She graduated from St. Henry Grammar School, St. Scholastica Academy and Mundelein College. After graduation from Mundelein in 1957, she served as a dedicated employee of Illinois Bell/Ameritech, now known as AT&T, until 1985. Florence later worked in the medical offices of her orthopedic doctor. She was known for her love of bicycling, logging over 35,000 road miles. Florence is survived by her brother Gerard J. (Ginny) Theisen, her sister-in-law, Nancy Theisen, six nephews, three nieces and 13 great nieces and nephews.

Visitation Tuesday, September 11th, 9:30 A.M. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Mass Cards in memory of Florence are welcome. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Tokowitz, Anita

Anita Tokowitz nee Cohen, 94; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Michael Sterling (Deborah Waldeck), Karen Tokowitz and Eliot (Pamela) Tokowitz; adoring grandma of Matthew and Daniel (Miriam) Sterling, Rachel Snower, Charlie and Cameron Tokowitz; proud great-grandmother of Daniella; dear sister of Gilmore (the late Dolores) Cohen and Howard (the late Mary) Cohen; treasured aunt and great-aunt of many. Graveside service Sunday, 1:00 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Triezenberg, Robert W. 'Bob'

Robert W. Triezenberg, "Bob", passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer on September 5, 2018. He was born on June 19, 1947 in Blue Island, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 35 years Jeannie (nee Lustrup); his son, Robert (Christine) Niece, his daughter, Sarah (Charlie) Johnson, and his son, Justin (Sergio Toranzo) Triezenberg; as well as his grandkids, Brittany, Morgan (Rodney), Taylor, Katie (Logan), Samantha, Ben, Jack, Mary and great grandkids, Isabella and Nicholas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Sarah (Kette). Bob came from a large family and will be missed by his siblings, Evelyn (John) Turro, the late Stella (late Ron) Scholten, the late Fred, the late Frank (Joann), Eldon (Karen), and the late Mike (Karen). He is also survived by his father-in-law, Henning (late Karen) Lustrup, brother-in-law John (Kendra) Lustrup and sister-in-law Elizabeth (Howard) Lee. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Bob was a friend to all and enjoyed the company of many. Bob began his career in the counter top business with his brother Fred and ventured into carpet sales starting Triezenberg Floor Coverings with his brother Mike in 1981. He enjoyed success because of his quiet ways of earning trust from all of his customers. Bob was known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor. He loved spending time with family, traveling to Kentucky Lake and Las Vegas every year, and many other destinations. He also enjoyed crossword puzzles (in ink), talk radio, music, cruising in his beloved Corvette and all Chicago sports, especially THE CUBS! For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Bob's life, memorials to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. Visitation will be Sunday, September 9, 2:00 until 6:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, and Monday, September 10, 10:00 AM until the time of funeral services at 11:00 AM at New Covenant Church, 1 Bunting Lane, Naperville. Interment will be private. For more information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Tyda, Bruce E.

Bruce E. Tyda, age 63. Devoted husband of Jan nee O'Connor; beloved father of Jeffrey; beloved son of Doris and the late Edward Tyda and son-in-law of John and Joan O'Connor; dear brother of Susan (Robert) Malinowski and brother-in-law of Susan (Louis) Liotine, Thomas (Brenda) O'Connor and Michael (Evelyn) O'Connor; fond uncle and friend to many and special cousin to Robert Tyda. Visitation Sunday Sept. 9, 2018 from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services Monday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Eugene Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Committal service Maryhill Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Association, Team Bruce-Northshore Walk, www.alz.org would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Warga, Joseph N. "Joe"

Joseph N. "Joe" Warga, age 88, of Glenview. Beloved husband of Eileen M. Warga; loving father of Cathy (Bruce) Cascia, Mike (Sue) Warga, George Warga and Mary (Bob) Porcaro; dear grandfather of Mike, Katherine, Logan, Hayes, Cami, Bobby, Hayley, Luke, Karl and Isabelle; great grandfather of Edward James; brother of George Frank Warga (age 94).

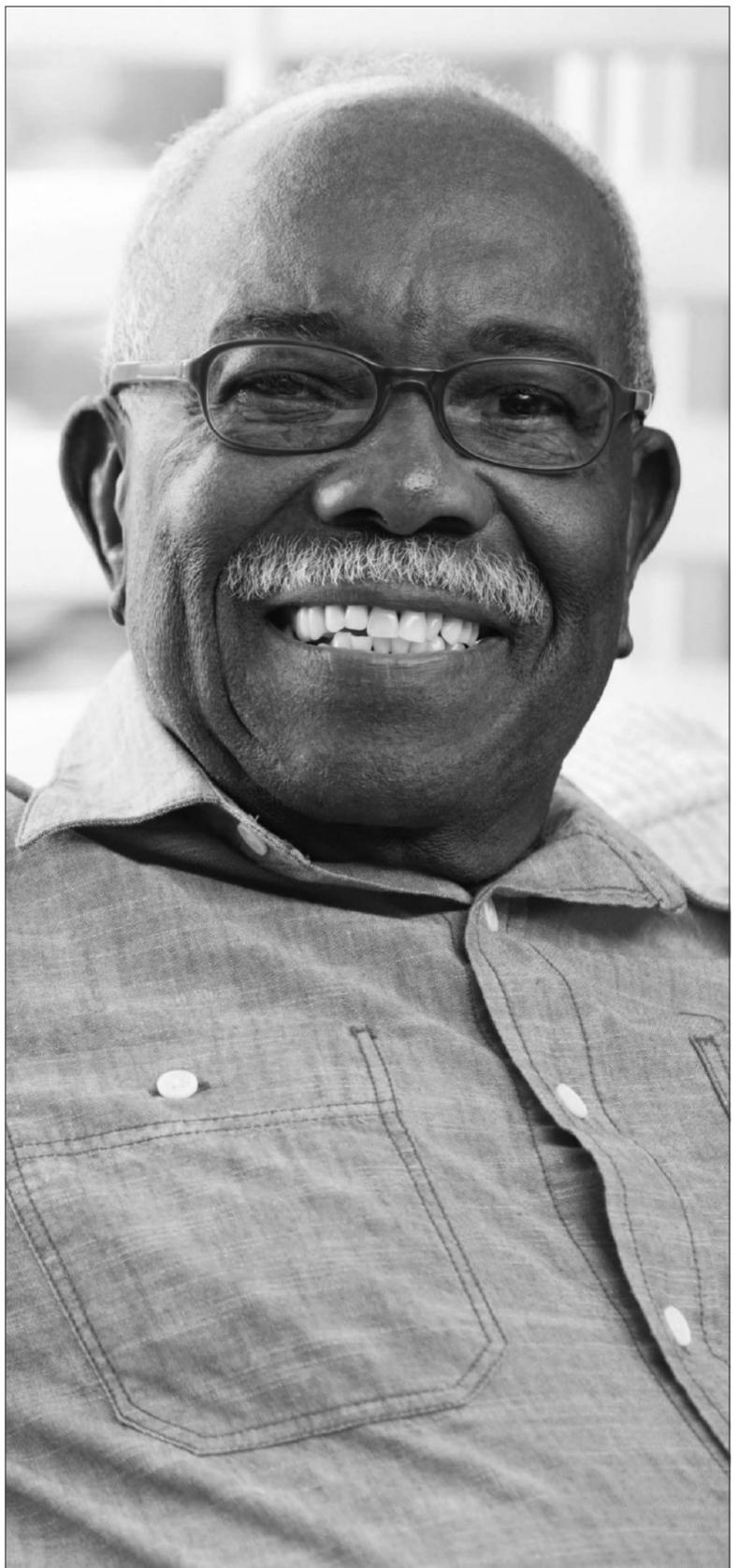


Visitation Saturday, September 8, 2018 beginning at 9:15 a.m. immediately followed by a 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Private family entombment, All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, c/o Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.
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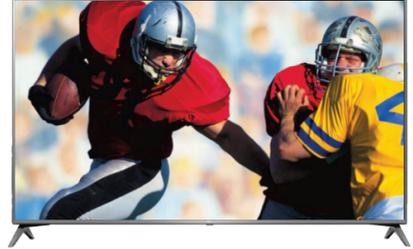
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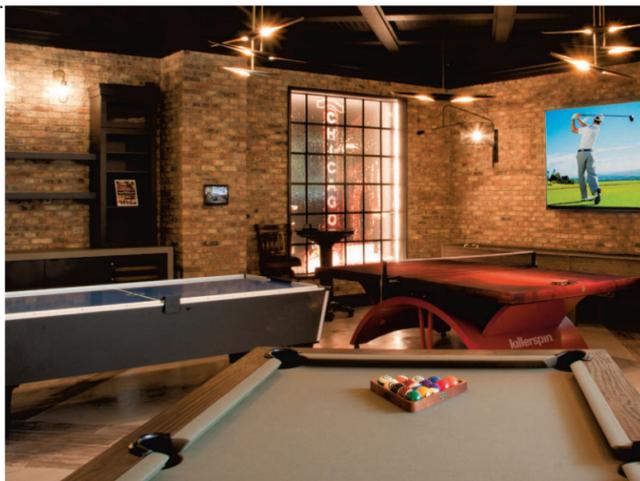


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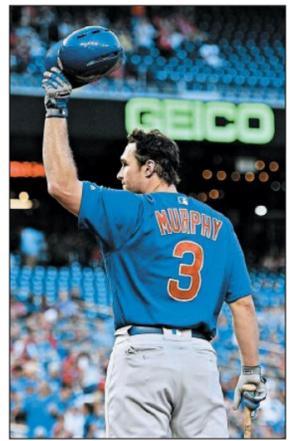
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Daniel Murphy, acquired from the Nationals last month, salutes the fans before his first at-bat Thursday in Washington.

CUBS 6, NATIONALS 4 (10)

Comeback victory is extra special

Almora atones for baserunning gaffe, sparks rally in 10th

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The Cubs approached their arrival at their team hotel around 4 a.m. Thursday as just a way of life for a playoff contending team — all in a day's work in the midst of a 23-game grind without a day off.

So, after a draining 6-4 victory Thursday night over the Nationals, the Cubs were very satisfied with the manner in which they persevered, putting forth dramatic efforts to expand their lead to 4½ games over the Brewers in the National League Central.

"I can relish looking back playing at (short-season) Boise, where you have a 16-hour bus ride and getting up and playing," said David Bote, who hit a tie-breaking double to score Albert Almora Jr. in the 10th inning. "It's hard in its different ways like this long trip, but we knew coming in so it's not a surprise. We saw it on the schedule and knew what was happening. We know what's at stake and we're not letting it frustrate us. Let's go dominate it."

Almora gained some redemption for a baserunning gaffe in the eighth when he doubled to start the game-winning rally. A fatigued bullpen pitched five scoreless innings, notching six strikeouts and featuring Justin Wilson getting Carl Edwards Jr. out of a big jam in the eighth when the score was tied.

"We're in the middle of this awful trip, but look at how well our guys have done under the circumstances," manager Joe Maddon said after the Cubs

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Contenders	W	L	GB
Cubs	83	57	—
Brewers	79	62	4½
Cardinals	78	62	5

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Will Nagy's first be best or worst-case scenario?

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

At long last. The season has arrived. Week 1. Meaningful football. Against the Packers at Lambeau Field no less.

Finally, there's a chance to assess the progress the Bears are making.

What a year it has been so far. On New Year's Day, general manager Ryan Pace fired John Fox while also receiving a contract extension through the 2021 season. A week later, Pace hired Matt Nagy to lead his team. Five days after that, Pace and Nagy convinced Vic Fangio and his assistants to stick around, preserving continuity on defense and, more importantly, retaining one of the most respected defensive minds in the game.

Then last weekend? Pace engineered one of the biggest trades in franchise history and landed an established star. The Bears' newest arrival, Khalil Mack, is now the team's best player. And his surprise arrival has done nothing but fuel the excitement around a new-look team that will board the bus to Green Bay with 15 players on the 53-man roster who have joined the team this year.

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom Several days after agreeing to a \$144 million contract, Khalil Mack said he was trying to get his financial adviser on the phone to see what kind of house he can afford. Um, Michael Jordan's? More Rosenbloom, Page 2



2 DAYS TO GO
Bears vs. Packers at Lambeau Field 7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5

BIG NUMBER

4 Consecutive Bears coaches who have won their debut at Lambeau Field (Dick Jauron, Lovie Smith, Marc Trestman and, yes, John Fox). Matt Nagy will have his shot Sunday night.

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Mack + Nagy's 'O' = playoffs

I'm not much for predictions. People who stop by Snark Place regularly know I would rather mock them — BearSSSSS 16-0, my frentSSSSS — and in fact I mocked them so often that my newspaper kicked me out of our weekly prediction group. No lie. True fact. That occurred, if I recall correctly, sometime after we were told to pick a winner and a score for the Seahawks-Broncos Super Bowl, and I had the Bears winning 75-0.

Nonetheless, Stevie Sunshine has a prediction right here and right now: The Bears will reach the playoffs this season. Clip & save.

First, it's about time general manager Ryan Pace's roster did something besides stink.

Second, pass-rush monster Khalil Mack vaults a good defense into one that potentially could rank in the top five, which is where Super Bowls are won.

I'm betting blind here. I know that. We all know that.

And third, new coach Matt Nagy has installed the kind of creative passing offense that all the popular kids are using, which is considered revolutionary around here because John Fox had been holding us hostage.

I'm betting blind here. I know that. We all know that. We haven't seen whatever Nagy's offense is or whatever quarterback Mitch Trubisky might make it.

But we certainly have heard them talk big about it. Man, have we ever.

Nagy says Trubisky will throw deep and throw deep often, and even if he doesn't, Nagy says there's an answer on every play. That would be refreshing. Last year, the answer on every play was punt.

Free-agent tight end Trey Burton, coming off Super Bowl immortality with the Eagles and the "Philly Special," says the run-pass options now embraced by the Bears are "unguardable." That would be great, but it's enough that they aren't trying to run out the clock from the coin flip on.

Trubisky regularly talks excitedly about the many special plays the Bears have yet to show, and whatever number of RPOs that includes, it's imperative to note that Trubisky has been far more accurate throwing on the run than standing in the pocket. Imagine tailoring an offense to your talent, John Fox.

I'm assuming free agent Allen Robinson still can play tackle football like the No. 1 receiver he was signed to be, though I've not seen evidence of that so far.

I, however, have seen Burton dominate the middle of a field. Yeah, it came during the small sample size of preseason, but it didn't look like Burton needed a GPS or police escort to provide a reliable target for Trubisky.

In addition to jet sweeps, I'm eager to see some bad Packers' and Lions' pass defenses curl up into the fetal position right there on the numbers when Tarik Cohen, Taylor Gabriel and Anthony Miller line up in the same formation in a grouping soon-to-be-named the Navy Blue Angels (trademarked).

All of this, of course, is based on Jordan Howard establishing the kind of rushing attack that makes everything else more dangerous. I'm assuming Howard is still that guy — that healthy guy.

I also am including in the offensive game plan the idea that Mack will take over whatever game needs to be taken over and get the ball back for Trubisky until the young quarterback gets it right.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME "STEVIE SUNSHINE" WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO MAKE A PREDICTION OUTSIDE OF THIS SPACE, SO DON'T GET TOO EXCITED



STEVE ROSENBLIOM
Most Super Bowls are played in controlled environs, many times indoors. But they're playing this one outside and it looks like "Bear weather," so ...



ASK THE REPORTER
BRAD BIGGS

'D' should be super, but 'O' has to mesh

We've seen a lot of predictions that have the Bears in the 7-9 to 9-7 range. Why is it not the right time to put them in the Super Bowl-contender talk? They added Roquan Smith and Khalil Mack to a top-10 defense and are spending nearly \$100 million on guaranteed money to fortify the offense. @bshulkes

The great unknown is how second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky will perform. He's really an unknown quantity, even though we saw him start 12 games as a rookie last season. If Trubisky is good, the Bears should have a good record. He should certainly be better with the heavy lifting the front office did during the offseason to improve the skill position talent around him, which you reference.

I'm a bit worried about the way that the Bears are building their team. Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Trey Burton, Akiem Hicks and Danny Trevathan as free agents. Now Khalil Mack at a free-agent price plus two first-round picks (minus a couple of one-round upgrades). Didn't the Redskins show a long time ago that this isn't the way to build a team? It seems to me like sustained success requires sustained excellence in all areas over a long period of time, not a lot of free-agent signings to cover up previous failures. Am I wrong?
Tom S., Chicago

Those are legitimate points, but the counter is that the Bears were in desperate need to improve at wide receiver and the skill positions and they view Burton as an essential piece to coach Matt Nagy's offense. In Mack, the Bears have acquired one of the truly elite edge rushers in the NFL and, considering they would have been unlikely to land a player of a similar impact with the draft picks they unloaded in the deal, it certainly makes sense. There's no question the Bears have used free agency to cover for some mistakes in the draft, but no one is perfect in the draft and this will be a really competitive team if Trubisky turns into the player they believe he can be.

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It's prime time for Mack

Elite pass rushers in NFL can maintain a high level of play well into their 30s



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

In terms of risk the Bears took in sending massive draft capital to the Raiders in exchange for All-Pro outside linebacker Khalil Mack, it's minimal.

Draft picks form the lifeblood of an organization, and the

Raiders can turn the two first-round picks into players with cost-controlled rookie contracts, a gamble because even high draft picks never are sure things, let alone dominant performers. The Bears — especially — know that to be true.

The question for the Bears is how long the 27-year-old Mack will be in his prime. How long will he be of value to them earning more than \$20 million per season?

Mack is three years younger than Julius Peppers was when the Bears signed him in free agency in 2010 and five years younger than Jared Allen was when he signed in 2014 as a replacement for Peppers. Mack is far more accomplished than Pernell McPhee and Lamarr Houston, more recent additions signed to bolster the pass rush.

The Bears obviously are betting on the answer being for most of Mack's contract that runs through 2024, when he will be 33. History proves it certainly is possible, with Mack's health — he didn't miss a game in four seasons with the Raiders — the biggest factor.

Circumstances aren't identical, but you can draw parallels to the trade the Vikings made in 2008 to acquire Allen from the Chiefs. Allen was 26 and signed a six-year, \$72 million contract that was the richest in NFL history for a defensive player at the time. He went on to earn every penny of that deal, leading the NFL with 85½ sacks in those six seasons.

The Bears made Mack the NFL's highest-paid defender with a six-year, \$141 million extension that puts him on the books for \$154.8 million over seven years.

The ultimate testament to Allen's value in Minnesota was that he played out the entire deal, which doesn't always happen and often is forgotten when players sign megacontracts.

"Somebody told me Saturday the Bears traded for him, and I was like, 'Holy crap!'" Allen said. "Then I saw what they gave. I don't know that you could get anybody that is as well-rounded a player in the middle of their prime as Mack is."

"It is rare to play out an entire deal. When they made me the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL at the time, it was a sign of confidence they put in me. That is what you are going to see with the Bears and Mack. Here's Khalil Mack, tremendous player, and he's watching all these guys get crazy money. Here he is going into the last part of his deal and wants to be extended, wants to be treated as that top guy, wants to be recognized for the work he's put in. I'm not saying the Raiders didn't believe in him, but they didn't pull the trigger."

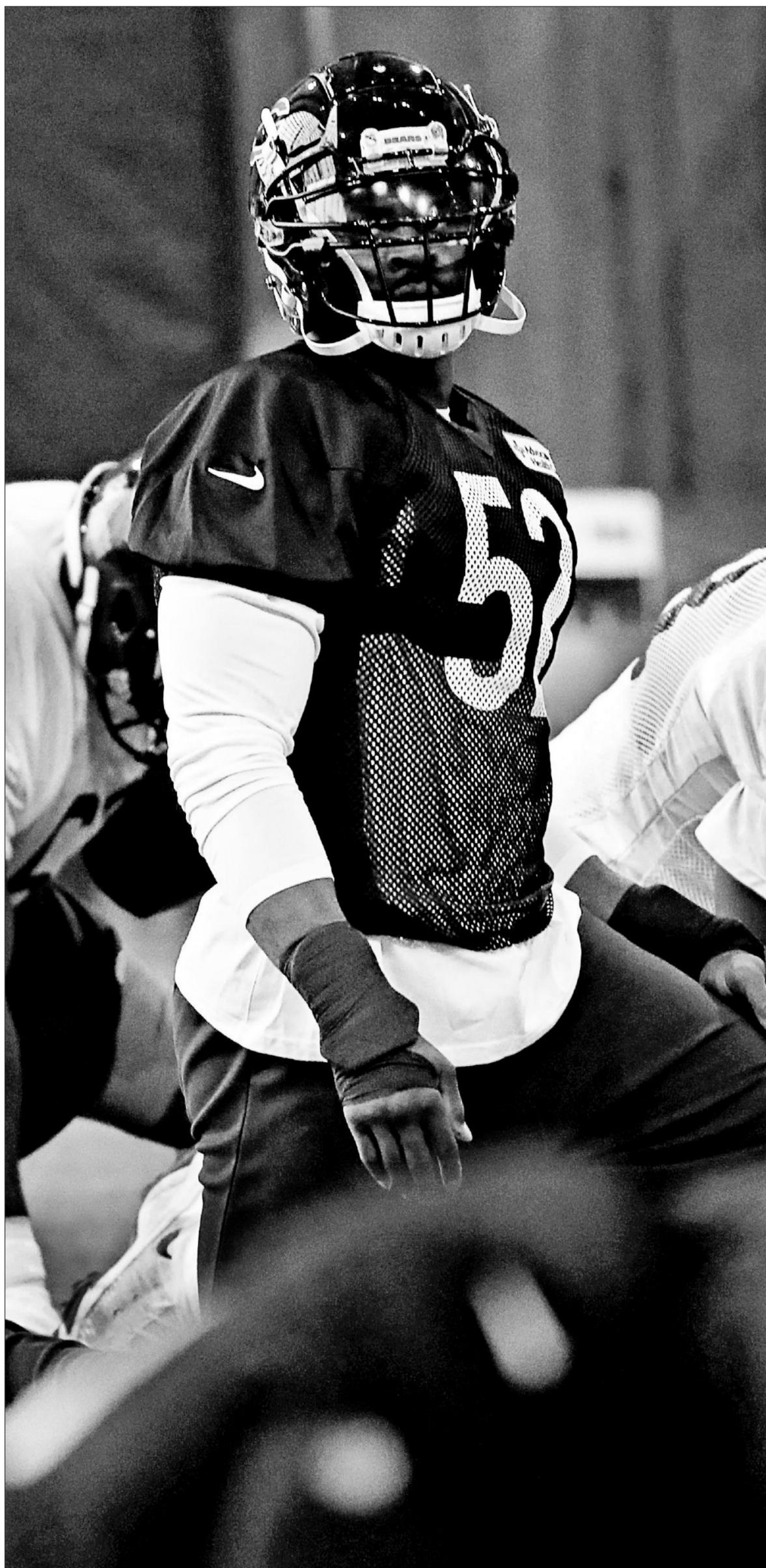
"The Bears, who gave up picks and the money, it's kind of a reassuring gesture that, 'Hey, we believe in you.' Now you've got to go out and earn it. But it's still a reassuring gesture of your accomplishments and where you're at and not only what they think of you as a player but as a human being. And that's where, for me, I always sold out for Minnesota. That's why I was able to (play out the contract). They knew I was all-in. You're going to see that with Khalil. You give a guy this kind of money, you give up those picks and you give a guy the assurance that our franchise rides on your back on the defensive side, he's going to be all-in."

Allen wasn't quite the same edge defender when the Bears signed him in 2013 at 32, but he also wasn't surrounded by the talent Mack has around him.

Looking at the top 10 players in career sacks, seven had four seasons of 10 or more sacks in their 30s. Bruce Smith and Kevin Greene had seven such seasons, Reggie White six and Chris Doleman five. Peppers, 38 and entering his 17th season, has four, matching Michael Strahan and John Randle.

"The guys that take great care of themselves have a tendency to last a lot longer than guys that like to hit the streets," former Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache said. "It goes a little faster for them than the guys that eat well and work out in the offseason and don't get heavy. The guys that have to take weight off every year, they're going to go down much faster than the guys that are always in condition because the whole thing is with their legs. For a pass rusher, everything is takeoff. As long as he can take off and have the spurts — and that comes for the guys that stay in shape — pass rushers can do it well into their 30s."

Former Eagles President Joe Banner, who effusively praised the Bears for the Mack trade, always kept a close eye on positions, studying when players would begin to take a downturn in their careers and using that information when shaping the roster and the finances attached to it.



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If Khalil Mack stays healthy, he should be able to remain productive throughout his contract with the Bears, which runs through 2024.

"When you get to 31, you start to get nervous about when is (a pass rusher) going to descend, even if he hasn't shown any signs of it," Banner said. "But we just saw, for example, a defensive tackle, Geno Atkins, get a new, big contract from the Bengals that everything on the field says he deserves and he's 30 years old. So we have compelling examples — Reggie White is one — of guys that have gone further than that. The Bears can say, 'We've got 27, 28, 29, 30, almost certainly 31, and then we'll see where we're at.'"

"Most of these teams are planning one, at most two years out. They should feel completely safe for five years on what they're going to get."

Said Panthers coach Ron Rivera: "An elite guy starts coming into his own in his third year. If he stays healthy, it's going to be in that prime for anywhere between five and seven seasons. Richard Dent, he had a big window. Reggie White? Probably eight to nine."

The Bears hope their path with Mack differs from the Vikings' with Allen. They won back-to-back division titles in Allen's first two seasons and went to the playoffs in three of his six in Minnesota, but ultimately he wasn't the missing link for a team that reached the NFC championship game after the 2009 season.

"He's a game-changing type of player," Allen said of Mack. "He's going to make the

BIG NUMBER

36½

Sacks for Khalil Mack the last three seasons (15 in 2015, 11 in 2016 and 10½ in 2017).

surrounding parts better, and they don't have to play better. They're just going to play better because he's on the field making a ton of plays and he's going to be taking a lot of attention."

If the Bears are lucky, he'll do that for seven seasons.

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Best wishes or worst way?

Bears, from Page 1

Since January, a wave of hope has surged through Halas Hall with a belief that Pace's vision, Nagy's energy and the continued growth of Mitch Trubisky will carry the Bears back toward the playoffs.

The most optimistic of fans have grabbed their surf boards and paddled into that wave, convinced the ride will be exhilarating and believing a turnaround is imminent.

Still, entering the first weekend of the season, it remains difficult to forecast just where the 2018 Bears are headed.

Promising young quarterback? Aggressive new head coach? Established defense with a new star on board? Maybe this is a team on the verge of a major breakthrough.

Or ... maybe not.

After four seasons stuck in the NFC North basement and a 64-game stretch in which they've lost more games than every team but the Browns, the Bears understand how steep their climb to relevance is.

Even if they are much improved this fall, the Bears still may not be good enough to figure into the playoff conversation once the leaves have fallen from the trees.

So where should the bar be set for the season begins? A true believer can look at Mack's arrival, the internal endorsements of Trubisky and the refreshing ebullience of Nagy and see the potential for 10 wins.

The naysayers can quickly counter by identifying major holes across the depth chart and arguing that the three most important figures in the organization — Trubisky, Nagy and Pace — remain unproven in their jobs. Through that lens, it isn't difficult to see these Bears stumbling toward 10 losses. Again.

The journey will begin Sunday night at Lambeau Field. As it arrives, here are 10 ways to see a path to 10 wins and 10 circumstances that could result in 10 losses.

**Best-case scenario**

Mitch Trubisky turns a corner and becomes everything the Bears believe he can be. Energizing leader. Accurate passer.

Consistent playmaker. Think along the lines of Jared Goff's 2017 breakthrough with the Rams. Close to 4,000 yards passing. More than 25 touchdown passes. A single-digit interception total. Nothing would be better for the Bears than having Trubisky perform well enough this season to quell all debates as to whether he's a long-term answer at the most important position.

**Worst-case scenario**

Trubisky's ability to gain consistency and comfort in Matt Nagy's offense takes longer than anticipated. With the offense a work in progress, the second-year quarterback struggles mightily in the season's first month. He has ball-security issues. He can't come through in the clutch often enough. The Bears hit their Week 5 open date 1-3 and the quarterback's second season continues too much like his first. With too many turnovers and not enough TD passes. With a rating in the 70s. With questions about his potential intensifying.

**Best-case scenario**

With Khalil Mack as the linchpin, Vic Fangio's defense accelerates its rise from good to great. Mack proves to be

every bit as good as his resume, which already includes three Pro Bowls and the 2016 Defensive Player of the Year Award. Instantly, the pass rush becomes more imposing. Immediately, Leonard Floyd, Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman benefit from the extra attention Mack demands. Mack himself produces on an every-week basis and finishes among the league leaders in sacks and quarterbacks hits. The Bears improve on their top-10 finish in 2018 in yards allowed. More importantly, their takeaway total increases too.

**Worst-case scenario**

Mack's talent and Fangio's work as an alchemist lift the Bears only so high. With a new defense to learn and fit into, Mack isn't ready to star in September. After his lengthy contract holdout, he needs a month or so to get his feet under him. The game-changing production comes, but not immediately. Furthermore, without enough quality depth to survive health setbacks, the defense is only good enough to keep the Bears around in close games, the majority of which they still ultimately lose.

**Best-case scenario**

Roquan Smith emerges immediately as the player we were all talking about in late April and May. The dynamic linebacker quickly becomes a disruptive force and proves himself to be the front-runner for NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. Smith showcases his elite speed, aggressive tackling and impressive football IQ. Ultimately, he produces week after week and makes enough splash plays to earn Pro Bowl consideration.

**Worst-case scenario**

Smith can't get around the obstacles that defined his July and August. After missing more than four weeks of training camp because of a contract holdout and then not playing in a single preseason game, Smith's hamstring tightness remains an issue in the early going. His acclimation into Vic Fangio's defense takes longer than expected. And his play in the first half of the season is pedestrian. Smith still earns a starting role and becomes productive. But his emergence as a star and as the heartbeat of the defense has to wait for 2019.



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If all goes as planned, Bears new coach Matt Nagy will have an enjoyable first season.

**Best-case scenario**

Matt Nagy's innovative mind brings the Bears offense into 2018. With his aggressive approach, his run-pass option wrinkles and his understanding of how to play to his playmakers' strengths, Nagy's offense becomes fun. He commits to the running game, fearlessly takes shots down the field and spreads the ball around to a promising group. After averaging 18.3 points and reaching 25 just six times during the John Fox era, Nagy's offense keeps the scoreboard operators from their afternoon naps. In the grandest of dreams, Trubisky and his mates threaten the franchise record the 2013 Bears set for total yards (6,109).

**Worst-case scenario**

In his first season as a head coach on any level, Nagy faces an adjustment period in attempting to be the overseer of the entire team. While his offensive system shows creativity, aggressiveness and an ability to create favorable matchups, Nagy finds himself spread thin dealing with all the other tasks that come with the head coach's job. His in-game management is a work in progress. He fails to unlock Trubisky's potential early on, fails to produce the team's first three-game winning streak since 2013 and isn't ready for the tsunami of impatience and frustration that comes from his fan base.

**Best-case scenario**

In his third season, Leonard Floyd takes advantage of Mack's arrival and emerges as one of the league's most feared edge rushers. His potential becomes production and his speed and length give opposing offensive tackles nightmares. Floyd gets his sack total into double digits and possibly into the mid-teens.

**Worst-case scenario**

Durability questions linger. Playing with a club on his fractured right hand in September, Floyd gets off to a slow start. He doesn't get comfortable quickly enough and remains slowed by different injury issues, keeping his career sack and missed game totals too close together. (To start this season, Floyd has 11½ sacks and 10 missed games.)

**Best-case scenario**

Under the guidance of new offensive line coach Harry Hiestand, the Bears' offensive line jells into a dominant bunch. A healthy Kyle Long returns to Pro Bowl form and becomes a monster in the run game. Cody Whitehair establishes himself as a difference-making center and true team leader. Rookie James Daniels emerges. Charles Leno remains consistent in pass protection. Bobby Massie proves steady.

**Worst-case scenario**

The quintet up front is serviceable but not much more. After surgeries on his ankle, neck, shoulder and elbow, Long isn't quite the same player he once was. Whitehair's snapping struggles become a real problem. Daniels isn't ready to be a starter. Leno and Massie don't do a good enough job keeping Trubisky clean and the young quarterback becomes jittery as a result.

**Best-case scenario**

The promise of the Bears receiving corps is realized. Allen Robinson tops 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns. Anthony Miller becomes one of the league's most talked about rookies. Taylor Gabriel uses his speed to sprinkle in big plays in key moments. Even Kevin White enjoys a resurgence, contributing more than 40 receptions and 500 yards.

**Worst-case scenario**

Robinson is still solid but isn't the same player he was before tearing his left anterior cruciate ligament in 2017. Miller needs time to adapt to the NFL game and has a solid but not special season. Gabriel, with his third team in his fifth season, is just a guy. White's time in Chicago fizzles to an end with a ho-hum season — or worse, another season-ending injury.

**Best-case scenario**

After collecting \$9 million guaranteed on a four-year, \$15 million contract, kicker Cody Parkey earns his keep. His field-goal accuracy remains north of 85 percent and Parkey makes a couple of game-winning kicks.

**Worst-case scenario**

Parkey misses too many big kicks in key moments, leading to another wave of Robbie Gould, now 35 and in his 14th season, still proves he has plenty left in his tank in San Francisco and merits Pro Bowl consideration. (Gould enters 2018 having made 49 of his 51 field-goal attempts since the Bears cut him two years ago.)

**Best-case scenario**

The Bears stay healthy from Labor Day until New Year's Eve. With a new trainer plus a new strength and conditioning staff, the team finds ways to avoid the injury sinkholes that have swallowed their last two or three seasons. With continuity on their side, the Bears are allowed to grow without so many significant disruptions.

**Worst-case scenario**

Nagy's day-after-game news conferences morph into a weekly visit with an emergency-room nurse. Another torn knee ligament here. A broken leg there. More high-ankle sprains than one can count. The injured reserve list grows faster than Brian Urlacher's hair. And Nagy starts breaking out in hives every time he says "Next man up."

**Best-case scenario**

Playoffs! The 2018 Bears resemble the 2017 Rams and Jaguars, escaping a long recent run of failure and returning to the playoffs for the first time in a long time. A course is established for a long run of success into 2019 and beyond.

**Worst-case scenario**

Playoffs?!?! The 2018 Bears resemble the 2015 Bears, showing glimmers of hope under a new coach, pulling off a few notable upsets and producing enough success to stimulate belief that they are about to eventually turn a corner. Ultimately, though, it's all just a tease on the way to 10 losses.

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The picks are in



THE NFC					
NORTH					
SOUTH					
EAST					
WEST					
WILD CARDS					

THE AFC					
NORTH					
SOUTH					
EAST					
WEST					
WILD CARDS					

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS					
NFC					
AFC					

SUPER BOWL CHAMPION					

AWARDS					
MVP	Todd Gurley Rams RB	Aaron Rodgers Packers QB	Todd Gurley Rams RB	Aaron Rodgers Packers QB	Tom Brady Patriots QB
ROOKIES	Saquon Barkley Giants RB				
COACH	Sean McVay Rams	Andy Reid Chiefs	Mike Zimmer Vikings	Mike Zimmer Vikings	Kyle Shanahan 49ers

BEARS					
MVP	Jordan Howard RB	Khalil Mack OLB	Khalil Mack OLB	Khalil Mack OLB	Khalil Mack OLB
WINS	8	7	8	8	8
LOSSES	8	9	8	8	8
2017	Biggs was 9-7 in weekly picks	Campbell was 11-5 in weekly picks	Haugh was 8-8 in weekly picks	Kane was 9-7 in weekly picks	Wiederer was 12-4 in weekly picks



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Al Michaels, talking with the Cardinals' Josh Rosen, says his NFL enthusiasm hasn't waned.

It's a safe bet: Michaels will keep 'rascal' alive



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

Al Michaels feared the U.S. Supreme Court had issued a death sentence, but he will keep working to keep "the rascal" alive through appeal.

Set to call the Bears' season opener against the Packers on NBC's "Sunday Night Football," Michaels is beginning his

33rd season as the primary voice of NFL prime-time network broadcasts and his 10th paired with Cris Collinsworth as analyst.

Going back to his days on ABC's "Monday Night Football," Michaels has been amusing the wagering cognoscenti in Las Vegas — and beyond — slyly slipping supposedly taboo gambling references into telecasts.

One practically could hear him wink. It was an inside joke to look forward to late in a lopsided affair, even for viewers not actually invested in the game. Maybe it would be a reference to a team covering the point-spread. It might concern whether the total number of points scored had eclipsed the over-under betting line.

A classic example was when the visiting Bears trailed the 49ers 45-7 en route to a 52-14 loss on "Monday Night Football" in 1991.

"I said, 'You know, you might think this game is over, but it's not quite over,'" Michaels said, stressing the second "over" in a way that made its meaning unmistakable. "That was the stuff that people loved. That's 'the rascal' coming out.

"People thought there was an unwritten rule that announcers should not be cognizant of point-spreads and over-unders and the rest of it. So I played what I call 'the rascal' role, where I wouldn't say it outright, but I'd come in the side door. ... It kind of became my little thing."

With the nation's high court this year freeing states to legalize sports wagering, however, "the rascal" seemed at risk.

"If every announcer is going to be able to talk about this and this now is in the mainstream, I don't know what I'm going to do with 'the rascal' anymore," Michaels said. "Now I have to see how this thing shakes out fully and figure out a way to keep 'the rascal' alive."

For better or worse, it doesn't appear the NFL and its broadcast partners are ready for their announcers to talk openly about the Las Vegas line. Most states have been slow to move forward with legalization and there are potential obstacles to its acceptance among gamblers.

"You're going to have regulation now. You're going to have operators who want a cut. The league's going to want a cut," Michaels said. "If the regulators take out too much (money from the payback), people are going to go back to betting with their bookies."

Between ABC and NBC, Michaels has called 52 Bears regular-season games since 1986. Of those national broadcasts, the Bears have managed just 18 victories.

That's a .346 winning percentage in no way helped by nine losses to the Packers in a dozen prime-time matchups. Undaunted, Michaels for years has maintained he likes to see the Bears and Packers on his schedule, preferably early in the season before either team has fallen off.

"Look," he said, "it's just one of those rivalries that sings."

Since Collinsworth officially succeeded John Madden, he and Michaels have called 13 regular-season Bears games and this will be their fifth Bears-Packers broadcast.

"Some teams, when they play, it feels like a big game and (Bears-Packers) always feels like a big game," Collinsworth said. "At the very least, you know it's important to the people sitting in the stands.

"When you get that kind of energy going in the stadium, it just makes the whole thing more fun."

Ask him about memorable Bears-Packers games he has called, and Michaels concedes "they kind of run together" after hundreds of prime-time telecasts. Two that stand out do so on the strength of off-air imagery.

One was Jay Cutler's 2009 Bears debut on "SNF," a 21-15 Packers victory. "Cutler didn't have a very good first half

For better or worse, it doesn't appear the NFL and its broadcast partners are ready for their announcers to talk openly about the Las Vegas line.

as I recall," Michaels said. "I remember at halftime walking out behind the booth where the fans had congregated, and there was a Bears fan who had turned his Cutler jersey inside out."

Another memory was the 33-6 Bears loss on Halloween '94 during a torrential downpour at Soldier Field.

"(Brett) Favre had a tremendous game, but the thing I most remember is ... before the game, it was raining so hard — sideways — I was on the 30th floor of the hotel and it was just pelting the windows," Michaels said.

The late addition of standout defender Khalil Mack to the Bears roster adds intrigue to this year's game for fans already eager to see what first-year Bears coach Matt Nagy does with second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

But to play strongly in prime-time, where "SNF" is coming off an unprecedented seventh consecutive television season as the No. 1 prime-time show in all key metrics, requires winning over viewers who aren't exactly football die-hards.

"You lose a big percentage of your demographic if all you're doing is talking inside football," Michaels said, stressing that it's not enough that he considers Collinsworth unmatched "at diagramming and assessing and analyzing plays."

Said Collinsworth: "Every time I mention something like a three-technique, Al hits me on the back on the head. ... We really try to make our tent as big as it possibly can be.

"I'm definitely going to cram in a little football because it's who I am, but we try to tell stories. We try to take the helmets off the guys. We try to make them human beings."

For example, Michaels said, an unused note from before the Bears played in last month's preseason Hall of Fame Game likely will find its way into Sunday's telecast.

"When we had our meeting with (Nagy) a few days before the game, I said, 'I see you have four boys,'" Michaels said. "He said (he and his wife) had two boys and decided they would go for the girl — and not only do they not get the girl, they get twin boys.

"Obviously, you can go through Matt Nagy's resume and history and he was with Andy Reid and blah blah blah. ... You're trying to find little nuanced stories, information you think most people don't know."

One thing people (Michaels among them) don't know is how long he will continue presiding over "Sunday Night Football."

His 74th birthday is later this season and he has an open-ended arrangement with NBC to continue as long as he wants, much like Madden as "SNF" commentator.

Just as Collinsworth was in the wings in the event Madden called it quits, which Madden did with time remaining on his contract, the network appears to have Mike Tirico on deck. There seems to be no rush, however.

"I love what I do," Michaels said. "If I can't do it on the level that I want to do it, I'll be the first to know and say that's it. But I still get excited. I love being in the stadium. I love the atmosphere. I love when the lights come on.

"People say, 'Aren't you tired of it?' Not really. There's a part of me that relishes it even more because, whatever hole I'm on — I'm not on the fifth hole, I'm somewhere on the not nine — I'm just savoring every moment!"

For Michaels late in the game, too, one senses having "the rascal" around helps keep it interesting.

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The good

The hiring of Nagy, a former Chiefs quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator, was an instant boost to a Bears offense that ranked 30th in the NFL with 2874 yards per game and 29th with 16.5 points per game in 2017.

General manager Ryan Pace then stepped it up a notch by giving second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky a host of new targets. Pace dropped \$100 million in contracts to lure wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and tight end Trey Burton, and he traded back into the second round to nab wide receiver Anthony Miller.

Along with Nagy, the Bears provided Trubisky with a band of mentors — offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich, returning quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone and backup quarterbacks Chase Daniel and Tyler Bray — in an effort to help him improve upon a rookie year in which he completed 196 of 330 passes for 2,193 yards, seven touchdowns and seven interceptions.

“All the practices we’ve been able to get, it’s helped us a lot just as far as chemistry, timing, spacing and just really getting it down,” Trubisky said of his new targets. “We’ve thrown a lot of routes, and it’s really helped us. I can’t wait for Sunday night to roll around. My job is to get the ball to those guys because we’ve got a lot of talent and we’re ready to show that this year.”

Add another season of Jordan Howard, who rushed for 2,435 yards over his first two years, and his versatile complement Tarik Cohen, and the Bears offense looks like it should be on the rise.

Jordan Howard, rushing for a touchdown last year against the Bengals, has been a stalwart in the backfield.

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OFFENSE
By COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

#46 > FULLBACK
Michael Bu

#12 > **WIDE RECEIVER**
Allen Robinson
#11 > Kevin White
#83 > Javon Wims

The offense

Projected starters in bold

#80 > **TIGHT END**
Trey Burton
#88 > Dion Sims
#94 > Ben Braunecker
#85 > Daniel Brown

#70 > **RIGHT TACKLE**
Bobby Massie
#69 > Rashaad Coward

#75 > **RIGHT GUARD**
Kyle Long

#23 > **CORNERBACK**
Kyle Fuller
#31 > Marcus Cooper
#27 > Sherrick McManis

#96 > **DEFENSIVE END**
Akiem Hicks
#98 > Bilal Nichols
#97 > Nick Williams

#52 > **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**
Khalil Mack
#93 > Sam Acho
#99 > Aaron Lynch

#59 > **INSIDE LINEBACKER**
Danny Trevathan
#45 > Joel Iyegbuniwe



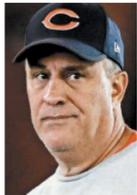
#39 > **SAFETY**
Eddie Jackson
#26 > Deon Bush

The good

Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio led a unit that was 10th best in the NFL with 319 yards allowed per game and ninth with 20 points allowed per game last season.

So it was a victory when Pace and Nagy convinced him to stay on board despite being passed over for the head coaching job.

The Bears locked up cornerback Kyle Fuller for four more years after a strong 2017 season and also return starting defensive linemen Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman, linebackers Danny Trevathan, Leonard Floyd and Nick Kwiatkoski and safeties Eddie Jackson and Adrian Amos.



Fangio

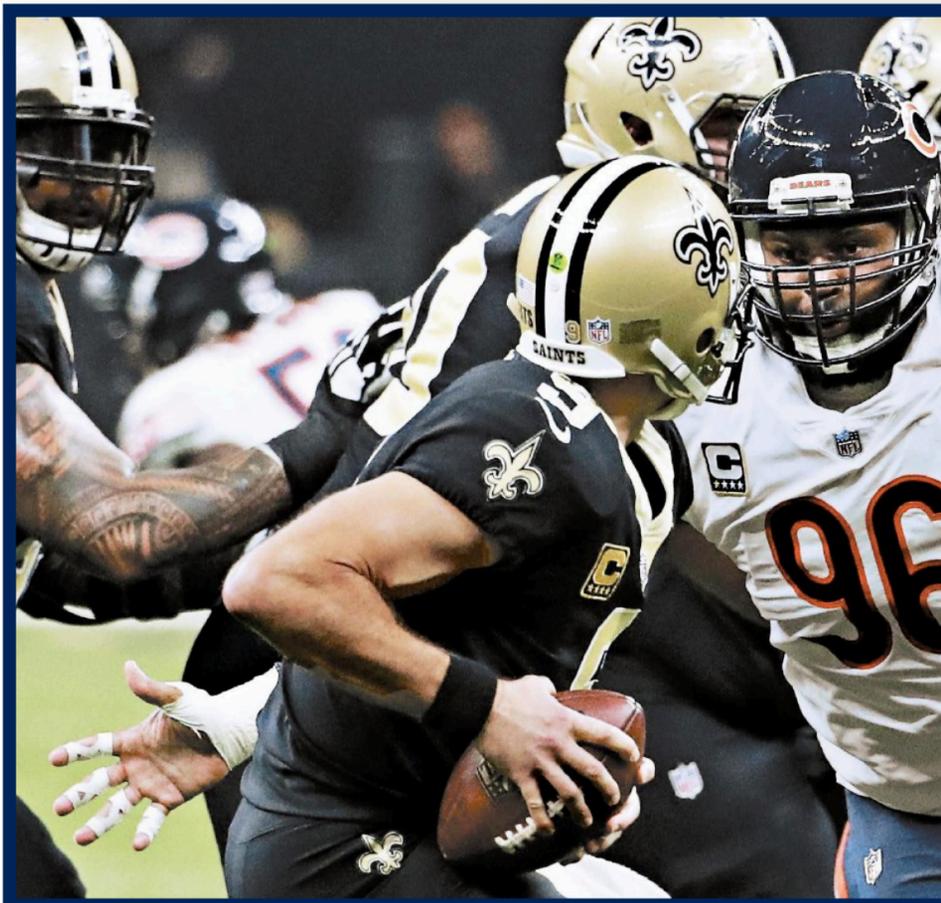
They used their No. 8 draft pick to select inside linebacker Roquan Smith, the Butkus Award winner, in hopes of Smith forming a formidable duo with Trevathan.

And they ended their last week of the preseason with news so big that calling it the cherry on top wouldn't be accurate. They traded a quartet of draft picks to land Raiders outside linebacker Khalil Mack, who owns 40½ career sacks, then made sure he could be on board through 2024 with a six-year, \$141 million contract extension.

“He makes this defense just a little bit more ferocious,” Hicks said. “Well, shoot, a lot of bits more ferocious. ... He’s just that player. He’s going to make us just that much more feared.”

Defensive end Akiem Hicks, on his way to sacking Drew Brees last season, will return to an improved defense.

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The bad

Trubisky hit his share of bumps as a rookie, giving fans reasons to swing between optimism and caution week to week. He may have better weapons at his disposal this season, but he also has a more complicated offense to run.

As he did when Trubisky was throwing interceptions in training camp, Nagy wants fans to know the quarterback's growth within the new offense will be a gradual process. He repeated that after he decided to sit most of his starters in the final two preseason games.

"This is going to take a little bit of time," Nagy said. "This isn't something that's just going to come out here and start firing away. I've told you that from the start. This is a process now. That's OK. That's no excuse, but that's what's real."

The Bears largely avoided the injury bug in the preseason, but a deep tight ends group took a hit. Adam Shaheen will start the year on injured reserve with a foot and ankle injury. Dion Sims (concussion) and Daniel Brown (shoulder) also dealt with preseason injuries.

The Bears have some uncertainties on the offensive line: the health of right guard Kyle Long, the snapping inconsistencies of center Cody Whitehair and how soon rookie guard/center James Daniels might be ready to move into the starting lineup to replace Eric Kush.

And to add a special teams note, kicker Cody Parkey missed three preseason field-goal tries, from 52, 52 and 39 yards.

The unknown

Much of the optimism about the Bears offense is predicated on potential and not past production.

Nagy has just six NFL games to his credit as a play-caller. Trubisky has four NFL victories. Robinson's best season was in 2015, and he's trying to regain top form while coming off an ACL tear that ended his 2017 season just as it was beginning. And Gabriel and Burton are preparing for bigger roles than they've been tasked with before.

The comebacks of Robinson and Long, who had neck, shoulder and elbow surgeries, feel very important.



RUNNING BACK
 #24 > Jordan Howard
 #29 > Tarik Cohen
 #30 > Benny Cunningham

QUARTERBACK
 #10 > Mitch Trubisky
 #4 > Chase Daniel

CENTER
 #5 > Cody Whitehair

LEFT GUARD
 #64 > Eric Kush
 #68 > James Daniels

LEFT TACKLE
 #72 > Charles Leno Jr.
 #79 > Bradley Sowell

WIDE RECEIVER
 #18 > Taylor Gabriel
 #17 > Anthony Miller
 #15 > Joshua Bellamy

NOSE TACKLE
 #1 > Eddie Goldman

DEFENSIVE END
 #90 > Jonathan Bullard
 #95 > Roy Robertson-Harris

CORNERBACK
 #20 > Prince Amukamara
 #37 > Bryce Callahan
 #22 > Kevin Toliver

INSIDE LINEBACKER
 #44 > Nick Kwiatkoski
 #58 > Roquan Smith

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
 #94 > Leonard Floyd
 #47 > Isaiah Irving
 #49 > Kylie Fitts

Projected starters in bold

The defense

SAFETY
 #38 > Adrian Amos
 #36 > DeAndre Houston-Carson

DEFENSE BY
BY COLLEEN KANE
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The bad

Smith's 29-day contract holdout put a damper on the summer excitement surrounding the first-round pick, and the hamstring tightness that kept him out the last two preseason games put into question how prepared he would be for the opener.

"He has been stacking good days," Nagy said. "There hasn't been a setback. ... Let's keep being cautiously optimistic with him, but we like where he's at."

Floyd suffered a fractured right hand in the third preseason game against the Broncos, and he'll be forced to start the season playing with a cast. That's on top of coming back from season-ending knee surgery.

With the additions of Mack and Smith, the Bears created depth among both linebackers groups, but their depth at other positions could be seen as spotty, particularly at cornerback if either Fuller or Amukamara goes down.

Even though the Bears ranked in the top 10 in yards and points, their eight interceptions last year were a franchise low for the third straight year and tied for 29th in the NFL.

The unknown

Bears coaches have touted Smith's intelligence and instincts, but it's not clear whether he's ready for his NFL debut after missing so much of training camp.

Bears outside linebackers coach Brandon Staley praised Floyd during training camp for better use of his hands when attacking opponents, and then Floyd broke one of them. Floyd's injury is not the worst case, given he can still play, but he'll have to get used to playing with the club. It remains to be seen how much that will affect him.

The Bears expect Mack's presence to make everybody's jobs on the defense easier. Could that lead to more takeaways for a defense that is stressing them? The Bears will start with a good test Sunday against the Packers and Aaron Rodgers.

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Week 1 picks

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times



BILLS (9-7)
AT RAVENS (9-7)
Noon Sunday
Ravens by 7 1/2 (O/U 40 1/2)

This is a pivotal season for both John Harbaugh and Joe Flacco in Baltimore. The Bills figure to struggle this season. Nathan Peterman isn't going to blow anybody away, especially on the road. **Ravens 24, Bills 13**



JAGUARS (10-6)
AT GIANTS (3-13)
Noon Sunday
Jaguars by 3 (O/U 43)

Eli Manning looks comfortable in Pat Shurmur's scheme, and the Giants will take the wrapper off budding star Saquon Barkley. Still, the Jaguars are ultra-talented on defense and have the edge here. **Jaguars 24, Giants 21**



BUCCANEERS (5-11)
AT SAINTS (11-5)
Noon Sunday
Saints by 9 1/2 (O/U 49 1/2)

The expectation of some is that the Saints will come out and run the way they did last year, but watch for Drew Brees to light up the scoreboard. The Buccaneers will struggle without Jameis Winston. **Saints 28, Buccaneers 17**



TEXANS (4-12)
AT PATRIOTS (13-3)
Noon Sunday
Patriots by 6 (O/U 50 1/2)

Deshaun Watson is going to be fun to watch, but this one will fall to the Texans defense, which will be smothering as long as the starters stay healthy. The Patriots have come out flat at home before — as in last year. **Texans 27, Patriots 23**



49ERS (6-10)
AT VIKINGS (13-3)
Noon Sunday, FOX-32
Vikings by 6 1/2 (O/U 46)

Improved as the 49ers are, they're getting too much hype. They're banged up and facing an opponent that could wind up with a top-five offense and defense. Expect a big debut for Kirk Cousins. **Vikings 28, 49ers 17**



TITANS (9-7)
AT DOLPHINS (6-10)
Noon Sunday
Titans by 1 (O/U 45)

The Dolphins are an underdog at home, although they might be a little better than expected. They'll have a tough time stopping the run, though, and the Titans are going to grind it out on the ground. **Titans 21, Dolphins 17**



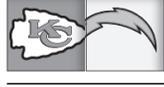
BENGALS (7-9)
AT COLTS (4-12)
Noon Sunday, CBS-2
Colts by 2 1/2 (O/U 48)

It's great that Andrew Luck is back, but the last Colts regime did a lousy job of building a top-notch roster around him. The Bengals are loaded with offensive talent, and they could do some damage on that side. **Bengals 31, Colts 21**



STEELERS (13-3)
AT BROWNS (0-16)
Noon Sunday
Steelers by 4 (O/U 44)

The Browns are going to be vastly improved. Then again, they were 0-16 last year. That said, Ben Roethlisberger owns Ohio, and the Steelers are going to make it clear there's still an AFC North pecking order. **Steelers 38, Browns 17**



CHIEFS (10-6)
AT CHARGERS (9-7)
3:05 p.m. Sunday
Chargers by 3 (O/U 48)

The Chiefs have an explosive offense, and Patrick Mahomes is an intriguing talent, but they are old and vulnerable on the other side of the ball. Philip Rivers will take advantage of that and get his team started right. **Chargers 28, Chiefs 24**



SEAHAWKS (9-7)
AT BRONCOS (5-11)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Broncos by 3 (O/U 42 1/2)

It's hard to pick against the Broncos at home. Case Keenum is solid if not spectacular, and he has a dangerous weapon in rookie receiver Courtland Sutton. The overhauled Seahawks defense will need some time. **Broncos 24, Seahawks 20**



COWBOYS (9-7)
AT PANTHERS (11-5)
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32
Panthers by 3 (O/U 42 1/2)

Everybody is going to load the box against the Cowboys and make Dak Prescott beat them with his arm. The Panthers do a good job of stopping the run anyway. The Cowboys will struggle to score. **Panthers 21, Cowboys 17**



REDSKINS (7-9)
AT CARDINALS (8-8)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Cardinals by 1 (O/U 43 1/2)

Both of these teams figure to struggle this season. The Cardinals have David Johnson back, and he could be a pivotal factor in this one. The Redskins' Adrian Peterson could put up some yards against his old team. **Cardinals 21, Redskins 17**



BEARS (5-11)
AT PACKERS (7-9)
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5
Packers by 7 1/2 (O/U 47)

It's dangerous to bet against Aaron Rodgers, especially at home, and the Packers have won 16 of their last 20 against the Bears. Still, the Bears defense will keep this close and interesting. **Packers 24, Bears 20**



JETS (5-11)
AT LIONS (9-7)
6:10 p.m. Monday, ESPN
Lions by 6 1/2 (O/U 45)

There's a lot of excitement surrounding Jets rookie Sam Darnold, but it's tricky to bet on a rookie making his debut on the road. The experienced Matthew Stafford gets the nod in this one. **Lions 28, Jets 21**



RAMS (11-5)
AT RAIDERS (6-10)
9:20 p.m. Monday, ESPN
Rams by 4 (O/U 49 1/2)

The Rams could be rusty, considering their starters stayed on the sideline this summer, but that shouldn't hold them back long. The Raiders are still regaining their equilibrium after trading Khalil Mack. **Rams 34, Raiders 20**

BEARS NOTES

Fangio sees 'domino effect' from Mack

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Before this week, Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio last spoke to the media July 31.

At that point, rookie inside linebacker Roquan Smith was still in the middle of his 29-day contract holdout and the buzz around the Bears outside linebackers corps was whether Aaron Lynch would return from injury to alleviate depth issues.

On Thursday at Halas Hall, Fangio had a rosier picture to reflect on, with Smith in the fold and former NFL Defensive Player of the Year Khalil Mack on board at outside linebacker preparing for Sunday night's opener against the Packers.

When asked how he felt when he found out the Bears acquired Mack on Saturday, Fangio deadpanned, "Great." But he expounded on how a player like Mack can create "a domino effect" on the performances of other players, while also noting the Bears' defensive success is going to rely on much more than one new arrival.

"Anytime you get a player of his ability it ... helps make the players around him better," Fangio said. "But he has been the same player in Oakland throughout his career — very well decorated and a lot of honors that he deserved — and Oakland was never better than mid-20s in defense. So one guy doesn't make a whole unit, as pretty evident by that?"

Fangio's main concern this week was seeing how quickly Mack and Smith, who has been limited by hamstring tightness, can be ready for the trip to Lambeau Field.

Fangio noted that after ending his 2017 holdout Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald had one week to prepare for the

Week 2 matchup against the Redskins, and he played 48 snaps on defense. He said others have played around 20 snaps with similar preparation time.

Fangio said what he has seen from Mack so far has been good.

"(We need to) just to see how he's moving around," Fangio said. "How well he understands what his job is, which is very important. And just as important how his body reacts to it the next day or during the practice."

Fangio said he hasn't seen Smith make much progress on the field because he hardly has practiced in a full capacity since reporting. He noted Smith hasn't tackled anybody since he recorded 13 tackles and a sack in the national championship game between Georgia and Alabama on Jan. 8.

"At some point you just have to put him in there," Fangio said. "You can't just say he hasn't tackled anybody since last January. He's going to have to do it at some point."

Oh, captain: Coach Matt Nagy said the team will not have the same captains all season but will select them on a weekly basis via coach and player input.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, defensive end Akiem Hicks and running back Benny Cunningham are the Week 1 captains.

"It gives guys opportunities to have ownership, accountability and be a leader for a week," Nagy said.

Injury report: Safety DeAndre Houston-Carson didn't practice because of a broken forearm and back injury, and tight end Daniel Brown was limited with a shoulder injury.

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NFL NOTES

Texans gearing up for Patriots

Associated Press

Injuries prevented the Texans from finding out exactly what their team could have been last season.

Star defensive end J.J. Watt, linebacker Whitney Mercilus and quarterback Deshaun Watson were among 21 players who spent time on injured reserve during the 2017 campaign. The season predictably imploded, ending with six straight losses.

But before the avalanche of injuries, the Texans gave the eventual AFC champion Patriots all they could handle during a Week 3 visit to Gillette Stadium.

Despite having a rookie signal caller in Watson, the Texans' offense matched touchdowns with the Patriots. The Texans were headed for an improbable victory before Tom Brady rescued his team with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brandin Cooks in the final minute for a 36-33 victory.

Now healed and with a revamped defense, the Texans return to New England on Sunday to open the season.

"I'm just looking forward to playing football again," said Watt, who has had parts of the past two seasons derailed by injuries. "Obviously the last two years have been very rough for me ... everything that I've had to go through in the rehabs and the recoveries. But I'm just looking to getting back out on the field."

Sherman sees lockout: A day after the 49ers elected Richard Sherman as their player representative, the veteran cornerback said he believes a lockout is coming when the collective bargaining agreement expires.

"It's going to happen, so it's not like guys are guessing," Sherman said.



MATT ROURKE/AP

EAGLES 18, FALCONS 12 | Devonta Freeman and the Falcons opened the season against the Eagles on Thursday night. For coverage, visit chicagotribune.com/sports

The current CBA doesn't expire until after the 2020 season, but there have been rumblings that players might dig in their heels to get certain economic changes, including more guaranteed money in contracts.

Sherman said he's expecting a lockout "because there was a lockout before."

Cowboys strike deal: The Cowboys say they are the first NFL team to have a sponsorship agreement with a casino.

The deal with WinStar World Casino and Resort in Oklahoma was announced Thursday. League owners voted recently to allow clubs to strike such deals. Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said he's "excited about the future of gaming as it relates to the NFL."

Extra points: Although the stadium in Inglewood, Calif., is still nearly two years from completion, the Rams and Chargers are ready to fill it up. The Rams will begin season ticket sales in about two weeks for more than 50,000 seats in the under-construction stadium at Hollywood Park. The Chargers will put general season tickets on sale in the first week of October. ... Chargers DE Joey Bosa did not practice, leaving his status for the opener against the Chiefs in doubt. The third-year player did not play in the preseason after he injured his left foot on Aug. 7. ... Former Browns LB Mychal Kendricks pleaded guilty to insider trading charges and faces up to 25 years in prison when he's sentenced in December.



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CUBS 6, NATIONALS 4 (10)



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Kyle Hendricks bears down against the Nationals on Thursday night. Hendricks pitched five innings and allowed one earned run.

Cubs rally in D.C.

Cubs, from Page 1

improved to 5-4 on this four-city, 11-game trip. "We really fought through some difficult moments, and the whole team has been playing (well).

"Part of it is when you have 23 in a row, you just know this in advance, you settle in. your mind says you have 23, no one is going to cry. You know this. There's no sense in crying and complaining. You have to do this."

The Cubs overcame an uneven performance from starter Kyle Hendricks, who was tagged for Mark Reynolds' two-run homer in the fourth and was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the sixth.

But even after trailing 4-3 entering the top of the eighth, the Cubs' confidence never wavered. That was evident to Almora, whose double allowed the Cubs to score the tying run on Wilson Contreras' fielder's choice.

Unfortunately for the Cubs, Almora was caught off second base for the inning's first out.

"From my experience, confidence is a key to winning clubs," Almora said. "That's something we have right now. If we mess up — no matter what — everyone is there to

pick you up and get the next guy going. That's all you can ask for. No one is perfect, but it's how you bounce back from little things, and that's how we do it.

"I made that mistake, and they pointed out the positives of that inning and it gave me some piece of mind in that at-bat (in the 10th). It was good."

After Edwards put go-ahead runs at second and third with one out in the eighth, Wilson struck out Reynolds and induced Wilfer Difo to line to left to end the threat. Wilson has stranded 29 of 31 inherited runners this season

"That's the game," Maddon said of Wilson's performance. "That moment is the game. (Wilson) got ready fast and threw quality strikes. He's right where he wanted to be.

"Right now he's throwing the ball really well, and the kind of hitter that Reynolds is presented a good matchup (for Wilson). To win that game, you want/like Wilson versus Reynolds and Difo (batting from the right side)."

The Cubs survived despite stranding 11 runners.

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THE BOX SCORE

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Murphy 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.302
g-Davis ph	1	0	1	0	0	.500
Baez 3b-ss	6	1	1	0	3	.295
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.286
Zobrist rf	4	0	2	2	0	.313
Bryant lf-3b	3	1	1	0	1	.277
Almora cf	5	1	2	0	1	.292
Contreras c	4	0	0	1	0	.258
Bote 2b	1	1	1	1	0	.254
Hendricks p	2	0	0	0	2	.056
c-Happ ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.240
Russell ss	3	0	0	0	0	.257
Caratini c	1	0	0	0	1	.241
TOTALS	40	6	11	6	10	

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Eaton rf	4	0	1	0	1	.300
Zimmerman ph	1	0	0	0	0	.266
Turner ss	4	1	1	1	3	.271
Harper cf-rf	4	1	0	0	1	.248
Rendon 3b	5	1	2	1	0	.297
Soto lf	5	0	2	0	2	.300
Reynolds 1b	5	1	2	2	1	.268
Difo 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.242
Kieboom c	3	1	3	0	0	.206
e-Stevenson ph	1	0	0	0	1	.246
Strasburg p	1	0	0	0	1	.118
Robles ph-cf	2	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	39	4	11	4	12	

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E: Baez (12), Rendon (5). LOB: CUBS 11, Washington 8. 2B: Rizzo (25), Almora (24), Bote (8), Rendon (36), Soto (21). HR: Reynolds (13), off Hendricks. RBIs: Rizzo (9), Zobrist 2 (55), Contreras (49), Bote (27), Davis (1), Turner (59), Rendon (68), Reynolds 2 (38). SB: Gore (2). CS: Robles (1). SF: Zobrist. S: Strasburg.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	5	6	4	1	0	6	3.71
Rosario	1 2/3	3	0	0	0	0	2.95
Cishek	1/2	0	0	0	0	1	1.99
Edwards Jr.	1/2	1	0	0	1	0	2.35
Wilson	1/2	0	0	0	0	1	2.84
Strop, W, 5-1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.37
Chavez, S, 4-5	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.92

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strasburg	5 2/3	6	3	2	3	6	4.04
Grace, H, 5	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	2.75
Glover, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.48
Miller, BS, 1-3	1/2	2	1	1	0	1	3.97
Collins	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	3.57
Holland	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.45
Cordero, L, 1-2	1 3/4	3	2	2	1	2	5.06

HPB: Strasburg (Bryant), Miller (La Stella). Umpires: H, Mike Mchulinski; 1B, Mike Winters; 2B, Jansen Visconti; 3B, Tim Timmons. Time: 4:00. A: 32,070 (41,313).

CUBS NOTES

Time is short for Morrow

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Sunday marks perhaps the last chance to see if closer Brandon Morrow can rejoin the Cubs this season.

"That will tell me a lot and everything from there on out will be toward returning hopefully after the day off (Sept. 13)," Morrow said. "That's what we have had our eye on."

That concurs with manager Joe Maddon's assessment that Morrow "barely" has enough time to return from a bone bruise in his forearm that has sidelined him in the second half. Morrow revealed he experienced soreness and ached last weekend and that raised yellow flags concerning his return.

Morrow played catch Wednesday from 110 feet and said he felt fine. Nevertheless, he hasn't thrown off a mound in nearly three weeks and Maddon virtually ruled out Morrow being able to pitch on consecutive days even if he returns.

"I know there's not much time left," said Morrow, who hasn't pitched in a game since July 15. "Obviously, there's not time for a rehab assignment. It would have to be a (simulated) game if my arm holds up. Then the first couple (of outings) will have to be scripted but I'll be in games."

The confidence that Morrow expressed last weekend about a return has vanished.

"I'm hoping it holds up and doesn't hurt too bad or at least get as many appearances as it takes," he said. "I don't know if pain is going to plateau or how many innings it takes to where I can't go anymore."

Morrow has a 1.47 ERA with 22 saves in 35 appearances.

Murphy's return: Daniel Murphy was greeted with a video tribute for his 2 1/2 seasons with the Nationals before Thursday night's game in his first game since getting traded to the Cubs.

"There are definitely emotions," Murphy said before the game. "When I got back here (early Thursday morning), I slept in my own bed and played in a road game. But I check on all the guys and check on the relationships me and my family were able to build over the last 2 1/2 seasons, relationships that I've cherished that I will take long beyond my playing days."

Tops in minors: Short-season Class A Eugene outfielder Nelson Velazquez and high Class A Myrtle Beach pitcher Cory Abbott were named the organization's minor-league player and pitcher of the month for August.

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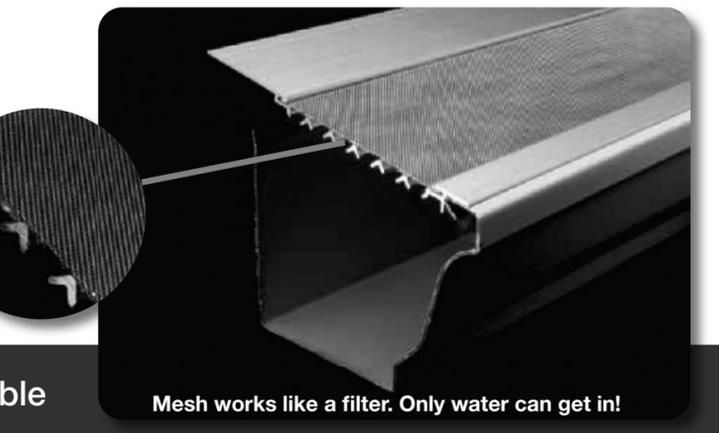
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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
Cubs	Lester (L)		15-5	3.53	21-7	2-0	17.2	2.04
Was	Ross (R)	6:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
SD	Kennedy (R)		1-2	5.76	1-4	1-1	16.0	2.81
Cin	DeSclafani (R)	5:40p	7-4	4.37	10-6	1-0	16.1	5.51
Mia	Strally (R)		5-6	4.13	10-12	1-1	20.0	2.70
PH	Archer (R)	6:05p	4-7	4.56	11-12	0-2	14.0	5.14
Phi	Nola (R)		15-4	2.23	19-9	1-1	20.2	2.18
NY	Matz (L)	6:10p	5-11	4.40	12-13	0-1	19.0	1.89
SF	Holland (L)		7-8	3.56	14-12	1-0	17.1	1.56
Mil	Anderson (R)	7:10p	9-7	3.96	14-13	2-0	16.0	3.94
LA	Kershaw (L)		6-5	2.40	11-10	1-0	22.0	2.05
Col	Gray (R)	7:40p	11-7	4.70	16-10	2-0	19.0	4.26
Ari	Gausman (R)		9-9	3.78	11-16	2-0	19.0	0.47
Atl	Corbin (L)	8:40p	10-5	3.06	16-12	0-1	18.0	2.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
LA	Pena (R)		1-4	4.19	5-8	0-1	19.0	3.79
Sox	Rodon (L)	7:10p	6-4	2.89	8-7	2-1	19.1	3.72
Cle	Carrasco (R)		16-8	3.52	16-10	1-2	17.2	5.09
Tor	Estrella (R)	6:07p	7-11	5.43	11-13	1-2	11.2	10.80
Bal	Bundy (R)		7-13	5.36	8-18	0-2	14.1	8.79
TB	Snell (L)	6:10p	17-5	2.02	17-9	3-0	18.2	1.45
Hou	Cole (R)		13-5	2.86	20-8	2-0	16.2	4.32
Bos	Price (L)	6:10p	14-6	3.60	20-6	2-0	18.0	2.50
KC	Fillmyer (R)		2-1	4.01	3-6	1-0	16.0	5.06
Min	Gonsalves (L)	7:10p	0-2	9.90	1-2	0-2	10.0	9.90
Tex	Gallardo (R)		8-3	6.06	10-3	1-1	16.0	4.50
Oak	Bassitt (R)	9:05p	2-3	3.19	4-3	1-0	14.1	3.77
Sea	Tanaka (R)		10-5	3.83	14-9	1-1	20.0	2.70
NY	Paxton (L)	9:10p	11-5	3.74	15-10	2-0	11.0	6.55

INTERLEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
STL	Gomber (L)		5-0	2.77	7-0	2-0	18.0	2.50
Det	Norris (L)	6:10p	0-3	5.49	0-3	0-2	11.1	4.76

Team rec: Team's record in games started by this pitcher. **Vs. Opp.:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Cubs 6, WASHINGTON 2
San Diego 6, CINCINNATI 2
Cleveland 9, TORONTO 4
Atlanta 7, ARIZONA 6 (10)

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Cubs at Washington, 6:05
L.A. Angels at **White Sox**, 6:10
Miami at Pittsburgh, 3:05
Houston at Boston, 3:05
Texas at Oakland, 3:05
Cleveland at Toronto, 3:07
San Diego at Cincinnati, 3:10
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:10
St. Louis at Detroit, 5:10
Kansas City at Minnesota, 6:10
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 6:10
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 6:10
Atlanta at Arizona, 7:10
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:10
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 8:10

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Gennett, CIN	136	518	82	166	.320
Yelich, MIL	125	500	96	158	.316
Zobrist, CHI	117	380	60	119	.313
DeKloof, ATL	121	463	73	139	.309
Cain, MIL	121	463	76	143	.309
Martinez, STL	132	460	53	142	.309
Freeman, COL	140	540	87	165	.306
Story, COL	138	520	77	158	.298
Arenado, COL	133	498	88	148	.297
Rendon, WAS	115	448	69	133	.297

HOME RUNS	DOUBLES
Carpenter, STL 35	Markakis, ATL 40
Goldschmidt, ARI 32	TRIPLES 10
Muncy, LA 32	Cody, ARI 10
Aguilar, MIL 31	STOLEN BASES 31
Turner, WAS 31	Turner, WAS 35
Harper, WAS 31	PITCHING
Story, COL 31	Scherzer, WAS 16.6
Suarez, CIN 31	Lester, CHI 15.5
NOLA, PHI 15.4	Nola, PHI 15.4
Blackmon, COL 100	Chacin, MI 14-6
Mitchell, MIL 16.8	Ramirez, CL 2.28
Carpenter, STL 93	Foltynewicz, ATL 2.75
Albies, ATL 92	ERA
HRP, WAS 89	deGrom, NY 1.68
Nola, PHI 2.23	Nola, PHI 2.23
Schwarz, CHI 100	Ramirez, CL 2.28
Suarez, CIN 100	Foltynewicz, ATL 2.75
Aguilar, MIL 95	Freeland, COL 2.96
Story, COL 95	STRIKEOUTS
Arenado, COL 93	Scherzer, WAS 260
deGrom, NY 230	deGrom, NY 230
Markakis, ATL 169	Corbin, ARI 214
Gennett, CIN 166	Nola, PHI 188
Freeman, ATL 165	Marquez, COL 184
Peraza, CIN 158	through Thursday

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Cubs 6, Milwaukee 4
Detroit 10, WHITE SOX 2
Boston 9, ATLANTA 8
CLEVELAND 3, Kansas City 1
MILWAUKEE 2, Philadelphia 1
TORONTO 10, Tampa Bay 3
PITTSBURGH 3, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. DODGERS 3
St. Louis 7, WASHINGTON 6
L.A. Angels 9, TEXAS 3
BRISTOL 9, Minnesota 3
COLORADO 5, San Francisco 3
OAKLAND 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
SEATTLE 5, Baltimore 2
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CALENDAR
Friday: Last day to be contracted to an organization and be eligible for postseason roster.
Oct. 2-3: Wild-card games.

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Betts, BOS	121	468	111	157	.335
J.Martinez, BOS	132	507	103	170	.335
Altuve, HOU	118	462	71	147	.318
Seaver, SEA	127	423	82	164	.314
Troust, LA	120	407	88	124	.305
Merrifield, KC	135	533	69	162	.304
Brantley, CLE	125	501	77	152	.303
MSmith, TB	119	387	51	117	.302
BRISTOL, MI	133	424	95	156	.299
Andujar, NY	128	491	74	146	.297

HOME RUNS	DOUBLES
Davis, OAK 40	Bregman, HOU 47
Martinez, BOS 39	TRIPLES 9
Ramirez, CL 37	Smith, TB 9
Cruz, SEA 34	Sanchez, CHI 9
Gallo, TEX 34	STOLEN BASES
Lindor, SEA 30	Carroll, SEA 30
Linsler, CLE 117	PITCHING
Betts, BOS 111	Betts, BOS 111
Martinez, BOS 103	Kluber, CLE 18-7
Benintendi, BOS 97	Seaver, NY 17-7
Bregman, HOU 95	Bregman, HOU 95
RBI	Carrasco, CLE 16-8
Martinez, BOS 115	Correia, BOS 16-7
Davis, OAK 106	Davis, OAK 106
Bregman, HOU 96	Sale, BOS 15-7
Ramirez, CL 96	Sale, BOS 15-7
Encarnacion, CL 94	TB 2.02
Bauer, CLE 2.22	ERA
HITS	Verlander, HOU 2.73
Martinez, BOS 170	Kluber, CLE 2.75
Lindor, SEA 157	Bauer, CLE 2.74
Seaver, SEA 164	Verlander, HOU 2.48
Merrifield, KC 162	Cole, HOU 2.43
Castellanos, DET 158	Sale, BOS 2.19
Bauer, CLE 244	Bauer, CLE 244
Bregman, HOU 156	through Thursday

INDIANS 9, BLUE JAYS 4

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	5	3	4	4	0	.288
Kipnis 2b	5	1	0	1	1	.230
Ramirez 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.286
Encarnacion dh	5	1	3	0	1	.238
Alonso 1b	5	0	0	0	3	.241
Barnes rf	0	0	0	0	2	.278
B.Games cf	0	1	1	0	0	.255
Gomes c	4	1	1	0	0	.255
G.Allen cf	4	1	2	1	0	.242
Guyler lf	4	1	1	1	0	.205
TOTALS	33	9	13	9	9	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKinney rf	3	0	1	0	0	.351
e-Grichuk ph-rf	3	0	1	0	0	.244
Travis 2b	5	0	1	0	0	.239
Gurriel Jr. ss	3	1	1	0	0	.294
Morales dh	3	1	0	0	0	.259
Pillar cf	4	0	0	0	2	.246
Tellez 1b	4	1	3	1	0	.400
1-Davis pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Smook 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Hernandez lf	4	1	0	0	3	.241
DeGuzman c	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Diaz 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.255
b-Urena ph	1	0	0	0	1	.255
TOTALS	36	4	11	3	9	

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a-singled for McKinney in the 7th. b-struck out for Diaz in the 9th. 1-ran for Tellez in the 8th. **E:** Alonso (10), Travis (9), Paulino (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, Toronto 7. **2B:** G.Allen (7), Guyer (9), Tellez 3 (4), Hernandez (27), McGuire (1), HR: Lindor (32), off Gaviglio; Lindor (33), off Gaviglio; Kipnis (15), off Leiter Jr.; RBIs: Lindor (4), Kipnis (6), G.Allen (2), G.Arenado (2), Guyer (24), Tellez (2), Hernandez (2), SS: Ramirez (6).

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Bieber, W, 9-3 6½ 7 4 3 1 6 4.63
 Olson 0 1 0 0 0 0 6.23
 Cimber, H, 12 ½ 1 0 0 0 3.41
 C.Allen, H, 6 1 0 0 0 0 5.40
 Otero 1 2 0 0 0 1 5.40

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Gaviglio, L, 3-8 4½ 6 5 5 0 4 5.25
 Fernandez ½ 5 0 0 0 0 2.25
 Shaffer 1 2 1 0 1 0 0.00
 D.Barnes 1 0 0 0 0 1 5.50
 Paulino 4 0 0 0 0 2 2.00
 Leiter Jr. 1 3 3 3 0 2 6.27

HRP: Leiter Jr. (Guyer), **Umpires:** H, Chad Whitson; 1B, Alan Porter; 2B, Angel Hernandez; 3B, Todd Tichenor. **Time:** 2:53. **A:** 20,618 (53,506).

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 3

LATE WEDNESDAY	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
SAN FRANCISCO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Panik 2b	5	1	2	0	0	.247
Hanson ss	4	1	1	0	1	.263
Longoria 3b	4	1	0	0	0	.263
Belt 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.259
Slater rf	4	0	2	1	2	.286
Shaw lf	4	0	0	0	3	.071
Hernandez cf	3	0	0	0	2	.264
Garcia c	3	1	1	2	0	.500
d-Blanco ph	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Suarez p	2	0	0	0	1	.071
Melanson p	1	0	0	0	0	—
Black p	0	0	0	0	0	—
e-Jones ph	1	0	0	0	1	.333
TOTALS	34	3	9	2	12	

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon cf	4	0	0	0	2	.282
LeMahieu 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.272
Arenado 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.297
Stroy ss	4	3	3	1	2	.298
Holliday lf	3	0	1	0	2	.375
1-Parra pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Desmond 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.229
Nolaner rf	4	0	0	0	2	.286
Iannetta cf	1	0	0	0	0	.219
Senzatela p	1	0	0	0	1	.071
a-Murphy ph	1	0	0	0	0	.225
Musgrave p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Almonte p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Hamption ph	0	0	0	0	0	.273
c-McMahon ph	1	0	0	0	1	.236
Oberg p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Chirinos p	0	0	0</			

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
			@GB 7:20 NBC-5 AM-780				
	@WAS 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	@WAS 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670	@WAS 12:35 TBS AM-670	MIL 7:05 NBCSCH AM-670	MIL 7:05 WGN-9 AM-670	MIL 7:05 ABC-7 AM-670	
	LAA 7:10 NBCSCH+ AM-720	LAA 6:10 NBCSCH AM-720	LAA 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	@KC 7:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@KC 7:15 NBCSCH AM-720	@KC 7:15 NBCSCH AM-720	
							NEXT: Sept. 16 ORL. 4 FS1

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	MLBN
6 p.m. Astros at Red Sox	
6:05 p.m. Cubs at Nationals	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
7:10 p.m. Angels at White Sox	NBCSCH+, WGN-AM 720

BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Hall of Fame enshrinement	NBA TV
8 p.m. WNBA Finals, G1: Mystics at Storm	ESPNNews

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. TCU at SMU	ESPN2
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6 p.m. Trinity Christian (Texas) vs. Florida A&M	ESPNU
7:30 p.m. Naperville North at Naperville Central	WCUI-26.2
7:30 p.m. Grayslake North at Antioch	CN100

GOLF

8:30 a.m. Omega Masters	Golf Channel
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1 p.m. PGA BMW Championship	Golf Channel
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SOCCER

1:30 p.m. UEFA Nations League, Poland at Italy	ESPN2
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6 p.m. College men, UCLA at Maryland	BTN
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7 p.m. Men's friendly, Brazil at U.S.	FS1
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9 p.m. NWSL, Seattle at Portland	Lifetime
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TENNIS

11 a.m. U.S. Open men's doubles final	ESPN2
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3 p.m. U.S. Open men's semifinals	ESPN
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TRANSACTIONS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
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FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Cincinnati: Waived DT Chris Okoye and CB Josh Shaw from the reserve/injured list with injury settlements.
Miami: Placed TE MarQueis Gray on injured reserve. Signed TE Gavin Escobar.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Columbus: Signed president of hockey operations John Davidson and general manager Armo Kekalainen to contract extensions. Promoted Bill Zito to associate general manager and signed him to a contract extension.
HORSE RACING
National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame: Named Cate Johnson as acting director.
SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Independent Panel: Rescinded the one-game suspension and fine for the red card issued to Seattle D Chad Marshall in a Sept. 1 match against Sporting Kansas City.
COLLEGE
Oregon State: Announced the retirement of baseball coach Pat Casey.
Tennessee: Signed men's basketball coach Rick Barnes to a three-year contract extension through the 2023-24 season.

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BLACKHAWKS

Questions surround Crawford

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
 Chicago Tribune

Nothing is more important to the Blackhawks than whether Corey Crawford will be ready to skate the first day of training camp Sept. 14.

Crawford said in July he was not skating and wouldn't return to the ice from last year's upper-body injury, believed to be concussion-related, until he was 100 percent. Hawks President John McDonough expects him to contribute this season but wasn't sure Thursday if he had started skating.

"We're hoping he's ready for camp (next week) and ... ready to go when the season starts," he said.

If Crawford can't go, the team likely will turn to veteran newcomer Cam Ward, who has hoisted the Stanley Cup as a starting goalie but is viewed as past his prime.

McDonough fought back against the idea that the Hawks' success is tied to core players such as Crawford, Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith.

"To me, every single guy on your roster is part of the core," McDonough said. "The 13th forward or the seventh defenseman or the backup goalie or the head coach or your assistant coach. Every single one of them are part of the core."

Do the Hawks have the horses to return to the post-season? McDonough believes they do, and one of the games he expects to win will be Jan. 1 at Notre Dame Stadium when the Hawks face the Bruins in the NHL's Winter Classic. The Hawks and Bruins had a news conference at the United Center with Toews, Alex DeBrincat and Bruins stars Patrick Bergeron and Charlie McAvoy to promote the outdoor game.

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JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Serena Williams struggled at the outset before winning 12 of the next 13 games to cruise into the U.S. Open final.

U.S. OPEN

Serena steamrolls into 31st Slam final

By HOWARD FENDRICH
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was a bit shaky at the start of her U.S. Open semifinal.

For all of six minutes. That's how long it took her to drop the opening two games. Williams spent the next hour playing flawlessly, particularly at the net, and grabbed 12 of the last 13 games to beat No. 19 seed Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia 6-3, 6-0 and reach her ninth final at Flushing Meadows and 31st in Grand Slam tournaments.

"I've been working hard on my volleys. I have won a few doubles championships so I know how to volley," Williams said with a laugh, before adding this punch line: "I just usually come in only to shake hands."

With one more victory, Williams will earn her seventh U.S. Open championship and her 24th major singles trophy, equaling Margaret Court for the most in tennis history.

On Saturday, Williams will face No. 20 seed Naomi Osaka, a 20-year-old who is the first Japanese woman

to reach a Grand Slam final. Osaka saved all 13 break points she faced and defeated 2017 runner-up Madison Keys 6-2, 6-4.

Asked during her on-court interview how she managed to stave off all of those break chances, Osaka replied with a laugh, "This is going to sound really bad, but I was just thinking, 'I really want to play Serena.'"

A year ago, Williams missed the U.S. Open because she gave birth to her daughter, Olympia, during the tournament. She then dealt with complications related to blood clots. Now comes a chance, a few weeks shy of turning 37, to become the oldest woman to win a Grand Slam singles title.

In the men's semifinals Friday, top-ranked Rafael Nadal played third-seeded Juan Martin del Potro, and No. 6 seed Novak Djokovic meets No. 21 Kei Nishikori. All four players have reached the U.S. Open final — only Nishikori hasn't won it — to make this the first Grand Slam final four since the 2012 Australian Open in which all four players were past finalists.

NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEEK 1

THURSDAY'S RESULT	PHILADELPHIA 18, Atlanta 12
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SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bears at Green Bay, 7:20 (NBC-5)
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, noon (CBS-2)
Tennessee at Miami, noon
San Francisco at Minnesota, noon (FOX-32)
Houston at New England, noon
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, noon
Buffalo at Baltimore, noon
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 3:05
Seattle at Denver, 3:25
Washington at Arizona, 3:25
Dallas at Carolina, 3:25 (FOX-32)

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 6:10 (ESPN)
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 9:20 (ESPN)

EAGLES 18, FALCONS 12

Atlanta	3	3	0	6-12
Philadelphia	0	3	7	8-18

First quarter

Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0

Second quarter

Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0

Third quarter

Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0

Fourth quarter

Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATS

	ATL	PHI
First downs	16	18
Total net yards	299	232
Rushes-yards	18-7	27-113
Passing	225	119
Punt returns	2-11	4-29
Kickoff returns	0	2-43
Int. returns	1-20	1-0
Comp-attempt	21-43	20-35
Sacked-yds lost	4-26	2-13
Punts	6-47.7	6-52.2
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	15-135	11-101
Possession time	27:50	32:10

Rushing: ATL, Freeman 6-36, Coleman 9-19, Jones 1-11, Ryan 2-8. PHI, Ajayi 15-62, Clement 5-26, Agholor 1-16, Sproles 5-10, Foles 1 (minus 1).

Passing: ATL, Ryan 21-43-1251. PHI, Foles 19-34-117. Agholor 1-10-15.

Receiving: ATL, Jones 10-169, Sanu 4-18, Hooper 3-24, Freeman 3-14, Coleman 1-26. PHI, Agholor 8-33, Ertz 5-48, Sproles 4-22, Foles 1-5, Carter 1-10, Goedert 1-4.

Missed field goals: None.

WNBA

SEATTLE VS. WASHINGTON

Friday: at Seattle, 8
 Sunday: at Seattle, 2:30
 Wednesday: at Washington, 7
 x-Sept. 16: at Washington, 7
 (x-if necessary; best-of-5)

MINOR LEAGUES

PLAYOFFS

MIDWEST LEAGUE

ROUND ONE (Best-of-3)
Peoria 2, Quad Cities 0
G2: Peoria 7, Quad Cities 2
Bowling Green 2, Lansing 0
G1: Bowling Green 4, Lansing 3
G2: Bowling Green 2, Lansing 3
West Michigan 2, Great Lakes 0
G1: West Michigan 6, Great Lakes 0
G2: W. Michigan 2, Great Lakes 1 (10)
Cedar Rapids 1, Beloit 0
G1: Cedar Rapids 10, Beloit 1
G2: Friday, Beloit at Cedar Rapids, late
G3: Beloit at Cedar Rapids, TBD

FRONTIER LEAGUE

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



RAY FOLI/UPI

As Bulls GM in 1984, Rod Thorn, left, and Michael Jordan inspect the contract the third overall pick signed.

Rod earns nod

New Hall of Famer Thorn drafted Jordan — and much more

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Rod Thorn had just finished wrapping up some other business that had prevented the Bulls general manager from attending the first training-camp practice for the 1984-85 season when he fielded a phone call from assistant coach Bill Blair.

"He said to me, 'Congratulations.' I said, 'For what?' He said, 'You didn't screw this draft up. This guy is great,'" Thorn said, chuckling, during a phone conversation about the early days of Michael Jordan. "I said, 'How can you tell after two hours?' And Bill said, 'I'm telling you, this guy is great.'"

"And once I went to practice, you could tell pretty much right away he was going to be a special player. But I had no idea he would turn out to be as good as he did. Nobody could."

Thorn gets it. He understands the first line on his resume always will be "the man who drafted Jordan for the Chicago Bulls."

But just as Thorn never wasted much time thinking about what might have been when new Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf replaced him with Jerry Krause less than a year after drafting Jordan, one move can't define his career.

When you spend 50-plus years around the NBA as a player, coach and executive, you move on to the next challenge. And so Thorn arrives at the sport's pinnacle Friday, officially set to be enshrined into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a contributor.

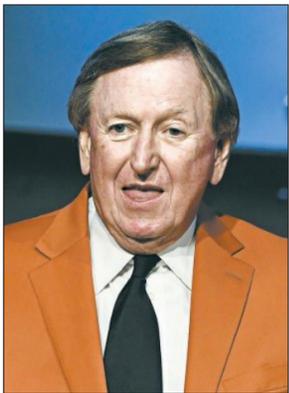
It's a stellar Class of 2018, with names such as Grant Hill, Jason Kidd, Steve Nash, Ray Allen and Chicago native Maurice Cheeks among those entering as players.

"To be selected to this august company is very humbling," Thorn said.

Thorn, 77, was a good enough player out of West Virginia for the Baltimore Bullets to select him second in the 1963 NBA draft and he spent eight seasons with four teams. He moved on from his Bulls' firing to work 14 years as the NBA's executive vice president of basketball operations, doling out discipline and bettering the game.

During this time, he also helped assemble the original Dream Team, reconnecting with Jordan and helping USA Basketball reclaim its world supremacy with a captivating squad on and off the court at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Perhaps his greatest achievement came when he took over a Nets team that went 26-56 in 2000-01, traded All-Star Stephon Marbury to the Suns for Kidd and experienced back-to-back trips to the NBA Finals while his peers named him Executive of the Year in 2002.



JESSICA HILL/AP

Rod Thorn speaks Thursday at a news conference at the Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Still, as far as Bulls fans are concerned, Thorn always will be the one smiling next to Jordan in June 1984.

Even in the age before Twitter and 24/7 sports, everyone knew the Rockets would take Hakeem Olajuwon at No. 1. The Trail Blazers, selecting second, had Clyde Drexler.

"About a month before the draft, I had a conversation with Stu Inman, who was the GM in Portland. He and I were good friends," Thorn said. "I asked him if he had decided who he was going to draft. He said that if (Sam) Bowie passed the physical, he would draft him."

"So about a week before the draft I called again and asked if Bowie passed the physical. He said yes. Sometimes, people aren't always honest with you. But based on our relationship, I felt very confident."

"I also had a good relationship with (North Carolina coach) Dean Smith, who told me privately that he thought Michael was probably the most talented player he ever had. He said he never would say that publicly. But he felt Michael was a transcendent talent. Sometimes you say things as a GM where you try to mute the expectation level. But it was quickly apparent that wouldn't be the case."

Jordan was named Rookie of the Year on his way to one of the greatest careers in professional sports. Thorn moved forward too.

"I've been fired a couple of times in my life," he said. "I always looked at it that I did the best I could and worked as hard as I possibly could and whatever comes next would be better. It turns out the way it's supposed to. There's a winding road."

That road briefly led back to Jordan, who initially was non-committal when Thorn called him to play in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"He had been on the Olympic team before (in 1984). The Bulls were playing deep into the summer every year," Thorn said.

"But he called back and said he

NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

6 p.m. Friday, NBA TV.

CLASS OF 2018

Players: Ray Allen, Maurice Cheeks, Grant Hill, Jason Kidd, Steve Nash, Tina Thompson, Dino Radja, Charlie Scott, Ora Mae Washington, Katie Smith.
Coach: Charles "Lefty" Driesell.
Contributors: Rod Thorn, Rick Welts.

would love to do it."

Jordan joined Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Scottie Pippen, Patrick Ewing, Karl Malone and other future Hall of Famers, all at or near the peaks of their careers.

"That was probably the greatest team ever assembled. And the players interacted so well. We didn't have any problems," Thorn said. "And a lot of it had to do with Michael because he didn't try to just take over everything and try to be the big scorer or try to dominate the games. The team was unbelievable to be around, a joy to sit there and watch. It's one of the happiest moments of my basketball career."

Indeed, it's not a stretch to say that team changed international basketball forever.

"They showed everybody the world had a ways to go to catch up. Which they did," Thorn said, citing the Americans' near-loss in 2000 and loss in 2004. "It got basketball better all over the world. Now, when you look at the NBA, more than 100 players are internationals. The game has changed from an inside-out game to an outside-in game. It has materially changed."

Thorn worked for the Bulls under Jonathan Kovler and Arthur Wirtz from 1978 to 1985, briefly serving as interim coach for a 15-15 stretch during the 1981-82 season. In his first draft, he selected Reggie Theus.

"We had some pretty good times and then some not-so-good times," Thorn said. "We were never able to fully get the right people around Artis (Gilmore) to capitalize on his strengths. But my wife and I loved our time in Chicago. It's one of the great cities in this country and certainly one of the great sports towns."

"The old Chicago Stadium, when you had a big crowd, was as good a homecourt as any in the NBA. The acoustics were such that sound hovered right over the floor. I know from coaching there 30 games, one night we were playing Boston and we had a timeout. And I couldn't hear anything."

On Friday, Thorn will hear his name called for his sport's highest recognition, a fitting stop along the winding road.

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ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

Bush 5-year odyssey ends in a good spot

Quarterback's long journey to starting job: 'Why not keep trying?'

By SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

AJ Bush Jr. knew he didn't have a lot of time to complete his mission when he arrived in Champaign.

He understood that to find success as a fifth-year senior quarterback, he first needed to ingratiate himself quickly with his new Illinois teammates — even though NCAA rules didn't permit him to practice with them and some of them had played together for years.

Complicating matters, he couldn't live in the dorms and players who lived off campus already had roommates. He figured signing a short-term lease wasn't the smartest idea, so he sublet an apartment within walking distance of campus.

Bush, 22, arrived at Illinois on May 19, a day after he graduated from Virginia Tech, and paid his own way in Champaign until he could officially join the team on scholarship on Aug. 3.

He had 28 days to cram for the starting role.

"I knew I had to be on top of my game," he told the Tribune. "I didn't want to leave any doubt that I wanted to be here."

Bush threw with his future teammates outside of practice whenever he could. He talked to them about the playbook. It seemed he stopped by the coaches' offices as much as the coaches did, to pick their brains, make his face known and show his dedication.

Illinois is Bush's fourth college program in five years. The winding path began at Nebraska and included transfers to Iowa Western Community College and Virginia Tech.

But this is different. This is his final stop.

"I saw this as a great opportunity," he said. "They want to win, and they knew I want to win. That was good for the relationship. There was a lot of team bonding. They welcomed me with open arms."

Bush impressed coaches and teammates in preseason camp, and he officially was named the starter four days before the Week 1 comeback victory against Kent State. The Illini hope for a more solid start-to-finish win Saturday at Memorial Stadium against Western Illinois.

Bush was considered a strong fit for coordinator Rod Smith's offense because of his dual-threat abilities, and he rushed for 139 yards on 21 carries in his debut and added 190 yards on 13-of-23 passing.

The Illini are counting on Bush to spark an offense that was among the most anemic in the nation last season and to add pizzazz to a position that has been marked by instability and ineffectiveness in recent years.

Illinois showed its intent to create fireworks on the first play against Kent State, a bomb to Ricky Smalling that narrowly missed.

Bush beat out four other quarterbacks vying for the job. Rod Smith said Bush had only one bad day in camp.

"The dude made plays," Smith said before the season. "All the things we asked our quarterbacks to do, he displayed in camp. That wasn't a luck thing. He was here every day during the offseason, on his dime, putting in time. It shows you how hungry he is."

When the Illini trailed Kent State 17-3 at halftime, Bush said his calm-and-collected demeanor didn't change.

"I was cool," he said. He simply told his teammates and coach Lovie Smith he knew they would win.

"I liked how he ran the show," Lovie Smith said. "It's been awhile

Backup QB Thomas leaves Illini program

Illinois backup quarterback Cam Thomas has left the program for personal reasons, according to a team release Thursday.

Thomas played in four games, starting two, as a freshman last season. He lost out on the starting job in the pre-season to graduate transfer AJ Bush Jr. and did not play in the opening victory over Kent State.

A Chicago Heights native and Marian Catholic graduate, Thomas struggled with accuracy last season, completing 28 of 66 passes with no touchdowns and five interceptions. He did show promise on the ground by rushing for 233 yards and a touchdown on 52 carries.

Coach Lovie Smith did not designate a Game 1 backup, but Thomas seemed to be taking most of the second-team reps in preseason practices. He was the only scholarship quarterback on the roster during spring practice before Bush and three freshmen arrived.

— Shannon Ryan

since AJ played. He's a tough guy. I buy in to AJ Bush. We needed to come back strong, and he led us."

Bush said he couldn't think of a time in his life when he was rattled. Not when, after being a three-star recruit out of Norcross, Ga., he landed at Nebraska. Not when he didn't see a lick of playing time in two years there and saw a coaching regime change. Not when he opted to play at a community college rather than lose a year sitting out as an FBS transfer. Not when he was relegated to backup duty at Virginia Tech last season, appearing in five games.

"I never worry," he said. "Everyone has something in life. I keep my faith with the man upstairs. Any opportunity he gives me, I'm going to go at it full speed. I'm always going to be motivated."

He recalled joining a different pee-wee team as a fourth-grader than his classmates, who called him "traitor" at school. He came home and told his mother, "I understand they're upset that I left (the team)."

"I always had perspective," Bush said.

Even when he transferred to Iowa Western, a brief window of opportunity didn't faze him. He arrived the day before the first game of the 2016 season and wound up playing in 10 games.

"I was nervous. You bring in a quarterback that late, you don't know how it's going to go," Iowa Western coach Scott Strohmeier said. "(Other quarterbacks) have their friends and timing down. (He) did a really good job. He gets along with people. He just came in and wanted a chance to play, and he didn't complain about playing time and went about his business."

Bush said he draws inspiration from Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, who found little success at Florida before transferring to a junior college and then to Auburn, where he won the Heisman Trophy and a national title in 2010.

"He had one great year and was off to his journey," Bush said.

This one final season of college football could be a defining — and long-coming — one for Bush. But he's not stressed about it. He said he's confident about how it will turn out.

"I know this is what I wanted to do," he said. "I know I'm good enough to do it and I'm capable of doing it. Why not keep trying? You don't always get the rewards right away. If it's something you want to do, you don't give up."

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AJ Bush Jr.
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"The team was unbelievable to be around, a joy to sit there and watch. It's one of the happiest moments of my basketball career."

—Rod Thorn, on the 1992 U.S. Olympic team

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Can 49ers' Garoppolo become face of NFL?

By DANIEL BROWN
San Jose Mercury News

If he performs within an area code of the hype, quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo soon could be the (extremely handsome) face of the NFL.

"If he lives up to expectations, he could become the top endorser in football. He has no ceiling at this point," sports marketing expert Bob Dorfman said.

It's easy to see the appeal, unless, perhaps, you're an NFL defensive back. Garoppolo, 26, heads into his first full season as the 49ers starter with an undefeated record and the second-hand glint of the Tom Brady influence.

After coming from the Patriots in a trade last season, Garoppolo went 5-0 as a starter and threw for 1,542 yards, the most ever by a quarterback in his first five starts for the 49ers.

If you think that face is everywhere now just wait until he plays, like, a full season or something.

As it stands, his brief success and toothpaste-ad smile were enough to vault him into star status.

Just how wild is Garoppolo's kingdom? The San Francisco Zoo named a snow leopard "Jimmy G."

"Garoppolo has the Bay Area in the palm of his hand right now," Dorfman said. "He's extremely good-looking. He's the most eligible bachelor in the country and he could pretty much do anything that he wants to in terms of endorsements."

The 49ers certainly paid Garoppolo a superstar contract, forking over \$137.5 million to a player with 12 career touchdown passes and five career interceptions.

Now, they just need him to justify it. And if he does, Jimmy G will become an A-lister. While the Seahawks defense was known as the "Legion of Boom," the 49ers offense could soon be the "Legion of Swoon." His jawline might make it tough to tell if the vendors are hawking game programs or romance novels.

Pro-Football-Reference.com lists the quarterback's nicknames as "Jimmy GQ," "Prince Aladdin" and "Great Garoppolo." (Definitely not "Jckey.")

And yet Jimmy GQ is also somehow still Jimmy Gee-willikers. It's that first nickname that landed him a date with a porn star, while the second allowed the Midwest kid who played at Rolling Meadows High School and Eastern Illinois to defuse the ensuing controversy with an aw-shucks grin and a one-liner. Garoppolo called it "a learning experience," and, voila, it was back to football questions.

"Who could say THAT'S a learning experience?" said Andy Dolich, a sports marketing consultant who has worked with the 49ers, Warriors and A's. "It was like, 'OK, fine,' and then it just sort of bounced off him like it was a gnat."

Wouldn't a family-friendly corporation looking for a celebrity face have concerns about someone TMZ caught out with Kiara Mia?

"I don't think this time it will hurt him. I really don't," said Robin Carr, a former San Francisco Giants publicist who went on to work for noted athlete endorsers including Nike, EA Sports and Kodak. "I think the way he handled it — 'Oh, I didn't know my life has changed' — kind of made it a humorous situation. I think that to his credit, and to his coaching staff's credit, they definitely took a light-hearted approach."

Still, there are two big reasons why the all-out Jimmy G marketing blitz is at least a year away.

No. 1: Garoppolo hasn't done squat yet on the field compared to the likes of Brady, Drew Brees, Russell Wilson, Peyton Manning or any of the other NFL marketing icons.

No. 2: Garoppolo understands No. 1 as well as anyone.

The quarterback, in conjunction with his agents and with the 49ers organization, has actively worked to keep Garoppolo from getting too famous too fast, sources said.

Yes, he's one of just five quarterbacks since the 1970 merger to win his first seven NFL starts.



JOSIE LEPE/AP

Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo relaxes before the 49ers' preseason game against the Chargers on Aug. 30. He has not lost a game with the 49ers.

(Garoppolo won two with the Patriots.) But the previous four quarterbacks to do it show that the train can slip off the tracks. Ben Roethlisberger and Daunte Culpepper became stars; Mike Tomczak and Dieter Brock became largely forgotten.

And Garoppolo's team record for the most passing yards over his first five starts with the 49ers? The next names in the list, in order, are Jeff Kemp, Elvis Grbac, Steve Bono and Brian Hoyer.

So you can understand why Garoppolo will take it slow with his marketing machine until he can prove he's not a flash in the pan.

"With his contract from the 49ers, it's not like he has to say, 'I'd better do a nacho chip commercial or the family is in trouble,'" Dolich joked.

Instead, Garoppolo reported to training camp this summer by focusing on the blandest things possible: learning coach Kyle Shanahan's playbook, building camaraderie with his receivers and taking every day step by step.

"I don't think he needs to seek attention. He gets plenty of it," Shanahan said. "So he's kind of the same guy he's always been."

"That's why guys like him. Guys liked him right when he got here, they liked him as he played well, and everyone knows the contract he signed this offseason. He's not going to come in and act differently."

"He's been the same guy each day, and that's why the people here really appreciate him."

When national magazines came calling for interviews, Jimmy GQ minded his p's and q's. He declined to speak to Sports Illustrated, even for a flattering and detailed story about his blue-collar career path.

The 49ers, meanwhile, include Garoppolo in their promotional materials, but not at the expense of other key players. Jimmy G is on banners around Levi's Stadium, but so are Marquise G, Jerick M and DeForest B.

About the only nod to Garoppolo's megawatt power is a bobblehead giveaway in the Sept. 16 home opener. (Note to readers: It is not life-sized.)

Garoppolo did sign some major endorsement deals, such as with Bose noise-canceling headphones. But Dorfman, the Bay Area-based marketing expert who tracks these kind of things, said while top-end football endorsers

tend to make \$12 million to \$13 million a year in endorsement deals, Garoppolo will be around \$1 million for 2018.

He could make more, Dorfman said, but it's clear the quarterback wants to build his football resume first.

"I get the feeling that that's what his camp has been instructing him to do. I think that's what he wants to do," said Dorfman, an executive at Baker Street Advertising in San Francisco. "You're not seeing him all over the place now in terms of marketing. He certainly could have gone that way. He could almost be the face of the league at this point, if he really wanted to."

"But he's focusing on performing on the field. He may be taking a page out of Brady's book, which is more about being one of the guys and less about being a superstar in media."

Until then, Garoppolo works. Because, crazy as it sounds, he was trapped in a brutal situation last season. As a midseason acquisition, he had time to memorize the plays but not to learn them. Garoppolo hadn't drilled them in practice, on those quiet afternoons in April and August. He hadn't had time to master every route of every play.

"Last year was so difficult because you're preparing for a defense that you're learning in a week, but at the same time, you're learning brand new calls, new verbiage, all that stuff," Garoppolo said.

"Being able to start this year from the ground up means I can learn the 'whys' of the offense. How does it all tie together? How does one play help dictate the next play? It will just make more sense."

Then again, Garoppolo's challenging learning curve is not how tight end Garrett Celek remembers things.

"As soon as Jimmy came in, he just took control right away," Celek said. "He didn't ease into it at all. It was pretty awesome. He owned the role. We always say, in our offense, 'You have to overcome coaching.' And he's really good at helping receivers overcome coaching."

That phrase "overcome coaching" was one of the buzzy phrases of camp. It's a misleading motto that, in truth, means to be coached so well that players understand how to adjust on the fly if a play breaks down or if an unexpected

defensive alignment opens up a new opportunity.

On that front, it's hard to imagine how much Garoppolo could improve when it comes to improvisation. He had the highest completion rate in the NFL when under pressure last season, according to Pro Football Focus. The 49ers passer hit on 62.3 percent of such throws to rank ahead of the Vikings' Case Keenum (55.7 percent), Brady (55.5 percent) and the Saints' Drew Brees (54.4).

"Jimmy has learned a lot from Brady," Celek said. "He knows, 'Hey, you don't have to do exactly what they tell us to do. Get open. Get the ball. Let's make plays.'"

The Brady comparison is a frequent one, and not by accident. Even before he spent three-plus seasons backing up the three-time league MVP, Garoppolo emulated Brady's throwing style. His personal quarterbacks coach in high school, Jeff Christensen, would show him videos of Brady's rapid-fire release and perfect footwork and say, essentially, "Do it like this."

The Brady influence is so profound that a video clip surfaced in April of Garoppolo echoing his mentor's pet phrases on the field. The 18-second clip juxtaposed Brady's in-game patter with Garoppolo saying the same things to his 49ers teammates: "Have a day! Let's make them pay. Need a good drive. What are we doing, man? Let's go!"

The clip racked up more than 237,000 views, including a click from a certain native of Arlington Heights.

"I did see that. It kind of creeped me out," Garoppolo said sheepishly. "I don't know. We were always kind of similar. Obviously, I picked up some stuff from him."

But this training camp, Garoppolo went out of his way to mimic a wildly different brand of Hall of Famer. He said he occasionally experimented with different arm angles, mimicking Brett Favre, one of the greatest improvisers of all-time.

"Oh, yeah, I kind of work on it. It's kind of fun to work on those weird throws," Garoppolo said. "I've always heard Brett Favre did it when he played, and he had some of the craziest angles that you'll ever see. When you get into a game, you never know how you have to throw it."

Whatever the method, it worked. From Weeks 13-17 last

season, when Garoppolo was the 49ers' full-time starter, only two NFL quarterbacks racked up more passing yardage than his 1,542. Philip Rivers of the Chargers threw for 1,567, and Jameis Winston of the Buccaneers threw for 1,584.

Now, along with learning nuances of the playbook, Garoppolo is learning more about his new weapons. He'll get his first chance to work with Pierre Garcon, the 49ers' lone accomplished receiver, because the veteran was out for the season with a neck injury by the time Garoppolo took over for C.J. Beathard.

To get a head start, Garoppolo led informal workout sessions with his receivers at San Jose State in the spring.

"It kind of gets us away from the coaches and everything," Garoppolo said. "And it allows me to talk to the receivers about specific things, or the tight ends or running backs. ... It was just to be on the same page with those guys, talking through route concepts and how they see it versus how I see it. It just gets us on the same page."

Garoppolo's days of being isolated from coaches — or from anybody — are over for the foreseeable future. He will be under the microscope from Sunday, when the Garoppolo Era begins in earnest with his Week 1 game against the Vikings.

And if he can somehow extend the season into January, getting the 49ers back into the playoffs, he can expect representatives from Gatorade, Nike, Esquire, Tiger Beat and Pepsodent camped out on his front lawn.

Dolich, who knew Dwight Clark well, noted that Garoppolo is on the precipice of stardom just as Clark's passing makes fans nostalgic for the time when so many of the glory-days 49ers were larger than life. There's a yearning for a new wave of stars.

Carr, the consultant and long-time sports PR ace, also sees the connection.

"Dwight Clark was stunningly handsome, too," she said. "(Garoppolo) is good-looking. He's very welcoming. He's non-threatening. He's one of those guys where women love him, kids love him, and guys will like him."

"But he's going to really answer everything with how he plays on the field."

Carr paused. "So far, so good," she said.

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Goalkeeper Zack Steffen is miffed after failing to stop a penalty shot in the MLS All-Star Game, but he is high on the list for participation in U.S. national team friendlies this fall.

New generation moving into goal for U.S. soccer

With Howard gone, Steffen may top list

By STEVEN GOFF
Washington Post

HOBOKEN, N.J. — Through the developmental years, from club soccer in eastern Pennsylvania and two sterling seasons at Maryland to a first pro contract in Germany, Zack Steffen modeled his goalkeeping work after Tim Howard, the longtime U.S. national team starter.

“He was a huge idol,” said Steffen, 23.

As he and a young U.S. squad gathered this week for friendlies against Brazil and Mexico — blockbuster tests in the continuing rehabilitation of a bruised program that missed the World Cup for the first time since 1986 — Steffen is here and Howard is not.

The wheels of succession are turning. And if he stays in form weekly with the Columbus Crew and in these periodic assignments with the national team, Steffen could very well take the long-term reins from Howard.

“The thought of that gives me chills,” he said. “When you look at it from the outside, it’s crazy. When I was young and watching Tim play for the U.S. and (English club) Everton, and now that I’m in the fold, it’s a different view and a different feeling. It’s weird, honestly.”

What is not weird is the inevitable generational shift in the U.S. team, including goalkeeper. Howard will turn 40 in the spring. He remains active with the Colorado Rapids and has not officially retired from international soccer, but after holding the U.S. starting job for most of 10 years and showing age during last year’s World Cup qualifying fiasco, his time is up.

At 33, Brad Guzan, Howard’s primary deputy, remains in the mix. The coaching staff, headed by interim boss Dave Sarachan, knows the Atlanta United starter well and would not hesitate to summon him again.

As a four-year cycle begins, Sarachan wants to continue taking a close look at the rising prospects. In the six friendlies since the qualifying failure, four young keepers have started. Steffen has stood out, most notably in a 1-1 draw at France, days before Les Bleus began a Russian run to the World Cup trophy.

“I wouldn’t categorize it as Brad



MATT ROURKE/AP

Veteran U.S. keeper Brad Guzan, celebrating after a Copa America group win in 2016, will certainly be in the mix to start for the national team.

versus the young guys,” Sarachan said. “I call it a pool of players. If you look at a pecking order of experience, there is Tim and Brad, and then you have a drop-off. Among that pool, we are still ranking and evaluating.”

It is a precipitous drop-off. Howard and Guzan have combined for 179 international appearances. The three candidates for Friday’s match against Brazil in East Rutherford, N.J., and Tuesday’s game against Mexico in Nashville, Tenn., have totaled six: three for Steffen, two for Ethan Horvath (from Belgium’s Club Brugge) and one for Toronto FC’s Alex Bono.

“Brad has his own bucket. I know him, we can count on him,” Sarachan said. “Now, it’s the jockeying with that next group.”

That group also includes Bill Hamid, who was not named to this squad because, Sarachan said, he is still settling into his new job with D.C. United after returning

from an unsuccessful move to the Danish league. Rusty from inactivity with Midtjylland, Hamid, 27, did not perform well in a U.S. friendly at Ireland early this summer.

“I don’t want to hold that against him,” Sarachan said. “We have given him some opportunities, and we all feel we know him pretty well. He’s now just back with D.C., and with minutes and confidence, he quickly comes back into the conversation” for friendlies against Colombia and Peru next month and England and Italy in November.

Howard is unlikely to re-enter the conversation. He will go down in history as one of the U.S. program’s all-time greats, following in the footsteps the last 25 years of Tony Meola, Brad Friedel and Kasey Keller.

Unlike other U.S. veterans who are on call, Sarachan said he has not spoken to Howard.

“At some point, I’m sure we will

have a conversation,” Sarachan said. “But I will say right now, Brad is more in the conversation” to rejoin the squad in the near future, perhaps for the CONCACAF Gold Cup next summer.

As for Steffen, the opportunity to create distance from the other candidates seems to have arrived. Given his performances against France and for the Crew this season, he is likely to start against third-ranked Brazil, whose roster includes superstar Neymar.

The message from Sarachan and goalkeepers coach Matt Reis is “there’s no No. 1, 2 or 3 right now” on the depth chart, Steffen said. “It’s all about getting together, getting familiar, getting good sessions in and getting better.”

Steffen, though, is the unofficial front-runner. He has been on the rise since leaving German club Freiburg, where he struggled to earn playing time. He signed with Columbus in the summer of 2016

and won the starting job last year. His exploits in the MLS playoffs raised his profile and earned him the national team call-ups early this year.

This summer, Bristol City in England’s second flight sought to buy him. However, the \$3.9 million offer wasn’t enticing enough for the Crew to sell, and even if it had, Steffen would’ve had trouble securing a British work permit. (He doesn’t have enough national team appearances to warrant automatic consideration, which would have forced Bristol to submit an appeal to the government.)

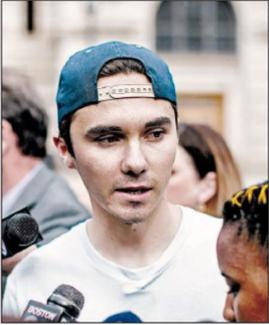
And so he has remained with Columbus, in clear view of the U.S. staff and American fans eager for a fresh start.

“It was pretty serious,” Steffen said of the English interest. “But I’m happy in Columbus, and when I get called in here for the U.S., it’s the ultimate. I’m in a happy place right now.”

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Parkland, Fla., school shooting survivor David Hogg will participate in a panel on "accidental leaders" during Ideas Week.

Tamblyn, Kerry to speak at Ideas Week

By STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Anti-gun activist David Hogg, actress and #MeToo activist Amber Tamblyn and former Sen. John Kerry are among the featured speakers at the upcoming 2018 Chicago Ideas Week event, the organization announced Thursday.

"We're excited. There's no lack of good content this year," said Jessica Malkin, CEO of Chicago Ideas, which runs the annual October program of public speakers and events. "This year's event has a rawness to it that perhaps is most reflective of where we are as a society."

So among the scores of events Oct. 15 to 21 at various Chicago venues:

■ Parkland, Fla., school shooting survivor David Hogg will be part of a panel on "accidental leaders" with New York artist and activist Molly Crabapple, former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, and Jose Antonio Vargas, author of "Notes of an Undocumented Citizen." ("Raising Your Hand: What Leadership Looks Like in 2018" at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Harris Theater)

■ Amber Tamblyn's panel is titled "#TimesUp: What's Next?" and also feature attorney and activist Saru Jayaraman and attorney Tina Tchen, who heads the Times Up Legal Defense Fund.



Tamblyn

"When it came to #MeToo, I think we thought to ourselves, Oct. 5 is the

one-year anniversary of Harvey Weinstein, that story breaking," Malkin said. "We're (Ideas Week) almost a little over a year later. The conversation is different perhaps: How much did that moment really matter and how much has really changed? ... We get to hear from them, what's next?" (7 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Edlis Neeson Theater at the Museum of Contemporary Art)

■ Former U.S. senator and Secretary of State John Kerry



Kerry

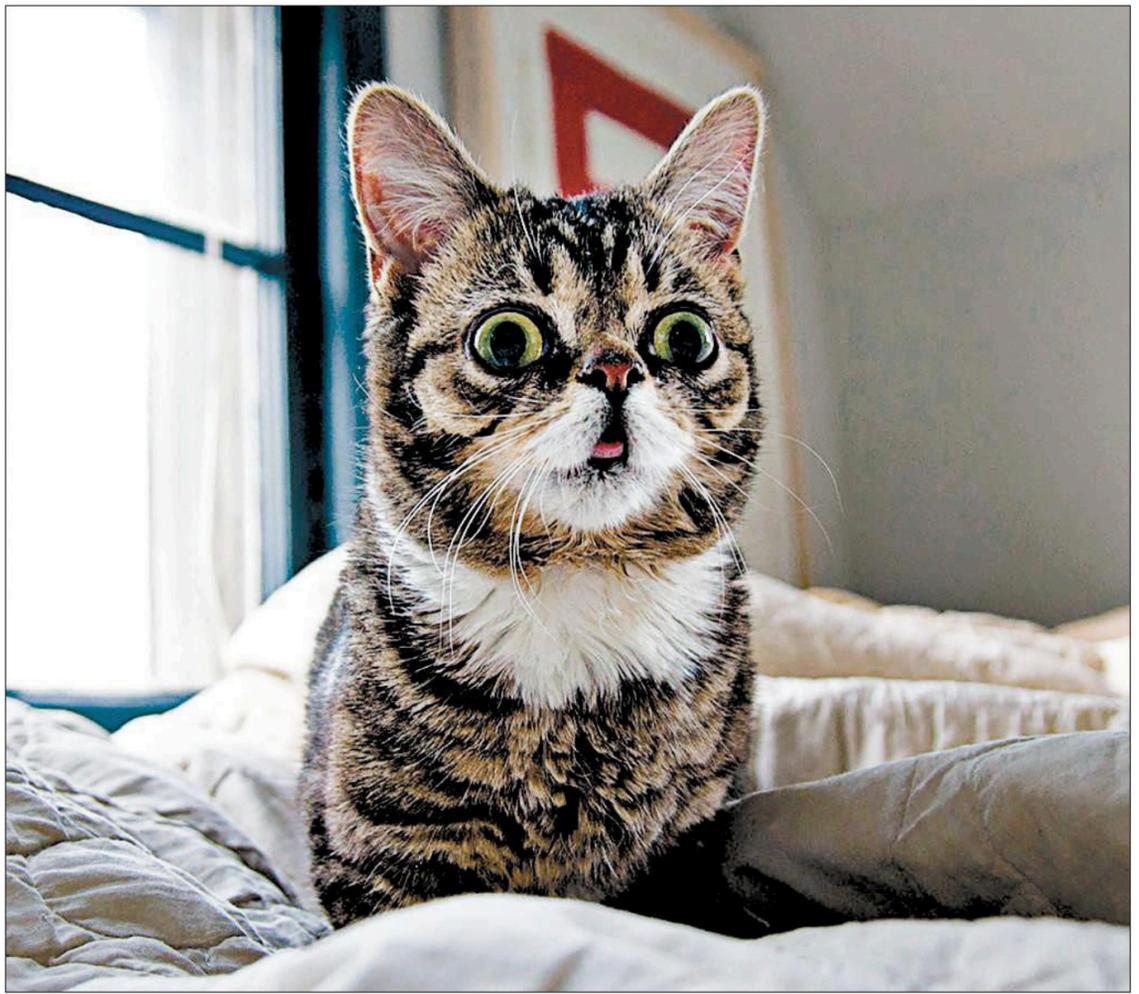
will be on a panel about "Life's Big Questions," sharing the stage with, to name two, author Daniel Pink and actress and comedian Ellie

Kemper. (7 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Harris Theater)

■ A handful of other notable speakers, chosen from a packed list: Debbie Millman, host of the "Design Matters" podcast; filmmaker Boots Riley; historian Jon Meacham; sports journalist Jemele Hill; and comedian Chris Gethard.

The full list of speakers and events can be seen at www.chicagoideas.com. Tickets, which average \$15, the organization says, go on sale to members Thursday and to the general public Sept. 18.

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Internet sensation Lil Bub is among the cats featured in the CatVideoFest at the Music Box on Sunday.

FELINE FILM FESTIVAL

A collection of cat videos spotlighted on the big screen, as they should be



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

A cat makes its way up a climbing wall in a gym. Another stares down into a glass of seltzer water, trying to nab the bubbles. Yet two more cats gently play "no, mine!" with a saucer of milk. Cat videos abound online, but only the CatVideoFest (at the Music Box this weekend) compiles them into something of a tongue-in-cheek art form.

We live in stressful and anxious times, my friends. The CatVideoFest is here to alleviate that if only for an hour or so.

Will Braden runs the fest and told me that early on, reporters would ask: What's the point? We can all sit at home and watch these videos on our laptop.

"Sometimes it was said in a friendly way and sometimes it was said accusatorially. But there's something to be said for just the physiological gratification of spending 70 minutes laughing in a non-ironic, noncynical way. Especially with an audience of people enjoying this with you. We have a pretty diverse appeal. I'll be in Boise, Idaho, with the fest, and it's all families. And then I'll be in a repurposed punk club in Brooklyn, and it's all drunk 25-year-olds. So I have to make a reel that works for everyone."

The program is divided in sections — drama, documentary, comedy — punctuated by a low-fi but witty image of a film slate that snaps, followed by a "meow."

Braden said he goes through almost 20,000 videos, looking for selections to include each year.

"We have a submission form on our website, so we get thousands and thousands that way. But as you can imagine, not all of them are solid gold. Reddit is another good resource, there are so many subreddits about cats. And beyond that,

learning how to type 'funny cat' and other search terms in other languages is another good way to find videos. I've learned that there are a lot of great videos on YouTube that never quite get over the hump of a few hundred views because they're not searchable in English."

So what makes a good cat video?

"There is a theme that runs through all the different kind of cat videos," Braden said, "which is that the most successful ones are where we see the cat getting some kind of comeuppance. I think that's because — and partly this is our anthropomorphizing them — but we think of them of being kind of aloof or thinking they're above it all. There's a reason some of the most popular cat videos are of them trying to jump on something and missing, or sort of slipping and falling and then pretending they're cleaning themselves. We like to see them taken down a bit. And I think that just comes from how we've defined cats as being

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'American Idol' past and present onstage

By ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

When Kris Allen won "American Idol" Season 8 in 2009, the show was in the middle of its original 15-season life cycle. The Kelly Clarkson/Carrie Underwood boom years were over, but winners could still expect to do reasonably well, and Allen forged a solid career as a singer-songwriter.

By the time "Idol" retired in 2016, its star-making power was much diminished. It was revived earlier this year by ABC with a new panel of judges that included Katy Perry, and crowned a new winner, 20-year-old Iowan Maddie Poppe.

Poppe is the centerpiece of the ongoing "Idol" tour, which features the show's top seven finalists and arrives at the Rosemont Theatre on Friday. Allen returns to serve as the show's de facto emcee, performing with the contestants and on his own. He's

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont

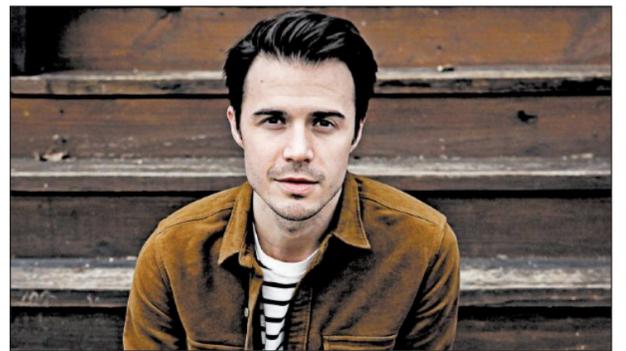
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really there to provide comfort and consistency, to serve as a bridge between the original "Idol" and the new version.

In separate phone interviews, Allen and Poppe talked about navigating the complexities of life after "Idol." The following are excerpts from that conversation:

On Allen's role as a mentor to the newer contestants

Kris Allen: It kind of came to a point where, more than anything, I wished someone would have been on our tour to help us out. Someone to mentor us who had been through the same thing, let's say (previous winner)



ABC

"American Idol" winner Kris Allen serves as emcee for the ongoing "Idol" tour, which hits the Rosemont Theatre on Friday.

David Cook, somebody from another season. I didn't have anybody. You're not given a mentor in the music industry when you enter it. You're just kind of, like, floating, especially when you enter like this. I'm happy to be that person for all of the six or seven who are on this tour, because I wish I would've had that.

Maddie Poppe: He's been a really great mentor for us to have on the road. He's been through this before, and he kind of knows how he wants it. He doesn't let people — I mean, he's very re-

spectful, but he doesn't let people push him around, and he stands up for us when maybe we don't like the way things are going.

On figuring out that the "Idol" machine will eat you if you don't assert yourself

Poppe: At first, I kind of tiptoed around everybody. I was like, "Oh, I don't want to offend everybody." Then I learned that that doesn't work. You have to be

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CELEBRITIES

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WALTER BIERI/AP 2007

Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of the Cranberries, was found dead in a London hotel bathtub in January.

Coroner: O'Riordan's death tied to alcohol

Cranberries singer Dolores O'Riordan accidentally drowned in a bathtub after drinking, a coroner's inquest concluded Thursday.

A police officer told the inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court that a pajama-clad O'Riordan was found submerged in her bathtub at a London hotel on the morning of Jan. 15.

The 46-year-old singer didn't leave a note and there was no evidence of self-harm.

Coroner Shirley Radcliffe said O'Riordan died from drowning because of alcohol intoxication.

"There's no evidence that this was anything other than an accident," she said.

The Cranberries formed in the Irish city of Limerick in the 1980s and had hits in the '90s with songs including "Dream," "Linger" and "Zombie."

O'Riordan had physical and mental health problems over the years. A 2017 Cranberries tour was cut short because of her back problems. She had spoken in interviews about being sexually abused as a child, her battles with depression and a bipolar diagnosis.

The other members of the Cranberries said in a statement Thursday that they "continue to struggle to come to terms with what happened."

"Dolores will live on eternally in her music," they said.

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Ty Dolla Sign arrested: Singer and rapper Ty Dolla Sign has been arrested on drug charges in Atlanta. Police said officers smelled marijuana coming from a car near downtown Atlanta on Wednesday, and a search of the vehicle yielded marijuana and cocaine. The 33-year-old born Tyrone William Griffin Jr. was arrested and charged with possessing cocaine and less than 1 ounce of marijuana, as well as obstruction.

"Care Bears" reboot: Boomerang announced Thursday that "Care Bears: Unlock the Magic," a new animated series featuring the familiar cuddly, color-coded bears, is headed for its subscription streaming service. Forty-eight 11-minute episodes and two 22-minute specials of "Care Bears: Unlock the Magic" are in production at Cloudco Entertainment. Cloudco is also developing a "Care Bears" film with a major studio.

Late Lynyrd Skynyrd members join state music hall of fame: Two members of Lynyrd Skynyrd killed in a plane crash at the Southern rock band's peak will be inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. Guitarist Steve Gaines and backing vocalist Cassie Gaines will be inducted Saturday in Miami, where the siblings were raised. Both were killed along with lead singer Ronnie Van Zant when the band's chartered plane crashed in Mississippi in 1977.

Sept. 7 birthdays: Songwriter Diane Warren is 62. Comedian Leslie Jones is 51. Actor Oliver Hudson is 42. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 31.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Family faces unexpected challenge

Dear Amy: I married my husband three years ago. We're in our early 40s. His younger sister has two children, ages 8 and 2. The kids were in a very bad situation, which led to them being sent to live with my in-laws two states away. The courts are involved and the kids are in counseling.

My in-laws are well into their 60s. It's clear to everyone that my sister-in-law won't get the kids back likely ever, and my in-laws are not in a position to raise kids for 15 more years.

My husband and I are child-free by choice and have, frankly, no desire to raise a family not our own. This is causing anxiety and stress, but we are unified in the knowledge that we might need to step in when his parents can no longer handle things. His mom has shown some serious lapses in judgment during the time she's had the kids.

I'm struggling to reconcile my selfish feelings of not wanting a family and taking on the family of someone who was irresponsible. Not to mention the emotional trauma the children will continue to have. I'm so angry at my sister-in-law.

We had plans to travel far and wide. Now we're talking about settling down somewhere where his parents could potentially live near us with the kids. None of us want this, but foster care isn't an option. I don't know what to do with any of this.

— Reluctant

Dear Reluctant: I applaud your realization that you will make a choice to benefit these children.

Family members who pick up the pieces and raise kids caught in the crossfire of family dysfunction or the addiction crisis are heroes to a generation of children.

You mention that you both have no desire to raise a family "not our own," but these children are in your family, and I hope you will start the process to make them your own. You should try to take this in stages, starting as soon as possible. Getting to know the kids when they are this young will help all of you to make a transition toward living together.

You and the grandparents could start by sharing parenting duties (as many families do). Even if you are the primary parents, the grandparents could be enormously helpful, possibly giving you and your husband opportunities to travel a bit.

Yes, this is NOT what you had planned. Yes, you are angry, and yes, you will mourn for the radical shift in your plans. But this is what life is about. Illness, job loss, random acts of violence — or kindness — turn many lives upside down. And making ethical and compassionate choices, sometimes in opposition to your desires, has to be its own reward.

A counselor could help both of you come to terms with this and arrive at an action plan.

Dear Amy: What's the rule about taking guest-size packets of shampoo, conditioner and moisturizer and the little soaps left in the bathroom of a hotel for guest use? I always thought they were there for the paying guest to use every day, or even take for

future use.

Is it proper to take these small packets every day and store them in one's luggage, if not using them at the hotel? This is in regards to someone's choice to remove these items every day during a weeklong stay at a hotel.

— Curious

Dear Curious: I travel a lot. I use these products while I'm staying at a hotel, and then nab any unopened or unused ones to stash for future use at home or on the road. They are often great advertisements for products and hotels, and they fit into the TSA liquid guidelines.

Stashing these products every day and returning home with a seven-day supply of tiny bottles and soaps seems excessive, but I don't think it is unexpected — or wrong. If hotels wanted, they could charge guests for these items, the way they do for \$5 bags of M&M's that I occasionally grab from the mini-bar.

Dear Amy: "Mentor Over My Head" was a male mentor to a young female employee who disclosed a sexual assault to him.

Thank you for running a question by a man who is demonstrating his #MeToo support. There are many of us. Thank you, too, for encouraging him to continue to try to help her.

— #MeToo Man

Dear #MeToo: I also appreciated this man's compassion.

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BURT REYNOLDS 1936-2018

1970s, '80s leading man made comeback on TV

By RICHARD NATALE

Variety

Burt Reynolds, one of Hollywood's most popular leading men during the '70s and early '80s because of such films as "Deliverance," "Smokey and the Bandit," "The Longest Yard" and "Semi-Tough," has died. His representative confirmed that he died Thursday in Jupiter, Fla. He was 82.

Reynolds' appeal lay in his postmodern macho posture undercut by a wry self-awareness, which he used to good effect in comedies as well as action films. For a period during the '70s, he was the nation's top box office draw. But after one too many bad movies, his popularity waned. He returned to television, where he'd gotten his start, mostly in Westerns, and produced his own sitcom, "Evening Shade," which brought him an Emmy.

He later earned an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor in Paul Thomas Anderson's ode to skin flicks, "Boogie Nights."

In his colorful career, Reynolds secured more than his share of

both good and bad press. He could be affable with the media but at times downright hostile.

In the early 1970s, Reynolds was a veteran of TV and film who spurred the curiosity of Hollywood producers through his amusing appearances on late-night talk shows, as well as the hyped publicity stunt of appearing as the first celebrity male nude centerfold in a 1972 issue of Cosmopolitan. He was thus cast in his first A-title role, in John Boorman's "Deliverance," one of the most popular and well-received films of 1972 (several major actors, including Marlon Brando, had turned the role down before it was offered to Reynolds).

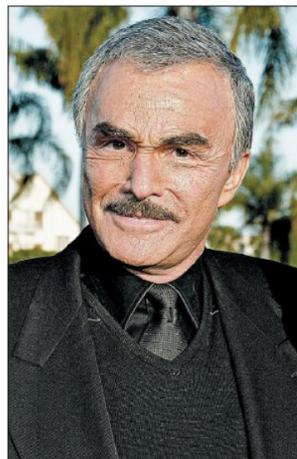
He solidified his position as a rising film star with the 1974 prison football drama "The Longest Yard." In 1977 he starred with Sally Field and Jackie Gleason in the comedy "Smokey and the Bandit," which proved to be his most successful undertaking and was followed by inevitable sequels. That same year, he was again on the gridiron in the hit comedy "Semi-Tough."

Reynolds made his directing debut with the 1976 action film "Gator" and 1978's black comedy "The End."

He brought the decade to a successful close with the action film "Hooper" and the urbane comedy "Starting Over" and began the '80s with a popular sequel to "Smokey." Poorly received films like "Cannonball Run II," "Rent-a-Cop" and "Heat" took his career in a downward direction. He turned down such roles as the ex-astronaut in "Terms of Endearment," for which Jack Nicholson won an Oscar.

Reynolds retreated to his adopted home of Florida and opened the Jupiter Theater. After marrying television actress Loni Anderson, Reynolds decided to produce and star in the sitcom "Evening Shade," which ran on CBS from 1990 to 1994.

Burton Leon Reynolds Jr. was born in Waycross, Ga., and attended Florida State University for two years on a football scholarship. But his promising career as a running back was cut short by a knee injury suffered in a car



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY 2004

Burt Reynolds was a veteran of TV and film when he was cast in "Deliverance."

accident. Reynolds turned his attention to acting.

His assured performance in the controversial and violent "Deliverance" started him on a decade or more of enormous success. But after riding the wave of popu-

larity, a messy, high-profile divorce from and custody battle with Anderson in the early 1990s and a tell-almost-all autobiography, "My Life," in 1994 cast him in a negative light, not helped by his understandable but often irritable attitude toward the press, which was always keenly interested in his love life.

Toward the end of the decade, he received critical kudos for his performance as a self-deluded porn director in Paul Thomas Anderson's "Boogie Nights," which brought him an Oscar nomination for supporting actor. Reynolds undercut himself by firing his agent for casting him in the part and shunning publicity for the role.

The actor also kept busy on television, with guest appearances in "The X-Files," "My Name Is Earl" and "Burn Notice" and voice work on "Robot Chicken," "American Dad" and "Archer."

Reynolds divorced twice, first in the 1960s from "Laugh-In" comedienne Judy Carne and then from Anderson. He is survived by adopted son Quinton from his second marriage.

PARENTS GUIDE

Advice about films kids may want to see — whatever the rating — in theaters or opening soon

By KATIE WALSH | Tribune News Service



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◀ 'THE NUN'
R

What it's about: A spin-off of "The Conjuring" franchise, the movie looks into the story of the creepy nun who has popped up from time to time. The journey takes the characters back to a 1950s Romanian abbey where demons have come out to play.

The kid attractor factor: Teens may be drawn to the horror genre.

Violence: Some terrifying bloody images, strangling, drowning, shooting, stabbing, dead bodies, possession, demons, etc.

Language: None.

Sexuality: None.

Drugs: None.

Parents advisory: Spooky and scary, but not so bad that mature tweens can't handle it.

'PEPPERMINT'
R

What it's about: A woman who loses her family in a drive-by gang shooting returns for revenge.

The kid attractor factor: Teens may be drawn to the action genre.

Violence: Extremely violent — lots of shootings of many, many people, torture, bombing, stabbings, machine gunning human beings, fights, etc.

Language: Strong language and swearing throughout.

Sexuality: None.

Drugs: Drug sales, drug use, drunkenness, etc.

Parents advisory: Mature teens only.

'KIN'
PG-13

What it's about: A pair of brothers hit the road, driving from Detroit to Lake Tahoe. The younger brother, Eli, brings along a futuristic gun.

The kid attractor factor: This is a seemingly young adult film, with a teen protagonist.

Violence: Some extremely violent shooting scenes. A shootout in a police station makes up the third act.

Language: Some strong language.

Sexuality: The brothers hit up a strip club on the road (yes, the underage one too). No graphic nudity, but the women are in skimpy bikinis.

Drugs: Drinking, as well as references to drug dealing.

Parents advisory: Despite the PG-13 rating, treat this film like an R. It's shockingly violent and extremely dark. Only appropriate for teens.

IN PERFORMANCE 'No Child ...' ★★ 1/2

The struggles and joys of the teaching artist

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Most anyone who ever has been a teaching artist in an under-resourced urban school will tell you much the same thing. On rough days, the job feels like an exercise in impotence, given how the students really need a better breakfast, more freedom from gun violence, a fairer distribution of educational resources and more stability from the adults in their homes. On great days, though, the vital importance of arts education seems to cut through all of that, impacting students with the power of ensemble, challenging them to activate their souls and ideas in public and igniting their self-esteem.

At its core, Nilaja Sun's wonderful piece of theater, "No Child ...," is about that dichotomy. It's a problem that haunts all of us with connections to the arts, anyone familiar either the insecurity that such an insecure profession engenders, or with the constant defense required against its marginalization. Especially in education.

"No Child ..." began life as a solo performance piece, set in a fictional public school in the Bronx but based on the author's own experience as a teaching artist. In fact, Sun performed the work at the Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago more than a decade ago; she performed 17 characters (teachers, administrators, students, a beloved veteran janitor) in 65 minutes.



JOE MAZZA PHOTO

Adia Allii, Kirsten Chan, Netta Walker, Lawren Carter and Victor Musoni in "No Child ..." by Definition Theatre Company.

When: Through Sept. 23

Where: Richard Christiansen Theatre at Victory Gardens, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$15-\$35 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org

I've not forgotten the night I was there, especially the part where Sun, playing herself in a grim moment, almost walked out on the

young people who needed her the most.

That was 2007. The Definition Theatre Company has licensed a version wherein six actors divide up those roles. Inevitably, the originally personal feeling of the piece gets dissipated. That wouldn't bother me — several other solo shows have been divided up so the work can be done by other people. It's just that this version falls in a tough middle ground: Some actors are playing multiple roles, some consistent characters. There

aren't enough performers to fully realize a class at the Malcolm X High School, and yet there are too many actors for all the aesthetic devices to feel consistent.

Partly as a result of that, director Chika Ike's production doesn't always reach the high stakes that this work needs. The play follows the students working on a version of Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good" and coming to realize that characters who first seem to be far from their field of vision — in terms of both time and

place — actually are similarly stressed humans to whom they can relate. Often, the energy feels more circular than transformative.

All that said, though, this is a warm and generous show with its heart very much in the right place; on opening night, with an audience filled with arts professionals, it was rapturously received. And some of the individual moments are just terrific.

The huge young Chicago talent Netta Walker is both funny and poignant as the

smart Shondrika, forced by the brutality of the system to be world-weary at a young age. And you really feel the frustration of one of the students — superbly played by Victor Musoni — for whom the performance does not work out as he anticipated. But as Sun helps us see, it's not the applause that matters but the learning process behind all great acts of creativity.

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Tackling life after 'American Idol'

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assertive. Respectful, but you have to stand up for what you think is right, because at the end of the day, you don't want people to walk all over you.

Allen: I won't ever dog Kelly Clarkson because she's immensely talented, she deserves everything she got, but because she was the first one, there was this whole push behind her. I hope and pray that's the case for all of them, and for Maddie, but I don't know if that will really happen. She's gotta work. They're so young, hopefully they'll figure it out, and realize that no one's going to give you anything, you have to go out and take it. We go in so green from our regular life, then you get thrown into the music industry so fast. You have to be willing to learn.

On what happens after you win

Allen: There is this underlying pressure when you win. There's this underlying thing: If I don't succeed, what does that say about me? What does that say about the show? I want to prove to people that I should have been there.

Poppe: I don't really have a goal in mind. It's not like I'm sitting here saying, "I want to sell out stadiums." I'm just kind of working at my own pace. I'm having fun just at this level. I don't ever really get stopped on the street, you know what I mean?

On the amount of artistic freedom an 'Idol' winner gets

Poppe: The management company and the label have surprisingly given me the most freedom. You wouldn't think it would be that way. They've given me so much creative control,

they've given me every choice. I've never had to do anything I haven't wanted to.

Allen: I wanted to be a better songwriter when I entered, but I also thought that I was pretty good. I wish I would've listened to my gut more (when it came to) writing songs, picking songs. I wish I would've spent more time writing by myself early on. They were setting me up with amazing writers, but knowing my process now ... my favorite ideas that I come up with are (usually) by myself.

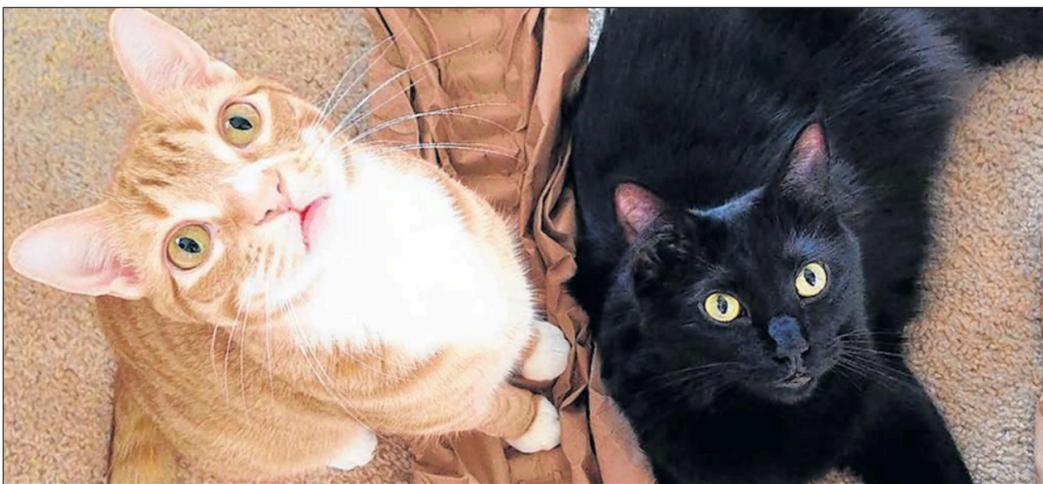
On whether past "Idol" winners ever reached out to them

Allen: There's plenty of people from "Idol" that would encourage me, but it's hard to reach out to people that you don't know. Carrie Underwood gave me her number, but you're not just going to cold call Carrie Underwood out of nowhere, like, "Hey, Carrie." I probably should have, she probably would have been OK with that. But I was like, is she really going to answer the phone? You don't feel like you're supposed to do that.

Poppe: I met Kelly Clarkson, and that was really cool. They all say the same thing: "Are you being treated well? If you need any help with anything ..." There's been a few other people that have reached out and supported me — Taylor Hicks, David Cook. It's nice to know that other people have gone through this and survived it. They know what I'm in for, I guess.

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CHRIS POOLE PHOTO

Cat celebrities Cole and Marmalade are two of a heap of felines who have made a name for themselves on the web.

Cat videos become cheeky art form

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sort of regal and in charge of everything."

Braden is the creative force behind the "Henri" videos, which mimic moody, existential French films. Shot in black-and-white, the videos star a fluffy tuxedo cat (real name: Henry) who belongs to a family member. Braden won the Golden Kitty at the first fest in 2012 at the Walker Arts Center in Minneapolis.

"I had no involvement in setting up that one at all, other than one of my videos was in the reel," Braden said. "When I found out I was going to win the Golden Kitty Award, I asked if I could go up on stage to say thanks. So I did, I made a couple jokes and then I said, 'I'll be back here next year with another "Henri" video for the second Cat Video Festival' and everyone cheered — and I came off stage and (the programmer at the time) said, 'Oh. Well, I guess we're doing another one of these.'" Braden took

over business and curating duties three years in.

The fest's Chicago stop will be raising money for Grassroots Animal Shelter and Harmony House for Cats.

"Especially because we're raising money for cats in need, people are usually pretty happy about letting us use their videos. It's a pretty simple process. We're not selling DVDs, and we don't host the content online anywhere, so we're not taking away money from someone who has monetized that video."

Every once in a while, Braden is turned away.

"One time I saw this video and it was from Australia, it just didn't have that many views. It wasn't really labeled right. But there was something about that I thought was really cool and I wanted to use it. And the guy was really polite when he wrote me back and said, 'You know, I really just put

this up online for my granddaughter. This was really just for us, I don't want it out there."

If I were programming the fest, I would pack it with videos of dogs and cats getting along or grooming one another, because while I know that well-adjusted pets of different species do have social relationships and form bonds, it always stops me short to actually see it. Pull up "Cat Licks Dog Before He Sleeps" on YouTube and tell me you're not transfixed.

There's a Nat Geo Wild series called "Unlikely Animal Friends," now four seasons in, that captures some of this, but the production values are corny and sometimes one half of the "unlikely" friendship is human — the sad trombone of animal footage.

Braden, on the other hand, does a good job selecting videos for the fest

that are primarily focused on the cats themselves — their behavior, their personalities, the way they interact with the world around them.

This year's reel includes a clip of Turkish musician Sarper Duman, whose videos are ubiquitous, of a cat sleepily positioned on the piano keys while Duman plays. Occasionally the cat will stretch languorously and ask for a nuzzle, and for a brief moment, all is right in the world.

The CatVideoFest comes to the Music Box Theatre on Sunday with screenings at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more info, go to www.musicboxtheatre.com/films/catvideofest.

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'DESTINATION WEDDING' ★★★

Say 'I do' to rom-com starring Keanu, Winona

BY RICK BENTLEY
Tribune News Service

Victor Levin ("Mad About You") should either buy a lottery ticket or plan a trip to Las Vegas. The writer/director of "Destination Wedding" took a major gamble with the way his feature film is written and performed. The result is a winner.

It starts with a smart and witty script detailing the meet-not-so-cute of Frank (Keanu Reeves) and Lindsay (Winona Ryder) when they are headed to Paso Robles, Calif., for a destination wedding. Frank is the half-brother of the groom who has been forced by his mother to attend the event, while Lindsay was the former fiancée of the groom. The only thing they have in common is they are both unhappy with having to make the long trip to watch the couple get married against a perfect sunset.

Levin's script is structured like a two-person play or in a similar style to the 1995 Ethan Hawke/Julie Delpy feature film



ROBB ROSENFELD/AP

Keanu Reeves and Winona Ryder star as mismatched guests in "Destination Wedding."

"Before Sunrise." Having every line of dialogue delivered by either Reeves or Ryder establishes this is a movie with a laser focus on one man and one woman. It is as if Frank and Lindsay have become the only two people on Earth, and that forces them to share time together.

The dialogue they deliv-

er is crisp, witty and occasionally biting. Levin's script has the style and rhythms of the kind of romantic comedies of the '40s and '50s when actors like Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn used verbal banter like boxing gloves.

Granted, the way the characters speak is far

more clever than how real people talk, but if you want to listen to a mundane conversation delivered by everyday people, stay outside the theater after you have purchased a ticket. The fanciful and funny writing is a well-crafted reminder of a time when a well-placed adjective had as much impact as a mas-

MPAA rating: R (for language, sexual content)

Running time: 1:30

Opens: Friday

sive explosion in the movie world.

It's one thing to write a smart script, but it is another matter to find the right people to deliver the words. The performers need to bring a bit of attitude, but not so much that the audience turns against them before the couple check into the hotel.

Reeves plays a penny-pinching cynic who has long given up on the idea of love, and he finds sex a necessary evil that is more about biology than chemistry. It is nice to see Reeves in a light romantic comedy after he has been leaning more toward hard action movies in recent years. His lack of recent exposure in the genre plays to his favor because it doesn't look like Levin was just casting the hunk of the month as his lead actor.

Reeves is also a perfect fit for Ryder. It is obvious from the opening sequence

in the airport as they wait for an eight-passenger plane to whisk them away that these are two actors comfortable working with each other. They have been friends for more than three decades and appeared in three films together ("Bram Stoker's Dracula," "A Scanner Darkly," "The Private Lives of Pippa Lee").

It is a treat for movie fans that "Stranger Things" has helped bring Ryder back to the attention of filmmakers. Her ability to play a character who is strong enough to trade quips with her co-star but vulnerable enough to need some protection is the exact quality required to balance the character played by Reeves.

Had either not been up to the challenge or the writing been hackneyed and cloying, "Destination Wedding" would have left viewers saying "I don't" instead of "I do (like this movie)."

All three parts work, making this a prime destination for anyone who appreciates productions that touch the heart and funny bone at the same time.



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Jeff Harlan finds himself on Jennifer Garner's bad side in "Peppermint."

'PEPPERMINT' ★ 1/2

Garner out for revenge in superviolent drama

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

How to revive a movie star's flagging career? Take up guns, obviously. Following in the time-honored tradition of "Taken," "John Wick," "Atomic Blonde" and "Death Wish," Jennifer Garner arms up in the vigilante mom action-thriller "Peppermint." That's both literally and figuratively, as Garner sports some seriously sinewy shoulders — Garner's guns come in both the semi-automatic and bicep variety.

But while it's fun to watch Garner return to her action roots, the brute force haymaker that is "Peppermint" is a far cry from the sophisticated thrills of "Alias." Directed by "Taken" helmer Pierre Morel, written by "London Has Fallen" screenwriter Chad St. John, what distinguishes "Peppermint" from every other vigilante shoot-'em-up is this time, our hero is a mom. Motherhood defines who she is and what she does, which is both her strength and her weakness, and often, it's somewhat limiting. But just because the vigilante happens to be America's

MPAA rating: R (for strong violence and language throughout)

Running time: 1:42

Opens: Friday

PTA mom, Garner doesn't make the wanton displays of unchecked violence any less icky.

Garner is Riley North, a lower-middle class Los Angeles bank teller with a family struggling to make ends meet. Her husband, Chris (Jeff Hephner), a mechanic, entertains the idea of driving the getaway vehicle in the robbery of a powerful drug dealer, Diego Garcia (Juan Pablo Raba), which earns a hit on his name. Chris and their daughter, Carly (Cailey Fleming), are gunned down in front of Riley, at a Christmas carnival no less. When the thugs walk, thanks to a corrupt judge and lawyer, she disappears, only to pop up five years later. Those who wronged her also start turning up — dead.

In "Peppermint," Riley takes up the tools of the oppressors to enact her revenge, methodically stalking everyone who denied her justice while working her way to Garcia.

The trailer for "Peppermint" garnered rightful criticism for what looked to be problematic representations of Latinos as drug-dealing, face-tattooed thugs stalking white families, and the film unfortunately delivers that. "Peppermint" does exist in a realistically diverse LA, but it relies on tired, gang stereotypes as fodder for Riley's rage. Hollywood made some important strides in representation this year, but in that regard, "Peppermint" feels like a relic from another era.

The issue is Riley doesn't think big enough. The low-level gangsters aren't her enemy. Her true enemy is a system of income inequality driven by hyper-capitalism, and the myth of the achievable American dream that would push her husband to even consider committing a robbery. She gets a small bit of comeuppance at the 1 percenters when she tortures a snobby rich mom who used to torment her, but that's not even her real nemesis. Why doesn't Riley go after the bank that overworked and underpaid her? Unfortunately Riley, and by extension, "Peppermint," just doesn't get it.

'THE NUN' ★★★ 1/2

Throwback to 1970s gothic horror

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Step aside, "Halloween." Forget it, "Paranormal Activity." Nice try, "Scream." "The Conjuring" franchise (or the "Conjuring Cinematic Universe," the "CCU") has steadily become the most dependable horror film franchise of late, conquering the box office with good old-fashioned and flawlessly executed spooks and scares, with a few interesting ideas to boot.

Spinning off James Wan's 2013 "The Conjuring" about real-life married ghost hunters Ed and Lorraine Warren, the franchise started with true tales of hauntings, possessions and spectral invasions. But there were so many side stories and creepy characters that both "The Conjuring" and "The Conjuring 2" well, conjured up, that more movies were necessary. There have been two films about Annabelle, the creepiest porcelain doll ever. And now "The Nun" takes on the backstory of the imposing demon in a habit that terrorized Lorraine's visions.

In this spinoff, director Corin Hardy delivers a 1970s throwback gothic horror epic. Written by "Annabelle" screenwriter Gary Dauberman and James Wan, it's lush, operatic, hardcore Catholic horror from the depths of "The Omen" and "The Exorcist," with hints of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's "Black Narcissus," washed with medieval overtones. And it's a total, screaming blast.

Demian Bichir is perfectly cast as Father Burke, a reluctant priest tasked by the Vatican to investigate



MARTIN MAGUIRE/WARNER BROS.

Ingrid Bisu co-stars in "The Nun," the story of a priest investigating the suicide of a nun in a Romanian abbey.

MPAA rating: R (for terror, violence, and disturbing/bloody images)

Running time: 1:36

Opens: Friday

unusual religious phenomena, or as they call it, "miracle hunting" (he exudes shades of Jason Miller in "The Exorcist"). After young deliveryman Frenchie (Jonas Bloquet) discovers the hanged body of a nun at a cloistered Romanian abbey, Burke is sent to investigate the suicide. He is asked to bring along a young novice, Sister Irene (Taissa Farmiga), for her familiarity with "the territory" (she's never been to Romania).

The people of the village claim the abbey is cursed, bringing a plague upon their houses, and the woods are littered with protective crosses. Once the team arrives, they discover it's not as bad as they expect — it's worse. The place is a mouth to hell, guarded by terrified nuns who participate in perpetual adoration and prayer to keep the demons at bay, though they aren't doing all that great a job of it.

Burke must rely on his deep religious historical knowledge, while Irene puts her psychic abilities and visions to use in combating the ancient evil. Frenchie is the audience surrogate, agape at the

surreal horrors unfolding within the abbey's walls, using good old-fashioned firepower as his protection.

French horror cinematographer Maxime Alexandre is well-versed in the visual language of the CCU — the slow camera movements, pushes and pulls that build tension, and slow pans that mimic human vision, looking away then back to reveal some demon lurking in the shadows. The camera chases and circles elusive creatures, catching glimpses but never quite finding anything before some hellish doom looms out of the dark.

Despite the sumptuous imagery and sound design enhanced with Gregorian chants and despite the excellent performances (particularly Farmiga as the steely but vulnerable nun), "The Nun" fails to execute one element: the question of faith. The franchise, with its point-of-view camera work and themes of psychic visions, has always pushed the boundaries on "seeing is believing," and having a little faith in the things you can see that others can't. In a religious setting, where prayer keeps demons at bay, there's an opportunity to explore the idea further, but "The Nun" stays on the surface. The surface may be ominous, richly textured and morbidly fascinating, but storywise, it remains shallow.

What's next for ousted 'MasterChef' contestant?

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Midwestern University dental student Farhan Momin dreams of chocolate — but not in a good way.

The 25-year-old Downers Grove resident was eliminated from "MasterChef" after he had trouble making a white chocolate panna cotta with a raspberry coulis; milk chocolate mousse; and dark chocolate molten lava cake in an hourlong challenge on Wednesday's episode.

"With that elimination challenge, it kind of haunts me a little bit. I wake up sometimes in the middle of

the night thinking about it," Momin told the Tribune by phone this week.

Like other "MasterChef" contestants, Momin revisited his elimination dish after returning home — well, sort of. "I've perfected the panna cotta and I've gotten pretty good at the mousse, but the lava cake I just haven't touched. I think it's just still too jarring of an experience to go back and make it. But it's one of those things where I practiced it before, I've done it before and I've done it well, it was just a matter of that time and place. It just didn't work out."

Momin — who earned the nickname "Original

Spice Boy" from "MasterChef" judge Gordon Ramsay — said he was happy to finish in sixth place in the Fox network competition because he accomplished his goal of showcasing Indian food beyond classic dishes.

A Georgia native, Momin plans to finish dental school next spring and settle in the Chicago area for a few years. He would like to work as a dentist and host pop-up dinners around town in his free time. He's considering giving his patients first dibs on these dinners.

He said he plans to visit "MasterChef" judge Aaron Sanchez and his restaurant

staff in New Orleans when he gets a break from school. Sanchez, who served as Momin's mentor during the competition, offered additional mentoring after Momin was eliminated from the competition.

Though he didn't win the \$250,000 prize, Momin's time on "MasterChef" has inspired the menu at his family's Tava Indian Bistro in the Atlanta area.

"A lot of people reach out to me or just come up to me and just tell me like, 'Hey, I really like what you're doing, how you're putting Indian food on the map.' I think people really understood what I was doing,



FOX

Farhan Momin competes in a challenge on "MasterChef."

and that was, I think, the coolest part," Momin said.

Momin was the final local home cook to be kicked off Season 9 of "MasterChef," which airs at

7 p.m. Wednesdays. Four of this season's 43 contestants live in the Chicago area.

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Luke Macfarlane

"Killjoys" (9 p.m., Syfy): Worst. Family. Reunion. Ever! D'av and Johnny (Luke Macfarlane, Aaron Ashmore) are trapped in the family bunker by a silica storm, along with their gruff dad, Marris (guest star Ron Lea), and Jaq, Dav's young son, in the new episode "It Takes a Pillage." Worse, they're being assailed by Hullen who are determined to capture Jaq for The Lady's nefarious purposes.

"Masters of Illusion" (7 p.m., CW): If music raises spirits, it also appears destined to raise one of the musicians — literally — in a new episode titled "Smart Money, Smart Phones and a Rising Pianist." Greg Gleason, Farrell Dillon, Jason Bird, Billy Kidd, Chris Funk, Keelan Leyser & Matt Daniel Baker, and Jarrett & Raja are the illusionists who show their magical stuff during this half-hour. Dean Cain is the host. Another episode follows.

"Snatched" (7:25 p.m., Cinemax): It sounded like an inspired idea when Amy Schumer coaxed Goldie Hawn out of retirement to play her mother in this 2017 comedy, Hawn's first movie role in 15 years. Schumer stars as recently fired and romantically bruised Emily Middleton, who persuades her mom to join her on a healing trip to Ecuador. Comic madness ensues as the two women are kidnapped. Joan Cusack and Ike Barinholtz co-star in the film.

"The Orville" (8 p.m., FOX): For those who have questioned what this show's tone is supposed to be, there's no question it's serious in "Firestorm," as a fire aboard the ship claims a life. Alara (Halston Sage) feels responsible and debates whether to continue as the Orville's security chief, but a strange series of events on the vessel demands her expertise. Robert Picardo guest stars.

"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" (8 p.m., Food): Host Guy Fieri embarks on a dazzling "Culinary Journey" in a new episode of that title that takes him first to the big island of Hawaii, where diners are left pleasantly speechless by a place that delivers a Filipino-Hawaiian mash-up. In Chicago, folks are lining up at a Spanish spot that specializes in off-the-hook (pun intended) seafood.

"The Killer Closer" (9 p.m., ID): In the finale, "The Last Straw," former Los Angeles Police Detective Lindy Gligorijevic recalls the taut investigation that followed a man's call to 911 to report that he had shot his girlfriend. The incident, which had lasted a few hours and included an attempt to rescue the victim, left Lindy faced with a need to build a compelling case that the shooter had intended to kill the woman.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*
"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Sharon Osbourne; Jay Rock performs.*
"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Sportscaster Terry Bradshaw; actress Shannon Purser; Dreamers perform.*

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	NBC 5	Stand Up to Cancer (N) (Live) © HD		Dateline NBC: "The Match." (N) © HD				NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Stand Up to Cancer (N) (Live) © HD		What Would You Do? (N) © HD		(9:01) 20/20 (Season Premiere) (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Legally Blonde (PG-13,'01) ♦♦	Reese Witherspoon.			Legally Blonde 2 ♦		
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!	Urban Nature (N)	American Masters: "Elizabeth Murray." (N) ©		Amer. Masters (N) ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		Funny You	Millionaire	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: "Mirror, Mirror."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	Jackie Brown (R,'97) ♦♦♦		Pam Grier, Samuel L. Jackson. ♦			
FOX 32	Stand Up to Cancer (N) (Live) © HD		The Orville: "Firestorm." © HD		Fox 32 News (N)	Bears Unleashed	Flannery Fired Up	
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UniMas 60	Reto 4 elementos (N)				La jefa del campeón (N)		Velvet (N) ♦	
WJYS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
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	AMC	Men in Black (PG-13,'97) ♦♦♦	Tommy Lee Jones. ©			Men in Black (PG-13,'97) ♦♦♦ ♦		
	ANIM	Treehouse Masters (N)		(8:01) Scaled (N)		Tanked (N)	Tanked (N)	Treehouse ♦
	BBCA	The X-Files: "Firewalker." ©		The X-Files ©		The X-Files ©		X-Files ♦
	BET						(9:35) Baggage Claim ♦	
	BIGTEN	College Soccer (N)		BTN Live	BIG Football & Beyond	Maize		BTN Live
	BRAVO	Stand Up to Cancer (N)		Friday (R,'95) ♦♦♦	Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. ©			Friday ♦♦♦ ♦
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	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Report (N) ♦
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	ESPN2			College Football: TCU at SMU. (N) (Live)				NFL Live ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
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	FREE	Stand Up to Cancer (N)		The Waterboy (PG-13,'98) ♦	Adam Sandler. ©			700 Club ♦
	FX	Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (PG-13,'15) ♦♦	Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario. ©					
	HALL	Autumn in the Vineyard (NR,'16) Rachael Leigh Cook.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Tiny Para.	Tiny Para.	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl	Hunters
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	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	The Closer ©		The Closer: "Next of Kin."		NWSL Soccer: Reign at Thorns (N) ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out (N)	Wild/Out (N)	SafeWord
	NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Cubs at Nationals (N)				Postgame	Baseball (N)	Postgame
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PARMT	Friends ©		Friends ©		Overboard (PG,'87) ♦♦	Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. ©		
SYFY	(6) Annabelle (R,'14) ♦♦		Wynonna Earp (N) ©		Killjoys (N) ©		The Purge ♦	
TBS	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13,'16) ♦♦	Ben Affleck. ©					ELEAGUE	
TCM	The Big Heat (NR,'53) ♦♦	Glenn Ford. ©			Too Late for Tears (NR,'49) ♦♦ ♦			
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TLN	Camp Meeting				Life Today	Dare	7th Street	
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WGN America	Stand Up to Cancer (N)		M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Stand Up to Cancer (N)		Drew Michael ©		Real Time, Bill (N)		VICE © ♦
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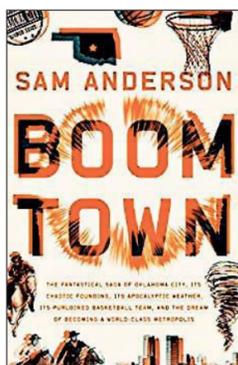
A portrait of Oklahoma City's psyche

Sam Anderson finds a kind of vortex, not just a basketball story

By DAVID L. ULIN
The Washington Post

About three-fourths of the way through "Boom Town," his nuanced, immersive portrait of Oklahoma City, Sam Anderson takes a walk. It isn't just any sort of walk — but then, Oklahoma City isn't just any sort of town. It's a walk back and forth through the city's history. Anderson has just attended a Century Chest celebration at the First Lutheran Church, at which a time capsule, sealed 100 years before, has been unveiled. Anderson is skeptical; "Time capsules are notoriously disappointing," he writes. "They are supposed to be magical existential wormholes to a lost reality, but instead they are almost always empty, damaged, full of junk — further depressing evidence (as if we needed any) of the absolute tyranny of time." The passage evokes its author softly: the inside outsider, captivated but unconvinced, part of the collective while also essentially apart. The same might be said of Oklahoma City, which was created in a single day, April 22, 1889, when across the span of a few hours the Oklahoma Land Run brought 10,000 residents to a place that had been occupied, previously, by no one. Surprisingly, however, Oklahoma City's time capsule contains real treasures: "A wooden Choctaw bow. A 1913 phone book, plus a clunky old-timey

phone to make calls with. A judge's gavel. A glass container of wheat." Anderson is moved — or perhaps it's more accurate to say he is overwhelmed. He drives out to the edge of the city, "as near as I could to ... what the settlers of 1889 called the 'Pott Line,' because the territory on the other side belonged to the Potawatomi Indians." For the rest of the day, he walks back into downtown, through empty streets and failed shopping centers, past prefab houses and piles of dirt. The landscape is forsaken. "OKC was more than just a city," Anderson reflects, in the midst of the desolation; "it was an existential crusade, an attempt to assert the primacy of consciousness, of human life, in this endless sea of nothing. It had to keep booming, because whenever it stopped to rest, the prairie rose up and tried to swallow it." This is the strength, the unlikely triumph, of "Boom Town," which takes a city almost universally overlooked and turns it into a metaphor for, well, everything. Anderson is not a native; he had never been to Oklahoma City until he was sent there, in 2012, to write a magazine piece about the Thunder, the city's improbable — and improbably successful — NBA team. What he finds, though, is not just a basketball story but a kind



'Boom Town'

By Sam Anderson, Crown, 427 pages, \$28

of vortex.

"Is it possible to control an explosion?" Anderson wonders at the outset, and the question lingers throughout the book. In part, this is because Oklahoma City is itself explosive, a great nothing that out of sheer will spun itself into something, only to flirt with nothingness again. In part, it has to do with what has happened there. Oklahoma City, after all, is home to catastrophic weather, a city where a meteorologist named Gary England has become a local hero for his tornado forecasts. It is a city that destroys the past as much as it seeks to embody or honor it; downtown was gutted in the 1960s and '70s in the name of urban renewal, although this has almost entirely failed. Underneath it all, the longing and disruption, echoes the ghost of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, blown up by Timothy McVeigh on April 19, 1995. "I got to know people in Oklahoma City," Anderson informs us, "who would tell me everything about their lives, every inch of the deep history of the city, but they could not talk to me about anything they saw on April 19." The Oklahoma City bombing was the most destructive terrorist attack in the United States before 9/11; 168 people died in the explosion, including 19 of



NICK OXFORD/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The Wheeler District is one of Oklahoma City's popular destinations. The city was created in a single day in 1889.

21 children in day care. And yet, for much of "Boom Town" the tragedy is as absent as the negative space where the Murrah building used to stand. At first, it seems like an oversight, a loose end, something tugging at us from just beyond the page. Anderson, however, knows what he is doing, which is less to create a history of Oklahoma City than to map it out as psychic space. If no one can tell him what they experienced in the tragedy, how can he tell us? The story has to exist in the interstices, to be intuited as much as told. This is why the Thunder is important; the team's arrival (it moved to Oklahoma City from Seattle) is not only an emblem of the city's big-league status but also a sort of reclamation, a way to build upon the past. Every new player is required to visit the memorial, even Oklahoma City native bench player Daniel Orton, who "told the team that, since he had actually experienced the bombing in person, since his mom had been right down near it, since his uncles were firefighters who helped at the scene, since he had been to the memorial a million times, he didn't feel he needed to take the official tour." That the team made him do it anyway may be the most telling detail in the book. What Anderson is tracing is the creation of a narrative, the story the city tells about itself. "I have

come to believe, after my time there," he observes, "that Oklahoma City is one of the great weirdo cities in the world." The people to whom he introduces us in "Boom Town" bear this out. There is the point guard Russell Westbrook, by turns brilliant and undisciplined, driven by resentment and rage. There is Wayne Coyne, lead singer of the Flaming Lips, still living and working in the neighborhood where he was raised. Such individuals have more than a little in common with the towering figures of Oklahoma City history: Angelo Scott, who worked to organize the city in its early decades, or Stanley Draper, who arrived in 1919 and, as director of the chamber of commerce, remade the place in his own image for more than 50 years. They have more than a little in common with Anderson as well. Like him, they are inside outsiders, who carved a home out of the unforgiving landscape, caught between the structure of the city and the wildness of all that open space. Here, perhaps, we also see the source of Anderson's affinity for this city built, above all things, on conditionality: "law, fantasy, history; Process, Boom, and a synthesis of the two."

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Oscars' 'popular' category shelved

By KRISTOPHER TAPLEY
Variety

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has announced its new planned "popular" Oscar "merits further study" and will not present the new category at the upcoming 91st Academy Awards. The organization stated that "while remaining committed to celebrating a wide spectrum of movies," it recognized that implementing any new award nine months into the year "creates challenges for films that have already been released." The AMPAS board of governors will continue to be actively engaged in discussions and will be seeking input regarding the category going forward. "There has been a wide range of reactions to the introduction of a new award, and we recognize the need for further discussion with our members," said Academy CEO Dawn Hudson. "We have made changes to the Oscars over the years — including this year — and we will continue to evolve while also respecting the incredible legacy of the last 90 years." Other planned changes to the 91st Oscars (2019) will move forward, including restructuring and shortening the length of the telecast to three hours. To honor all 24 award categories, six to eight categories will be presented live, in the Dolby Theatre, during commercial breaks. The winning moments will then be edited and aired later in the broadcast. Selected categories will be rotated each year. The Academy will collaborate with the show producer(s) to select these categories. The 91st Oscars will be held on Feb. 24, 2019.

Horoscopes

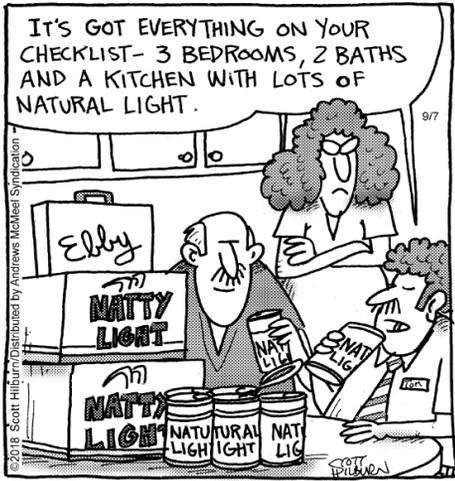


Today's birthday (Sept. 7): Creative projects grow this year. Disciplined actions win your heart's dream. Learn surprising skills through travels and studies. Summer brings team accomplishments before shifting health and work circumstances remind you to recharge and reflect for renewed inspiration.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. An obstacle lies between you and a romantic objective. Avoid gossip or rumors. Keep an open mind, and stay flexible with changes.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. A domestic matter has your attention. Slow to avoid accidents. Family communication works out a mess. Sort the illusions and fantasies from practical goals.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Ask probing questions and gather valuable information. Facts don't support a prior assumption. Avoid distractions or a wild goose chase.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Potential income appears. Follow a hunch or brilliant idea. Find new inspiration in an old dream. Changes could seem abrupt. Don't spend more than you have.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. As you grow stronger more options appear. Talk your way through surprising circumstances. Rely on trusted allies. Stick to practical objectives and stay focused.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Peace and quiet soothes and restores. Keep confidences and secrets. Work behind closed doors can get especially productive. Notice the underlying mood and emotions.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Social events bring interesting opportunities. Enjoy parties, meetings and gatherings. Accept a challenge. A surprise could get lucrative. Give your partner temporary veto power.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Take advantage of a professional opportunity. A lucky break presents itself. Intuition shows the way. Confer with family. Provide excellent service.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. An exploration calls to you. Stick to reliable routes. Learn from elders without being inhibited by past worries. Overindulging would get expensive; keep it simple.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Revise the family budget to suit current circumstances. Learn from experience. Refine fantasies to realistic goals. Prioritize savings and enjoy simple pleasures.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Collaborate for shared gain. Clarify misunderstandings immediately. Push, but gently. Ask for what you want. Make sure your idea works for your family.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Make a beneficial connection. Physical efforts provide satisfying results. Strengthen your heart by getting your blood pumping.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ A 10	♥ Q 5 4	♠ K 6 2	♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A 9 8 6 3 2	♣ A 5	♦ K 10 4	♣ 10 6 4
West		South	
♠ Q 7 3	♥ J 10 2	♠ J 9 8 5 4	♥ A 8 6
♦ J 5	♣ J 9 8 7 2	♦ Q 7	♣ K Q 3

Many card-play techniques, or fancy plays, have been given exotic names over the years. This is true for both declarer plays and defensive plays. Consider this deal from the 1993 Bermuda Bowl.

At one table, the opening lead was a low club. Declarer rose with dummy's ace and led a low diamond toward his queen. East stepped up with his king and shifted to the king of spades. This play, where a defender sacrifices an honor to knock out a key entry for declarer, is known as the Merrimac Coup. It was a fine play, but declarer's spades were just too good. South captured the king with dummy's ace and continued the suit, developing enough spade tricks to make his contract.

At another table, against the same contract, West led the jack of hearts. South played low from dummy and won with the ace in his hand. He then led the seven of diamonds and passed it to East's 10. South was willing to lose two diamond tricks as long as he lost them to East and kept the queen of hearts protected. East at this table was one of the all-time greats, Eric Rodwell. Rodwell shifted to the king of spades! Was this the Merrimac Coup again? No it wasn't. This defensive play, where you sacrifice an honor to create an entry to partner's hand, is known as the Deschappelles Coup. This declarer also won with dummy's ace of spades and continued the suit. When West won his queen of spades, he reverted to hearts and the contract was defeated. Nice play, whatever you call it!

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ?

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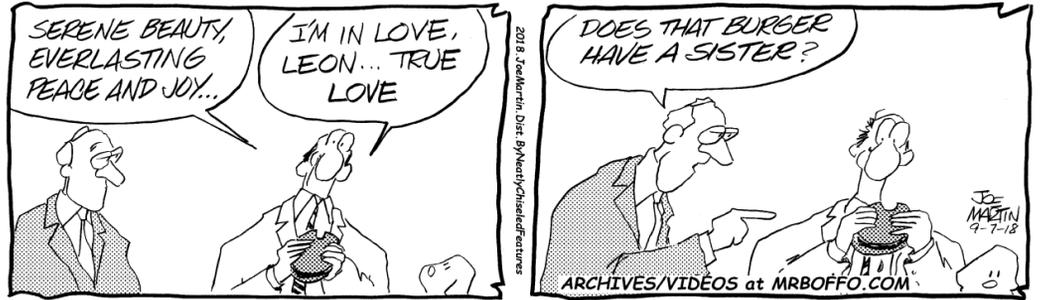
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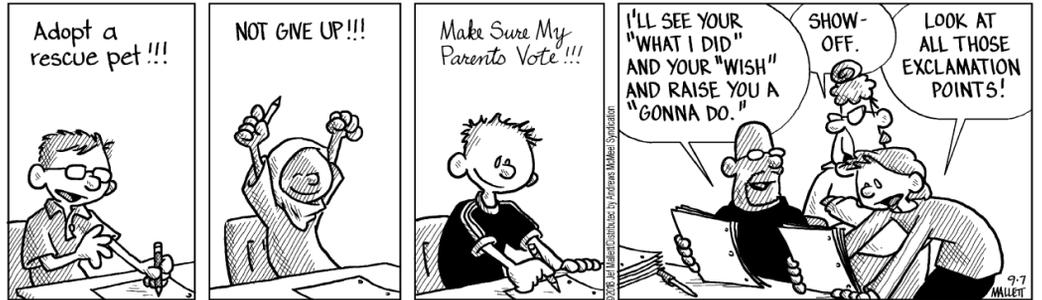
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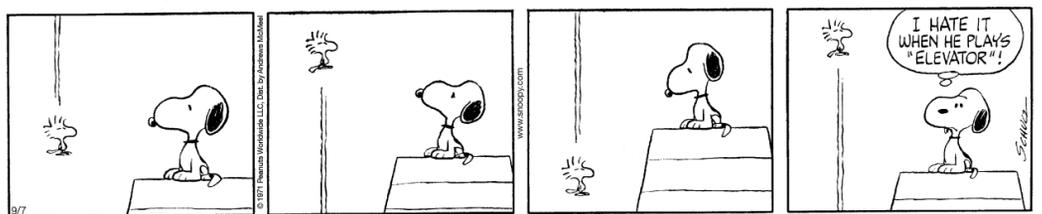
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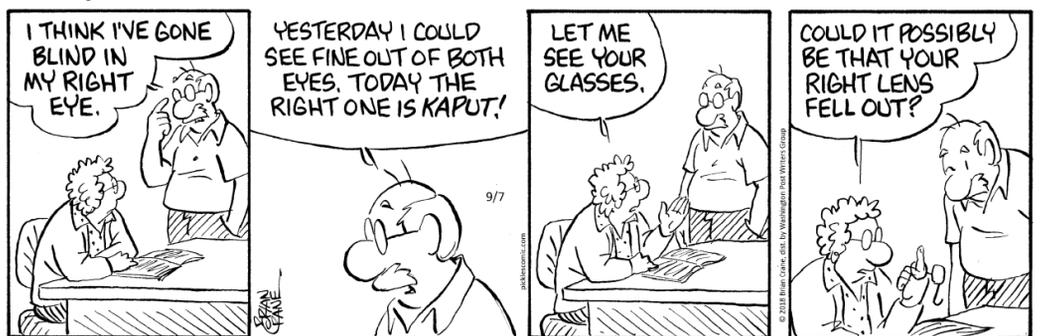
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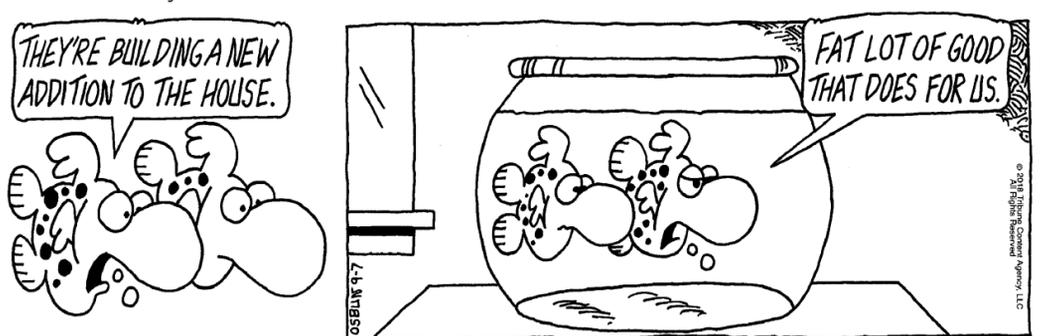
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Dick Tracy



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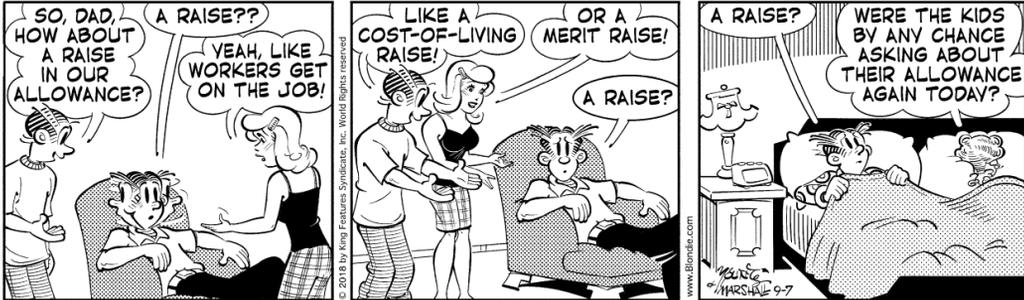
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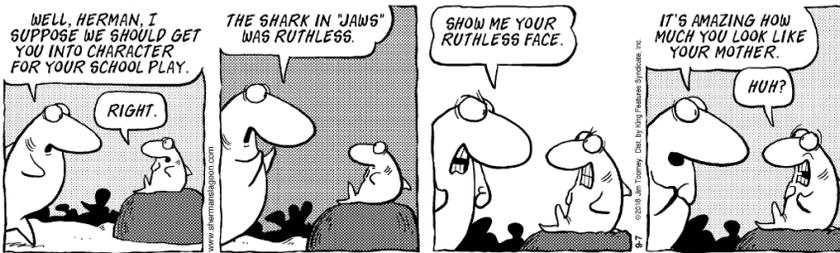
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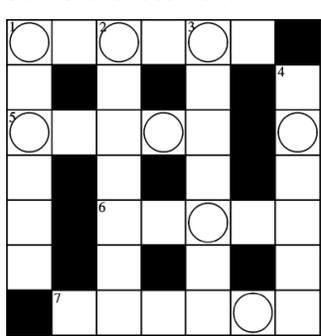


Trivia Bits

Who resigned as the president of Columbia University when he was elected president of the United States?
 A) Jimmy Carter
 B) Dwight D. Eisenhower
 C) Theodore Roosevelt
 D) Woodrow Wilson

Thursday's answer: In 1993, the NHL's Minnesota North Stars relocated to Dallas and became the Dallas Stars.
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Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Certain spa service
 - Brittle
 - Type of heron
 - Popcorn
- CLUE DOWN**
- Component
 - ___ food
 - Type of painkiller
 - Pale

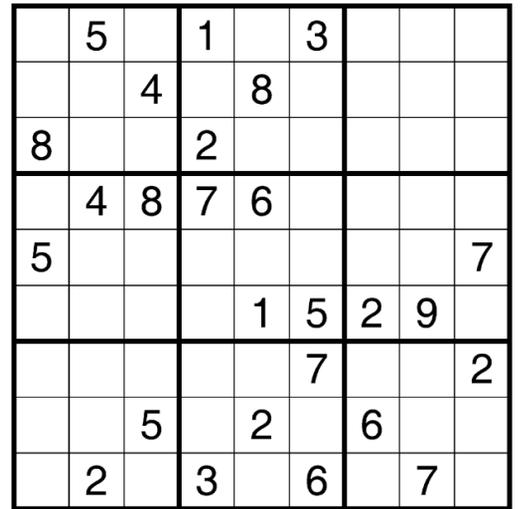
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

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 ANSWERS: 1A-Elmer 5A-Crump 6A-Elmer 7A-Facial 8A-Crump 9A-Elmer 10A-Elmer 11A-Elmer 12A-Elmer 13A-Elmer 14A-Elmer 15A-Elmer 16A-Elmer 17A-Elmer 18A-Elmer 19A-Elmer 20A-Elmer 21A-Elmer 22A-Elmer 23A-Elmer 24A-Elmer 25A-Elmer 26A-Elmer 27A-Elmer 28A-Elmer 29A-Elmer 30A-Elmer 31A-Elmer 32A-Elmer 33A-Elmer 34A-Elmer 35A-Elmer 36A-Elmer 37A-Elmer 38A-Elmer 39A-Elmer 40A-Elmer 41A-Elmer 42A-Elmer 43A-Elmer 44A-Elmer 45A-Elmer 46A-Elmer 47A-Elmer 48A-Elmer 49A-Elmer 50A-Elmer 51A-Elmer 52A-Elmer 53A-Elmer 54A-Elmer 55A-Elmer 56A-Elmer 57A-Elmer 58A-Elmer 59A-Elmer 60A-Elmer 61A-Elmer 62A-Elmer 63A-Elmer 64A-Elmer 65A-Elmer 66A-Elmer 67A-Elmer 68A-Elmer 69A-Elmer

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

9/7



4	7	8	1	6	9	2	5	3
2	1	3	5	8	4	9	6	7
9	6	5	3	2	7	4	1	8
1	8	2	4	5	6	7	3	9
6	5	9	8	7	3	1	2	4
7	3	4	9	1	2	5	8	6
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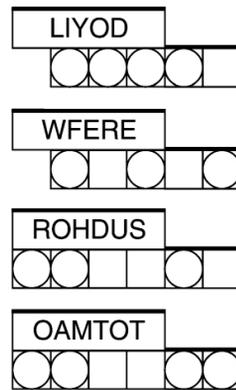
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday'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



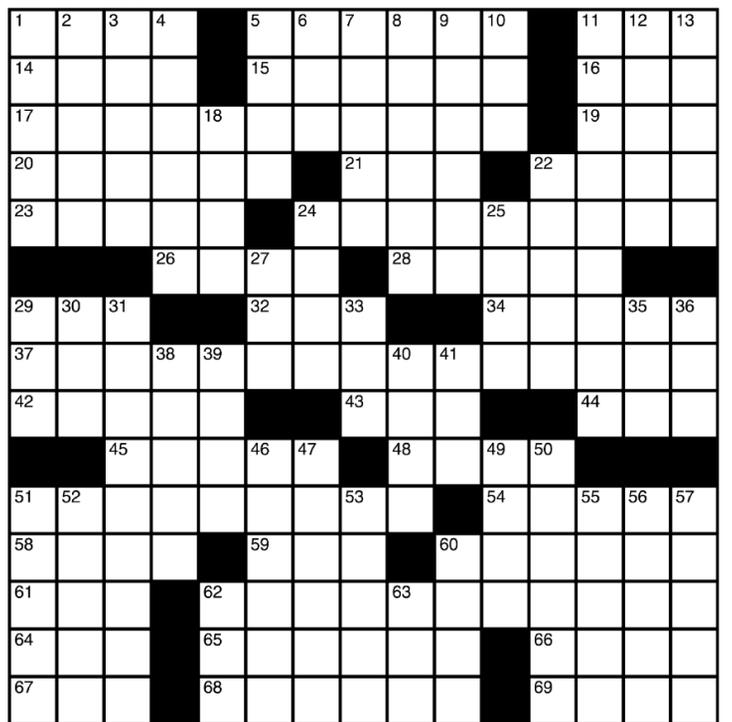
Thursday's answers

Jumbles: MUMMY STAND POETIC FREELY
 Answer: Clocks didn't go digital until — MODERN TIMES

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Crossword

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Across

- "_ Told Me (Not to Come)": 1970 #1 hit
- 5 Folly
- 11 "Caught you!"
- 14 River to the Caspian
- 15 Spacecraft section
- 16 Apprehend
- 17 Skin tone achieved via pure will?
- 19 "_ had enough!"
- 20 Its contents need attention
- 21 Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 22 Romances
- 23 Storied engineer Jones
- 24 Ballet performance on skis?
- 26 Extinct bird
- 28 Forest
- 29 List-ending abbr.
- 32 _ sort
- 34 Tea variety
- 37 TV show destined for early cancellation?
- 42 Protuberance

- "Glee" cheerleading coach
- Small point
- Purple shade
- Copious quantities
- Horse chatter?
- Kitchen light
- UPS Store supply
- Mined find
- Road construction sight
- Six-pack components
- Lame justification for the letter substitution in four puzzle answers?
- Beluga yield
- Serious attacks
- Bone: Pref.
- Nursery layer
- Marine group that's well-armed?
- Disorder

- Chaos
- More than rotund
- BLT basic
- Cooled one's heels?
- Waiting room piece
- Figure (out)
- Medico
- Wane
- Commercial prefix suggestive of accuracy
- Broke down
- Balaam's mount
- Paris agreement
- Health care worker, briefly
- Deft
- Farmer's habitat?
- Elephant tooth
- Souvenir from a concert
- ___ power
- One may be magic
- Peak
- "2 Broke Girls," for one
- Garbo and Gable, e.g.
- Like certain subjects in certain company
- Free
- Cad
- Boots
- Sources of shade
- 60 He played Ricky in early TV
- Spanish pronoun
- "Sure 'nuff"

Thursday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

NORMAL HIGH: 78°

NORMAL LOW: 58°

RECORD HIGH: 100° (1960)

RECORD LOW: 42° (1986)

Cool weather, clouds will linger for rest of week

LOCAL FORECAST

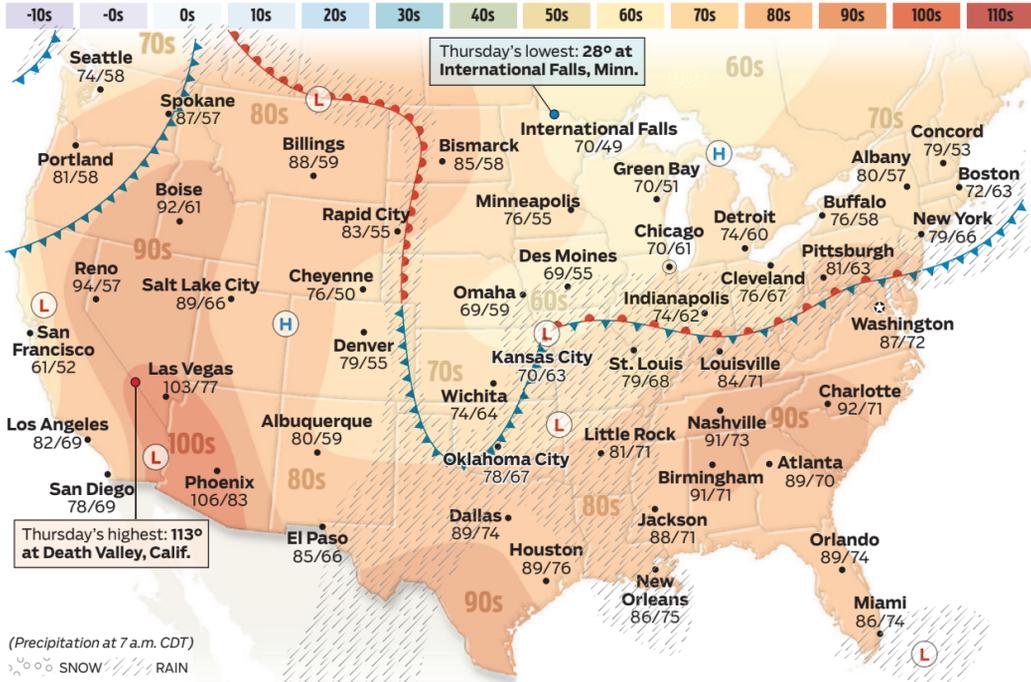
HIGH 70 | **LOW** 61

■ Gusty northeast winds flowing around the southern portion of high pressure centered over the northern Great Lakes will cause dangerous swimming conditions to continue along the Illinois and Indiana Lake Michigan shoreline.

■ Thick clouds with a chance of light rain or sprinkles north - a better chance of showers with heavier rains south of Interstate 80.

■ Area-wide cloudiness again overnight with a chance of showers south.

NATIONAL FORECAST



High temperatures Thursday occurred just after midnight, with afternoon readings in the 60s area-wide. It has been over three months since we've had an afternoon that cold. Afternoon highs in the upper 60s were 20 to 25 degrees cooler than Wednesday's readings that peaked in the lower 90s.

Northeast to east winds will continue over the Chicago area through the coming weekend. With lake water temperatures in the 60s, highs each day will struggle to reach the 70-degree mark.

Cloudiness will persist as waves of low pressure ripple along the front to our south, causing periodic showers that may reach as far north as our area. A break in clouds should occur finally on Monday with a return to southerly winds and a gradual warming trend into the middle of next week.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

HIGH 69 | **LOW** 60

Cloudy breezy and cool with a chance of light rain - best chance of rain south of I-80 where locally heavy downpours could occur. Highs in the 60s. Clouds and a chance of showers overnight. Easterly winds 15-25 mph.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

HIGH 69 | **LOW** 61

Mostly cloudy skies. A chance of showers mainly in the morning south of Interstate 80 with rain ending from the west in the afternoon. Highs upper 60s to lower 70s. Mostly cloudy overnight. E/NE winds 10 to 20 mph.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

HIGH 77 | **LOW** 62

Low pressure pulls off to the east and clouds break - allowing abundant sunshine for the first time in several days. Afternoon highs 75-80. Partly cloudy overnight. NW winds eventually become light and variable at night.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

HIGH 83 | **LOW** 66

Mostly sunny and warmer - afternoon highs reach into the lower and middle 80s. Cooler at the lakefront. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light south to southeast winds.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

HIGH 86 | **LOW** 66

Mostly sunny, warm and a little more humid. Afternoon highs in middle 80s with cooler readings at the lakefront. Scattered clouds overnight. Southerly winds.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

HIGH 87 | **LOW** 67

Mostly sunny and warm. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 80s; cooler again along the lake. Partly cloudy overnight. Light southerly winds with an on-shore flow along the lake during the daytime hours.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I was told that hurricanes and typhoons are the same, except that hurricanes are in the Atlantic while typhoons are in the Pacific. Why was Lane, which affected Hawaii, a hurricane?
- Larry Nazimek, Chicago

Dear Larry,
The vast Pacific Ocean is host to both typhoons and hurricanes. North Pacific storms forming east of the international date line are hurricanes, and those forming to the west are typhoons. That is why both Hawaii storms, Lane and Hector, were called hurricanes. However, if a storm crosses the date line, it changes to or from a hurricane or typhoon. In 1994, when Hurricane John traveled west across the date line, it became Typhoon John. Eventually the storm recurved east and reclaimed its hurricane nomenclature before it finally dissipated in the Northeast Pacific.

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Strengthening NE winds; heavy rains south of Chicago

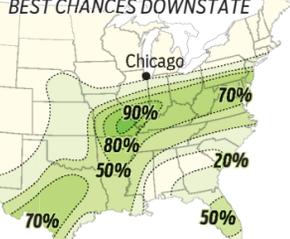
EXCESSIVE RAINFALL RISK
Big rains target downstate Illinois, Indiana and Missouri
From 7 a.m. FRI. to 7 a.m. SAT.



ESTIMATED TOTAL RAINFALL
Includes moisture from Tropical Storm 'Gordon'
THROUGH 7 A.M. MONDAY



PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES
Friday night & Saturday
BEST CHANCES DOWNSTATE

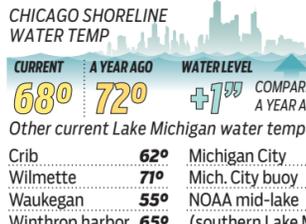


DANGEROUS SWIMMING CONDITIONS
Beach Hazard Statement

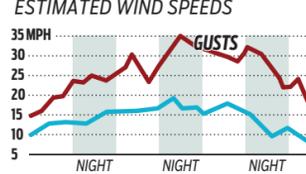
- High waves
- Powerful rip currents



LAKE MICHIGAN UPDATE
Recent drenching rains push Lake Michigan water levels higher



"NE" WINDS BUILD INTO THE WEEKEND



MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	82	69	rn	73	64
Carbondale	ts	73	60	rn	68	57
Champaign	ts	72	60	rn	68	57
Decatur	ts	72	60	rn	68	57
Moline	sh	70	59	sh	71	56
Peoria	rn	70	61	rn	69	57
Quincy	rn	70	61	rn	68	57
Rockford	sh	71	58	cl	69	55
Springfield	sh	73	62	rn	67	59
Sterling	sh	71	57	sh	70	54
Indiana	ts	76	64	rn	68	61
Bloomington	ts	85	69	rn	74	65
Evansville	ts	72	59	sh	70	58
Fort Wayne	ts	74	62	rn	67	61
Indianapolis	ts	70	59	rn	68	57
Lafayette	ts	70	59	rn	68	57
South Bend	sh	70	58	sh	67	56
Wisconsin	pc	70	51	pc	68	50
Green Bay	pc	69	60	cl	68	57
Kenosha	pc	74	54	pc	73	51
La Crosse	pc	71	55	pc	69	51
Madison	pc	68	60	pc	67	59
Milwaukee	pc	68	60	pc	67	59
Wausau	pc	71	48	su	68	47
Michigan	pc	74	60	sh	70	58
Detroit	pc	73	54	pc	71	53
Grand Rapids	su	66	50	su	61	48
Marquette	st. ste.	70	56	su	65	47
St. Ste. Marie	su	70	54	su	65	47
Traverse City	pc	71	53	pc	71	52
Iowa	sh	71	53	pc	72	51
Ames	sh	69	55	pc	72	53
Cedar Rapids	cl	73	56	pc	72	52
Des Moines	cl	73	56	pc	72	52
Dubuque	cl	73	56	pc	72	52

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	76	67	ts	76	65
Albuquerque	pc	80	57	pc	79	54
Albany	pc	80	59	su	84	61
Amarillo	sh	78	59	pc	79	58
Anchorage	pc	65	46	su	65	44
Asheville	ts	86	64	ts	83	66
Aspen	pc	75	44	pc	76	47
Atlanta	pc	89	70	pc	88	70
Atlanta City	ts	81	69	sh	73	64
Austin	ts	91	74	ts	85	72
Austin	ts	91	74	ts	85	72
Baltimore	pc	88	71	sh	73	65
Billings	su	88	59	pc	83	55
Birmingham	pc	91	71	cl	89	71
Bismarck	pc	85	58	pc	82	59
Boise	pc	77	49	su	87	55
Boston	sh	72	63	pc	71	58
Brownsville	ts	95	78	ts	95	77
Buffalo	pc	76	58	cl	67	51
Burlington	pc	77	49	su	85	63
Charlotte	pc	92	71	pc	89	69
Charltn SC	ts	86	73	ts	85	74
Charltn WV	ts	82	66	sh	77	65
Chattanooga	pc	91	71	ts	88	71
Cheyanne	pc	76	50	ts	77	53
Cincinnati	ts	79	66	pc	71	58
Cleveland	cl	76	67	sh	70	61
Colo. Spgs	pc	73	53	pc	76	54
Columbia MO	ts	83	63	sh	67	58
Columbia SC	pc	93	72	pc	92	72
Columbus	ts	80	64	sh	69	62
Concord	pc	79	77	pc	91	75
Crps Christi	ts	89	77	pc	77	67
Dallas	ts	89	74	ts	82	69
Daytona Bch.	ts	87	73	ts	87	72
Denver	pc	79	55	su	85	60
Duluth	pc	68	55	pc	65	51
El Paso	pc	85	66	pc	86	66
Fairbanks	pc	56	33	su	59	32
Fargo	pc	76	54	pc	76	56
Flagstaff	pc	76	47	pc	79	49
Fort Myers	ts	89	72	ts	88	74
Fort Smith	ts	83	71	sh	80	66
Fresno	su	101	67	su	100	66
Grand Junc.	pc	88	59	su	90	63
Great Falls	su	90	59	pc	83	50
Harrisburg	ts	83	66	sh	72	59
Hartford	sh	76	61	cl	74	54
Helena	pc	87	57	pc	82	52
Honolulu	ts	88	75	sh	87	75
Houston	ts	89	76	ts	89	76
Int'l Falls	pc	70	49	sh	71	52
Jackson	ts	88	71	ts	89	72
Jacksonville	ts	87	76	ts	87	75
Jameau	sh	63	48	cl	65	48
Kansas City	su	70	63	sh	68	58
Las Vegas	su	103	77	su	107	77
Las Vegas	ts	87	76	ts	87	75
Lexington	ts	82	69	ts	76	68
Lincoln	sh	68	60	sh	72	52
Lincoln	ts	81	71	ts	82	67
Los Angeles	pc	82	69	su	89	70
Los Angeles	ts	84	71	ts	85	78
Little Rock	ts	81	71	ts	82	67
Little Rock	ts	81	71	ts	82	67
Louisville	ts	84	71	ts	85	78
Macon	pc	93	70	pc	92	70
Memphis	ts	87	73	ts	84	70
Miami	ts	86	74	ts	87	75
Minneapolis	pc	87	55	su	73	52
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San Diego	pc	78	69	su	85	71
San Francisco	su	61	52	su	65	51
San Juan	pc	88	77	pc	88	76
Santa Fe	pc	73	50	ts	75	53
Savannah	ts	86	72	ts	87	72

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ON THE TOWN

TAKE 10

By **JESSI ROTI** | Chicago Tribune

1. Billy Joel: For the fifth year in a row, the Piano Man returns to Wrigley Field for another evening of hits and arena-sized singalongs. \$55-\$160. 8 p.m. Friday. 1060 W. Addison St. tinyurl.com/y9aq546f

2. Windy City Wine Festival: Head to Buckingham Fountain to sample more than 300 wines from around the world, take in seminars and cooking demonstrations, and check out live entertainment. Tickets include 20 tastings and a commemorative tasting glass. \$45 advance/\$50 at the gate. 5-10 p.m. Friday; 3-8 p.m. Saturday. 301 S. Columbus Drive. windycitywinefestival.com

3. Festival de la Villita: Coinciding with Fiestas Patrias in Mexico, the Little Village hosts this annual street fest for its 29th year. There will be regional and local music acts, carnival rides, authentic Mexican food from community eateries and more honoring Mexico's independence from Spanish rule in September 1810. Free admission. 5-10 p.m. Friday; 2-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 26th Street and Kostner Avenue. tinyurl.com/ybddck64

4. Riff: The iO Theater's new late night show takes place Fridays and Saturdays, bringing out the city's most talented musical comedians — including singers, rappers, and more — for a night of interactive, fast-paced improv. \$15-\$20. 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. The Event Space at iO Chicago, 1501 N. Kingsbury St. tinyurl.com/y9o7oetw

5. The MANIA Experience: Fall Out



Patrick Stump

Boy fans can step inside the creative inner workings of the band's latest LP ahead of its Wrigley Field concert with this interactive, immersive pop-up that will allow you to "see, feel, hear, and touch all the differ-

ent textures from the album." Free with registration. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Coyne, 330 N. Green St. tinyurl.com/y9vyuhqp

6. Chicago Bears Block Party: Football fans! Kick off the season with this annual tailgate block party, a Bears' fan takeover of Logan Square. Rub elbows with club alumni while listening to live music from Atlas Genius, the Chicago Bears drumline and others. There will also be photo ops, a kids activity zone, live graffiti artist, video game trailer and more. Free. Noon to 10 p.m. Saturday. North Milwaukee Avenue between North Spaulding and North Kedzie avenues. tinyurl.com/yc6d3czb

7. AMFM's Final Feast: The final installment of AMFM's FEAST festival culminates in just that — a feast of food, art, fashion and live music; complete with a daylong takeover of Douglas Park. Performers include Lester Rey, Avantist, Matt Muse, Shawnee Dez, Solo Sam and more. Admission is free; donations suggested. 1-9 p.m. Saturday. 1401 S. Sacramento Drive. tinyurl.com/y8p2whl2

8. 2018 Fall Family Festival: The Kohl Children's Museum's annual event offers a day of family-friendly activities including kiddie train rides through its "Habitat Park" exhibit, a petting farm and educational workshops about snakes and turtles, old-fashioned carnival games, meet and greets with Snow White and Merida and more. \$26. 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday. 2100 Patriot Blvd. tinyurl.com/ybwfflav

9. Chicago Music Summit: September ushers in a month's worth of "Today at Apple" programming around the city's booming music scenes. This weekend, aspiring writers can take a workshop to help them work on their pitching skills (Saturday) and would-be DJs and producers can tackle mixing beats and tracks with Sunday's MusicLab. 1:30-3 p.m. 401 N. Michigan Ave. For a complete schedule of Chicago Music Summit events, visit tinyurl.com/yb5fplxu

10. Chicago Bourbon and Barbecue Festival: "Southern hospitality meets Midwest outdoor fun!" at this second annual Labor Day happening. There will be barbecue from seven local and national rib-slingers (including one from Australia), daily bourbon tastings that include 12 sampling tickets, and live, all-day soul music. Free admission; \$35 for bourbon tasting ticket, \$16 for mini-sampler ticket. Noon to 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 2000 W. Belmont Ave. tinyurl.com/yd2zn5pp

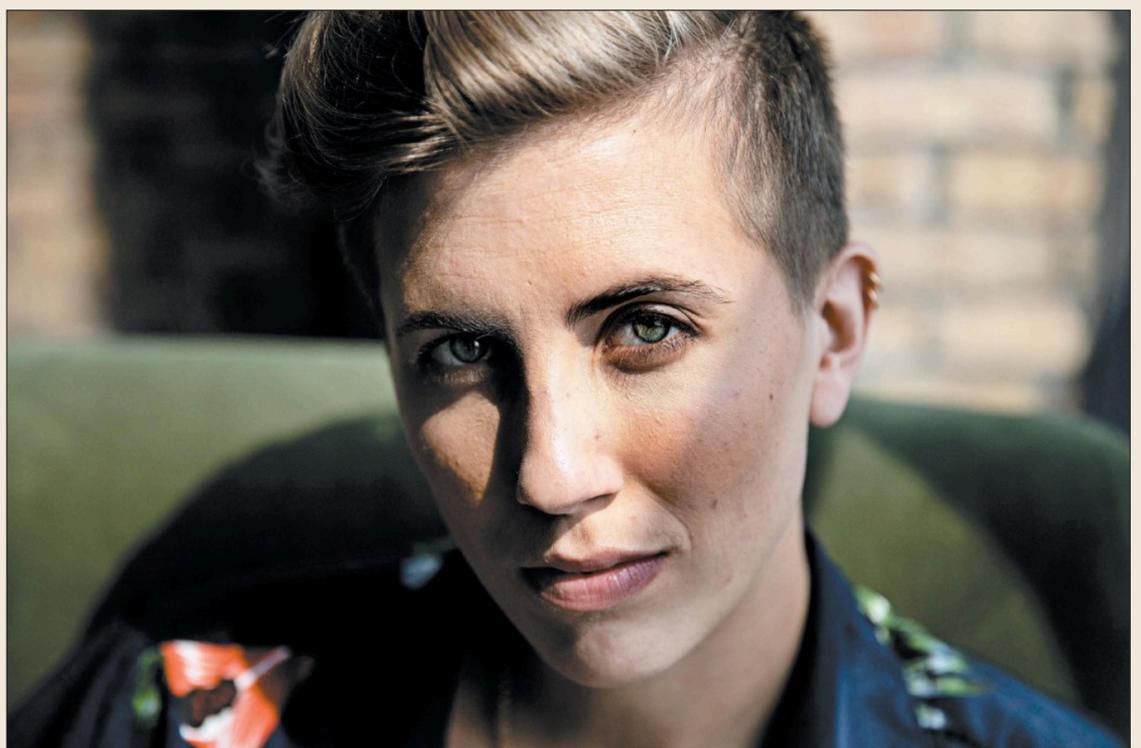
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OUR HOT NEW FACES OF CHICAGO THEATER CLASS OF 2018

By **CHRIS JONES**
Chicago Tribune

They've impressed us at TimeLine. Knocked us out at Victory Gardens. Made us chortle at Second City. Blown us away at the Lookingglass. They're a diverse crew, but they all are into truth and creativity, ensemble and commitment, theater and Chicago. And every one is a charmer. Late each summer, the Tribune picks the Hot New Faces of Chicago theater. Come meet our Class of 2018, picked for potential greatness on Chicago-area stages in the year ahead. Photos are by Tribune photographer Erin Hooley.

Turn to **Theater, Page 5**



Emily Fightmaster

In 2012, a touring company from the Second City passed through Cincinnati. A University of Cincinnati student named Emily Fightmaster, who is killing it in the Second City e.t.c. company, took a workshop and was hooked. "I moved to Chicago right away," she says. Fightmaster finished college in gender studies at DePaul University and studied at Second City. In 2015, she spent a year at the Amsterdam comedy theater known as Boom Chicago, an early home of Seth Meyers, which led to a year or so in Second City's touring company and then to e.t.c. And, yes, Fightmaster is the 26-year-old's real name. "I got blessed," she says. "But people will never stop asking me how it's spelled." *Up next: Ongoing in "Gaslight District" at Second City e.t.c.*



Geno Walker

"My story is atypical," says this powerful 38-year-old actor, a resident of Chicago since he was 2 years old. "We bounced around a lot when I was a child. My mom was in jail and, for a while, my father and I were homeless." But Geno Walker eventually settled in the public housing project known as Cabrini-Green and, from there, found his way to Oberlin College and a major in computer science: "I literally threw a temper tantrum in the computer lab my sophomore year," he said. "I had realized the computer was not for me." He preferred telling stories and found his way into film and performance. Walker's first show was "Hellcab" at Profiles Theatre, followed by "Blues for an Alabama Sky" at Court Theatre. But we were knocked out by his leading role in "To Catch a Fish" at TimeLine; Walker offered up a deeply moving encapsulation of a vulnerable young man who must figure out who to trust. We'll be trusting him in the future. *Up next: "Seeing what good is coming along. No plans to go anywhere else."*

TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



Shires sees writing on wall

Songwriter alters routines on new album

Amanda Shires just released a turning-point album, one that takes her to a new level as a songwriter and sonic adventurer. But “To the Sunset” (Silver Knife/Thirty Tigers) didn’t arrive without some struggle.

Shires, who is married to songwriter Jason Isbell, gave birth to a daughter in 2015, and it prompted a shift in her songwriting routine. Rather than writing at her desk, Shires set up shop in a closet at her home outside Nashville, Tenn., and taped in-progress lyrics to the wall. That way she didn’t have to collect the scraps after each workday to keep her toddler from turning them into doodle pads. The uncharacteristic public display of her unfinished work left her feeling vulnerable and exposed.

“I was very closed off when it came to my work previously, and now I was having conversations with everyone who came into my house and saw my unfinished lyrics,” Shires says. “So I’d be saying things like, ‘Oh, don’t worry, those are my s----- words, but they’ll be good eventually.’ It was like taking a shower with somebody that you’ve never even been to dinner with. People see your soul on the walls.”

But Shires regained her confidence when she wrote “Eve’s Daughter,” about her mom and the notion of motherhood in the wake of having her



ELIZAVETA PORODINA PHOTO

Amanda Shires’ new album reflects a shift in her songwriting routine after she gave birth to a daughter in 2015.

own child.

“I was facing the fact that I am a different writer than Jason, that my process is different and that I needed to accept myself,” she says. “I got to ‘Eve’s Daughter’ and the whole record opened up. I realized, I’m OK with myself. I can keep doing this. That song says, ‘I’m awesome, I’m awesome at life, I’m going to keep doing it this way and I don’t care what anyone else thinks.’ I was raising a little girl, but how do you raise a strong brave girl if you can’t be one yourself?”

Shires started building

her strength as an accomplished musician from an early age.

While growing up in Texas, she studied violin with Frankie McWhorter of legendary swing band the Texas Playboys. She eventually joined the band at age 15.

While attending Texas Tech, she began writing songs and stepped out as a singer. Amid a series of solo albums, she also played with artists such as Billy Joe Shaver and Justin Townes Earle and remains a member of Isbell’s band, the 400 Unit. Though initially lumped in with the

Americana movement, Shires never neatly fit the mold. By the time she got to “To the Sunset,” she was ready to blow up the routine, as she outlined to producer Dave Cobb before recording began.

“Writing in my closet, it’s a small space but it made a lot of room in my mind,” she says. “Sometimes something opens up in your brain as I’m writing, thinking about the song, and it’s like a whirlwind. It all comes together and I could hear what I wanted the songs to sound like, I just didn’t how to express it.”

She hired Cobb, who has

worked on adventurous Nashville recordings by the likes of Isbell, Chris Stapleton and Shooter Jennings, to serve as a translator of sorts.

“I’d say things like, ‘I’m hearing an aquarium,’ and he’d get it,” she says with a laugh. Even the sound of Shires’ cherished violin got a sonic makeover. “It’s my truest form of expression so I couldn’t leave it out, but it needed to fit with everything else going on. We put some effects on it so it all would sound of a piece.”

None of the experimentation would’ve mattered if Shires hadn’t emerged

When: 8 p.m. Sept. 20

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

Tickets: \$30-\$85; www.thaliahallchicago.com

from her closet writing session with 10 of the sturdiest songs of her career. The precision and economy of her words have always been a strength, but if anything she’s become an even sharper lyricist since earning a master of fine arts degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee.

“Hell, yes, it helped,” she says. “The voice of one of my professors does not ever leave my brain. It’s weird to take your work into a room and everybody reads it. Then comes the terror part, the dissection. As a songwriter, I felt what I was writing wasn’t exactly lining up with what was in my brain. I’m well-read as far as literary fiction, but I wanted to make better decisions about my writing, to use words or phrases more confidently by learning how your words can be interpreted, the shades of meaning, the different connotations. It’s not just about finding a word that makes sense, but the exact word that conveys what you really mean. I just always want to be better at what I do.”

Greg Kot co-hosts “Sound Opinions” at 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Lynette uses music to raise mental health awareness

BY BRITT JULIUS
Chicago Tribune

“What is so daunting about somebody’s brain just struggling a little bit?” asks Chicago-based rapper, performer and filmmaker Nikki Lynette.

It is 2018, yet discussions about mental health in this country continue to disappear as quickly as they arrive in the public consciousness. There are many reasons this may be the case. Perhaps because our conception of mental illness is relegated to the extremes. People are often briefly comfortable discussing the impact and ramifications of mental illness in society when a major public figure dies or a national tragedy occurs.

But most of us are not comfortable tackling the ubiquitousness of mental illness on a day-to-day basis. Thus, stigma continues to prevent any growth or progress, and a cycle of temporary concern followed by willful ignorance remains prevalent.

Lynette aims to dismantle that stigma head-on. This Thursday, she launches “Get Out Alive,” a “soiree” dedicated to mental health awareness. In addition to a performance by Lynette, the event will also include musical performances by rising local acts like The Boy Illinois, Chai Tulani, Taco and Laje. DJ sets from DJ Earn Money, DJ Double M and P1 will complete the evening.

For Lynette, creating this show is personal. She said that when she went through a “really, really bad” time of mental health in which she felt suicidal, she could not find anything that could inspire her to feel better or serve as a light for motivation. “I looked,” she said. “I swear to God I looked.”

It was not until she was hospitalized that she



NIKKI LYNETTE PHOTO

When: 7 p.m. Thursday

Where: Reggies, 2105 S. State St.

Tickets: \$10-\$18 (21+); www.ticketfly.com

found the motivation to create the outlet for other people that she wanted for herself in the first place. “When I finally got into treatment and found other women in the facility were also feeling that way, I promised them that when I got out of there, I would tell our story,” Lynette said. “That pretty much more than anything inspires me to do what I’m doing now.”

She believes we’re long overdue to transform the culture around mental health. Lynette compared it to our national conversations around weight loss and fitness, saying advocates as far-ranging as Jane Fonda and Richard Simmons helped bring the wellness movement into the mainstream. She hopes to do the same for mental illness.

“We talk about transformations all the time. I want to make it so it’s just as OK to talk about your body

transformation as it is to talk about your mental transformation,” Lynette said. “People can post pictures of themselves as their biggest or unhealthiest and then they show how they got a different body type and everybody says, ‘Yay!’ Why can’t we do that for mental health? Why don’t we?”

Not only will “Get Out Alive” serve as a public place for mental health advocacy, but Lynette also hopes to raise money to help fund a documentary about mental health awareness. She can currently be seen in director Spike Lee’s “BlacKkKlansmen,” and she said the experience working with the director helped inform her of her next career steps.

“All of my art and all of my music is inspired by mental health right now. I don’t just make art to make art,” Lynette said. “So if I were going to do a show, it would have to be more than people just coming to see me perform.”

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Bennett, Davis, Lyric Opera stars come out



HOWARD REICH
On Music

The Labor Day weekend just ended, but the fall season has wasted no time getting started.

Among the musical highlights of this weekend:

Orbert Davis Quintet. Because Chicago trumpeter Davis is co-founder and artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, listeners tend to identify him with grandly framed, quasi-classical jazz expression — or Third Stream music, to use the term Davis prefers. But the three CJP concerts Davis led at Millennium Park this summer tell only part of his story, for Davis also happens to be a first-rate improviser whose trumpet virtuosity gets fuller voice in an intimate setting. He'll remind listeners of this facet of his work leading his quintet in one of Chicago's top rooms. *8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.*

Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park. Once again, Lyric Opera of Chicago will offer listeners a taste of what's to come in the season ahead with a major concert at the Pritzker Pavilion. This

year's program will include the second act of "La Boheme," vignettes from Verdi's "Il Travatore" and "La Traviata" and Mozart's "Idomeneo," plus music of Puccini and Saint-Saens. The cast will feature "La Boheme" cast members Maria Agresta, Danielle de Niese, Michael Fabiano, Zachary Nelson, Adrian Sampetean and Jake Gardner, plus members of the Chicago Children's Choir and Ryan Opera Center. Domingo Hindoyan will conduct the Lyric Opera Orchestra, Chorus and soloists. *7:30 p.m. Friday at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue; free; www.lyricopera.org.*

Tony Bennett. How does the master interpreter of American song sound at age 92? We'll find out this weekend, but if it's anything like his work at 91, the music-making will be significant. When Bennett played the Ravinia Festival last year, his pitch was true, his memory unerring, his ability to toy with time comprehensive and his interpretations illuminating. Daughter Antonia Bennett will open the show. *8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ravinia Festival, Lake Cook and Green Bay roads, Highland Park; \$92-\$153 tickets; \$46 lawn; 847-266-5100 or www.ravinia.org.*

John Mahady. The veteran Chicago cabaret singer (and beloved waiter at Mon Ami Gabi in Lincoln Park) will celebrate his 30th anniversary of "sling-



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Orbert Davis, best known for leading the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, will show a more intimate facet of his art this weekend at the Jazz Showcase.

ing hash," as he puts it, in the best way possible: He'll sing tunes identified with Tony Bennett, Bobby Darin, Sammy Davis Jr. and other classic swingers, with brilliant pianist Beckie Menzie at his side. *7:30 p.m. Friday at Heller Auditorium of Francis W. Parker School, 330 W. Webster Ave.; \$30; 773-415-6393.*

Petra van Nuis' Recession Seven. One of the Chicago singer's best ideas was to engage some of the city's best jazz instrumentalists in the ensemble she anointed the Recession Seven. Created amid economic stress that roiled the country a decade ago, the Recession Seven amounted to a statement of optimism in the face of adversity, Van Nuis and friends improvising mainstream swing repertoire with a degree of sophistication that very nearly

suggested carefully laid-out arrangements. On this occasion, Van Nuis will share the stage with guitarist Andy Brown (her husband), trombonist Russ Phillips, clarinetist Kim Cusack, trumpeter Bob Ojeda, bassist Dan De-Lorenzo and drummer Joe Adamik. *7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (promenade); \$20-\$25; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.*

"2 Couples, 2 Pianos, 2 Much Fun." Sure, the title is a bit much, but considering the two couples involved, we can allow a bit of latitude. Anne and Mark Burnell have been walking the line between jazz and cabaret for decades, Anne Burnell's vocals nimbly accompanied by husband Mark Burnell's pianism (and singing). Beckie Menzie stands as a one-

woman band in her own right, for it's difficult to decide which is more persuasive, her all-over-the-keys pianism or her buoyant vocals; she'll be joined by percussionist Irwin Berkowitz, her husband. The foursome will play one of the most appealing and intimate recital rooms in the city. *7 p.m. Sunday at PianoForte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan Ave.; \$30; 312-291-0000 or www.pianofortechicago.com.*

"Celebrating Poland's 100th Anniversary." Conductor Philip Simmons, soprano Marlena Dzis, pianist-composer Jaroslaw Golembowski and the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will offer a program of Polish, American and Mexican music. The repertoire will include a waltz and polonaise of Chopin, plus music

of Ignace Paderewski, Manuel Ponce, John Philip Sousa, and Golembowski. Proceeds will benefit Save St. Adalbert Church. *4 p.m. Sunday at St. Adalbert Catholic Church, 1650 W. 17th St.; \$15-\$25; www.americanmusicfestivals.org.*

Dan Trudell. The versatile pianist-organist will lead two ensembles this weekend. He'll front a trio with bassist Dennis Carroll and drummer George Fludas at 9 p.m. Friday; and a quartet with those musicians plus saxophonist Pat Mallinger at 8 p.m. Saturday; *at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.*

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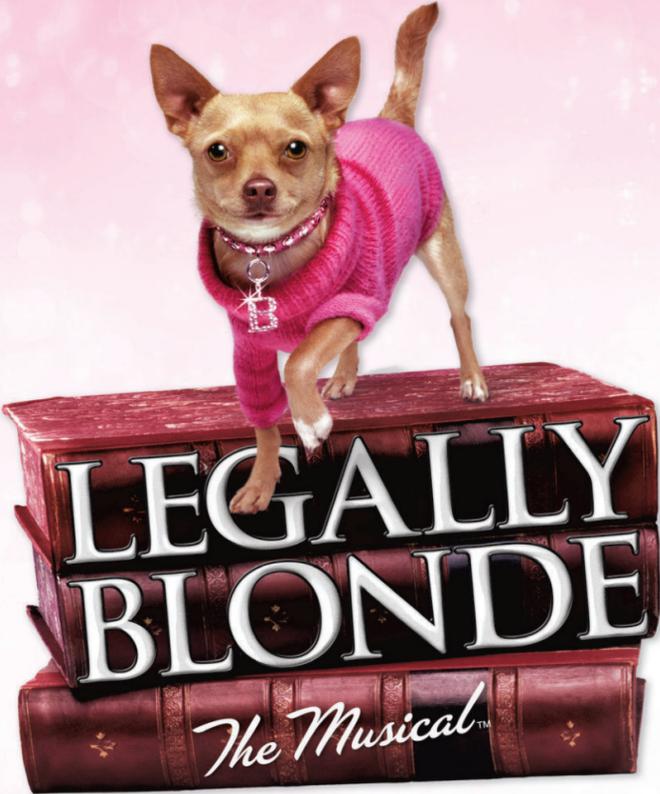
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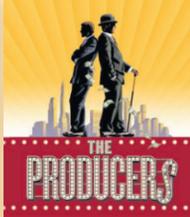
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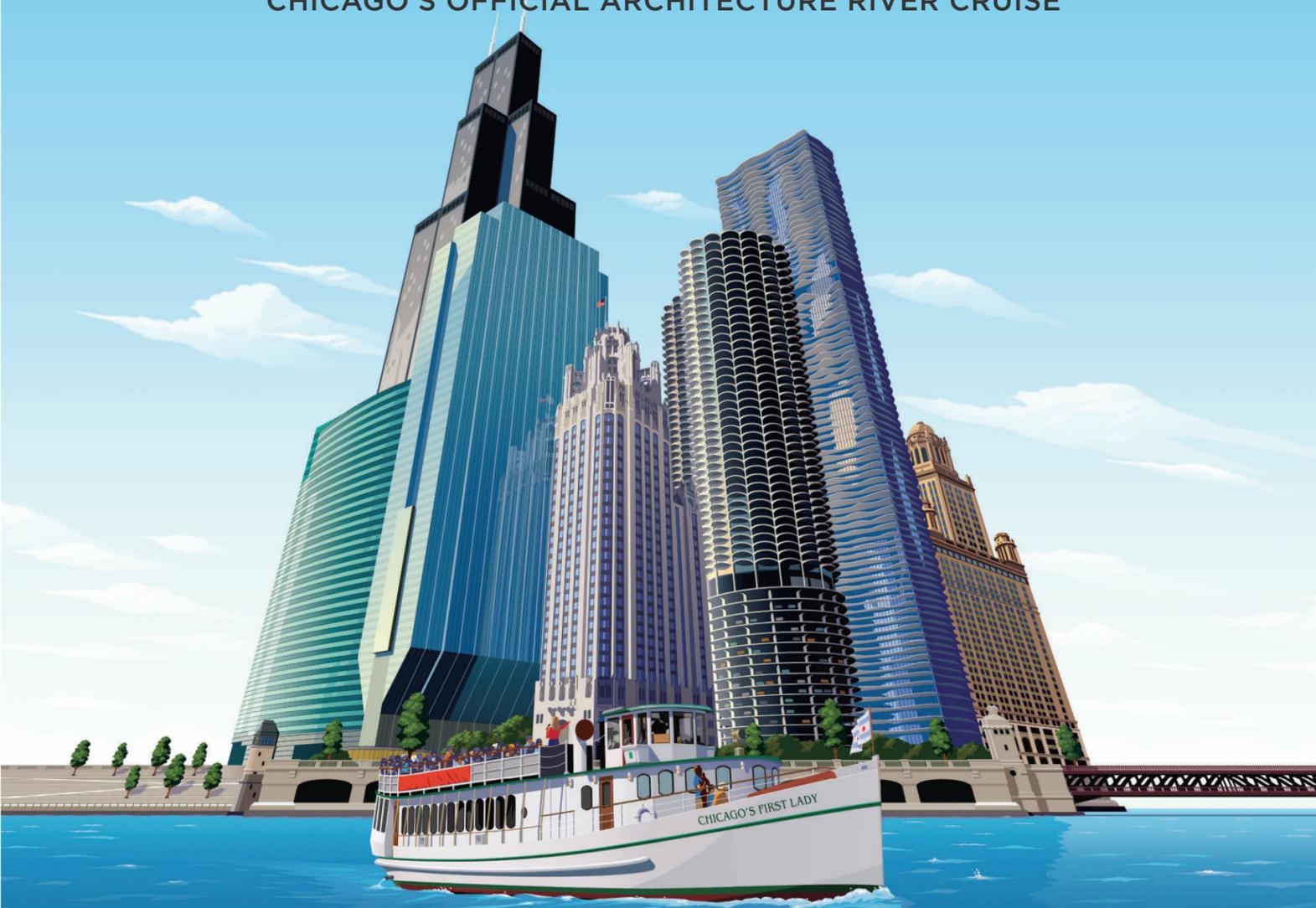


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Isa Arciniegas

This talented 26-year-old actress came to Chicago, via Houston, from Caracas, Venezuela, when she was 18 years old. By 2014, she had graduated from Roosevelt University and, this spring, she was an impressive part of the ensemble cast of "The Wolves" at the Goodman Theatre, where she played a character known as No. 25, the captain of the girl's soccer team chronicled by the play. Before that, Arciniegas impressed critics with her work in Young Jean Lee's "We're Gonna Die" for Haven Theatre. "I want to give voice in the theater to those who do not have voice," Arciniegas says. "I want to present brown women on the stage, and I want to make my family and my country proud." She's well on her way. *Up next: Appearing in "Such Things as Vampires," a new musical at the People's Light Theatre Company in Malvern, Pa.*



Cordelia Dewdney

The beating heart of the Lookingglass Theatre production of Charles Dickens' "Hard Times," the 24-year-old Cordelia Dewdney is a rich, deep-diving actress in need of no safety nets. Born in Vermont, she's a graduate of Northwestern University and, clearly, is becoming a crucial next-generation member of the Lookingglass company. "Anytime I get to work there," she says, "I just feel so lucky." By day, Dewdney is a fitness instructor ("I get to interact with people and be creative"), which is a useful day job for anyone hoping to make an impression at a theater company known for its physicality and feats of visual daring. And she says she is auditioning as much as possible for TV and film. We predict great things. *Up next: Appearing in the Lookingglass Theatre production of "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" in May.*

2018'S HOT NEW FACES

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Desiree Gonzalez

A thrilling singer and enigmatic actress, this 26-year-old, who graduated in 2014 from Carthage College, did spectacularly well playing one of the most famous outlaws in history in the Kokandy Productions take on the Frank Wildhorn musical "Bonnie & Clyde." Gonzalez is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and lives in Logan Square. She says she is pursuing both a stage and screen career, and she already has shown up in "Chicago Fire." " 'Bonnie & Clyde' was an incredible thrill," she says. "And I also went to get my (Screen Actors Guild) card and join the union." We cannot think of any young performer more qualified. *Up next: Auditioning.*

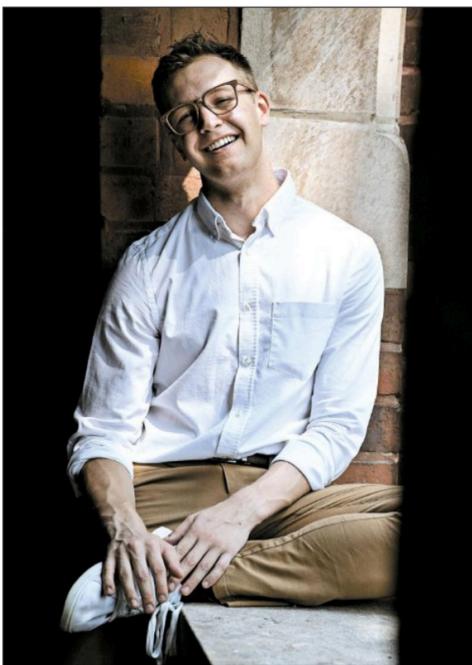


Brianna Buckley

The 26-year-old Brianna Buckley was deadpan hilarious playing a long-suffering police officer in the Jackalope Theatre Company's hit production of Ike Holter's horror drama "The Light Fantastic." Buckley is a 2014 theater graduate of Michigan State University, and she landed in Sweet Home Chicago barely three months after her graduation. Buckley moved fast and she's already appeared in a variety of shows produced by small Chicago companies like Griffin, Haven and First Floor Theatres. And she's a teaching artist at the Lifeline Theatre. We think she's destined for big things. *Up next: In "Crumbs from the Table of Joy" Oct. 4 to Nov. 18 at Raven Theatre Chicago.*

Jack Olin

A fresh-faced 2016 graduate of Northwestern University, the 24-year-old Jack Olin hails from Jamestown, N.D. He came to our attention in the Interrobang Theatre Project production of Dawn King's Kafkaesque drama "Foxfinder," playing a creepy member of the purity police, charged with investigating his fellow citizens for alleged impurities. It was a cleverly counterintuitive performance, suffused with menace. Since then, Olin has been developing his acrobatic skills at the Actors Gymnasium in Evanston and understudying "Harvest" at the Griffin Theatre. " 'Foxfinder' was such a cool play that I got to do with such nice people," Olin says. "I just want to keep working in the best theater city in the world for ensemble acting." *Up next: Auditioning.*



Bridget Adams-King

This 21-year-old actress hails from suburban Western Springs and is going into her senior year at North Central College in Naperville. She made connections in Chicago fast when North Central co-produced a show called "Machinal" at the Greenhouse Theater Center last summer (all of the understudies were North Central students). One name led to another, and Adams-King quickly landed the lead role in the highly successful Under-score Theatre Company's "Haymarket," the real-life Chicago story of a workers revolt, which has been extended several times. And she's terrific. "My main goal," she says, "is to be a well-rounded artist. When I would sit in an audience for the theater when I was little, it always made me think I could be more than I had previously realized. I want to do that for other people." *Up next: Performing through Sept. 16 in "Haymarket" at Theater Wit.*



Melody Angel

"Yes, my mother actually named me Melody Angel," says the 28-year-old, Chicago-based singer actress, who seemed to have been born to play the enigmatic musical narrator in the Goodman Theatre's production of Suzan-Lori Parks' "Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)." Angel just took things from there. Although well-known as a musician in Chicago, this South Side native and Columbia College graduate says she is newly bitten by the theater bug. And talent agents have come calling these last few weeks. "I got to do something at the Goodman," she says, "that I did not know I was capable of." The director told me I was a natural, and that just blew me away." But that was most certainly the truth. *Up next: Performing music regularly at Rosa's Lounge and Buddy Guy's Legends. And she soon is headed to a blues festival in Belgium.*

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.



Hannah Starr

A character called "Middle Alison" might not sound like the ideal vehicle for fame and acclaim, but the charming, 27-year-old Hannah Starr made it so in the Victory Gardens production of the Broadway musical "Fun Home." Some of the original Broadway creative team were involved in Gary Griffin's production. "It was such a dream," Starr says, "to work with Jeanine Tesori." Starr is a graduate of Columbia College Chicago, and she also trained in improv at the Second City. Middle Alison's biggest song is called "I'm Changing My Major to Joan." A whole lot of Chicago theater fans have been thinking about changing their major to Hannah Starr. *Up next: Currently touring in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with Chicago Shakespeare Theater.*

WEEKEND DINING

JUST OPENED



JEFF MARINI/LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU

"It's tiny," says Ryan Arnold, who, with Richard Hanauer, runs the wine program at Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises' new Bar Ramone.

5 things about Bar Ramone

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

Hospitality giant Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises opens its decidedly small project Bar Ramone on Thursday night. Here are the five things you need to know about the cozy wine bar sandwiched between Frontera Grill and Bub City.

1. It's the smallest concept Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises has opened in a long, long time.

"It's tiny," said Ryan Arnold, who, with Richard Hanauer (one of Food & Wine's Sommeliers of the Year in 2015), oversees the wine program. "The whole thing is the size of one of the bars at Aba (Lettuce's other summer opening). It's a real adjustment, going from there

to here."

Bar Ramone's 80 seats are distributed along a long bar, a handful of two- and four-top tables and exactly one booth. "It's close," Arnold said. "You're gonna get to know your neighbor."

2. You don't need sommelier cred to "get" this place.

This is Lettuce's first-ever wine bar, and the goal is accessibility. "No pretense. You don't have to talk tannins; you don't have to be quiet," said Arnold, confirming that the music level will be lively. "The more we can get people drinking wine, the better, and the way to do that here is balance. You'll be able to drink a low-alcohol (Spanish) txakoli — super fun, not complex, not a wine of contemplation — and then perhaps a classic-vintage wine

from Tuscany."

Similarly, the menu, created by chefs Doug Psaltis and Hisanobu Osaka, consists mostly of small plates informed by, but not beholden to, Spanish tradition. Look for Basque pintxos, crudos such as Japanese icefish with chile de arbol, duck confit poutine and "bloody mary" shrimp.

3. The wine list is short and constantly evolving — by design and by necessity.

"Nothing is static on the wine list — we'll be constantly experimenting," Arnold said. "We have 100 wines (about 20 by the glass), but we have very little storage. Of our 100 bottles, some we have only one of. So if you see it, enjoy it. That wine might not be there tomorrow."

4. Consider dressing in dark,

or burgundy-colored, clothing.

A few wines will be served in porrons, which are wine pitchers designed for wine to be poured directly into your mouth. It's pretty cool once you get the hang of it, but spills are common for first-timers.

5. There are no reservations, and there is no Ramone.

"No reservations, as of now," Arnold said, leaving open the possibility of change. And Ramone? "It's just a name that Rich (Melman) had in his head," Arnold said.

Bar Ramone, 441 N. Clark St., 312-985-6909. Dinner Monday to Sunday; barramone.com

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Head over to Revival Food Hall for Scofflaw's one-night-only pop-up. Sip on select drinks from the Logan Square gin bar's menu while listening to live music and chowing down on other offerings from Revival Food Hall vendors, which will all have extended hours. 5-9 p.m. Friday, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Harvest Room Chef Jonathan Haroutunian manages a nifty balancing act at this eco-conscious south suburban restaurant, presenting cutting-edge dishes with dashes of molecular gastronomy as well as a first-rate hamburger. The ambitious beverage program includes very good craft cocktails, a deep wine list and specialty teas. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$13-\$35. 7164 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, 708-671-8905. — Phil Vettel

The Heritage This appealing American-Mediterranean restaurant shows off twin chefs in Sieger Bayer and Michael Spiewak (both alums of Old Town Social), a well-edited menu of a half-dozen appetizers and about that many entrees and a tidy menu of imaginative cocktails by Nick Kokonas (no, not the one behind Alinea). Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$26. 7403 Madison St., Forest Park, 708-435-4937. — Phil Vettel

Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, out of caviar. More than a half-dozen roes are available each day, costing as little as \$10 for an a la carte nibble to \$145 for a full-blown platter of whitefish and tobiko caviars with accompaniments. Elsewhere on the menu you'll find odes to Eastern Europe fare. Partner Jan Henriksen created the fascinating wine list and the whimsical, seasonal cocktail menu. Pastry chef Alan Krueger veers from rustic to creative to classic. Dinner daily, brunch weekends. Entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577. — Phil Vettel

Il Porcellino Take Italian-Ameri-

can food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings R.J. Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. House-made pastas, \$17 or less, are the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — Phil Vettel

Imperial Lamian From the dining room, watch chef Wang Hong Jun hand pull lamian, the noodles that star in dishes such as a superb brisket bowl. The rainbow xiao long bao basket tempts with six soup dumplings, each a different color with different filling, but beware: They're inconsistent. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$35. 6 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-9440. — Louisa Chu

Jade Court The restaurant is home to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$13.95-\$26.95. 626 S. Racine Ave., 312-929-4828. — Phil Vettel

Katana A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. Lunch, weekdays; dinner, daily. Prices: Entrees \$16 to \$42.



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Locanda There's skill in Locanda's Streeterville kitchen despite its quiet opening in May. Chef Antoine Cedecci, formerly of Pane Caldo, offers Italian plates featuring extra touches that speak to value and commitment. Burrata, above, arrives in a pool of fresh tomato gazpacho with almonds and balsamic-pickled onions. Pastas are excellent, particularly the ravioli with a truffle filling, served with corn sauce and crispy prosciutto bits. Cedecci's frutti di mare pasta is especially good, a surfeit of shrimp, calamari, clams and mussels. Among the sturdier main courses is a well-made osso bucco with a sauce of pureed vegetables, duck breast with a cherry-porto sauce, and branzino over an herb-rich wine and fish-stock sauce. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses \$18-\$34. 201 E. Walton St., 312-397-8800. — Phil Vettel

339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — Phil Vettel

Kitsune The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients chef Illiana Regan is known for. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — Phil Vettel

Kimski Chef Won Kim creates a true 50-50 Korean-Polish situation that your babcia (Polish grandma) or halmoni (Korean grandma) would appreciate. Maria's Standard (\$9) is the perfect example: a fat, smoky Polish

sausage bursting with garlic and spice that's remixed with a soulful, rice-perfumed, soju-infused mustard and tangy kimchi kraut. Weekly and daily specials. Diners to late night, Tuesday-Saturday, brunch and dinner Sunday. Prices: \$9 to \$13. 960 W. 31st St., 773-890-0588. — Michael Nagrant

La Sardine Executive chef Oliver Poilevey is quick to credit his late father, Jean-Claude, for creating La Sardine's vision. At the French bistro, you'll find a picturesque tableau of seared scallops surrounded by coarse fava-bean puree, oyster mushrooms and pickled strawberries. Skate wing gets the classic brown-butter treatment. Salads are delicious, but no place for dieters: The frisee salad is piled high with

pan-crisped shredded duck, and the lyonnaise salad is generous with its thick, meaty lardons. La Sardine features \$1 oysters and discounted bites and drinks at the bar 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. Lunch Monday-Friday, dinner Monday-Saturday. Main courses \$21-\$31. 111 N. Carpenter St., 312-421-2800. — Phil Vettel

Le Bouchon Utterly authentic French bistro Le Bouchon just celebrated its 25th birthday; executive chef Oliver Poilevey carries on the legacy of his late father, chef Jean-Claude Poilevey, offering fist-sized gougeres stuffed with raclette, pecorino and Gruyere cheeses, as well as an Alsatian onion tart. Maple-glazed sweetbreads are remarkable. In addition to the fine steak frites, the lamb shank, served over couscous with pomegranate, carrots and Moroccan spices, is another menu strength. Take advantage of the half-off bottles of wine on Mondays. Main courses \$20-\$37. Lunch and dinner Monday-Saturday. 1958 N. Damen Ave., 773-862-6600. — Phil Vettel

Lena Brava Rick Bayless' newest effort focuses on Mexico's Baja California Norte, a region whose cuisine is largely seafood based, with a reliance on open-fire cooking. Accordingly, Lena Brava cooks its hot dishes over wood coals, and does so with great finesse. The cold side of the menu features ceviches, aguachiles and laminados. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$26. 900 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — Phil Vettel

Lula Cafe This mainstay is the foundation on which Logan Square's phenomenal dining scene was built. Owners Jason Hammel and Amalea Tshilds continue to run the funky, two-room restaurant, assisted by excellent chef Sarah Rinkavage. Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$28. 2537 N. Kedzie Blvd., 773-489-9554. — Phil Vettel

THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Hey there, Broadway fans!

What's coming to Chicago?

It's fall showtime! Before we offer up our seasonal deluge of made-in-Chicago attractions, let's take a look at what is headed our way from Broadway — or, at least, is making that claim.

Wondering about "Hamilton"? It's playing all fall at the CIBC Theatre. The original star of the Chicago production, Miguel Cervantes, still is in the title role as he has been since the show opened here in October 2016, and Jonathan Kirkland continues playing George Washington. But the cast has changed: the likes of Karen Oliva, Joshua Henry and Alexander Gemignani are gone to other projects. Assuming you're at a show without understudies, you'll now find Akron Watson as Aaron Burr, Jamila Sabares-Klemm as Eliza Hamilton, Tony nominee Montego Glover as Angelica Schuyler, Colby Lewis as Thomas Jefferson, and Andrew Call as King George. Tickets are not difficult to buy on weekday nights, especially in the month of September. Holidays and weekends are tougher.

The Cadillac Palace Theatre is soon busy with the pre-Broadway tryout for "Tootsie," the new Broadway musical based on the 1982 comedy film about an out-of-work actor who decides to expand his repertoire. We'll have more to tell you about that show in the coming days, but here's your early warning to snag tickets if you like to see shows before anyone else and then debate their prospects for Broadway. "Tootsie" is the third tryout



JULIETA CERVANTES

The much-anticipated touring musical "Hello, Dolly!" will play Chicago's Oriental Theatre Oct. 23 to Nov. 17.

in quick succession here. "Pretty Woman" did not get good reviews for its New York opening in August, but it is breaking box-office records each week at the Nederlander Theatre, which is not a surprise to me. "The Cher Show" is doing some major surgery and planning to open later this fall in New York. At this juncture, there are no more major Broadway tryouts announced for Chicago, although the Paramount Theatre in Aurora will stage "August Rush" in 2019.

Banners are up at the Oriental Theatre for a three-week stand (Oct. 2-21) of the first national tour of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," the Broadway musical version of the beloved Roald Dahl children's book. I couldn't stand the show on Broad-

way, but the Equity touring company is new, and I'll have an open mind again. But I'd wait for the review.

For many fans of classic musicals, the fall highlight will be the Oct. 23 arrival of the first national tour of the hugely ebullient and enjoyable 2017 Jerry Zaks revival of "Hello, Dolly!" (That's the one that starred Bette Midler and then Bernadette Peters and then Milder all over again in New York.) The Divine Miss M, sadly, declined the chance to take herself to the hinterlands, but no less than Betty Buckley, a diva of the first order, has been engaged to headline the road show. The tour of "Hello, Dolly!" starts in Utica, New York, on Sept. 25. We're the third city, right after Cleveland. So everyone will be fresh. I wouldn't wait to get a ticket, lest the parade pass

you by. The show is here only four weeks.

We're also the third city on the touring schedule for Cameron Mackintosh's new production of "Miss Saigon," which features Chicago actress Christine Bunuan in the role of Gigi ("The Movie in My Mind"). This revival originated in London, played Broadway last season and is the work of Laurence Connor, the British director who also helmed the current touring production of "Les Miserables." In 1992, the original Nicholas Hytner production of "Miss Saigon" played the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago for nine months. This new tour is coming for four weeks; it delivers much the same spectacle.

By the way, neither "Hello, Dolly!" nor "Miss Saigon" will be extending; they have dates in other

cities.

I'm not done: There is a two-week reprise stand of "The Book of Mormon" headed our way over Thanksgiving. That's still a top-tier union tour. Come December when we will all need a laugh, we get a two-week run of one of the very few non-musicals to hit the road: "The Play That Goes Wrong." I laughed my socks off when I saw the show in New York.

And then, in time for the holidays, we get the touring version of Bartlett Sher's 2015 Lincoln Center revival of "Fiddler on the Roof." Kinda. That's the only non-union tour on what's otherwise a first-tier slate.

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OPENINGS

Friday

"Monger": Presented by Her Story Theater, the show follows a Chicago criminal defense attorney with a secret sex life who must face his son's legal crisis and a new case concerning a murdered trafficking victim. *Through Sept. 30 at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-404-7336 and www.herstorytheater.org*

"Not Another Day": After an actor on the soap opera "Another Day" is killed off, he refuses to leave the show and forces the producers to stage his funeral. *By the Curious Theatre Branch through Oct. 6 at Prop Thr, 3502 N. Elston Ave.; 773-539-7838 and www.curioustheatrebranch.com*

"The Shipment": Unsettling humor upends the surface stereotypes and tropes of African-Americans in mainstream culture. *Through Oct. 13 at the Ready, 4546 N. Western Ave.; www.eventbrite.com*

Saturday

"Six Degrees of Separation": The Olivier Award winner tells the story of a young con man who has a change of heart when a wealthy woman suddenly begins to care for his well-being. *Through Oct. 7 at Redtwist Theatre, 1044 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.; 773-728-7529 and www.redtwist.org*

"Radio Golf": Developer Harmond Wilks is determined to become the first black mayor of Pittsburgh but must confront his past in the ascent. *Through Sept. 30 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; 773-753-4472 and www.courttheatre.org*

"Borealis": Armed with a book on corporate communication strategy and a sharp ax, 13-year-old Cozbi sets off for Alaska to find her missing brother. *By the House Theatre of Chicago through Oct. 21 at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.; 773-278-1500 and www.thehousetheatre.com*

"Legally Blonde": In this musical based on the early millennium classic, Elle Woods follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law and finds herself in the process. *Through Oct. 21 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; 630-896-6666 and www.paramountaurora.com*

"Nick and Zoe": A turgid, late-night love story that takes place in a sweltering Manhattan apartment. *By the Side Project through Sept. 29 at the Mckaw Theater, 1439 W. Jarvis Ave.; www.thesideproject.net*

Sunday

"Crime and Punishment": The Russian novel comes to the stage, in which Raskolnikov wages a psychological war against a mercurial investigating magistrate. *By Shattered Globe Theatre through Oct. 20 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-975-8150 and www.shatteredglobe.org*

Tuesday

"The Goat, Or Who Is Sylvia?": Martin, a family man with a seemingly perfect life, must confront the realities of his most taboo desires. *By Interrobang Theatre Project through Oct. 6 at Rivendell Theatre, 5775 N. Ridge Ave.; 773-334-7728 and www.interrobangtheatre.org*

Thursday

"Communion: an Evening of Magic": An interactive night of magic, introspection and psychological suggestion. *Through Sept. 22 at the Den Theatre 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-697-3830 and www.thedentheatre.com*

"Little Shop of Horrors": A part-time florist with terrible luck uses a carnivorous plant to exact revenge and get the girl — but at what cost? *Through Oct. 28 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; 630-530-0111 and www.drurylaneoakbrook.com*

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"20,000 Leagues Under the Seas" ★★★½

Say "Nemo" and most kids now think of the Disney clown fish. But in 1870, the great Jules Verne imagined Captain Nemo as a misanthropic, Homeric wanderer, at the helm of a great submarine on an endless voyage. As played with relish by Kareem Bandealy, Nemo is at the core of "20,000 Leagues Under the Seas," the new adaptation of the story you can see at the Lookingglass Theatre. It's a major piece of Lookingglass art — visually exciting, bursting with puppets, rigging, circus feats and with emotional intelligence. *Through Sept. 9 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$45-\$80 at 312-337-0665 and www.lookingglasstheatre.org*

"Avenue Q" ★★★½

"Avenue Q" is once again a long-running hit in Chicago. "Warning, puppet sex" once again appears on the Mercury Theater's marquee on the Southport Corridor. Director L. Walter Stearns' production has been extended all the way through November; he's letting Princeton, Kate Monster, Gary Coleman, Christmas Eve and the rest of the gang in the show by Jeff Whitty, with music by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, run on and on and on. On a recent Wednesday — a night when most theaters cannot sell any show at all — the main floor of the Mercury Theater was packed and the show warmly received. Jackson Evans, a terrific Princeton, and Leah Morrow, as meticulously fabulous as Kate Monster as there ever has been, both got standing ovations. Many in the audience, clearly, were seeing this musical for the first time. *Open run at the Mercury Theater Chicago, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; \$35-\$65 at www.mercurytheaterchicago.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★★½

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story" ★★★

What was the first jukebox musical? I'd argue Alan Janes' "Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story," which dates back to 1989 and is now having a blast on Belmont Avenue. Zachary Stevenson does the honors as the singer in thick glasses for American Blues Theater. This show has all the jukebox musical clichés — the supportive radio DJ, the kids dying for a new sound — but these were not theatrical clichés in 1989. Young Stevenson has bucketloads of enthusiasm; if you don't like him, you don't like anybody. *Through Sept. 15 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; \$19-\$49 at 773-327-5252 or www.americanblues-theater.com*

"Dream Freaks Fall From Space" ★★★★★

A sleep-deprived woman heads into a Brookstone. "What about a demo of this white noise machine?" asks the African-American salesman. "I don't have one black friend, I have two ..." That chance for everyone to laugh at race got a huge response at Second City, where the terrific new revue "Dream Freaks Fall From Space" (directed by Ryan Bernier) is a return to form for the storied Chicago company. *Open run on the Second City Mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St.; \$29-\$46 at 312-337-3992 or www.secondcity.com*

"Gaslight District" ★★★★★

The best work in the new Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. For example, there's a terrific Uber Pool



LARA GOETSCH PHOTO

Emily Berman, left, and Bri Sudia play sisters in "A Shayna Maidel" at TimeLine.

HOT TICKET

"A Shayna Maidel" ★★★★★

Barbara Lebow's 1980s play "A Shayna Maidel" is a much richer work than I ever realized, especially in director Vanessa Stalling's exquisitely acted production at TimeLine Theatre. On its face, this is a simple story of the reconciliation of a father and his two Jewish, Polish-born sisters, one of whom survived a concentration camp, the other who escaped the Holocaust and came to America. But you don't escape anything, of course. Stalling focuses intensely on the contrast between the sisters, the Americanized Rose (Bri Sudia) and the newly arrived Lusia (Emily Berman), whose arm carries a telling numerical tattoo. And her production never resorts to excessive sentiment or easy choices. *Through Nov. 4 at TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave.; \$40-\$54 at 773-281-8463 or timelinetheatre.com*

bit mocking the faux communities that emerge in the traffic-snarling world of shared rides. And cast member Jasbir Singh Vazquez plays a guy who shows up at the offices of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, requesting his own deportation. Vazquez is as good as anyone I've seen on the e.t.c. Stage. *Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$48 at 312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com*

"Hamilton" ★★★★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is performed by players mostly less experienced than the original New York cast and is less flashy. But it is more in touch with the scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Haymarket" ★★★½

A girl of roughly middle-school age was directly in my field of vision in the audience; by the end of "Haymarket," I could see that her eyes were flooded with tears. Not bad for a musical about a labor protest in 19th century Chicago. *Through Sept. 16 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; \$30-\$35 at www.underscoretheatre.org*

"Linda" ★★★½

"Linda," under the superb direction of Robin Witt, begins with the title character, a marketing executive at a company called Swan Beauty Corporation and played by Cindy Marker, telling her colleagues that women over age 50 feel invisible. Penelope Skinner's moving British drama takes us into Linda's personal life as the mother of two daughters. *Through Sept. 15 at Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.; \$27-\$38 at www.steeptheatre.com*

"Vietgone" ★★★

Talented young playwright Qui Nguyen's "Vietgone" is a telling and irreverent family memoir that explores the meeting of Nguyen's parents in a Vietnamese refugee camp in Arkansas following the fall of Saigon in 1975. Nguyen's work is so personal that he actually wrote into its structure his own nervousness at daring to ask about how they met. That part of the overlong work — which I otherwise like a great deal — strikes me as unnecessary in a play that otherwise feels fresh and gutsy. His parents are played by Matthew C. Yee (as Quang) and Aurora Adachi-Winter (as Tong). Trained by the Americans to fly helicopters, Quang found his American benefactors had, when it suited their interests, cut off his own route home. *Through Sept. 23 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at www.writerstheatre.org*

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Honda Pilot: More than just a pretty face

The new sticker/decal on the hood of the 2019 Honda Pilot is meant to inject a rugged sporty attitude to this three-row crossover, along with updated front and rear fascias. But while the facelifted SUV looks great, the sticker on the hood looks silly. This is, after all, a family hauler, and all the stickers in the world can't disguise its mission.

Honda should be secure. Pilot sales are up 38 percent year-to-date, and it's sold out for last couple years due to capacity constraints. Officials explain that the styling updates are meant to make the Pilot look more like an SUV and telegraph its off-road ability. That's a tall order for a vehicle that shares its underpinnings with the Odyssey minivan, along with much of its driving feel. It also added some of the minivan's family-friendly features, like a Blu-Ray rear entertainment system and CabinTalk, which lets you talk to rear-seat passengers through their wireless and wired headphones. If they're watching a video on the Blu-ray player, CabinTalk pauses the video. Perfect rugrat wagon?

The Pilot comes in ascending LX, EX, EX-L, Touring and Elite trims. All have seating for eight except for the Elite, which has second row captains chairs, although they are available on the Touring.

All Pilots are powered by Honda's familiar single-overhead-cam 3.5-liter V-6 rated at 280 horsepower. LX, EX and EX-L models have a six-speed automatic transmission; Touring and Elite trims get an updated nine-speed automatic. Both front-wheel and all-wheel drive is offered on all trims except the Elite, which gets standard all-wheel drive.

A quick spin through sand, over moguls and across unimproved ground showed the Pilot to be capable. While not meant for extreme boulder-bashing, the Pilot's all-wheel-drive system employs torque vectoring control, which can send 70 percent of the engine's torque to the rear wheels and 100 percent to the left or right rear wheel.

While the engine remains unchanged, power is strong. Towing is rated at 3,500 pounds, which increases to 5,000 pounds with the towing package. Yanking 4,000 pounds of trailer and toys proves to be easy. When trailering uphill, the transmission stays in gear, and doesn't hunt, which makes driving with a trailer easier and more pleasant. When not towing, the nine-speed transmission shifts unobtrusively and always seems to be in the right gear, without hunting indecisively between gears.

The throttle takes noticeably more effort to actuate than the incredibly light brake pedal, which has some travel before the brakes engage, and when they do, they're very sensitive. Once used to it, the Pilot proves easy to drive smoothly while delivering a compliant ride and agile handling.

It's enhanced by a comfortable driving position with supportive seats that are not too soft or too hard. The roomy cabin has good head and leg room and is fairly quiet at speed.

The redesigned infotainment interface is far more attractive than the previous one. It's easy to use, and includes Apple Car Play and Android Auto. A 4G LTE-based Wi-Fi hotspot is optional. A new CabinControl app, available on all models except the LX, allows passengers to use their smartphones to control many Pilot features, including the audio system, Rear Entertainment System, and rear climate control. Any connected phone can also look up an address and send it to the navigation system. Finally, wireless smartphone charging is standard on Elite models and available as a dealer-installed accessory on EX, EX-L and Touring trims.

While Honda may have thought stickers would enhance the 2019 Pilot's sporting image, it's the vehicle's enhanced family friendliness that makes it a leader in its segment.

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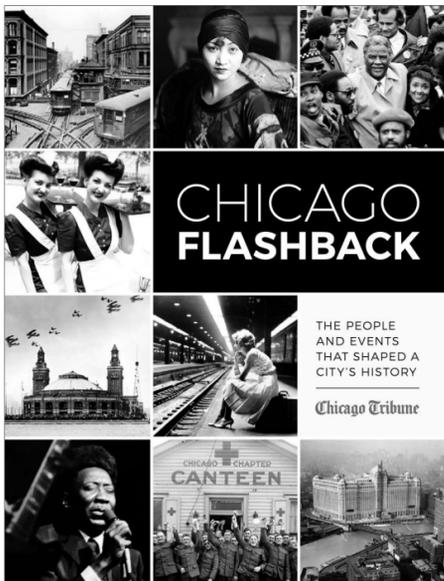
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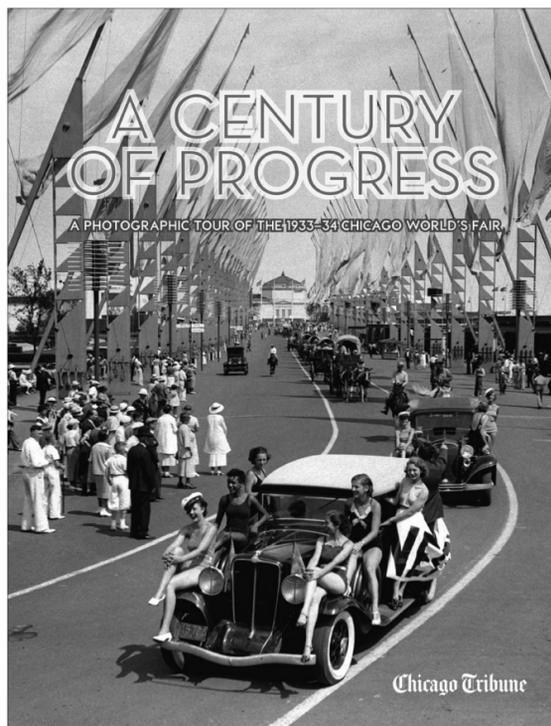
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IN THE INTEREST OF
Atiyanna Williams

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shakon Buck (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00575

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 7, 2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Axel Folkert

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kristen Folkert (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00283

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Camille Mc Clatchey Bahja Mc Clatchey Cecilia Mc Clatchey AKA Cecelia Mc Clatchey

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Patricia Mc Clatchey
JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01310 17JA01311 17JA01312

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IN THE INTEREST OF
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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Patricia Mc Clatchey
JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01310 17JA01311 17JA01312

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Harvey Woods (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 14, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 09/27/2018, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 7, 2018

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Corion M Hill AKA Corbin Hill

A MINOR
NO. 2018JD01314

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Cordell Hill (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **August 13, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Mendoza** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 09/20/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 53 COURTROOM 4,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
September 7, 2018

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2018:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2018 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County,

NORTH CHICAGO

Identified also as Area(s) 14,17, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is October 5, 2018.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 7th day of September, 2018.

JOSEPH BERRIOS
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2018:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2018 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

RICH
Identified also as Area(s) 31, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is October 4, 2018.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 7th day of September, 2018.

JOSEPH BERRIOS
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS DAVID ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in election precincts under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk, touch screen voting machines with audio ballot units will be available to any voter who has difficulty reading or vision impairment. Formal assistance will be given to those voters who qualify after the appropriate affidavits have been completed. In addition, any disabled voter who is unable to enter his or her polling place may have the judges of election bring an optical scan ballot outside to the voter.

Applications for this service are available from the Cook County Clerk's office by calling (312) 603-0929 or by emailing Accessibility.Info@cookcountyil.gov. Visit cookcountyclerk.com for additional information.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that voters may vote early from Monday, October 22 through Monday, November 5 at any one of the Early Voting locations in suburban Cook County or at the Cook County Clerk's downtown Chicago office, 69 W. Washington St. For more information on the locations of the Early Voting sites visit cookcountyclerk.com or call (312) 603-0906.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any voter who wishes to vote by mail may do so. A voter can complete an online mail ballot application by visiting cookcountyclerk.com. An application for a mail ballot may be obtained by downloading the form from cookcountyclerk.com, calling the Election Department at (312) 603-0906 or by writing to:

Cook County Clerk's Office, Election Unit
69 West Washington, Room 500
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Mail Voting Unit

DAVID ORR
Cook County Clerk
cookcountyclerk.com

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that its Tentative 2018-19 Budget, adopted at the August 14, 2018 meeting, will be on public display until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2018. This Tentative 2018-19 Budget will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education - 260 Madison Street - Oak Park, IL (60302) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. commencing Tuesday, August 21, 2018 through Thursday, September 27, 2018.
The Public Hearing on the budget will be conducted on September 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., followed by the adoption of said 2018-19 budget in the Board of Education Meeting Room - 260 Madison Street - Oak Park, IL (60302).
Dated this 14th day of August, 2018
Sherry Mariner
Board Secretary
5836060 9/7/2018

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the Interior Renovations will be received by the Dolton Public Library District located at 14037 Lincoln Avenue, Dolton, IL, 60419 until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Lump Sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt of bids and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to the Board of Trustees, Dolton Public Library District. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical, after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Sherry Jackson
Board President
or
Alysson D. Withers
Administrative Director
Dolton Public Library District
14037 Lincoln Avenue
Dolton, IL 60419

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