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Pedophile gained trust inside school



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Marvin Lovett was shot to death in 2000 by a teenage boy, one of many students that he allegedly abused.

No one held accountable in horrific sexual abuse, long-buried documents reveal

BY DAVID JACKSON, GARY MARX, JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND JUAN PEREZ JR. | Chicago Tribune

Marvin Lovett was a trusted mentor to students at Johnson Elementary School. He also was a pedophile.

Lovett used a camera hidden in his apartment closet to make secret pornographic videotapes of students, police and school reports show. He plied boys with cash and gym shoes as

he destroyed their childhoods.

Shot to death in April 2000 by a teenage student he abused for five years — since the boy was 12 — Lovett has been accused in lawsuits of sexually abusing at least 19 boys in the North Lawndale community.

It is the largest known case of sexual abuse involv-

ing a Chicago Public Schools worker, volunteer or vendor in recent decades, one that led to \$2.7 million in legal settlements earlier this year. Yet no one at CPS was ever held accountable for allowing a dangerous sexual predator to volunteer and work in the West Side school.

Now a Tribune investigation has uncovered a 58-page case manager's report from the CPS inspector

general's office in which four CPS employees told investigators they had raised concerns with the school's principal, Mattie Tyson, about Lovett's interactions with boys.

Tyson knew or should have known that Lovett was either an active pedophile or posed a risk to the students at Johnson School," that 2002 investigative report concludes. It also concludes that she "had

reasonable cause to believe that children known to her in her professional or official capacity may have been abused" and that her failure to inform child welfare officials was a violation of state law and CPS policy.

The potentially explosive findings have been hidden from public view for 16 years in large part because the inspector general who

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FDA says teenage vaping is 'epidemic'

Retailers targeted as officials address e-cigarettes' effects

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY
The Washington Post

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb has dramatically escalated his efforts to stop an "epidemic" of teenage vaping, announcing Wednesday a massive enforcement action against retailers for allegedly selling e-cigarettes to minors. He also warned manufacturers of a potential ban of flavored e-cigarette liquids.

Officials said the move against more than 1,300 retailers was the largest coordinated enforcement action in the agency's history. The threatened ban, if carried out, would significantly upend the fast-growing industry.

The latest data, not yet published, show a 75 percent increase in e-cigarette use among high school students this year compared with 2017. The FDA declined to publicly release the numbers, but people familiar with them said they were preliminary data from the National Youth Tobacco Survey, on which the agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collaborate.

In a speech to FDA employees, Gottlieb said that rapid spike in teen use, emerging sales trends and concerns among parents and teachers convinced him that underage use of e-cigarettes has become a full-blown crisis that must be forcefully addressed. "The disturbing and accelerating trajectory of use we're seeing in youth, and

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10 million in storm's crosshairs

Hurricane Florence put a corridor of more than 10 million people in danger Wednesday as the monster storm closed in on the Carolinas. Above, workers board up a home in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Uncertainty over the Category 2 storm's projected path spread worry across a widening swath of the Southeast. Georgia joined Virginia and North and South Carolina in declaring a state of emergency. **Nation & World, Page 11.**

Regional schools' enrollment recovery not easy

U. of I., UIC up but others struggle to stop decline

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

Several Illinois public universities are continuing to lose students a year after the state budget impasse ended.

Enrollment data provided by 10 state universities show broad declines that barely slowed since last year — proving recovery is a slow process, especially for regional schools. Southern Illinois University in Carbondale

and Western Illinois University recorded some of the biggest drops.

As expected, the state's largest public schools — the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois at Chicago and Illinois State University — grew or remained relatively stable. Eastern Illinois showed an increase for the first time in a decade and brought 500 additional students to campus this year.

Enrollment figures are based on the 10th day of attendance in the fall term.

School leaders said they



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Students stroll the University of Illinois at Chicago, where enrollment's up 3.7 percent.

In jury picking, bickering over race

Prosecutors accuse Van Dyke defense of axing minorities

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

Racial tensions in the trial of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke surfaced during jury selection Wednesday when prosecutors twice accused the defense of systematically removing black people from the panel — and the defense in turn accused prosecutors of booting white men.

Judge Vincent Gaughan ultimately swatted down the allegations but not before some fraught exchanges among attorneys.

"I'm not kicking him off because he's black," Randy Rueckert, one of Van Dyke's attorneys, said after the defense removed a young African-American man from the jury. "I have a right to say I don't want him to be on my jury. ... This case isn't about black and white. The press has made it about black and white, for gosh sake."

Long-standing legal precedent holds that attorneys cannot remove individuals from jury consideration solely based on race. So far, there have been 10 jurors selected: five whites, three Hispanics, one African-American and one person of Asian descent.

Video of Van Dyke, who

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■ In Wednesday's story about restaurants affected by the Chicago hotel strike, the status of two restaurants was incorrect. Stetsons Modern Steak & Sushi, in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, remains open. Torali Italian-Steak, in the Ritz-Carlton Chicago, is closed for dinner but is open for limited breakfast and lunch service. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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Police Officer Jason Van Dyke, left, is escorted out of the Leighton Criminal Court Building after jury selection Wednesday.

JOHN KASS

A cop stands trial in a city of pain



There were a measly three protesters chanting "Justice for Laquan McDonald," and "no justice, no peace" in the bright sun outside the criminal courts building at 26th and California.

The tall one with the bullhorn and shiny bracelets did the chanting. The two others, carrying signs, repeated what the bullhorn man said as they walked up and down the sidewalk.

The one thing they didn't chant: "A fair trial for Jason Van Dyke," the white cop charged with murder in the shooting death of McDonald, the black teenager.

Inside the courthouse on Wednesday, Judge Vincent Gaughan and lawyers continued to select a jury.

"Fair trial?" said the bullhorn man, Brother West Side, whose real name is Bobby Scott. "You see the video? He shot him 16 times. I'm surprised that God didn't paralyze his arm. Evidence? Fair trial? The video was on national TV. Sixteen times!"

This heater case has already cut into the careers of police officers accused of trying to cover up what happened when Van Dyke shot McDonald 16 times.

And it has also cost the mayoral career of Rahm Emanuel, who pulled the plug on his re-election bid rather than run a campaign while answering questions about why his administration suppressed the release of the McDonald shooting video.

In that bright sunshine, a few cops found patches of shade from which to watch the demonstrators.

"That's a cast of thousands," said one.

"You going to talk to these guys?" asked another.

Yeah, I said.

"Enjoy yourself," he said.

With Brother West Side was Jack Dicter, who finished most sentences with "know what I'm sayin'?" and Jair Gamaliel Olivares, 23, an asphalt worker who hopes to teach high school computer science.

They're just starting to know each other.

I pestered them about the pretrial

publicity and the racial politics and asked this: Can Van Dyke get a fair trial?

"Fair trial is when he's convicted," Dicter said. "I can see two shots, but 16 times? That's overkill, know what I'm sayin'?"

Olivares said he loved McDonald but had never met him.

"It's a Christ-like love. You love him the way you love all humanity," he said. "And nobody deserves to die."

What about a fair trial for Van Dyke?

"The way you get a fair trial is by not putting me on the jury," Olivares said.

He paused, then asked me:

"Are you really running for mayor?"

Journalists from around the country will descend upon Chicago to walk up those courthouse steps and craft sweeping stories of politics and race in the city by the lake, stories about a case of a white cop killing a black teenager, and about the mayoral politics playing out behind it.

A few might get the politics half right.

But there was no grand sweep on those steps Wednesday. There were mostly regulars involved with other cases, enjoying the sun on a glorious day.

Young prosecutors and bailiffs grabbing smokes. Detectives in their blue testimony suits and shined black oxfords. Old overworked criminal defense attorneys with their suit trousers hiked up, as if they were in some ad for "Better Call Saul."

The facial expressions were remarkably the same, like a slice of yesterday's ham, the look of people who've seen too much.

A woman sat on a stone bench having an early lunch, a hot dog and a bag of Cheetos. She watched the three motley protesters below.

She was pleasant. She has worked in the courthouse for years. She asked not to be named, and I respected that.

"I don't think it will be bad until the verdict comes in," she said. "Hopefully it's a good verdict, otherwise the city will go up in a roar. If it's a bad verdict, things will go crazy."

And what is a bad verdict?

"If they find him not guilty, people might get upset."

It's the truth. There is that worry. The fact is, everyone who hasn't been under a rock thinks about what will happen if Van Dyke walks.

"I don't want to talk about color or race, there's good and bad people, even our police officers, and the bad ones are overshadowing the good now," she said. "But 16 bullets in a boy's body? Ah, come on, 16 bullets? He was no threat. The video..."

Her voice trailed off and disappeared. We sat there and didn't say anything as Brother West Side shouted below.

When her voice came back it had changed.

"My son was killed a year ago," she said. "Not by a police officer. By a kid who thought my son had money. He didn't have money. Now he's dead."

Her son had two little boys. Now she raises them.

"I have a daughter, but you don't worry about girls in the way you worry about boys in Chicago. I never thought like I do now that my son was killed. My whole mind is different. I understand our police are under pressure, but from that video, he was no threat."

"You're in the big hospital waiting room, you're OK, but when they're going to take me into the little room, I know why you're going to take me for," she said. "To tell me what I didn't want to know. When they take you into that little room, you know why."

She began to weep.

"I hope this city gets better. There's so much pain in Chicago now. People are afraid of police. They're afraid of everything, everywhere. It's just too much pain. There's just so much pain all over."

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Book highlights writer's Twitter fight with Trump



REX W. HUPPKE

Bob Woodward and Danny Zuker have substantively different backgrounds.

Woodward is one of the most high-profile and respected investigative journalists in the country. Zuker is an Emmy-winning writer for ABC's "Modern Family" with a long television resume.

But in this one strange and disturbing moment in our nation's history, the two have something very much in common: Each has written a book about President Donald Trump.

Woodward's book, appropriately titled "Fear: Trump in the White House," is getting most of the attention, as it's a deeply reported insider's exposé of a wildly disorganized administration helmed by a dishonest and incurious president.

But Zuker's book — which has the advantage of being way shorter, way funnier and way easier to read — also takes us inside the vastly empty mind of Trump, showing not what's happening now but what was happening well before the wealthy New Yorker descended an escalator and vulgarly announced his political intentions.

I've known Zuker for many years on Twitter. We've never met, but we follow each other and communicate sporadically about deeply important issues like politics and flatulence jokes.

His book — "He Started It! My Twitter War With

Trump," — chronicles a strange and hilarious online tweet-fight Zuker had with the future president back in 2013, a war of words that received a good bit of media attention and elevated Zuker to the status of Master Trump Slayer.

While some will question the often anonymous sources in Woodward's book, nobody can question Zuker's source: Donald Trump himself, via his doltish tweets.

"He Started It!" is simple and slim: an introduction by co-author Paul Slansky; an introduction by Zuker; the long series of tweets between Trump and Zuker, with brief annotations for context and bonus jokes; and a short conclusion.

At the time of the Trump/Zuker Twitter War of 2013, Trump was, as

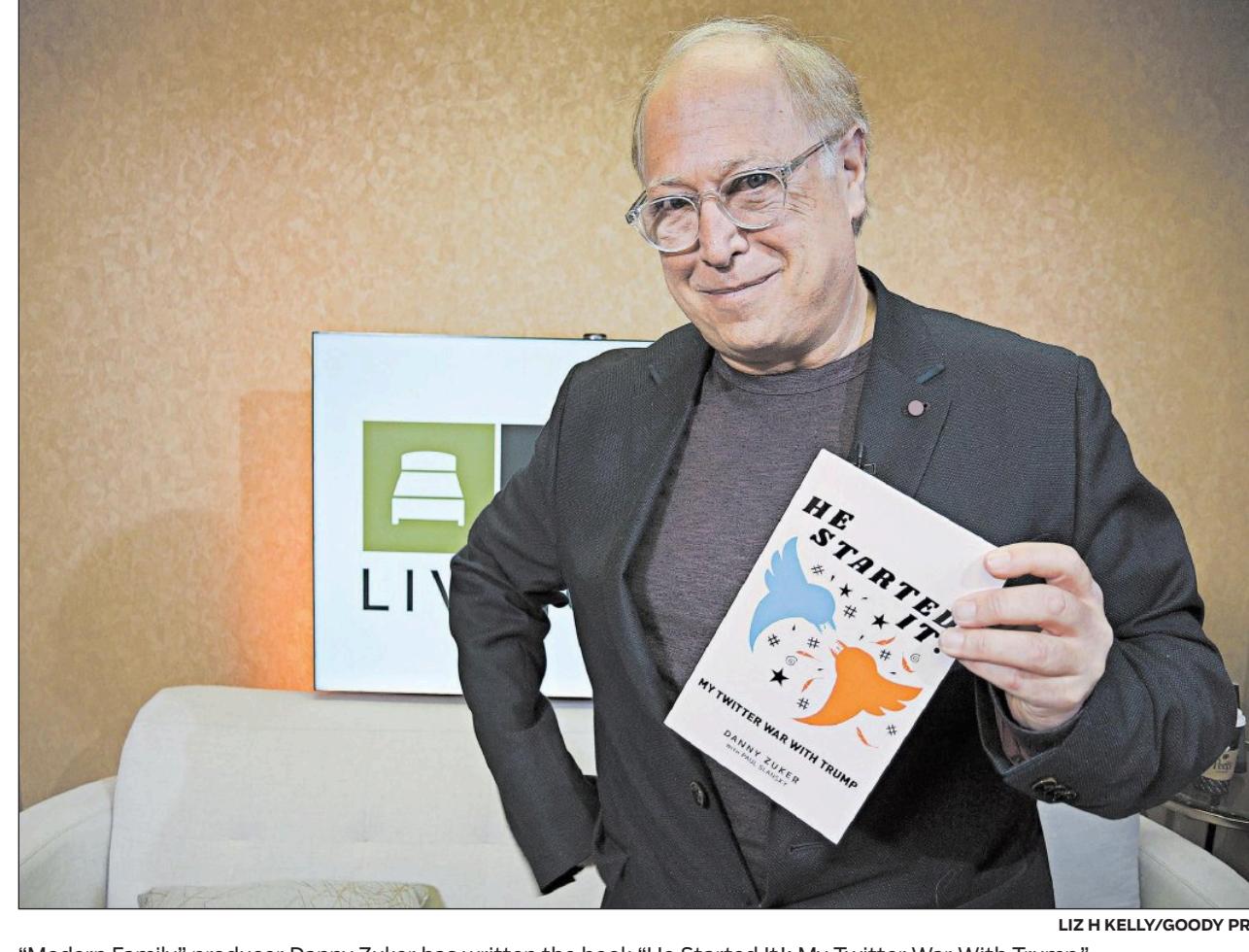
Slansky writes, "merely the clownish host of a reality show and the leader of the deranged birther movement" against President Barack Obama. So it seems perfectly fitting that the war began with Trump lying.

He tweeted that his NBC reality show, "Celebrity Apprentice," was "in first place in all demos during the 10PM hour in the ratings."

Zuker responded by tweeting, "Cool story. Here's how you really did." His tweet showed the actual ratings, which had "Celebrity Apprentice" in fourth place after shows on Fox, ABC and CBS.

About 2½ hours later, Trump responded to Zuker with this tweet: "Failed show @DannyZuker I have never heard of you and was told you are a loser- after reading your credits I have no questions about it!"

And they were off.



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"Modern Family" producer Danny Zuker has written the book "He Started It!: My Twitter War With Trump."

What you learn is this: Trump never changes. His tweets then are the same as his tweets now.

Trump became obsessed with Zuker, and the comedy writer kept pummeling him with one liners, such as: "The only way you could be losing rating points faster is if you inherited them from your father."

Another time, foreshadowing his hypocritical "America First!" rhetoric, Trump tweeted: "We need to worry about the American worker first!"

And Zuker, who had been busily tweeting photos of "Made in China" labels on Trump-branded products, responded: "So thoughtful of you to not

burden them with the task of making your ties."

If this Trump tweet-rhetoric sounds familiar, it's because it's exactly the same as what we see now, day after day, coming from the man who somehow became president of the United States.

And that's what's striking about Zuker's book — it's all there: the refusal to accept facts; the narcissism; the nicknames; the insults; the pettiness; the unwillingness to ever admit errors.

I spoke with Zuker by phone and he said: "The specifics are maybe different, but in terms of revelations about his temperament, it was all out there, if anybody wanted to look."

Woodward's book paints a terrifying picture of the present. Zuker's unspooling of his Twitter fight with Trump paints a terrifying picture of the past, a past more people should have considered before voting.

From the book: "All the

childish language and the insane logic he used to engage me, he's now using with world leaders. (Not Putin, but nearly everyone else.) Our backs and forths read like some twisted beta test of all that was to come."

What you learn is this: Trump never changes. His tweets then are the same as his tweets now. His lack of curiosity then is the same as it is now. His petulance, his bullying, his effortless lying — all the same.

It's staggering to read this thread of tweets from end to end and then realize this is the person America elevated to the position of president.

"It is a little sad," Zuker said. "Yeah, it is. I wanted it to be funny, but I also wanted you to be sad, and I want you to take that sadness and I want it to lead you to vote."

That's why Zuker and Slansky put the book together now, before the midterm elections.

"I just want people to read this and remember that there was a time when we all thought this guy was an idiot," Zuker said. "As dumb as I think Donald Trump is, these monsters in the GOP are letting him get away with this. They know how stupid he is. ... But they don't care. These are the people we need to get out."

"He Started It!" is a swift testament to the imbecility of the man occupying the White House.

And best of all, every penny from sales of the book goes to decidedly non-Trump-ish organizations: Planned Parenthood, the World Wildlife Fund and the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services.

Which is a clever way for Zuker to get one more dig in on his Twitter nemesis. Not that he needed to — Trump was outmatched from the jump.

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Cook County settles suit over inmate dental care for nearly \$5.3M

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners voted to pay nearly \$5.3 million to settle a 2009 federal lawsuit alleging that the county violated inmates' rights when it sharply cut back on dental health care at the jail.

Attorney Kenneth Flaxman said the problems identified in his lawsuit started when the county, in the midst of a financial crisis in 2007, decided to solve its problems by cutting back on inmate health care. A medical official at the jail decided

the county didn't need to provide dental service and got rid of most of the dentists, meaning some had to wait nine months to see a dentist if they had toothaches.

"That was just a really horrible decision, horrible belief, that the doctors were making legal judgments and they weren't being checked to tell them that isn't what the Constitution requires," Flaxman said.

Commissioners voted to pay out \$5,263,000 to end the yearslong lawsuit. About 20,000 people have filed claims and are eligible to

receive up to \$3,000, Flaxman said, though the vast majority will get far less.

The Cook County Health and Hospitals System provides health care at the jail.

Caryn Stancik, the hospitals' spokeswoman, said the current leadership team has "made the provision of physical health, dental and mental health services an absolute priority over the past several years."

"Our efforts were recognized this past June when the federal court dissolved the 2010 consent decree between the U.S. Department of Justice and Cermak

Correctional Health Services," Stancik said, referring to the jail, which had been under federal supervision.

The sheriff's office does not control the provision of mental health, medical, or dental services to detainees in the jail, a spokeswoman for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said.

Commissioner Larry Suffredin, an Evanston Democrat, said the government's theory was that "dental" wasn't part of health care back then. "I think we now understand that dental is essential to health care and mental health wasn't really

part of our health care," Suffredin said. "I think now we're doing it."

In other news:

■ The board passed a bill introduced by Suffredin that would prevent the county from detaining anyone at the juvenile detention center who is under 13. Suffredin's measure won't affect many kids, as in 2017 and 2018 the county did not hold any 10- or 11-year olds in custody and in 2017 only took in nine 12-year olds. But, Suffredin said, it could lead to long-term thinking.

"We need more people to think about younger kids

who are kind of lost in the system," Suffredin said.

■ Republican commissioners Timothy Schneider, Sean Morrison, and Gregg Goslin joined with Democrat Richard Boykin to introduce an ordinance requiring a two-thirds supermajority vote for any new tax or tax increase. That was sent to a committee and is unlikely to pass. Schneider, Morrison and Goslin are facing tough re-election fights in November against Democrat challengers.

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Rep. Gutierrez won't run for Chicago mayor

Calls on Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia to seek the office instead

BY JOHN BYRNE,
BILL RUTHART
AND GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

The aftershocks of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's decision not to seek a third term continued Wednesday, with U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez saying he's out and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia publicly expressing their interest in the job for the first time.

Gutierrez held a news conference at a River North Italian restaurant to announce he was bowing out after a few days of consideration, but what he said next drew just as much attention.

"Please come and join me in drafting Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia for mayor of the city of Chicago. We need Jesus, who has a heart that's big enough for all of us, and whose strength of character and love for this city and its people will build a unified bridge between north and south, between east and west, from poor to middle class to rich, from the business community to the 'hood,'" Gutierrez said. "We will form immediately an

exploratory committee and get the petitions going this weekend. And if Chuy doesn't have them ready by this weekend, I will print them myself."

Gutierrez's announcement and immediate endorsement set up a behind-the-scenes showdown of sorts between Preckwinkle and Garcia, who are political allies. Garcia, who won the March Democratic primary in a bid to succeed the retiring Gutierrez in Congress, serves as Preckwinkle's floor leader on the County Board.

Both are actively reaching out to labor leaders, potential campaign donors and grassroots organizers behind the scenes, sources close to both politicians have told the Chicago Tribune.

As Gutierrez was lavishing praise on Garcia and encouraging him to run, the commissioner disappeared from his desk in the Cook County Board chambers. Garcia, who forced Emanuel into a mayoral runoff in the 2015 election, later issued a statement acknowledging for the first time his interest in a repeat campaign.

"As I take a closer look at the mayor's race I will continue to dialogue with Chicagoans from across our great city to talk about solutions that will both unify us and improve every-



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., announces he will not run for mayor of Chicago at a news conference on Wednesday.

one's quality of life," Garcia said. "While we have great challenges ahead of us we also have an opportunity to bring peace to a city that has been too much at war with itself. And, I look forward to forging that peace together."

Preckwinkle's monthly post-County Board meeting news conference was anything but routine as she was peppered with questions about a possible run.

In typical fashion, a disciplined Preckwinkle said she was weighing a run, but declined to detail what factors she was considering or to identify a timeline for making a decision. The former 19-year 4th Ward alderman did say her extensive experience in city and county government gives her a "unique understand-

ing" of the issues and challenges Chicago faces.

"I believe that experience gives me a unique understanding of the issues and challenges that our region faces," Preckwinkle said.

Preckwinkle's comments marked the first time she publicly said she was weighing a mayoral run. A spokesman previously had released a statement saying she was considering it.

Both Preckwinkle and Garcia are on the November ballot.

Garcia, 62, is expected to cruise to a win to represent the heavily Democratic and predominantly Hispanic 4th Congressional District. Preckwinkle, 71, is unopposed in her bid for a third term as the county's chief executive.

Sources close to Garcia and Preckwinkle said neither had made a decision on whether to run. Preckwinkle had planned to create an exploratory committee on Monday but scrapped those plans.

Gutierrez said he believed Garcia needed to be convinced to run, hence his "draft Chuy" effort.

As for why he decided against a run, Gutierrez said he intends to make good on his pledge to help Puerto Rico rebuild from Hurricane Maria and continue his fight for immigration reform when he leaves Congress at the end of his term.

And he said he was taking a post as a senior policy adviser for the National Partnership for New Americans. Gutierrez also noted his daughter, Jessica Gutierrez, is running her own campaign for alderman in the Northwest Side 30th Ward.

Asked if it's appropriate for Garcia to change course suddenly to instead run for mayor, Gutierrez said Garcia has a chance to help Chicago more by building on his unsuccessful mayoral campaign against Emanuel in 2015.

Emanuel shook the city's political landscape last week when he made the surprise announcement that he would abandon his bid for a third term.

Since then, several high-profile politicians have weighed a bid, including Gutierrez, Preckwinkle, Garcia, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley and 2011 mayoral candidate and City Hall veteran Gery Chico.

With Gutierrez, 64, taking his name off the board, the field of candidates could quickly start to take shape.

Some Hispanic officials in Chicago have been in a holding pattern waiting to see if Gutierrez or Garcia would run.

The main candidates who have declared they are running for mayor so far include former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, former Police Board President Lori Lightfoot, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, millionaire businessman Willie Wilson, Chicago principals association President Troy LaRiviere, activist Ja'Mal Green, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, Southwest Side attorney Jerry Joyce, policy consultant Amara Enya, attorney John Kozlak and DePaul student Matthew Roney.

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Artist Hebru Brantley painted this mural at Wood Street and Milwaukee Avenue after one was painted over by the city.

Alderman draws up plan to save murals

Hopkins wants city to be street art capital via registry

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

take took place during a blitz to clean up graffiti around proposed sites for Amazon's much anticipated second headquarters.

Hopkins said Wednesday he was confident he has the votes to move the measure through the City Council's committee on zoning, landmarks and building standards and get it passed at next week's council meeting. The ordinance would create a registry to distinguish art from unwanted graffiti and possibly make the city an attraction for art aficionados.

"We think that's the beginning of really establishing Chicago, believe it or not, as an American capital of street art and as a destination for people who want to experience that and see it for themselves," Hopkins said. "So that's a side benefit of this ordinance that we are very excited about and we know that is going to come to fruition."

Max Temkin, founder of Cards Against Humanity, led the effort behind the ordinance and brainstromed with Chicago artists before reaching out to Hopkins, whose 2nd Ward includes the area around the company's headquarters. Temkin said he heard from street artists who felt harassed while doing their work, and he

thinks the city has a bad history of being unable to distinguish street art from unwanted graffiti.

"Street art represents people claiming civic space for themselves and for the public good," Tempkin said at a news conference. "And to share something really joyful and surprising and meaningful with people."

The proposed ordinance calls for building owners or property management companies to register murals with the city and pay a fee to cover a physical marker that would be placed on the building.

The registry would be maintained by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and special events, which would work with Streets and Sanitation to create rules to oversee the enforcement of the ordinance. Kelly said there are about 2,000 street murals around the city.

The Blek le Rat piece isn't the only commissioned art that city crews have mistaken for vandalism this year. In August, a city graffiti removal crew removed a taxpayer-funded mural in Lakeview by Chicago-based artist JC Rivera after it was reported as graffiti. The mural, which included Rivera's signature "bear champ," was removed less than two weeks after he finished it.

In Wicker Park, one of artist Hebru Brantley's first

murals in Chicago was painted over by city crews earlier this year after it was vandalized with graffiti, according to the city. The Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area 33 asked Brantley to create a new mural on the same wall that featured his "Flyboy" character, said Brent Norsman, chair of the SSA's commissioners.

"I used to walk by there all the time; it's kind of funny how public art holds a place in your heart. When it was gone, I was like 'Wait,'" Norsman said. "People in the community reached out to the chamber (asking) what happened."

Brantley volunteered his time to create the new mural, Norsman said.

Like the proposed ordinance, the Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service area was planning to create plaques for public art in their neighborhoods to describe and identify each piece, Norsman said. They have been scrambling to finish the process by as soon as next week to make sure Brantley's new mural doesn't get mistakenly destroyed.

"Most murals are commissioned and not a five-minute ordeal," Norsman said. "It's pretty clear what's art and what's gang graffiti."

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Metra board votes against 2019 fare hike

But it warns that service, even entire lines, could be cut

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
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Metra board members voted unanimously Wednesday against a fare increase for 2019, saying additional money for operations and new equipment should instead come from the state.

Board members also stressed that Metra needs to spell out to lawmakers exactly what service could be cut over the next few years if the commuter rail agency does not get the money it needs. Cuts could include entire lines.

"The truth is we're going bankrupt," said Metra board member Don De Graff of south suburban Cook County.

The vote came after Metra staff at the agency's monthly board meeting presented a preliminary budget that proposed a possible 25-to 50-cent fare hike for 2019.

The commuter railroad has raised fares six times in the last seven years and has seen declines in ridership.

"A fare increase only puts a Band-Aid on a gaping wound," said board member Tim Baldermann of Will County. He said the state has "kicked the can down the road for decades" in terms of funding, and suggested the possibility that Metra may have to cut lines without adequate state help.

"We cannot solve our problems on the backs of our riders," said board member John Zediker of DuPage County.

The state has been without a capital bill since 2009. Last year, the CTA, Metra and Pace all decided to raise fares in response to state funding cuts. Sales tax revenues, which help fund public transit, have been down, in part because of sales on the Internet instead of in brick-and-mortar stores.

The state also imposed a surcharge last year on the administration of sales taxes, which cut into agency budgets.

Metra staff proposed a preliminary 2019 operating budget of \$828 million if there are no fare hikes, and a capital budget of about \$211 million. The agency has said it needs \$1 billion in capital funding to get into a state of good repair.

"That's \$800 million short. That's no way to run a railroad," said board member Steve Messerli of Kane County.

Metra has been plagued this summer by delays brought on by breakdowns of air conditioning in cars, overcrowding and other problems. It also has had to pay about \$400 million for positive train control — a federally mandated safety system.

In 2014, the Metra board approved a 10-year, \$2.4 billion modernization plan that had called for fare increases every year to improve its rolling stock. But board members said on Wednesday that plan was passed with the optimism that the state would provide more money.

Metra CEO Jim Derwinski said he did not know what the service cuts could look like. He said the railroad will work on providing a new message to lawmakers and stakeholders, such as mayors of communities served by Metra.

"It could mean cutting service, it could mean less stations, it could mean less service during the day, it could be a period of time during the day. It could mean a whole line," Derwinski said, speaking to reporters. Derwinski also said he was going to Washington, D.C., on Thursday, despite the approach of Hurricane Florence, to talk to legislators about the importance of federal funding for transit.

Metra board Chairman Norman Carlson acknowledged that the state, struggling with its own budget problems and trying to meet the needs of schools and social programs, may not have any more money to give. "We may, and I underscore may, have to implement the service cuts. Do we want to? No," Carlson said.

Also Wednesday, professor Joseph Schwieterman, a transportation expert from DePaul University, presented a report to the board showing the economic value of Metra to the region. The report found that each Metra rider benefits nonriders every year by \$4,699 through reducing congestion, crashes, roadway maintenance, parking needs and pollution.

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Women's March planners set to rise up again in fall

Organizers pushing October rally, Nov. election turnout

BY KATIE GALIOTO
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With midterm elections around the corner, Women's March Chicago is organizing a march and rally in Grant Park on Oct. 13 to encourage women — particularly first-time voters — to cast their ballots.

"The stakes are sky-high this November," said Jessica Scheller, board president of Women's March Chicago. "We need every single woman — from great-grandmothers to infants — and every ally to join us in the streets and converge on our march to the polls."

Thousands have taken to the streets of Chicago for previous Women's Marches, including the 2017 demonstration following the inauguration of President Donald Trump that shut down parts of the Loop. A year later, more than 300,000 turned out for a "March to the Polls" to call for gender equality and rally against the Trump administration.

The October march will be different because it will be proactive instead of reactive, Scheller said at a news conference Wednesday in Grant Park.

"We will march to be a driving force behind the electoral result we will see in this city and in this state," she said.

Women's March Chicago will still hold an anniversary event in January, but it won't be the same as past year's marches. Turnout in October also may decline from the previous two marches because it won't be held in conjunction with similar events across the globe.

Still, organizers have high hopes for the fall march — the weather will be warmer and women have the chance to make an impact by casting their ballots for candidates who align with their values, Scheller said.

Marchers will head to the polls after the morning rally, which kicks off at 9 a.m. Early voting for Illinois' Nov. 6 election opens Sept. 27 at the Loop Super Site, 16 W. Adams St. Voters can register on site, although march organizers encourage them to do so online beforehand. The exact march route has not been announced.

Women's March leaders are teaming up with Chicago Votes, a nonprofit that promotes political engagement among the city's youth. Mobilizing the millennial generation can make all the difference in an election, especially when young people are concentrated in urban areas, said Rudy Garrett, deputy director of Chicago Votes.

Organizers have invited politicians from across the political spectrum to attend, Scheller said, and the focus of the march and rally is to get out the vote.

But she added that the election of Trump played a role in a resurgence of the feminist movement, in Chicago and around the nation.

"For that, and for very few other things, I guess we have him to thank," she said.

The rally's new components aim to create an energetic environment with a new "Voter Village" with festival-style booths hosted by activists, politicians and business and the "First Time Voter Experience," an area for new voters to mingle with elected officials and community leaders. The event will feature live music and guest speaker Heather Booth, an activist and founder of the Jane Collective, an underground

abortion service in Chicago from 1969 until after the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

Linette Pan, a rising sophomore at the University of Chicago, got involved with the march through Gather Activism, a mobile app that connects activists with opportunities to take action. Pan said her parents, both immigrants

from China, instilled the value of voting at a young age.

"They tell me all the time that voting is a privilege," she said. "Not everyone around the world gets to vote."

Next month, the 19-year-old will cast her first-ever ballot.

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Rudy Garrett, deputy director of the Chicago Votes nonprofit, is working with the Women's March Chicago to organize the March to the Polls planned for Oct. 13.

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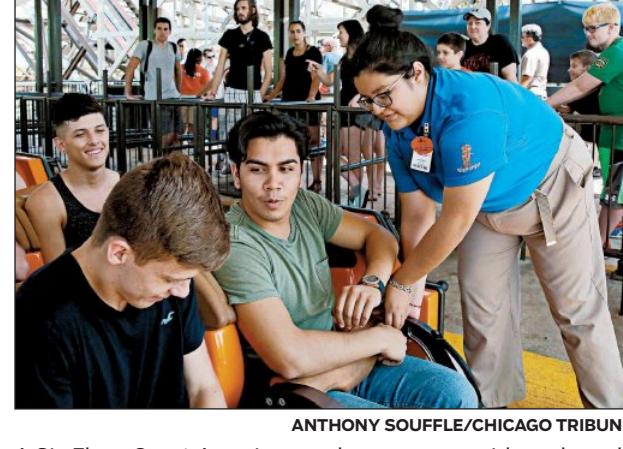
Theme park seeks to hire 800 to stay open into winter

BY TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

In today's tight job market, hiring 800 people can be a tall order. Hiring them at a theme park north of Chicago so it can stay open deep into the winter can be even more challenging.

Six Flags Great America in Gurnee is trying to accomplish that by offering prospective employees unusual perks: Interview for one of those 800 jobs and get a free ticket to the park, a \$77.99 value if purchased on site. Get hired and receive another free ticket.

It's the first time the theme park about 30 miles north of Chicago is offering tickets to entice job candidates. Marketing Director John Krajnak said Wednes-



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A Six Flags Great America employee secures riders aboard the wooden roller coaster Goliath in 2016.

day.

"We're looking to hire the best possible candidates we can," he added. To achieve that objective, Six Flags needs a large pool of prospects from which managers can select the most qualified people, Krajnak said. And, to create that large pool, the park must

generate buzz and draw wide attention, he added.

Free tickets should help accomplish all that, Krajnak said.

The primary reason for 800 additional positions is Holiday in the Park, he said. In another first for Six Flags Great America, the amusement park will remain open

this year past its traditional fall Fright Fest, debuting a winter, holiday-themed schedule that will feature rides, upward of 2 million lights, seasonal shows, even fireside s'mores and superhero holiday gifts.

Holiday in the Park starts Nov. 23 and ends on New Year's Eve, which may transform the self-proclaimed "thrill capital of the Midwest" to the windchill capital of theme parks. Fright Fest opens Saturday.

Krajnak acknowledged that the job market is "a little tighter, for sure" — the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a 4.2 percent unemployment rate for Illinois in July — but he added that Six Flags has "not had the challenges that we anticipated having" in hiring employees this year.

The theme park, which expects to have hired about 4,600 workers from its April 21 opening day through its

final scheduled closing day of Dec. 31, has experienced "a positive applicant flow throughout the year," Krajnak said. The Gurnee location is one of 25 Six Flags parks across North America.

Job areas include rides, games, retail, food service and entertainment. Wages for the new employees will vary by department, he said, and will be higher than the federal minimum wage and minimums in Illinois and Wisconsin. Krajnak declined to offer a range.

Lawrence Officer, an economics professor at University of Illinois at Chicago, said the number of job openings at Six Flags suggests that the market for unskilled or semiskilled workers is tightening about as much as it is for skilled and highly educated prospects.

He also said a company hiring 800 employees during the offseason is another encouraging sign for

the national and state economy.

But Officer noted that the finding those employees might be difficult. The jobs are seasonal and many probably pay close to minimum wage, he said.

In addition, Officer said, the jobs might do little to ease unemployment where it is most stubborn — in higher-poverty neighborhoods of Chicago and Milwaukee.

Officer also said Six Flags' free ticket offer may be as much a strategy for attracting customers as job applicants.

"Sounds like they want to drum up business," he said. The subtle message that the bearers of free tickets would spread is, "Hey, look how nice Great America is," Officer said. "Next time come with your brother."

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Jury selection continues in murder trial

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is white, fatally shooting black teen Laquan McDonald brought Chicago's long-simmering racial strife to the forefront when it was released by court order in 2015, more than a year after the shooting.

Van Dyke now faces trial on first-degree murder charges. As the second full day of jury questioning concluded, the defense so far has used five of its seven discretionary challenges — all to remove minorities from the jury.

And with jury selection resuming Thursday morning, the defense is closing in on a crucial decision: whether to have Gaughan or the selected jurors decide Van Dyke's fate.

Illinois law holds that the defense can unilaterally choose a bench trial, at which Gaughan alone would decide Van Dyke's fate, up until the 12th juror is sworn in. With 10 jurors already selected, attorneys must make their choice known soon.

The first person questioned Wednesday morning was made the jury's sole black member. The woman, who works as a FedEx driver and appears to be in her 50s, said she had seen the police dashboard camera video that captured Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old McDonald 16 times.

During questioning Wednesday, the woman said she couldn't say that Van Dyke was guilty.

"But I had an opinion about how many times the shots went off," she said. "I can't lie about that. ... That's a lot of shots."

Before the African-American woman was picked for the jury, prosecutors made their first accusation that the defense was illegally trying to remove minorities as jurors.

It happened after Van Dyke's attorneys asked Gaughan to strike the woman from the jury pool for "cause," noting that upon questioning she said the

video of McDonald's shooting was "horrific" and she was surprised it was shown on television.

Prosecutor Marilyn Hite Ross immediately made what is called a Batson challenge — essentially accusing Van Dyke's legal team of illegally using its discretionary strikes to remove jurors based solely on their race. The defense had bounced two African-Americans on the first day of jury selection Monday.

But Gaughan denied the motion, saying the defense had put forward "race-neutral explanations" for trying to remove people from consideration. He then refused to remove the African-American woman for cause.

After that, neither side opted to use a peremptory strike — which allows the prosecution or defense to reject a juror without giving a reason — so the woman was selected to sit on the jury.

The second Batson challenge of the day came after the defense used a strike on a 22-year-old black man who had not fully completed a jury questionnaire and said he recalled a couple of posts from acquaintances on Facebook that mentioned Van Dyke had "murdered" somebody. He said he did not respond to the posts and that it did not affect his opinion. The man also said he had not seen the video.

After the defense listed its reasons for striking three black jurors in two days, the judge shot down the prosecutors' second Batson allegation.

Jury selection continued — only to have the defense raise allegations against prosecutors, twice

accusing them of striking white males. The judge rejected the allegations, saying attorneys on both sides had not shown a pattern of bias.

It wasn't the first time Herbert has been accused of trying to dismiss potential jurors based on race while defending charges against a Chicago police

officer.

Just last year, a federal judge found that Herbert had improperly used a peremptory challenge against an African-American jury candidate in the case against Marco Proano, an officer accused of excessive force for firing into a car filled with black teens in 2013, wounding two.

In his ruling during a sidebar discussion, U.S. District Judge Gary Feinerman said it was suspicious that Herbert had asked for time to respond to the Batson challenge by prosecutors. If Herbert had a valid reason, the judge said, he should have been able to articulate it right away, according to a recently unsealed transcript.

Herbert tried to object.

He said he'd asked for time because he was "angry" at being accused by prosecutors and had to go to the bathroom to "cool off."

But Feinerman noted another huge red flag that went beyond the allegations made by prosecutors. He said when Herbert listed his peremptory challenges, the first four strikes he requested were for the only four blacks left in the jury pool.

The African-American man whom Herbert had tried to strike from the pool



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Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke leaves the Leighton Criminal Court Building after jury selection Wednesday.

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Regional schools facing uneven recovery

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anticipated the declines and are doubling down on marketing, publicity, financial aid and academic strategies they say will attract their prime student demographics.

The state's two-year budget impasse cut and delayed critical funding for public universities. Enrollment, already falling throughout the state, plummeted in those years. An end to the budget battle and a quick agreement on this year's state spending plan returned a sense of normalcy for administrators. School leaders say recent legislation, some of which bolsters financial aid, shows the state is more committed to investing in higher education.

Universities also are joining forces in recruiting efforts, hoping to target more Illinoisans and sell them on the virtues of a local school — any one of them.

"We're all on the same page," said Josh Norman, assistant vice president of enrollment management at Eastern Illinois. "Our common battle and our greatest battle is making sure that students in the state of Illinois realize that the 12 options are so different and so valuable that there is no need to attend a school not in Illinois."

The three-campus University of Illinois system saw record enrollment for the sixth consecutive year, driven by slight increases in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign. UIC rose 3.7 percent to 31,683 students and UIUC increased 3.2 percent to 49,339 students, both institutional records. Total enrollment for the system reached 85,597 students.

While enrollment at the Springfield campus continued to fall, falling 7.7 percent to 4,575 students, enrollment of first-time freshmen grew from 278 to 316.

University President Tim Killeen said the system is on pace to enroll 93,000 students by 2021. In-state undergraduate enrollment also grew, which Killeen attributed in part to a four-year freeze on base tuition and increased financial aid.

"We are committed to opening our doors to more and more students, as we provide rich opportunities that transform lives and expand the pipeline of talent that drives progress for our state and nation," Killeen said in a statement.

UIC was the only public school significantly growing during the impasse, increasing the number of first-time freshmen by 23 percent last year. This fall the increase is more modest — 2.7 percent — but it continues a pattern of consistent expansion at the Near West Side campus. Undergraduate enrollment also surpassed 20,000 for the first time, a nearly 7 percent increase over last year.

"With the growth we had last year, the most important thing was to maintain it," Chancellor Michael Amiridis said of the freshman enrollment, climbing from 4,064 to 4,159. "We saw a small increase there,



Incoming freshman Sammie Lammert, of St. Louis, with her mother, Joanne, right, carries belongings to her dorm room at the University of Illinois at Chicago in August.

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which resulted in a small increase with the overall enrollment, so we're very pleased with the numbers."

The number of new freshmen has grown 37 percent in four years, and Amiridis said he thinks there is still more growth potential. But ongoing and planned construction — including a new residential center and a new engineering building — will be critical to support such ambitions.

"We're really pushing the limits in terms of our capacity, and unless we continue to add to the infrastructure it's going to be very difficult to continue to grow at this rate," Amiridis said.

Illinois State showed a modest slide in overall enrollment — about 150 fewer students — but increased its first-time freshman population about 10 percent to 3,689. Jana Albrecht, associate vice president of enrollment management, said the freshman class is among the largest in 25 years.

Northern Illinois has 17,169 students this year, about 900 fewer than last fall and driven primarily by a drop in undergraduates. NIU also saw an 8 percent drop in transfer students. Leaders said their plan to counteract that will be to invest more in need- and non-need-based financial aid.

Enrollment at Southern Illinois seems likely to fuel a long-running battle between the universities in Carbondale and Edwardsville.

Carbondale enrollment dropped nearly 12 percent after shrinking by 9 percent the year prior. Total enrollment dropped from 14,554 to 12,817, continuing a long and dramatic decline. Carbondale has lost nearly half of its enrollment since 1991.

The drop there means Edwardsville has surpassed Carbondale for the first time in five decades. Edwardsville also shrank over the past couple of years, but more modestly. Enrollment is 13,281 this year, down from 13,796 last fall.

The shifting enrollments have fueled an effort in Edwardsville to petition the university trustees for a greater share of state funding allocated to the SIU system. The majority of that funding historically has favored Carbondale, but Edwardsville officials argue their growth merits more

money.

That ignited a firestorm this spring and exposed bitter divisions among the board, involved state legislators loyal to each school and led to the departure of the system President Randy Dunn in July.

SIU trustees are scheduled to vote Thursday on a proposal to hire an outside consultant to examine the funding issue.

"I think the fact the position of the two universities have switched in terms of the larger enrollment, I would think that would play into the analysis that the external company would do in terms of determining an allocation recommendation," Edwardsville Chancellor Randy Pembrook said.

Carbondale Chancellor Carlo Montemagno declined an interview request but said in a statement he looked forward to participating in the funding discussion.

"As we've said in the past, we believe enrollment is only one factor that should be considered in any funding allocation decision," Montemagno said. "The institutions' missions, focus, programs, infrastructure needs and other areas also need to be part of the discussion."

Western Illinois, with campuses in Macomb and the Quad Cities, continues to see sizable drops in multiple categories and has enrolled fewer than 1,000 first-time freshmen for the first time in recent years.

Overall enrollment is 8,502, a nearly 10 percent dip from last year.

Ron Williams, vice president of student services, said those figures exceed their own projections and that Western's immediate goal is to stabilize enrollment. Some strategies officials are deploying include increased financial aid, freezing rates for fees and room and board, eliminating application fees and increasing community outreach.

One such effort, Williams said, includes a joint recruitment event this fall with Northern Illinois and University of Illinois administrators, focusing on prospective students in north and north-central parts of the state.

An exception among regional schools was Eastern Illinois in Charleston, which increased its first-time freshman enrollment

24.4 percent and its overall enrollment by 7 percent, to 7,526 students. Norman, of Eastern, said officials implemented several new strategies this year, including using more data analytics and improving marketing outreach.

"This has no doubt been a turnaround for us," Norman said.

Still, Eastern remains significantly behind its top enrollment years. As recently as 2008, the school enrolled more than 12,000 students.

Governors State in University Park also lost ground. Graduate enrollment fell 14.2 percent, contributing to an overall drop of 6.3 percent to 4,857. In all, Governors' student population has shrunk by about 1,000 in two years.

Officials said there were fewer international students at the school, while the number of new freshman and transfers increased. The university plans to focus on increasing recruitment of community college students and improving graduation rates for those students.

Figures for Chicago State and Northeastern Illinois universities were not yet available.

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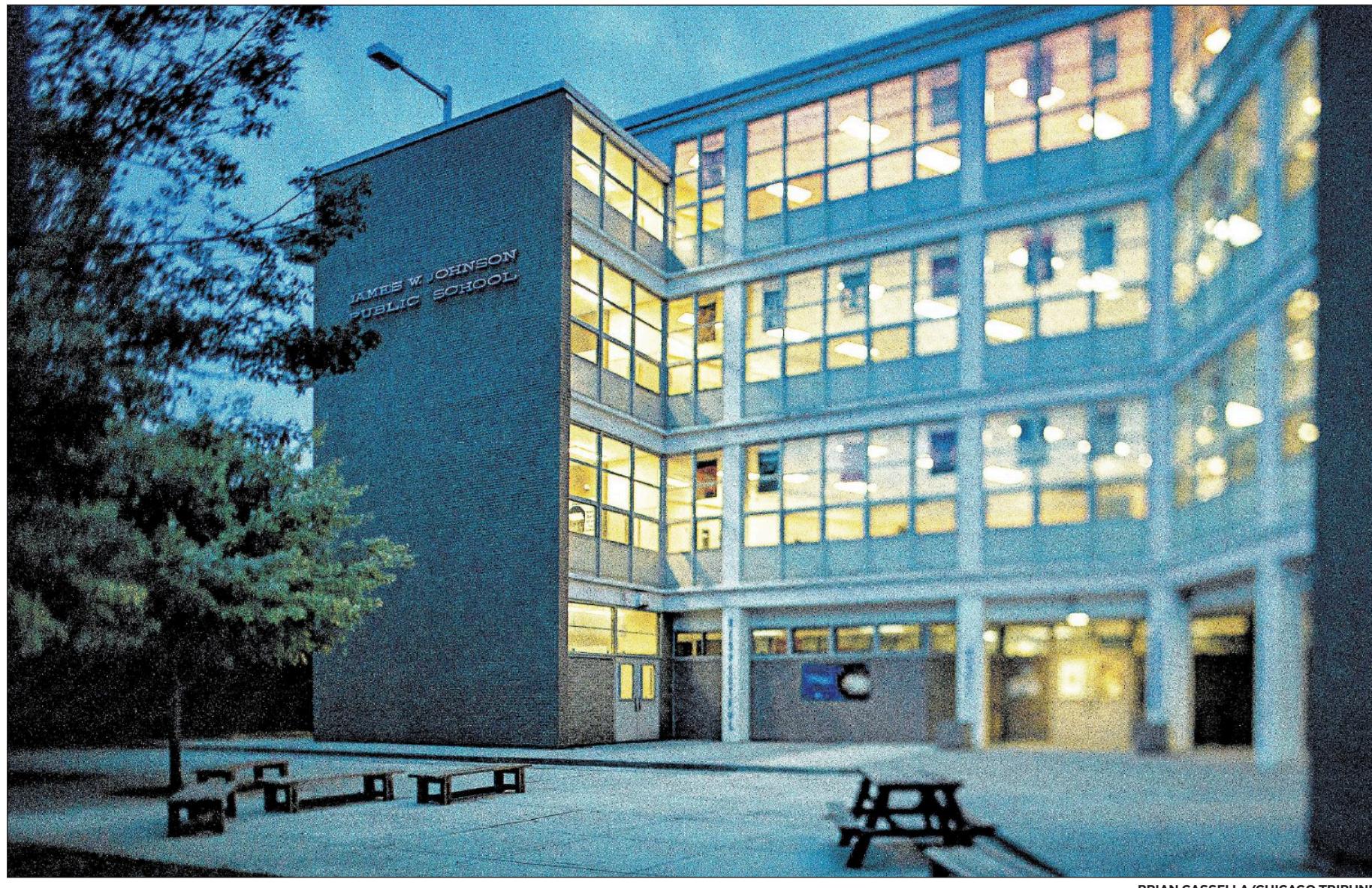
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Marvin Lovett rose from volunteer to paid staffer at Johnson Elementary School, where he had keys and codes to the building even as he was accused of sexually abusing boys.

Pedophile was mentor inside school

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reviewed the report rejected its conclusions and closed the case as "unsubstantiated." Tyson, who adamantly denied to investigators and to the Tribune that she knew Lovett had abused children, was not disciplined and retired in 2004.

For more than two months, CPS denied Tribune requests for any records about the Lovett case. Reporters found a copy of the investigative report in a court filing from one of the lawsuits filed by Lovett's alleged victims. It was attached as an exhibit to a motion submitted in that suit. Then on Friday, after the Tribune told CPS it was preparing to publish a story, district officials released a copy of the report with many names blacked out, as well as hundreds of pages of related records.

The Lovett case has fresh significance as CPS works to implement reforms in response to the Tribune's ongoing "Betrayed" investigation, which revealed systemic failures of child protection and showed police had investigated 523 cases of sexual violence against students inside Chicago public schools since 2008.

One of the district's major initiatives announced in response to the Tribune series was to place responsibility for teacher sexual abuse investigations in the hands of the CPS inspector general. But if an inspector general decides that an allegation against an employee is unsubstantiated, few if any public records will remain, the Lovett case shows.

When Lovett's crimes came to light in April 2000, Paul Vallas was CEO of Chicago schools. A concerned Johnson parent reached out to Vallas and his top aides on behalf of the school community, records show. But internal CPS case-tracking records show that an investigation was not launched until after Vallas — now a candidate for mayor — resigned his post in June 2001.

With new leadership in place at CPS, parents contacted Michael Scott, a North Lawndale native who had succeeded Gery Chico as head of the Chicago Board of Education. In August 2001, Scott forwarded a packet of information about Lovett to Inspector General Maribeth Vander Weele, and she immediately launched an investigation.

Among the findings in the resulting 2002 investigative report:

■ A CPS principal at a nearby school said she had dismissed Lovett as a volunteer after a community resident told her Lovett had been seen at a party "coming on" to teenage boys — and that she provided that information to Tyson. A former teacher and assistant principal at Johnson also told investigators she had warned Tyson that Lovett was rumored to "have a thing" for young boys, according to the report.

■ A Johnson school counselor told investigators that a male special education student had reported to her that Lovett was taking boys to his apartment, making them pull down their

pants and spanking them. The counselor told investigators that she informed Tyson but that Tyson did not follow up and that Tyson continued to give Lovett free rein at the school.

■ An engineer at Johnson reported to investigators that he told Tyson he had discovered Lovett at the school, after hours, with two or three boys around the age of 12 or 13 near a basement stairwell.

The report, dated March 2002, concluded there was "credible evidence" that Tyson violated multiple school policies and recommended that "this matter should be closed substantiated and forwarded to the Law Department for appropriate action."

But Vander Weele had resigned as inspector general about a month earlier; she was succeeded by a deputy, James Sullivan.

And Sullivan rejected the report's recommendation. In a brief handwritten note on a case-closing form, Sullivan said there was "insufficient evidence that Tyson was given enough evidence to warrant her reporting Lovett."

Sullivan closed the case as unsubstantiated even though Scott had told him in a meeting that Tyson was aware of Lovett's pedophilia, Sullivan later testified in a legal deposition. "He said she knew," Sullivan testified.

The 2002 report notes that investigators were told that Lovett lived for years in a building owned by Scott and that Scott had told

firsthand reports of abuse but suspicions relayed through several parties, he testified. "This report like I said is riddled with double hearsay," Sullivan said.

The 2002 report includes a description of Tyson's responses to the allegations. It notes that Tyson told investigators "she had no idea that Lovett was abusing children."

She also said she had not discussed Lovett with the other principal, that no employee had informed her that Lovett was taking students to his apartment to spank them and that nobody had told her Lovett was found in the school building with students in the evening.

In a recent Tribune interview, Tyson said: "I would never permit a pedophile to abuse children. No way." Tyson said she brought Lovett on staff because even as a volunteer "he was working his butt off ... He was everybody's go-to man. Not just mine, everybody ... We all were snookered by him."

She later added: "I fought to save children every day. We literally raised children at Johnson school."

Vallas declined a Tribune interview request. In a written statement, his campaign said "the Marvin Lovett story — as appalling as it was — is not one that Mr. Vallas, or any one of a number of other former school officials to whom we reached out, recalls

"The boys came from torn homes. The mothers looked at Marvin Lovett as a hero because he said, 'I'll take them off your hands and mold them.'"

— Sheila Easley, ex-Johnson Elementary teacher and assistant principal

him to leave because of the traffic of young men and boys in and out of Lovett's apartment.

Yet the investigators did not secure an interview with Scott for that report.

Illinois law gives the inspector general the power to subpoena witnesses. But when Scott did not comply with investigators' interview requests, Vander Weele told her agents they could stop trying to reach him, case records examined by the Tribune show.

Vander Weele, who now runs a private investigations firm, issued a brief statement telling the Tribune: "When Michael Scott wouldn't be interviewed, I instructed that the case move forward. We had sufficient numbers of witnesses at that point and, based on what I knew, his perspective wasn't critical to the outcome."

Former school board President Scott was found dead of a gunshot wound in 2009; authorities declared his death a suicide.

Sullivan declined to comment to the Tribune. In his deposition last year he said any warnings to Tyson about Lovett were only "implications" and did not provide sufficient evidence that would stand up in a disciplinary case against the principal. What Tyson was hearing were not

other than vaguely as something that was fleetingly reported on in the news."

Lovett's sexual abuse of minors was widely reported at the time on television news and in newspapers including the Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times and The Chicago Defender.

In its written response, Vallas' campaign also defended the lack of any immediate investigation into Lovett's sexual misconduct — or the principal's alleged failure to report it — by saying it was a matter for police and child welfare authorities.

Without admitting wrongdoing, school officials this spring agreed to pay \$2.7 million to settle separate lawsuits brought by the 19 young men who said they were molested by Lovett as far back as 1988. That is by far the district's costliest school sexual abuse payout since 2010, a Tribune review of CPS settlements and other court records shows.

The current inspector general, Nicholas Schuler, told the Tribune his office is reviewing the Lovett case in response to a new directive to examine sexual abuse files going back to 2000.

"I am aware of significant questions regarding that case," Schuler said. "We'll be looking into it."

A trusted helper

Clean-cut, handsome and hard-working, "Marvin Lovett was very soft-spoken, very convincing," former Johnson Elementary teacher and Assistant Principal Sheila Easley recalled in a Tribune interview.

Born to a single mother in North Lawndale, Lovett had only a high school diploma but became a leader of a neighborhood anti-violence group and of the local Chicago Alternative Policing Strategies program, which enlists civilians to help police combat crime in their communities.

When he turned 24 in 1985, Lovett started volunteering at the now-shuttered Lathrop Elementary in the neighborhood, putting up bulletin boards and corralling kids on field trips.

Soon after that, while patrolling the school playground one day, then-Lathrop Principal Georgia Hudson heard from a student that Lovett had been at a teen party on Saturday night and was seen "coming on" to boys, according to the investigative report. The implication was that Lovett was trying to solicit teens, the report said.

Hudson immediately dismissed Lovett from volunteering at Lathrop, she told investigators. But within months, he was volunteering at Johnson school, less than half a mile away, the report and other government records show.

When Tyson became Johnson's principal, a couple of years later in 1988, she and Lovett soon became close friends and colleagues, according to the CPS investigative report.

Tyson put Lovett on the CPS payroll as a teacher's assistant, then promoted him to school-community representative and parent advocate, according to the report and other school records.

When Hudson, the principal at Lathrop, learned Lovett was helping out at Johnson, she warned Tyson that she had dismissed Lovett because of her concerns about his interaction with teens at a party, according to her account to investigators.

Hudson, who is now retired from CPS, stressed in a recent Tribune interview that she did not offer Tyson firsthand evidence that Lovett was sexually abusing students. Hudson described Tyson as a selfless principal who spent evenings and weekends at school events and who shared resources with her and other North Lawndale school administrators.

"I cannot say that Mattie knew he was a pedophile and I tried to warn her — not so!" Hudson said. She called her decision to dismiss Lovett "simply an instinct" and said: "When I talked to her (Tyson), I could only give her my gut ... All I could give her was my instinct."

At Johnson, Tyson gave Lovett an office, assigned him to assist in classrooms and encouraged other teachers to call him to discipline and counsel students, according to the CPS investigative report and Tribune interviews.

Tyson told the inspector gener-

al's office that she "loved Lovett like a son," the report said. After holiday dinners at her home she let him sleep in the same bedroom as her own son, she said.

In 1995, on Tyson's recommendation, Lovett was hired by the civil service program AmeriCorps. He was later paid \$27,000 per year by a United Airlines-funded charitable program called Believers, which promised college scholarships, mentoring and after-school tutoring to roughly 30 Johnson students, records from the lawsuits and Tribune news clips show. Lovett ran those efforts from his office at Johnson.

"The boys came from torn homes," said Easley, the former Johnson assistant principal. "The mothers looked at Marvin Lovett as a hero because he said, 'I'll take them off your hands and mold them.'"

In October 1999, Lovett took a second job as a Tribune Co. security guard — although he "still managed to hang around the school during the day," the investigative report said. His new job with the news outlet gave him even more credibility in the neighborhood, Easley said. "Marvin Lovett was well-connected. He had a covering to protect himself," she said.

Former Johnson school counselor Mary Smith told the Tribune: "This guy, he had keys to the (school) building. He had more authority than the engineers; he was like God's gift to Douglas Park. Everywhere you went, somebody there knew Marvin Lovett. They could have put a big old statue over there for him."

An oasis for kids'

By 1994, Lovett was living in a nine-unit apartment building just 400 feet from Johnson school. The building, at 1514-16 S. Albany Ave., was owned by a prominent public figure in Chicago, Michael Scott, who lived there with his family.

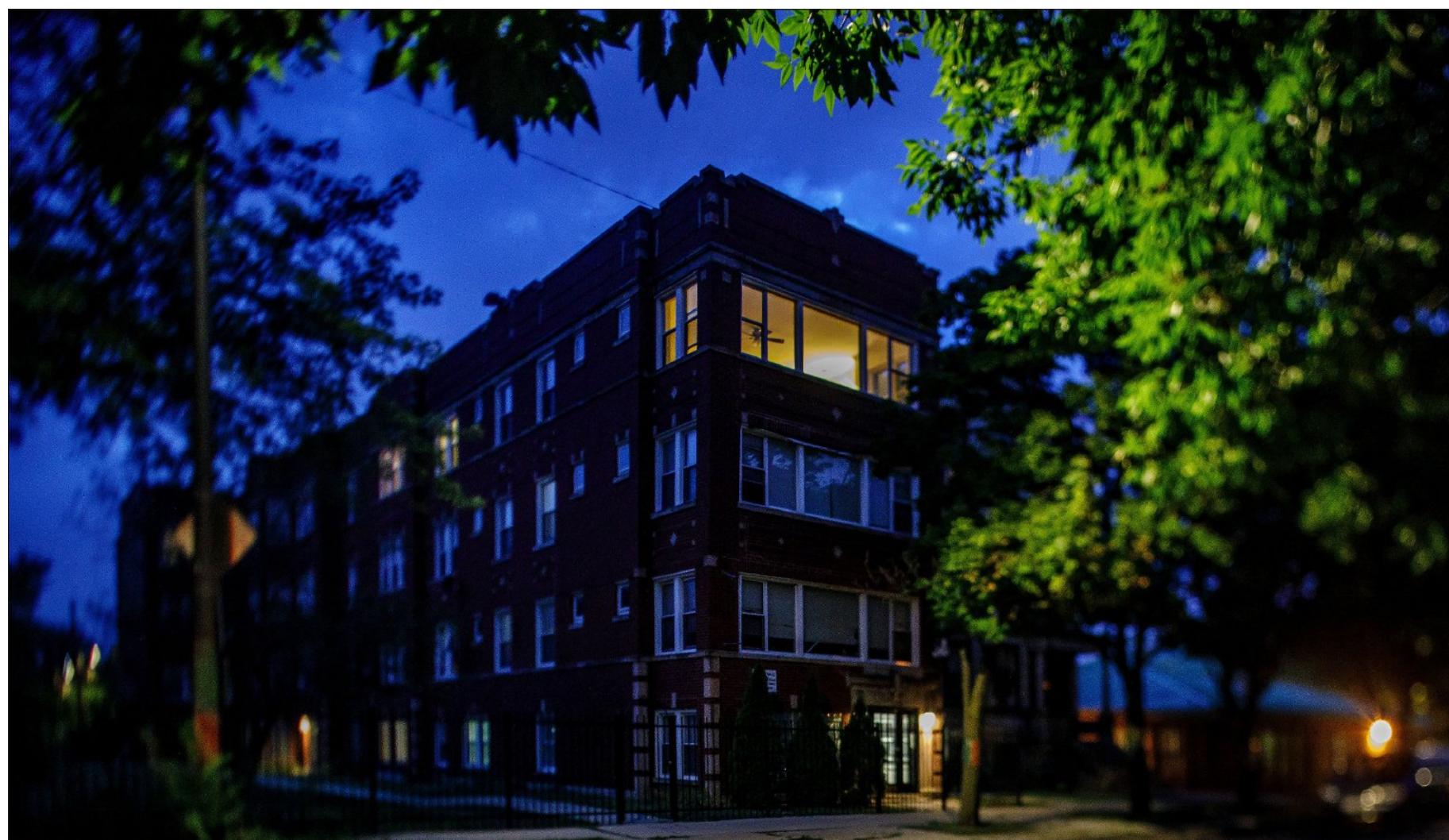
Scott had been a member of the Chicago School Board for roughly a year in the 1980s before serving as political appointee in various key positions under Mayors Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley, who counted Scott as a confidant.

Scott grew up in North Lawndale, and Smith, Easley and others described him as a familiar presence inside Johnson school. Scott's brother, firefighter Tracy Scott, served on the Johnson Local School Council — as did Lovett — and former teachers said Scott held political meetings and events at the school.

Scott's children, 24th Ward Ald. Michael Scott Jr. and Park District park supervisor Monique Scott, recalled Lovett as a secretive tenant who would open his apartment door only a crack to speak with his landlord.

Yet Lovett's first-floor apartment was open to male Johnson school students. He offered them meals and a place to play video games, wash their clothes, shower and even lay their heads. In North Lawndale, where the need was

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BETRAYED TRIBUNE INVESTIGATION

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Marvin Lovett lived in this building just 400 feet from Johnson Elementary School. A school aide told colleagues that young boys passed in and out of Lovett's apartment.

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obvious, a CPS worker was not viewed with suspicion for helping students in this way, Monique Scott and others recalled.

"It was like an oasis for kids. They didn't want to leave and they kept coming back," Monique Scott told the Tribune.

In the mid-1990s, Lovett took in one 14-year-old boy whose father and sisters had been evicted from their nearby apartment and were living in their car on Albany Avenue at the edge of Douglas Park, according to Monique Scott and government records.

A Johnson school aide, the late Addie Dilce, lived next to Lovett in Scott's building. Dilce told school colleagues that boys passed in and out of Lovett's apartment at all hours of the day and night, according to the investigative report.

The boys who came and went began to make Monique Scott uncomfortable, she said. In conversations with her father, she told the Tribune, she started referring to Lovett as "Marvin Dahmer" — after the infamous Wisconsin sex offender and serial murderer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"My father would be livid at me for saying that. My father would say ... 'Until you bring me evidence, baby, you can't say that,'" Scott said. "(But) I just felt it in my soul."

It wasn't that she saw anything specific, Scott said; it was just that the grown man had so many boys stop by. Sometimes she asked them what they were doing in Lovett's place, and they'd say they were playing video games.

One Johnson student named Sylvester Jamison, a boy who struggled to read at his grade level, would sit on the front steps of the apartment building next door to Scott's building and wait for Lovett to walk home, Monique Scott recalled to the Tribune. "He would almost stalk him from the next building."

Smith, the counselor, worked closely with Jamison, who had an IQ of 72 and was borderline intellectually disabled, according to court records.

"He was a sweet kid. He was a shy kid," Smith recalled in a Tribune interview. "I used to tell him, 'Hold your head up! You got to look at people when you talk to them.' He only started smiling when I would call him my chocolate chip. What's my chocolate chip having for lunch?"

Warnings

Both Easley and Smith told the inspector general's office they warned Tyson about Lovett.

Easley, the assistant principal, said she had heard why Hudson, the Lathrop principal, dismissed Lovett and told Tyson she should not hire him, but "Tyson ignored Easley's warning," according to investigators' interview with Easley.

Noting that Lovett had keys to the school, Easley later warned Tyson that "Lovett was rumored to 'have a thing' for young boys and that he should not be at the school," according to the investigators' report.

"Nothing was ever done following Easley's argument with Tyson," the report said.

Smith told investigators that

during the late 1990s she informed Tyson that a special education student had come to the counselor's office and told Smith that Lovett had been making boys pull down their pants and spanking them at Lovett's apartment, according to the report.

The student said he was not one of those boys, but he named other allegedly abused Johnson students, most of whom also had disabilities, the report said.

After listening to Smith, "Tyson became upset, cried and told Smith she would not put up with such behavior," the report said.

In February or March 2000 — not long before Lovett's death — school engineer James W. Rivers returned to the Johnson building after a fire alarm was activated, according to his statement to the inspector general's office. After disengaging the alarm system, he encountered Lovett near a basement stairwell along with two or three boys ages 12 or 13.

Rivers asked Lovett "what he was doing on the premises at that hour of the day with the children" and Lovett did not respond, the report said. Rivers said Lovett and the children left at Rivers' request.

The following day, Rivers told investigators, he reported the encounter to Tyson, who responded that "he need not worry or concern himself and that she would deal with the situation," the report said. Rivers never reported the incident to anyone else, he said.

In a brief telephone interview, Rivers told the Tribune that he would not comment on the information he gave the inspector general's office, but added: "Whatever they have in there is probably right."

By late 1999, Michael Scott had

accessed to the wishes of his family and forced Lovett to leave his building, his children told the Tribune. Lovett moved to a nearby apartment building, according to a note in a CPS file and Lovett's bankruptcy papers.

On the morning of April 7, 2000, Lovett had been scheduled to show up at Johnson and lead a Hands Without Guns march through the community. A police well-being check found him dead.

The neighborhood mourned. A prominent South Side pastor and a community activist together put up a \$1,000 reward for information that would lead to the arrest of the killer of this "fallen hero."

Lovett "fought to make the city safer," The Chicago Defender wrote. "Marvin Lovett wasn't your typical next door neighbor. He had a mission to eliminate gangs and guns from the crime-ravaged ... neighborhood he lived in."

A Tribune news report called Lovett "a man known as a gentle

prankster who worked hard to encourage youths to stay out of trouble and aim for college."

Victim after victim

But at Lovett's apartment, police seized more than 130 video-cassettes, including some that showed Lovett engaging in sex acts with youths. In his closet, they found a video camera "plugged in and hidden... aimed at the mattress," according to a police report.

Tyson told investigators and colleagues that police had asked her to look at videos from Lovett's apartment to help identify victims.

"Tyson stated that she could not look at the videos," the investigative report said.

As police hunted for Lovett's killer over the next two weeks, detectives interviewed several Johnson students who disclosed abuse by Lovett, including the homeless boy Lovett took in.

That youth told police that Lovett treated him like family but also sexually abused him.

A second former Johnson student told police he was sexually molested by Lovett beginning at the age of 11 and recounted how Lovett would show pornography on the TV in his apartment, abuse him and then give him money, according to police reports.

A third student recalled in police reports and a Tribune interview how Lovett gave him \$100 for sexual acts. It started when he was 10 or 11, the young man told police and the Tribune.

That former student told the Tribune that the encounters made him feel "sick."

"I was a kid," he said. "He shouldn't be touching me. I really had it, like, bottled in. I never told my mom."

A fourth alleged Lovett victim told the Tribune: "He bought me

and my cousins clothes, shoes. He would give us money." Lovett approached him sexually when he was less than 10 years old, he told the Tribune.

"He was rubbing my shoulders, then he go down and try to touch my thing. I was like, 'What are you doing? I ain't like that.' I didn't tell no one," the young man said.

Immediately after Lovett's death, CPS sent a crisis alert team

Now incarcerated for other crimes, he did not respond to Tribune letters seeking comment.

Pleas from parents

Ghana Carless, who had five children at Johnson and knew several of Lovett's victims, said in a recent interview that she wondered why CPS didn't immediately launch an investigation into Lovett's career at the school.

She said she and other parents wrote to Vallas, Chico and other top CPS officials soon after Lovett's murder, raising concerns about Tyson and the freedom Lovett had been given at Johnson.

"He was given keys to the school

building, the alarm code, he came in all times of the night, having lewd affairs with little boys," an April 2000 letter said. "... Please check with his (former) landlord Michael Scott, he was asked to

move because boys and teenagers were coming in all times of the night. Michael Scott also reported this behavior to Mattie B. Tyson."

The letter closed out with a plea for help: "We, the school community, are begging for a full investigation."

The statement from the Vallas campaign said he and other officials didn't recall getting that letter and suggested that if community members believed Tyson was covering up Lovett's crimes, "they would have endeavored to do more than simply send faxes."

It said Vallas was accessible and they also could have spoken out during the public comment portion of a Board of Education meeting.

attention of the inspector general at the time, Vander Weele.

Vander Weele immediately directed her staff to open an investigation, according to CPS records examined by the Tribune. She declared it a priority.

The inspector general's team drew up an investigative plan that listed 17 people to be interviewed, including Scott, who was described this way: "Witness, owned building where Lovett resided, possibly terminated lease over traffic of boys."

After a seven-month inquiry, the investigators filed their 58-page report, naming the engineer, the counselor, the assistant principal and the Lathrop principal who had raised red flags about Lovett to Tyson, as well as other school employees and Johnson parents they interviewed.

One investigator assigned to the case, John Tennial, later said in a written court statement that the team wanted to know whether Scott knew about Lovett's abuse or had warned Tyson. But Tennial said his team was never able to schedule an interview with Scott.

After weeks of trying, Vander Weele emailed her staff: "I think we should assume that Michael Scott does not want to be interviewed for the Johnson School case and therefore Juan (former investigator Juan Carlos Michel) can close it up," according to internal CPS records examined by the Tribune.

Tennial, Michel and other former investigators would not comment for this article.

Their report was sent for review to James Sullivan, who had recently replaced Vander Weele as the interim head of the office.

Sullivan ultimately would reject the report's findings and clear Tyson of misconduct.

But first, he met alone with Scott in the school board president's downtown office.

In his deposition last year for the lawsuits against the district, Sullivan described that discussion as an informal, routine meeting in which he gave Scott a heads-up about upcoming reports. Sullivan said he took no notes.

Sullivan stated that he brought up the Johnson case and told Scott that his investigators were examining whether the principal, Tyson, was aware of Lovett's pedophilia. "He said she knew," Sullivan testified.

"All he said was, she knew," he added.

Then, Sullivan testified, Scott "changed the subject and moved on." Sullivan said he raised no objections.

Because Sullivan had deemed the case "unsubstantiated," none of the Chicago Board of Education members — except Scott — had any way of knowing about the investigators' findings.

The entire 58-page report would remain a government secret.

Parents like Carless only knew that nothing seemed to change despite their efforts.

"Marvin Lovett, he became a community myth, a mystery," Carless said. "But you see the effect on the faces of those young men. They really suffered. They wear it."

"We, the school community, are begging for a full investigation."

— A letter written by Johnson parents to top CPS officials

to Johnson to hold "debriefings" with teachers, students and parents and deal with the impact of the loss of someone affiliated with the school. Six pages of handwritten notes from the team over the next days, filed among court documents in the subsequent lawsuits, show the team knew police were interviewing students associated with Lovett and were monitoring news outlets as reports of Lovett's abuse of children began to surface.

Later that month, police arrested Sylvester Jamison, whom police had identified on Lovett's videotapes.

Jamison told police that Lovett had been abusing him since he was 12. When he discovered

Lovett had secretly recorded them in sex acts, he said, Lovett threatened to "expose him" unless he continued submitting to sex. "He was blackmailing me," Jamison told police.

According to Jamison's account to police, Lovett demanded sex one last time on the night of April 6, 2000, or early on April 7. Jamison, then 17, shot Lovett twice in the face and head with a .25-caliber pistol, then drove off in Lovett's blue 1994 Plymouth Voyager minivan. He abandoned the van after selling the radio for \$50, according to police reports.

Jamison was charged as an adult and served five years for second-degree murder and armed robbery.

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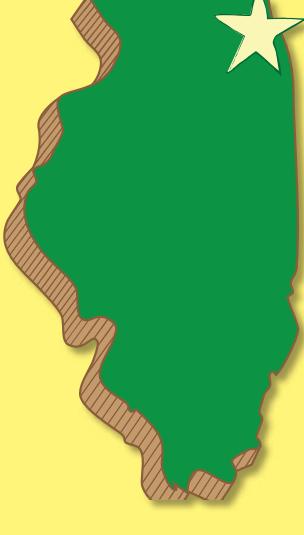
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Storm's shaky path puts 10M in danger

Ga. joins Carolinas, Virginia in declaring a state of emergency

By JEFFREY COLLINS

Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Hurricane Florence put a corridor of more than 10 million people in the crosshairs Wednesday as the monster storm closed in on the Carolinas, uncertainty over its projected path spreading worry across a widening swath of the Southeast.

Faced with new forecasts that showed a more southerly threat, Georgia's governor joined his counterparts in Virginia and North and South Carolina in declaring a state of emergency, and some residents who had thought they were safely out of range boarded up their homes.

The National Hurricane Center's best guess was that Florence would blow ashore Friday afternoon around the North Carolina-South Carolina line, then push its rainy way westward with a potential for catastrophic inland flooding.

Florence's winds were down to 110 mph from a high of 140 mph, and the storm fell to a Category 2, with a further slow weakening expected as the storm nears the coast.

But authorities warned it will still be a dangerous hurricane.

"Do you want to get hit with a train or do you want to get hit with a cement truck?" said Jeff Byard, an administrator with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Tropical storm-force winds extended 195 miles from Florence's center, and hurricane-force winds reached out 70 miles.

The National Weather Service said 5.25 million people live in areas under hurricane warnings or watches, and 4.9 million live in places covered by tropical storm warnings or watches.

At the White House, President Donald Trump urged people to get out of the way of Florence.

"Don't play games with it. It's a big one," he said.

The White House said Trump spoke with Sens. Lindsay Graham and Tim Scott of South Carolina and Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina to convey that the full support of the federal government stands ready to assist their states.

Trump also boasted about the state of federal preparedness. "They're all ready and we're getting tremendous accolades from politicians and the people," he said.

The storm was centered 335 miles southeast of Wilmington, N.C., moving



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Sandbags hold back water ahead of the Category 2 hurricane Wednesday in North Topsail Beach, N.C.

northwest at 16 mph. The hurricane center said Florence will approach the coast Friday and linger for a while before rolling ashore.

As of Tuesday, more than

1.7 million people in the Carolinas and Virginia were warned to clear out. Airlines had canceled nearly 1,000 flights and counting. Home Depot and Lowe's activated emergency response centers to get generators, trash bags and bottled water to stores before and after the storm. The hardware chains said they sent in a total of around 1,100 trucks.

Duke Energy, the nation's No. 2 power company, said

Florence could knock out electricity to three-quarters of its 4 million customers in the Carolinas, and outages could last for weeks.

Workers are being brought in from the Midwest and Florida to help in the storm's aftermath, it said.

Boarding up his home in Myrtle Beach, Chris Pennington watched the forecasts and tried to decide when to leave. "In 12 or 18 hours, they may be saying different things all over again," he said.

Computer models of

what the storm might do varied.

In contrast to the hurricane center's official projection, a highly regarded European model had the storm turning southward off the North Carolina coast and coming ashore near the Georgia-South Carolina line.

Reacting to the possibility of a more southerly track, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal declared an emergency but did not order any evacuations.

"I ask all Georgians to

join me in praying for the safety of our people and all those in the path of Hurri-



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

It's slim pickings as a shopper tries to stock up on bread Wednesday in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

cane Florence," Deal said.

The shift in the projected track spread concern to areas that once thought they were relatively safe.

In South Carolina, close to the Georgia line, Beaufort County emergency chief Neil Baxley told residents they need to prepare again for the worst just in case.

"We've had our lessons. Now it might be time for the exam," he said.

In Virginia, where about

245,000 residents were ordered to evacuate low-lying areas, officials urged people to remain away from home despite forecast changes showing Florence's path largely missing the state.

Their neighborhood evacuated in Wilmington, N.C., David and Janelle Garrigus planned to ride out

Florence at their daughter's

one-bedroom apartment in Charlotte. Unsure of what they might find when they return home, the couple went shopping for a recreational vehicle. "We're just trying to plan for the future here, not having a house for an extended period of time,"

David Garrigus said.

Melody Rawson evacuated her first-floor apartment in Myrtle Beach and arrived at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., to camp for free with three other adults, her disabled son, two dogs and a pet bird.

"We hope to have something left when we get home," she said.

Forecasters worried the

storm's damage will be all the worse if it lingers on the coast.

The trend is "exceptionally bad news," said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy,

since it "smears a landfall out over hundreds of miles of coastline, most notably the storm surge."

With South Carolina's

beach towns more in the

bull's-eye because of the

shifting forecast, Ohio vacationers Chris and Nicole Roland put off their departure from North Myrtle

Beach to get the maximum

amount of time on the sand.

Most other beachgoers

were long gone.

"It's been really nice,"

Nicole Roland said. "Also, a little creepy. You feel like you should have already left."

Meanwhile, economists

were trying to calculate the

damage Florence could

have on the economy.

Once it makes landfall,

Florence is expected to lash

coastal communities with

high winds and dump sev-

eral feet of water. Flooding

could prove devastating.

The storm will likely dam-

age homes and businesses,

kill crops, drown livestock,

wash away cars and sus-

pend much of the area's

economic activity.

"These storms can be

very disruptive to regional

economies, and it takes time

for them to recover," said

Ryan Sweet, an economist

at Moody's Analytics.

Michael Walden, an

economist at North Caro-

lina State University, cal-

culates that Florence will

deduct about \$200 million

of output a day from North

Carolina's \$550 billion-a-

year economy until busi-

ness returns to something

close to normal.

Downloads of walkie-talkie app surge before storm

By PETER HOLLEY

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Last year, it took hurricanes Harvey and Irma — two of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history — to make Zello the most downloaded app online.

This year, it appears, the public isn't waiting for disaster to start preparing digitally.

On Wednesday, two days before Hurricane Florence is expected to slam into the Carolinas, Zello — the walkie-talkie app favored by rescuers to communicate in disaster zones — hit the top spot in the App Store.

The app has surged in recent days alongside several other weather apps, revealing that the public has learned from last year's storms that apps can be a crucial component of emergency preparedness, according to Adam Blacker, a research analyst for Apptopia, a company that tracks the mobile app economy.

"Zello is the No. 1 app today in the App Store and has been gaining in downloads for several days," Blacker said. "There are also three weather-tracking apps in the top 30, which is very uncommon. Another app being downloaded in preparation for Florence is GasBuddy."

"People can use this app to prepare for either travel to safe zones or for use in their backup generators," he added.

Unlike walkie-talkie radios, Zello does not use radio waves. But as long as there is a network or WiFi connection, Zello allows people to use their phone like a two-way radio. Users can create their own channels to communicate with family members, for example, allowing groups of people to communicate in real time as if they're using walkie-talkies.

The app rose to prominence in the wake of Harvey, when the all-volunteer Cajun Navy used the app to coordinate a chaotic rescue operation in place of overwhelmed public officials in Houston. The app allowed victims and rescuers to post voice messages to specific channels, such as "the Cajun Navy" and "Harvey Animal Rescue."

In Houston, volunteers found another way to use the app. By monitoring Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, users were able to feed information to rescue boaters who then used Zello to coordinate rescues in flooded neighborhoods across the region.

Trump calls for sanctions in any midterm meddling

Officials say order targeting countries, people insufficient

By ANNE GEARAN
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump issued a new order Wednesday authorizing additional sanctions against countries or individuals for interfering in upcoming U.S. elections, but lawmakers of both parties said the effort does not go far enough.

The order would allow Trump to sanction foreigners who interfere in the midterm elections Nov. 6. It covers overt efforts to meddle in election infrastructure, such as vote counts, as well as "propaganda" and other attempts to influence voting from abroad, Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats told reporters.

The harshest sanctions outlined in the order would



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National security adviser John Bolton cast Wednesday's action as a way to beef up U.S. defenses immediately.

be up to the president's discretion.

"This is intended to be a very broad effort to prevent foreign manipulation of the political process," national security adviser John Bolton said during a briefing Wednesday.

The order appears to be an effort to stave off bipar-

tisan legislation that would mandate tough federal action.

"I think his actions speak for themselves," he said.

Trump has repeatedly called the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election a "witch hunt" and alleged, without evidence, that the inquiry is "rigged" against him.

Trump has also said he accepts the consensus view of U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia did interfere, including through propaganda and falsehoods spread on social media.

But aides have said that Trump's anger at what he views as a questioning of his election victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton colors his view of the threat to future elections, and slowed down the administration's planning for this year's congressional election.

Trump has repeatedly

said he wants to combat foreign interference, Bolton said, and the United States has already sanctioned Russian individuals and entities.

Congressional pressure

for tougher federal defenses

against foreign election inter-

ference grew following

Trump's July 16 summit and

news conference with

Putin, when Trump avoided

publicly confronting the

Russian leader about

Moscow's efforts to influen-

ce the election.

Trump instead renewed a demand for an investiga-

tion of Clinton's email prac-

tices as secretary of state

and noted that Putin had

issued an "extremely strong

and powerful" denial.

Bolton said Wednesday

that the White House

is open to ideas and proposals

from lawmakers, but said

new legislation might be

slow in coming. He cast the

White House action as a

way to strengthen U.S. de-

fenses immediately.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen,

D-Md., and Sen. Marco Ru-

Refugees tread water in Brazil backwaters

Venezuelans flood towns, straining public services

BY SAMY ADGHIRNI
Bloomberg News

A few weeks ago, Edilson Barros was awakened by his 14-year-old son. There were people, the kid said, inhabiting the backyard. A family of a dozen Venezuelans had set up camp behind the house in Pacaraima, a small Brazilian border town.

Belquis Torres and her family had a tent, a clothesline, a collection of luggage and a few plastic chairs. She now presides over an open-air living room in an incongruously neat skirt and top. Barros brings her water from time to time. The 50-year-old cooling technician, who shares two bedrooms with his wife and seven sons, says he's not charging the Venezuelans rent because they have nowhere else to go. But he fears they will stay long and bring trouble.

Across South America, a deluge of Venezuela's desperate is straining public services, local hospitality and the political will to accommodate them. The improvised co-existence of the Barros and Torres families exemplifies the deteriorating situation in Brazil's north, where the poor are being inundated by the even poorer. With hunger and hyperinflation behind, miles of lawless roads ahead and an increasingly hostile welcome, a community has sprung up in Pacaraima.

Compared with Venezuelans who escape to Colombia, Peru or Ecuador, many here have even fewer connections and resources. They often hail from impoverished indigenous and rural communities, speak little Portuguese and live in tents or on the streets. The lucky rent squalid rooms, but any shelter is tenuous. On August 18, a riot was sparked by the beating and



A Venezuelan boy offers food to a dog in Pacaraima, the main entry point for Venezuelans, in Roraima, Brazil.

EDMAR BARROS/AP

robbery of a local merchant for which Venezuelans were blamed. Brazilians chased refugees and burned their scant belongings in the streets, prompting hundreds to flee, including the Torres family. Many crept back after days of protests.

"We came back because in Venezuela there's no job, no food and money doesn't buy anything," said Torres, 40, who has worked as a cook, nanny and maid. "I came to Brazil with the idea of finding a job. And it's still my plan to find a job, any job. We didn't come as invaders."

Pacaraima has about 12,000 official Brazilian residents. But since 2015, more than 70,000 refugees have arrived in surrounding Roraima state, representing almost 15 percent of the population. There are only 10 shelters accommodating around 4,800 people, according to Ana Seabra, spokeswoman for Operation Welcome, which

Brazil's federal government created in March to respond to the influx.

Pressure is building everywhere. The number of Venezuelan children in Roraima public schools increased 400 percent between 2015 and 2017, according to the governor's press office, and the number of Venezuelans who received treatment in public hospitals rose to 50,286 in 2017, up from 766 in 2014.

In Pacaraima, there is one official crossing point where an average of 700 Venezuelans pass through each day, but the border is a simple line of stones marching across open grassland.

Refugees used to head south toward Boa Vista, Roraima's capital, or larger cities. Now, many stay.

"If violence erupts again against us, I can run a couple of hundred meters and cross the border back to Venezuela. But now I'd feel too vulnerable in Boa Vista or anywhere else," said Al-

fredo Rodriguez, a 59-year-old former security guard.

Pacaraima has hundreds of small stores catering to Venezuelans lining its partially paved streets. Many signs are in Spanish and many locals use Venezuelan words such as "efectivo" for cash and "atracado" —

robed.

Those without a place in shelters or a job live in the streets or *insalubrious* and overcrowded rooms. Norelis Gonzalez, who sleeps in the Pacaraima bus station with her sister, said both hid in the bushes for a whole night after the riots. "Since my ID was burned, I can't even apply for legal residency," she said.

Carlos Noguera, a 35-year-old Venezuelan who found work in a market, said he lives in constant fear. "If I knew the situation in Pacaraima was so tense, I wouldn't have come," he said. "But now my family in Venezuela relies on the money I send."

Even as locals have built a small economy around the new residents, they complain that drug trafficking and prostitution are increasing. Crimes involving Venezuelans in Roraima rose 173 percent from 2016 to 2017, according to the governor's press office.

The victim of the attack that triggered Pacaraima's riot is 55-year-old supermarket owner Raimundo Nonato de Oliveira. He said four Venezuelans beat him and stole the equivalent of \$6,000 as he arrived home after work. Sitting outside his shop last week with 13 ragged stitches in his head and a black eye, Oliveira was repeatedly approached by people who wanted to hear the story. Many Venezuelans shook his hand and apologized.

To ease the friction, Brazil's federal government pledged to send 120 troops to control the border. Half had arrived last week, but soldiers told Bloomberg

they were given time off while awaiting orders. They hung out in restaurants, glued to their mobile phones.

South American borders have been traditionally porous, but across the region, governments are trying to regulate the flow. The border at Pacaraima was briefly closed before a court intervened. Last month, Peru began requiring that Venezuelans hold a valid passport, halting scores of travelers. Ecuador tried the same thing, but established a "humanitarian corridor" after hundreds crossed the country by foot anyway.

The U.S. is spending more than \$56 million on development and humanitarian assistance for Venezuelans in the region, and is deploying a Navy hospital ship to Colombian waters in September. The UN High Commissioner is halfway to funding its \$46.1 million mission.

Though Brazil's shelters hold relatively few refugees, some politicians oppose them. Pacaraima Mayor Juliano Torquato said that Operation Welcome simply is encouraging Venezuelans to come. "The situation is getting worse by the day and no one is really helping us," he said.

But Torquato and local businessmen said shutting the border would devastate the economy. Almost 70 percent of Pacaraima consumers are Venezuelans, said Joao Kleber Soares Borges, the head of the local business association. "What we request is simply more control on who is allowed in, and more support from the federal government," he said.

As politicians struggle to find a solution, Venezuelans like Belquis Torres are left to wonder how long they will have to survive in places like Edilson Barros's backyard.

"I have no idea what's next for us," she said. "For the time being, all I'm asking is for him to allow us to stay."

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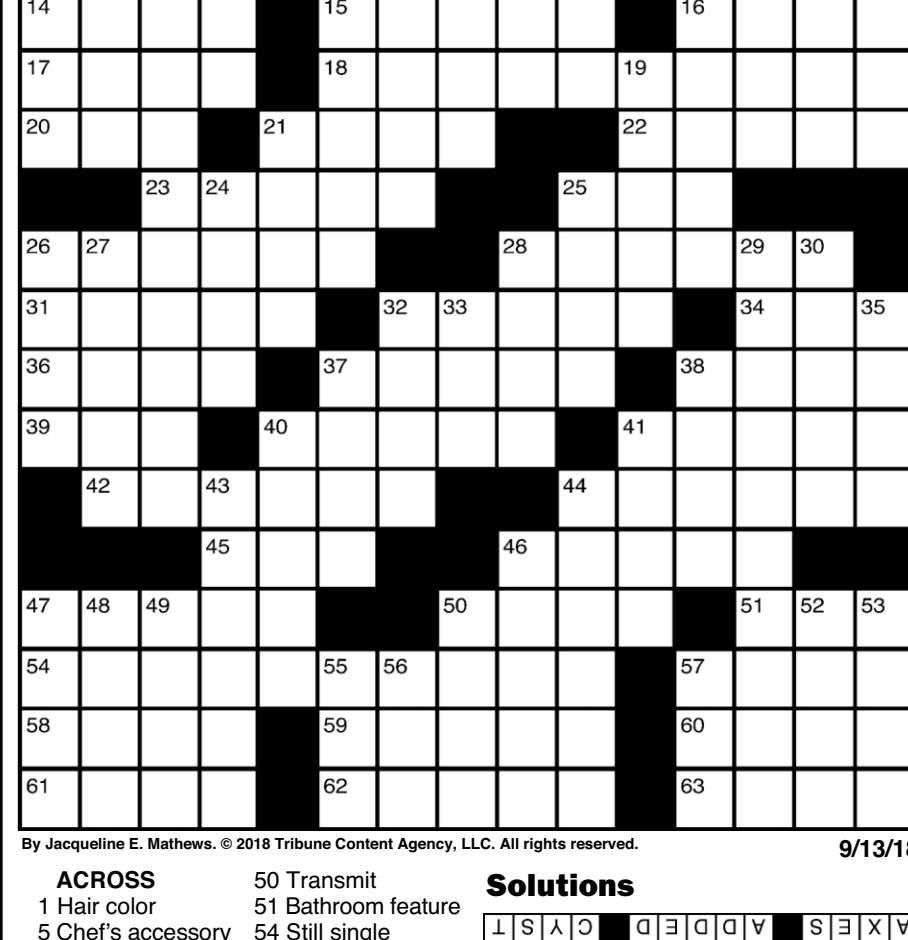
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5 Chef's accessory
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14 Run fast
15 Rigg or Ross
16 ___ tree; partridge's place

17 Rainbows
20 Decline in quality

21 Abhor
22 Washing

23 Peruvian pack animal

25 Swindle
26 Beer mugs

28 Handgun
31 Slipped up

32 Ill will
34 Gamble

36 Peruse
37 Tangy

38 Boring
39 Blind as a ___

40 Smell awful

41 Innocent

42 Religious title

44 Edgar or Candice

45 Present topper

46 Winter jacket

47 Tropical tree with chocolatey seeds

DOWN

1 Snatch

2 As ___ as hen's teeth

3 Speed up

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5 Gomez ___; John

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6 Michelangelo

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7 In a ___; furious

8 Afternoon hour

9 Fabray, to friends

10 Short race at top speed

11 Thin

12 Quaker product

13 Birch or beech

19 Jagged

21 Palm's place

24 Committed perjury

25 Salt Lake ___

26 Many a Bosnian

27 Tire ridge pattern

28 Choose

29 Required

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33 Brooch

35 Now and ___;

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37 Stash away

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Hungary faces sanctions for 'backsliding' on democracy

By MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
AND GRIFF WITTE
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS — European lawmakers voted Wednesday to initiate sanctions proceedings against the Hungarian government for what they said was backsliding on democracy, an extraordinary censure for a nation that was once a beacon of post-Communist transformation.

The measure, which required a two-thirds supermajority of the European Parliament to pass, declared there was a "clear risk of serious breach" of European values by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. It was the first step in a process that could ultimately strip Hungary of its voice in decision-making in the European Union.

The decision creates headwinds for Orban's ambitious quest to remake the continent in his model of "illiberal democracy" — a bloc that would be closer to Russia, less open to migration, and less concerned about independent judiciaries, a free press and minority rights.

The vote on the proceedings, known as Article 7 after a provision in the EU treaties, was welcomed by Orban's foes inside Hungary, who saw it as their final hope to preserve democratic values at home, and his critics across Europe.

"The alt-right in Europe is trying to undermine this European Union," Guy Verhofstadt, a Belgian member of the European Parliament, said ahead of the final tally. "And it is, in fact, trying to take over European politics from within."

Despite the vote's symbolism, it is probably too late for Orban's critics to succeed in blocking Hungary's EU voting rights or win major concessions from him. Orban has teamed up with Poland, another EU country that



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Prime Minister Viktor Orban has been elected four times and instituted his "illiberal democracy" in Hungary.

Hungary is going to be condemned because the Hungarian people have decided that this country is not going to be a country of migrants."

—Prime Minister Viktor Orban

has been slapped for rule-of-law problems, to protect each other against punitive measures targeting either nation that require the unanimous vote of all 28 EU countries.

The gravity of the measure was reflected in the supermajority necessary to pass it onward to EU for further study. It passed with 448 lawmakers in favor, 197 against.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto called the vote the "petty revenge of pro-immigration politicians" and said Hungary would fight it.

Orban on Tuesday castigated European lawmakers in a fiery speech at the

parliamentary chambers in Strasbourg, France, saying, "Hungary is going to be condemned because the Hungarian people have decided that this country is not going to be a country of migrants."

He said Europe had no right to interfere in the actions of a sovereign government.

"Hungary will not accede to this blackmailing. Hungary will protect its borders, stop illegal migration," he said, "and if needed we will stand up to you."

Orban, who has been elected four times and now presides over what is effectively a one-party state, has been a thorn in the side of EU leaders since he came back to office in 2010. He cracked down on media freedoms, rewrote laws to favor his center-right Fidesz party and has blasted Brussels for allowing a wave of more than 1 million migrants into Europe in 2015.

When Orban began consolidating power after his 2010 election victory, he was largely the only leader in the EU promoting what he calls his "illiberal" platform. Since then, far-right politicians have gained ground across the continent, including in Italy and in Sweden.

Suspects in British poison case innocent, Putin says

Russian leader calls pair 'civilians,' asks them to speak up

By NATALIYA VASILYeva
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russian authorities know the identities of the two men accused by Britain of carrying out a nerve agent attack on a former spy, but he added that they are civilians and there is "nothing criminal" about them.

The statement by Putin marked a shift from Russia's earlier position on the poisoning case that has damaged relations between Moscow and the West. Initially, Russian officials said they had no idea who the men were and questioned the authenticity of some of security-camera photos and video released by Scotland Yard showing them in London and Salisbury, where the poisoning took place.

Britain last week charged two men in absentia, identifying them as Ruslan Boshirov and Alexander Petrov. Authorities alleged they were agents of Russia's military intelligence agency known as the GRU and accused them of poisoning former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, on March 4 in Salisbury.

Britain blamed the Russian government for the attack, an allegation that Moscow has denied.

Putin on Wednesday did not try to dispute the British evidence, but he insisted the men were innocent. "We know who these people are, we have found them," Putin said in response to a question at a panel for an economic conference in Vladivostok in Russia's Far East. "There is nothing special or criminal about it, I can assure you."



Britain identified the pair as Ruslan Boshirov, left, and Alexander Petrov and alleged they were Russian agents.

Putin said the men are "civilians" and called on the men to come forward and speak to the media.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov later told reporters that Putin never met the suspects in the poisoning and that Russia did not investigate them but merely "checked the reports."

The Skripals' poisoning by the deadly nerve agent Novichok triggered a tense diplomatic showdown. Britain and more than two dozen other countries expelled a total of 150 Russian diplomats, and Russia kicked out a similar number of those countries' envoys.

The attack left the Skripals hospitalized for weeks, and two other area residents became seriously ill months later. One of them, a 44-year-old woman, later died.

British Prime Minister Theresa May said the attack was carried out by officers of the GRU and almost certainly approved "at a senior level of the Russian state."

Her spokesman, James Slack, rejected the claim the men were civilians, saying they were GRU officers "who used a devastatingly toxic illegal chemical weapon on the streets of our country."

"We have repeatedly asked Russia to account for what happened in Salisbury in March and they have replied with obfuscation and lies," Slack said. "I have seen nothing to suggest that has changed."

Putin's shift from earlier official statements on the case fits a pattern by the Russian leader.

When troops in uniforms without insignia first appeared on the streets of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 prior to its annexation, Putin insisted that they were not members of the Russian military, but local volunteers. Weeks later, Putin said there were Russian troops present there under a treaty with Ukraine that allowed Russia to leave a naval base in Crimea.

Similarly, Putin initially dismissed accusations of Russian state-sponsored hacking in the U.S. election system, but he later admitted the possibility that it was the work of some "patriotic-minded" Russians, although he denied that any of them had been directed by the Kremlin.

The case echoes the 2006 murder of Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian agent who died after drinking tea laced with radioactive polonium-210 at a London hotel.



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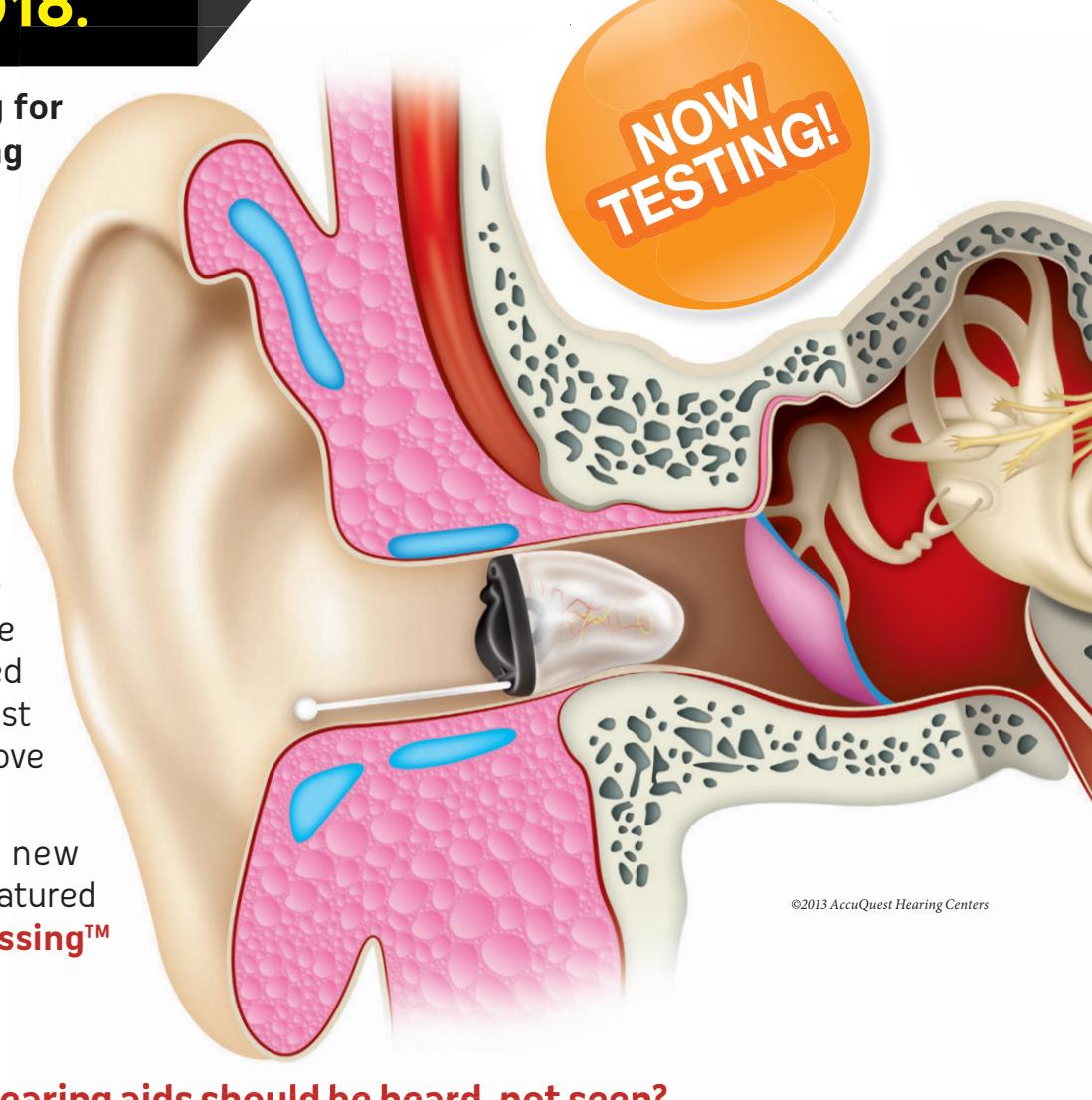
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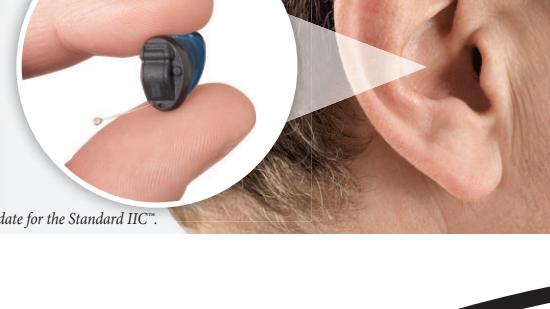
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BY DAVID MONTERO
Los Angeles Times

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But the Waikiki Gun Club seems to have most everything else.

There are AR-15s, AK-47s and a Beowulf .50-caliber beast that comes equipped with a monopod beneath the barrel to support its heavy frame.

The place is tucked in a sliver of property on bustling Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. Sandwiched between Electric Paradise Tattoo and Baule'a — which sells flip-flops, handbags and suitcases — the club could be passed easily.

Nearby is an upscale ramen restaurant, a Prada store and plate-glass windows highlighting expensive jewelry.

Its low-profile is one reason manager Eric Yang has people handing out flyers to the herds of tourists wandering the sidewalks — their arms loaded with name-brand shopping bags and clutching smartphones to take pictures of paradise.

Yang said most of his customers come from Australia, China and Japan — places with much stricter gun laws than the United States. He said his gun range is a chance for these visitors to shoot weapons they couldn't even see, let alone touch, in their home countries.

For 13 hours a day, six days a week, and 12 hours on Sunday, the door is open.

A sign reads, "Experience Live Firearms! Feel the Power!" Above, a neon outline of a gun glows red, promising a tantalizing, titillating moment of adrena-



The low-profile Waikiki Gun Club gets some help from flyers handed to the herds of tourists wandering the sidewalks



Marcus Axisa, center, inspects firearms on display in the lobby of the Waikiki Gun Club.

line fueled by Hollywood action heroes.

Right by the front desk, a squinting John Wayne is pictured, bracketed by his famous line, "A man's got to do what a man's got to do."

A group of eight Chinese visitors arrives on a Sunday afternoon. They speak no English, but Pang collects their payments, looks at their passports and has them sign the paperwork.

Behind Pang are bright screens that display what resemble a menu from a fast-food restaurant.

There's the A Course,

which is a basic package of three handguns and 36 shots for \$79. The C Course is the most popular, Pang said. It's like a combo meal for gun enthusiasts: three handguns, three rifles and 55 rounds for \$149.

The super-sized option features more exotic fare, including a 9-millimeter Uzi.

After shooting packages and targets are chosen, the customers walk past printed images featuring the U.S. Marine Corps, a Sept. 11 memorial poster and another showing shoot-

ing champion Todd Jarrett.

A black door is buzzed, and they walk through and wait in a small holding area before another door opens to the shooting range.

Only those who pay to shoot are allowed in the indoor range. But observers can watch the action on a black-and-white monitor in the narrow waiting area lined with two benches.

One of the older women holds a rifle uncomfortably while an instructor helps her. In the lane next to her, a man levels a handgun and squeezes off a few rounds.

In the waiting area, the sounds of the shots can be heard — deep, low thuds that sound like a hammer hitting a wall.

Pang stands behind the counter doing paperwork and doesn't look up while the guns fire from the other side of the wall. She's worked here about a year and said she'd never fired a gun until taking the job at the front desk. Pang said that it's a way to make some extra money and that she's since learned to fire a pistol.

Shotguns scare her, though. "Too big," she says with a laugh.

When the Chinese tourists are done — less than 30 minutes — the older woman in flared pants and flip-flops holds her target in front of her and smiles while her picture is taken with a smartphone.

The others compare their zombie-themed targets. Several of the zombies appeared to have survived the onslaught.

Gun restrictions in China are among the toughest in the world, and for most citizens, possession is a criminal offense that can lead to jail time. Pang said most of the Chinese and

Japanese customers who come to the Waikiki Gun Club have never fired a gun. She said visitors from Japan and China account for more than 70 percent of their customers.

Australians tend to account for the rest of the visitors.

Marcus Axisa, 28, showed up to shoot guns that are impossible to fire in Sydney. According to Philip Alpers, adjunct associate professor at the University of Sydney's School of Public Health, many of the guns at the Waikiki Gun Club are rarely used in Australia.

"Under the country's most restrictive 'Category D' firearm license, a very small number of professional shooters of vertebrate pests are permitted to possess semi-auto rifles such as the AR-15," Alpers said in an email to the Los Angeles Times. "These are the real Croc Dundees."

The AR-15 is the one Axisa, a gun owner, liked best and one he couldn't get in Sydney. He shot six guns at the range and proved to be most accurate with the gun he had fired the least, the AR-15.

"It felt good," he said. "Easy to handle."

Yang said the range has been around since 1988 and has a second location a few miles away. They work with touring companies in Japan and China to bring in visitors, offering discounts through prepaid vouchers that are redeemed at the counter.

Exotic guns are a draw, but Dave Kopel, a prolific author on firearms laws and a Cato Institute associate policy analyst, said almost all the guns at the range would be considered exotic to most of the customers.

"For the Japanese visitor, it's like doing something you've never done before at all," Kopel said. "For the Australian, it's like doing something you might be familiar with, but with different tools you haven't used before."

Shared career brings father, son back together

BY MEAGAN FLYNN
The Washington Post

Nathan Boos got his love for 18-wheelers from somewhere, but he didn't know where until he was 23.

Boos was hauling a load of soybean meal from Illinois to Georgia when he found out. His adoptive father decided to join him on the cross-country delivery for fun, and one night he told Boos that it made sense that he grew up to become a truck driver: His birth father was a truck driver, too.

The discovery was almost eerie for Boos, who had never been too curious about the lives of his biological parents. He stopped wanting to know about them by the time he was in junior high, when the feeling that he didn't fit into his own family subsided. He was content not even knowing their names. And the night he found out that he and his biological father shared a career in common, that didn't change.

"I said, 'I probably met my father when I was trucking on the road,'" said Boos, now 27. "I probably met him at a truck stop and didn't know it. It wasn't something I was hellbent on figuring out."

"She's like, 'Yeah, have you seen him out on the road?'" — by accident.

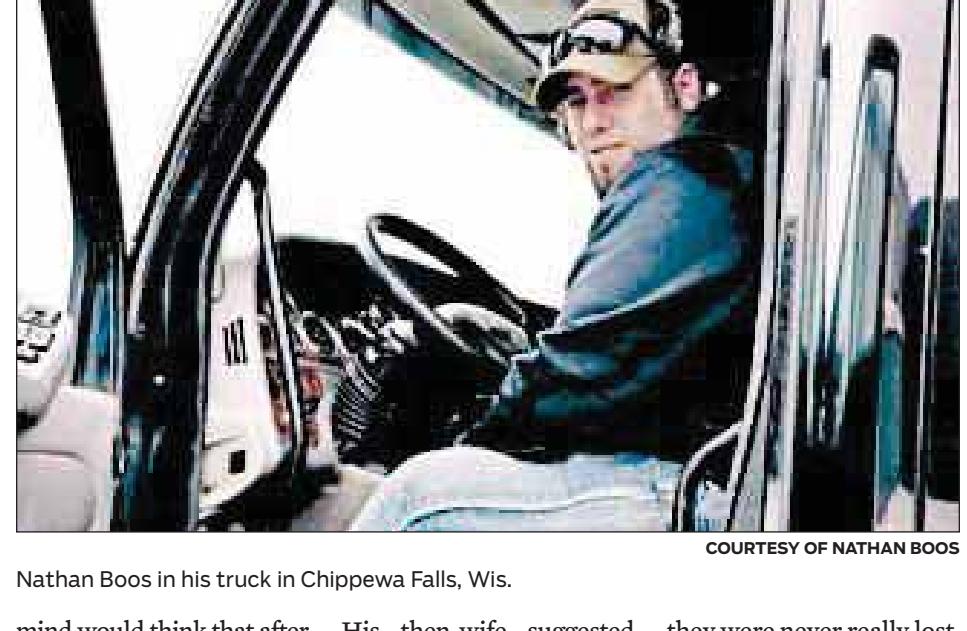
In July 2016, he started working at Rock Solid Transport in Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he met Robert Degaro. Degaro, who started at the company in November 2015, was a tattooed, mustachioed 55-year-old with a pierced ear and, like Boos, an affinity for cracking jokes at their coworkers' expense. That was how the two became friends. Their jokes spilled over onto Facebook — where soon enough Boos's mother started to notice.

The name Robert Degaro was familiar to her. She hesitated to believe that the man who kept popping up on her son's Facebook page was the same man who was his biological father. But in January, she called her son over to sit down next to her, Boos said, and she pulled up Degaro's picture on Facebook.

"I just want you to know," Boos recalled her saying, "that you're friends with your birth father on Facebook."

Boos almost fell off the couch.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, I work with this guy,'" Boos said. His mom didn't make the connection right away.



Nathan Boos in his truck in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

mind would think that after 20-some years, you'd actually find out where you come from or find your kid and you had no idea where he went?"

For the first time, Boos learned the full story of his adoption. Degaro's life in nearby Eau Claire, Wis., was rocky back then, he said. Money was tight and his marriage was crumbling.

The doctors told the couple that their baby would be premature and would require an emergency C-section, Degaro recalled. And it all just seemed overwhelming. Degaro wasn't ready to be a father, he said, let alone to a baby who may need special medical attention.

His then-wife suggested adoption, and he agreed. He signed his rights away, his wife made the adoption arrangements and — at least for 27 years — he never saw the child.

"In the back of your mind, you always kind of wonder where he was at and how he turned out," Degaro said. "Now it's just nice to be able to know he turned out to be successful and such a good person."

Little has changed at work for the truckers, they said, even as their story began unfolding on the local news last week. Boos has avoided saying that he has been "reunited" with his birth father, knowing

they were never really lost. Degaro has avoided pushing a father-son relationship too hard, knowing they were never supposed to have one in the first place. "Obviously, I can't just step in and say 'I'm your dad' when he was raised by somebody else," Degaro said. "We're still more just friends."

But who knows, he said, "maybe things will change."

Boos is getting married in May. Degaro, who is also engaged, already had been invited to the wedding, as were all their co-workers at Rock Solid Transport.

But now Degaro, Boos said, will find a seat at the table reserved for family.

Former first lady's 10-city book tour to start at United Center

BY EMILY HEIL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama's book tour to promote her memoir, "Becoming," won't be taking her to the usual cramped bookstore signings — the former first lady will instead be doing appearances at major arena venues across the country in a tour produced by Live Nation, the event company known for concerts by the likes of Rihanna and Katy Perry.



The tour stretches from Nov. 13 to Dec. 17.

The format of massive venues and probably high-profile moderators calls to mind an Oprah-esque experience; the news release promises that Obama will "inspire people to become the very best version of themselves."

Obama said she wants the tour to not just be about her.

"I've spent the last year

and a half reflecting on my story as deeply and honestly as I could, and now I'm thrilled to travel the country and do the same with readers this fall," she said in the announcement. "I hope that this tour will inspire others to reflect upon and share their own stories — all the joys and sorrows, all the scars and renewals — so that together, we can better recognize that each of us, in our own way, is in a constant process of becoming."

The lead-up to Obama's book has been a study in

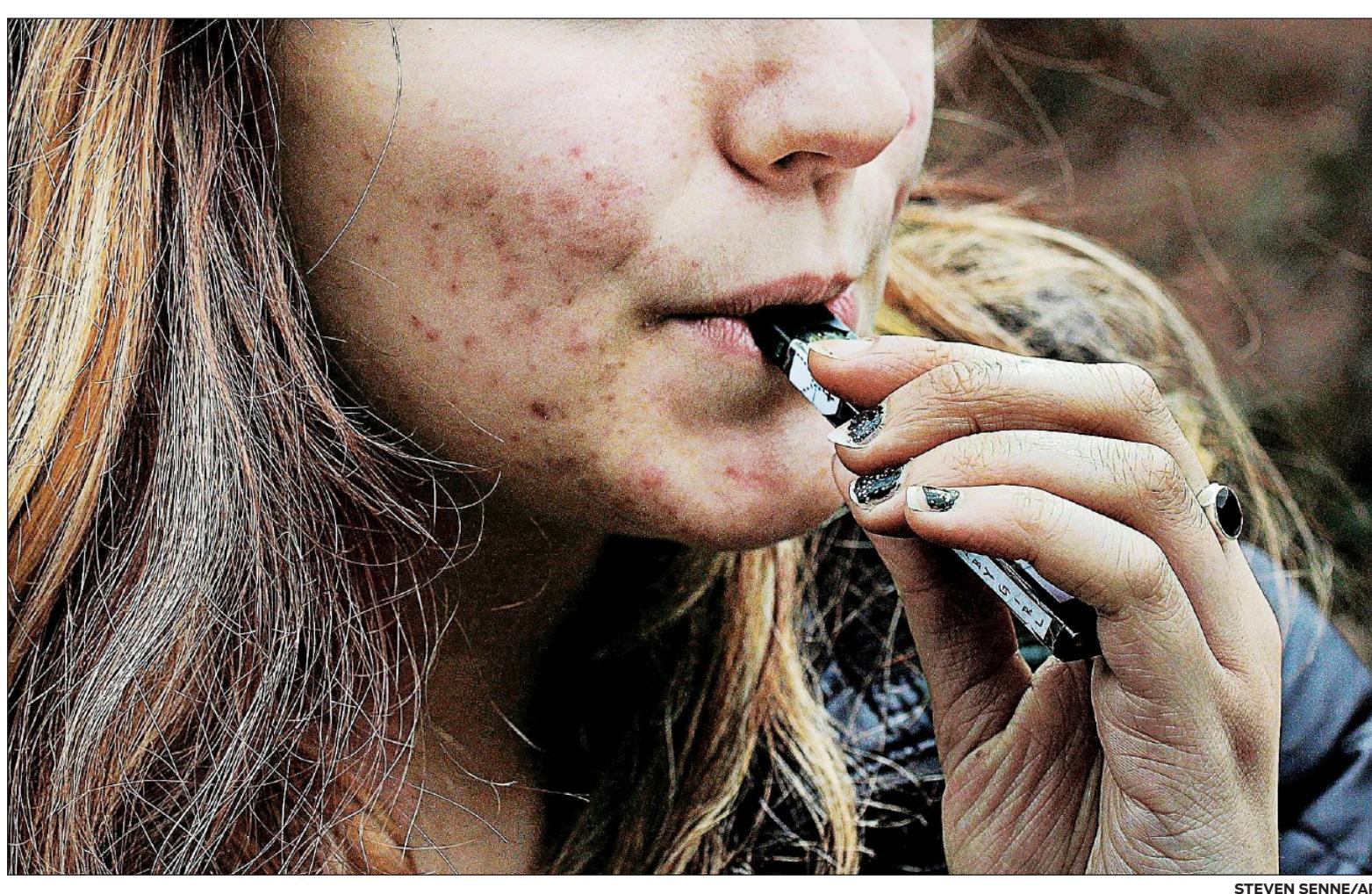
carefully strung-out anticipation: In May, she teased the cover image, which depicts her in glam-casual mode, wearing an off-the-shoulder white T-shirt with her hair loose and wavy.

After leaving the White House, the Obamas inked a joint book deal with Penguin Random House reportedly worth as much as \$65 million. The former first lady is the first up with her memoir.

Here is the schedule:

■ Nov. 13: Chicago, United Center;

- Nov. 15: Los Angeles, The Forum;
- Nov. 17: Washington, Capital One Arena;
- Nov. 24: Boston, TD Garden;
- Nov. 29: Philadelphia, Wells Fargo Center;
- Dec. 1: Brooklyn, N.Y., Barclays Center;
- Dec. 11: Detroit, Little Caesars Arena;
- Dec. 13: Denver, Pepsi Center;
- Dec. 14: San Jose, Calif., SAP Center;
- Dec. 17: Dallas, American Airlines Center.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

A high school student uses a vaping device, which looks like a USB flash drive, near her Cambridge, Mass., campus.

FDA cracks down on teen vaping

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the resulting path to addiction, must end," he said.

In its enforcement action, the FDA sent almost 1,200 letters to brick-and-mortar stores and online retailers warning them that they could face penalties for selling e-cigarettes to people under 18. The agency also imposed fines — ranging from \$279 to \$11,182 — on 130 more establishments for repeated offenses.

Among stores targeted were Walgreens, Walmart, 7-Eleven, Circle K and Citgo and Exxon gas stations.

Also, notices sent Wednesday to five leading e-cigarette manufacturers, including San Francisco-based Juul Labs, demand that the companies submit plans within 60 days detailing ways to curb sales to underage consumers. If the blueprints don't promise to "substantially reverse" the youth-use trend, Gottlieb said the agency will consider steps that could lead to the temporary or permanent removal of flavored products from the market.

Such a step would be a major blow to the e-cigarette companies — Juul, Vuse, Blu, Logic and Mark-Ten — which often feature cream and fruit flavorings in

their products. Many public-health groups believe such flavors entice young people to try the devices.

The companies insist that the flavors are critical to helping nicotine-addicted adult smokers switch from conventional cigarettes.

Gottlieb's action drew praise from a major tobacco-control organization, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

words for the industry on Wednesday were all the more remarkable.

The Vapor Technology Association, a nonprofit with more than 600 industry members, called the move "a giant step backwards" that it blamed in part on "hysterical public health groups."

"By threatening an industry — and technology that millions of adult smok-

ers," Myers said in an interview. He listed three reasons the company became so successful: It figured out how to deliver high levels of nicotine in a way that wasn't harsh; it packaged the product in a streamlined, clever way; and it developed a social media and advertising campaign that made a Juul e-cigarette "cool and hip."

The company has stressed that the device was created for adults who want to transition from regular cigarettes. Earlier this year, as criticism of the company mounted, it committed \$30 million over the next three years for independent research, youth and parent education and community engagement. It also announced a new social media policy that features adult smokers — not models — and their stories of switching to Juul.

Gottlieb echoed those concerns, saying he's worried about the effects of nicotine in e-cigarettes on the developing brain.

"JUUL Labs will work proactively with FDA in response to its request," a company spokeswoman said Wednesday. "We are committed to preventing underage use of our product, and we want to be part of the solution in keeping e-cigarettes out of the hands of young people."

Much of the FDA's sharp change in course is a result of the phenomenal success of the Juul device, which looks like a USB flash drive. In three years, it has captured about 70 percent of the e-cigarette market, according to Bloomberg. The FDA has pressed Juul in recent months for information about its marketing.

"Juul was a game chang-

"The disturbing and accelerating trajectory of use we're seeing in youth, and the resulting path to addiction, must end."

—Scott Gottlieb, FDA commissioner

"This is potentially the most important step FDA has taken to curtail youth use of e-cigarettes," said the group's president, Matthew Myers. But this "fundamental turning point" will produce results only if the agency follows through by requiring all manufacturers to immediately undergo pre-market review at the FDA, he added.

The commissioner has repeatedly agreed that e-cigarettes can be an effective tool for adults trying to quit smoking, so his harsh

ers are successfully using to reduce or quit smoking deadly cigarettes — FDA is venturing into dangerous territory," an association statement said.

Gottlieb acknowledged that some adults might get hurt by a crackdown on flavored e-cigarettes. But "the youth risk is paramount," he said. "In closing the on-ramp to kids, we're going to have to narrow the off-ramp for adults who want to migrate off combustible tobacco and onto e-cigs."

A January report from

"Juul was a game chang-

24-foot-long bong hard to ignore

Las Vegas' salute to the cannabis culture museum centerpiece

BY DAVID MONTERO

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — There are two flights of stairs curling around the head-turning glass bong, all 24 feet of it. There also will be an elevator to ferry people from the ground floor — where the pipe's 100-gallon reservoir sits — to the mouthpiece high above.

It weighs more than 800 pounds, and the bowl can pack a quarter of a pound of marijuana. It has elements in the glass that will make it glow while bathing in black light. Jason Harris, the artist who made it, said it's his artistic opus to the cannabis culture.

"I make giant bongs," he said. "They are my voice to make noise in the world."

But to be heard and noticed on Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas — where the bong is housed — is no small task.

It's a sensory tsunami on Fremont, filled with street musicians playing "Stairway to Heaven" on electric violins or steel drummers hammering out hits from the '80s.

There are screams from people shooting down a zip line above the street. Tribute bands blast metal music, and boozy packs of tourists point at half-naked men and women trying to lure them into posing for a picture.



It took 15 people blowing glass eight hours a day — for four days — to make Bongzilla.

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The museum is scheduled to open officially this month.

Harris doesn't really want any run-ins with the law — like that time in 2003 when he was arrested in a massive Justice Department raid dubbed Operation Pipe Dreams that also swept up actor Tommy Chong.

"At that point, I thought my bong-making career was over," he said.

But by the time Colorado legalized recreational pot in 2012, he was back in the game, riding on his reputation as the founder of Jerome Baker Designs and crafting bongs — some as tall as 7 feet — as the world of cannabis culture grew more mainstream.

Bongzilla, Harris said, was a significant undertaking.

It took 15 people blowing glass eight hours a day

— for four days — to make Bongzilla in a studio in Seattle.

It then had to be disassembled, packed into special boxes and transported in a truck that wouldn't draw a lot of attention. It was driven down Highway 95, a two-lane road that runs along Nevada's western side through a smattering of small towns.

J.J. Walker, founder of Cannabition, said it took several days to reassemble Bongzilla.

He said workers had to build a special clip to secure it to the railing so it won't move. Reassembling the parts required a special bonding agent that would keep it intact while allowing smoke to flow freely through the tube.

They added a mural backdrop of Tokyo for Bongzilla's display. No sign of Mothra, however.

Even though Bongzilla

can't legally be used to smoke weed, it was important to Walker and Harris that it work.

Nevada state Sen. Tick Segerblom — a Democrat who is running for a seat on the Clark County Commission — said he envisions a day when people can take a hit off the enormous bong.

Segerblom, a longtime advocate for legalizing marijuana use more broadly, said when he first saw Bongzilla, it blew him away.

He also said he'll be attending the opening of Cannabition.

"It's what we do best here, and it fits in well with our party and outlaw image," Segerblom said. "But I'm also hoping it makes people aware that Las Vegas is the perfect place for the cannabis culture and, if we can pull this off, it will become a major focal point for us."



BLOOMBERG NEWS

Brexit has Cadbury stockpiling chocolate

BY ADAM TAYLOR

The Washington Post

LONDON — Britain is scheduled to leave the European Union next year, but it still hasn't reached a deal on how exactly this could happen. If it leaves Europe without a deal, some experts have warned that there may be chaos at the borders and a shortage of key goods.

On Tuesday, the owner of the confectionary brand Cadbury announced the company has a plan to deal with the threat of a "no-deal" Brexit: a chocolate stockpile.

Hugh Weber, the president of Mondelez Europe, told the Times of London that they hope British Prime Minister Theresa May can reach an agreement before the March 29 deadline to allow the free flow of goods with Europe.

The company was "preparing for a hard Brexit and, from a buffering perspective for Mondelez, we are stocking higher levels of ingredients and finished products, although you can only do so much because of the shelf life of our products," Weber told the Times.

Weber added, however, that "the UK is not self-sufficient in terms of food ingredients, so that could be a challenge."

U.S. company Mondelez has owned the Cadbury brand since 2010. Founded in Birmingham in 1824, Cadbury is perhaps the most iconic chocolate producer in Britain, known for its Dairy Milk chocolate bars, as well as other favorites such as Creme Eggs, Crunchies and the Cadbury Roses chocolate selection.

It isn't the first time the chocolatier had warned about the possible effect of Brexit on its product. Last year, Glenn Caton of Cadbury's British operations told The Guardian that the company may eventually have to pass on higher costs to customers by raising prices or selling smaller products at the same price.

Following the vote to leave the EU in 2016, the British government has consistently dismissed the possibility of a no-deal Brexit that would see the country revert to World Trade Organization rules on its borders. However, the British press has warned of a "doomsday scenario" that could result in chaos at ports and land crossings, with dayslong traffic jams and other delays having a dramatic effect on trade.

With the deadline fast approaching and the government facing rifts over how to approach negotiations with Brussels, these warnings have become more urgent. Last month, it issued its first "technical notices" on how British citizens and businesses should prepare for the worst scenarios.

"Let me assure you that, contrary to one of the wilder claims, you will still be able to enjoy a BLT after Brexit, and there are no plans to deploy the army to maintain food supplies," said Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab after the advisories were released, referring to concern about the supply chain of the famous sandwich.

May reached a plan for negotiations on leaving the EU during a meeting at her official country house, called Chequers, in June. However, she has faced a backlash from members of her governing Conservative Party, who argue that the deal is too soft.

One former ally warned this week that up to 80 Conservative members of Parliament might vote against the Chequers deal, possibly provoking a "catastrophic split" in the party.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Arkansas drops 4,300 from Medicaid over new work rules

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — More than 4,300 people who were on Arkansas' expanded Medicaid rolls have lost coverage because they didn't comply with a new work requirement, making them the first in the U.S. to get kicked off the program under the rule.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services on Wednesday said another 5,000 people on the program will lose coverage if they don't meet

the work requirement by the end of this month.

Arkansas was the first state to enforce the requirement after the Trump administration said it would allow states to tie Medicaid coverage to work. Under the requirement, beneficiaries must report at least 80 hours of work each month for three months in a year.

The state says more than 62,000 people were subject to the requirement last month.

Jewish collector's descendant gets Nazi-looted Renoir back

NEW YORK — The granddaughter of a Jewish art collector whose paintings were stolen by the Nazis had a family reunion with one of the works on Wednesday after almost eight decades, an impressionist piece by Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Sylvie Sulitzer saw "Two Women in a Garden" for the first time after unveiling it during a ceremony at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Nevertheless, she will likely auction off the painting to pay back compensation she received for missing artwork.

She was joined by Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney for Manhattan, and William Sweeney, the assistant director in charge of the New York office of the FBI, whose offices that helped get the painting back to her, her grandparents' only living descendant.

Top exec for '60 Minutes' fired after harassment allegations

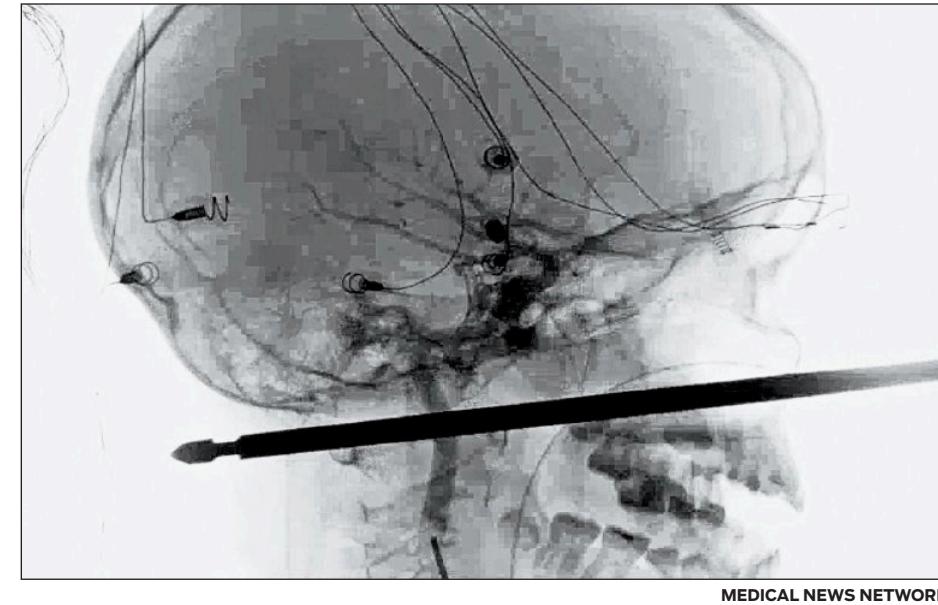
NEW YORK — CBS News on Wednesday fired "60 Minutes" top executive Jeff Fager, who has been under investigation following reports that he groped women at parties and tolerated an abusive workplace.

The network news president, David Rhodes, said Fager's firing was "not directly related" to the allegations against him, but came because he violated company policy.

Fager said it was because of a text message he sent to a CBS News reporter who was covering the story about him.

"My language was harsh and, despite the fact that journalists receive harsh demands for fairness all the time, CBS did not like it," Fager said.

The investigation into Fager by an outside law firm is not complete. Fager has denied charges made by former CBS employees.



Lucky lad: An X-ray shows a meat skewer that impaled 10-year-old Xavier Cunningham of Harrisonville, Mo. On Saturday, the boy said he was attacked by yellow jackets while in a tree house, tumbled out and fell on the skewer that missed his eye, brain, spinal cord and major blood vessels. After removal, doctors believe he can recover completely.

MEDICAL NEWS NETWORK

Democrats commit \$21 million for online ads in November

Two major Democratic political groups on Wednesday announced a combined \$21 million digital ad buy targeting Senate races in November, a sign the party is trying to learn from 2016, when Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign was far more aggressive online.

Priorities USA and Senate Majority PAC announced \$18 million in joint spending in Arizona, Indiana, Florida, Missouri and North Dakota. Senate Majority PAC also tacked on an additional \$3 million in ads targeting Montana, Nevada, Tennessee and

West Virginia.

The move comes as Democrats and Republicans are fighting furiously over control of the Senate, where the GOP currently has a narrow 51-49 edge. Although almost all competitive seats are in states Trump won in 2016, Democratic candidates are running strong campaigns in several states including Tennessee, Texas and Arizona.

According to Priorities USA, \$7 million has been spent on advertising for Senate races on Google since May 31, with Republicans outspending Democrats 60-40.

And through the end of August, Senate Majority PAC, one of the biggest Democratic financial organizations, spent \$37 million in ads on television and radio, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

The conventional wisdom in politics is that Democrats dominated in digital during much of the Obama years because they were more advanced in gathering online data and using it to target voters. But that changed in 2016, when the Trump campaign outspent Hillary Clinton campaign nearly 2-to-1 online.

Senate OKs new IRS head over protest by Democrats

WASHINGTON — The Senate has approved President Donald Trump's choice to become the head of the IRS over the protests of many Democrats. They opposed the nomination because of a new IRS policy allowing some groups involved in politics to hide their donors' identities.

The Senate voted 64-33 on Wednesday evening to confirm Beverly Hills tax attorney Charles Rettig as Internal Revenue Service commissioner. Democrats who voted against him did so even though they considered him qualified for the job.

Critics say the policy announced by the IRS in July will let more dark money — including from foreign interests — flood into the U.S. political system. The policy lifted donor disclosure requirements for thousands of groups, including those spending millions on ads.

Stormy warning: Adult-film actress Stormy Daniels, who alleges a sexual encounter with Donald Trump in 2006, announced Wednesday on ABC's "The View" that she will tell her story in a new memoir. She said "Full Disclosure" will detail her life and legal standoff with Trump, who has denied the allegation.

Hope for peace at last: South Sudan's warring parties on Wednesday signed what they say is the final peace agreement to end the country's five-year civil war, which has killed tens of thousands and displaced millions. Several preliminary agreements have already been signed but both sides say this is the concluding version.

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EDITORIALS

Persecuted Muslims: Atrocities in Myanmar, abuses in China

Governments in two countries, Myanmar and China, face allegations of persecuting minority Muslim populations. The mistreatment is different in each situation but the reports are credible and the oppression is grievous.

In Myanmar, military leaders of the Buddhist-majority nation consider Rohingya Muslims to be interlopers and enemies. Brutal attacks by security forces on Rohingya villages last year amounted to ethnic cleansing and could meet the definition of genocide, according to United Nations investigators.

A new U.N. report describes mass killings, the destruction of villages and gang rapes of Rohingya women and children — crimes that were “shocking for their horrifying nature and ubiquity,” the U.N. report says. The death toll could exceed 10,000.

In China, the communist government views with suspicion the Muslim Uighur population concentrated in the far west. Officials tightly control religious practice and show no tolerance for political dissent. A crackdown on Uighurs under way since 2017 has developed into a campaign of mass arrests. There are as many as 1 million people in detention, according to U.N. officials. Yes, 1 million people. Chinese authorities have created “something that resembles a massive internment camp that is shrouded in secrecy,” said Gay McDougall, a member of the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

We write of these incidents together not to suggest that slaughter and internment are equivalent but to cast a light on two undemocratic governments, each accused of horrific human rights abuses against vulnerable minorities. The governments of



Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, among 700,000 who fled to Bangladesh, wait in line for food in August.

Myanmar and China both should be held answerable for their actions.

The situation in Myanmar: Investigators for the U.N.’s Human Rights Council compiled eyewitness accounts of the atrocities and abuses that compelled more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee across the border to Bangladesh.

The investigative panel says the country’s military leaders, including army commander Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, are responsible. There were previous attacks on the Rohingya in 2012 and 2016.

The panel says the brutality was systemic and “undoubtedly” represents “the gravest crimes

under international law.” The country’s top generals should be prosecuted for genocide by the International Criminal Court or a special tribunal, the panel says. Myanmar, which did not cooperate in the investigation, has blamed Rohingya militants for the violence, but the U.N. panel says Myanmar’s response was “grossly disproportionate” to any security threat. We agree: Myanmar’s contemptible leadership should be punished. The U.S. has imposed sanctions.

Given the terrible violence, you may wonder about the role played by Myanmar’s de facto civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former dissident. True, the military doesn’t answer to her, but the

U.N. report makes clear she failed her moral obligation to try to stop the generals. Therefore, Suu Kyi and other civilian authorities “contributed” to the persecution.

A crackdown on the press in Myanmar has thwarted the free flow of information about the abuses. This month two Reuters journalists were sentenced to seven years in prison for violating a colonial-era Official Secrets Act. The pair had been reporting on a Rohingya village massacre when they apparently were set up by the police. It was a “warning” against news coverage of the Rohingya, said the Myanmar Press Council, an independent group. The pair should never have faced charges. They should be released.

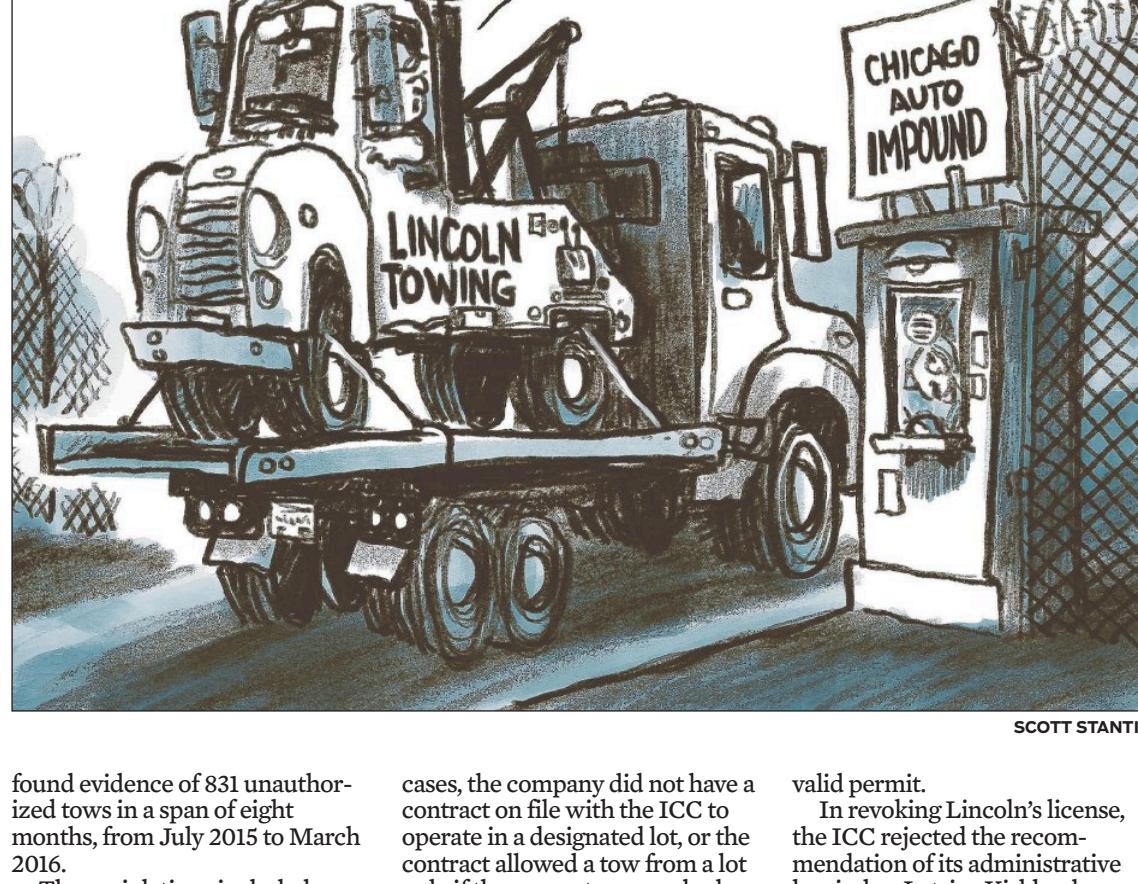
The situation in China: Chinese authorities don’t trust Uighurs and fear they may have ties to international terrorism because they are practicing Muslims with their own culture. There is a small Uighur separatist movement, but the government treats all Chinese Uighurs as enemies.

The Wall Street Journal reports that China’s sprawling internment system — visible in satellite photos — functions as a detention and re-education program designed to break down Uighur identity and denigrate Islam. In one instance, detainees were bound to chairs, deprived of adequate food and told “there is no such thing as religion.” The Chinese government has denied the mass detention of dissidents, describing the facilities as re-education or vocational training centers for petty criminals.

The U.S. State Department has said it is troubled by reports of the arbitrary detention of possibly more than 1 million Uighurs and has called for the release of anyone arbitrarily held in custody. The Trump administration may impose sanctions against high-ranking Chinese officials and companies. If China doesn’t relent, the U.S. should take action. China’s cruel treatment of Uighurs is well documented.

Two appalling situations in two countries: Myanmar and China want to be players on the world stage. But the governments of the U.S. and other influential nations should highlight the abominable behavior of these two countries at every turn. Sanctions and condemnation from Washington and other world capitals may not rescue these Muslim minorities. But they’re worth a try. Robust and consistent attention from the U.N. is a must.

Way, hey, Lincoln Towing's towed away



Lincoln is “fit, willing and able to provide relocation towing service.”

Kirkland-Montague based her ruling on the fact that the audit’s findings did not yield any citations against Lincoln Towing. But as ICC lawyers argued, the audit’s purpose was to determine the extent of improper towing committed by Lincoln, not to adjudicate individual cases.

ICC lawyers called Kirkland-Montague’s logic “specious reasoning.” We agreed, and we’re glad the commission on Wednesday agreed as well. The audit that the agency conducted proved critical to the case for revocation: Audits of towing companies should be performed regularly so that motorists don’t have to endure decades of predatory practices before some agency or official takes action.

For now, motorists can heave a sigh of relief. Chicago has an age-old problem with companies towing cars that are legally parked or in lots with inadequate or misleading signage. Drivers who committed no infractions have had to pay what amounts to a ransom to get those cars back. The ICC’s ruling sends a message, albeit belatedly, that predatory practices by towing companies won’t be tolerated.

In his 1972 song that made Lincoln Towing a household name, Goodman sang, “Way, hey, tow them away!” Way hey, that’s exactly what the ICC just did.

If you live in Chicago, there’s a decent chance you know someone with a towing tale of woe courtesy of Lincoln Towing, or have one yourself. Motorists with cars towed from apartment building parking spaces they had paid to occupy. Cars towed from lots where Lincoln wasn’t authorized to operate. Then there was poor Peter Salva, a construction worker who in 2015 was doing roof work when he noticed a couple of Lincoln Towing workers hauling away his truck. When he began climbing down, the workers unhooked his ladder. He fell and broke his leg.

Every Chicago motorist who’s ever been preyed upon by the company that inspired Steve Goodman’s “Lincoln Park Pirates” can take solace in the action taken Wednesday by the Illinois Commerce Commission. The agency revoked Lincoln Towing’s license, effective immediately. Lincoln Towing “has not conducted its business with honesty and integrity,” ICC Chairman Brian Sheahan said in issuing the ruling.

It took too long to get to this point — more than three years. In February 2016, the ICC began its investigation into allegations that Lincoln was wrongfully towing cars. That probe followed decades of complaints from motorists about the company. As part of the investigation, the ICC audited Lincoln Towing’s records and

found evidence of 831 unauthorized tows in a span of eight months, from July 2015 to March 2016.

Those violations included instances in which Lincoln towed cars from lots even though the company’s contract with the lots’ owners had expired. In other

cases, the company did not have a contract on file with the ICC to operate in a designated lot, or the contract allowed a tow from a lot only if the property owner had requested it. Two of every five of the violations — some 369 — involved vehicles being towed by an operator who did not have a

valid permit.

In revoking Lincoln’s license, the ICC rejected the recommendation of its administrative law judge, Latrice Kirkland-Montague, who heard the wealth of evidence produced by the ICC staff, then in August issued the head-scratching conclusion that

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Mr. Trump is, functionally, Mr. Obama without the ambition (putting aside his odd ideas about trade) and has been rewarded with 4 percent growth, which is finally delivering the kind of “hope and change” that might make a difference in the lives of Mr. Obama’s “hope and change” voters.

If this is incompetence, we can tolerate it. If his tenure leads to a downgrading of

the presidency and a reassertion of Congress as the proper policy maker for the country, all the better.

**Holman W. Jenkins Jr.,
The Wall Street Journal**

On 9 August, the U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition waging war in Yemen against a Houthi-led rebellion dropped a bomb on a school bus packed with children. Accord-

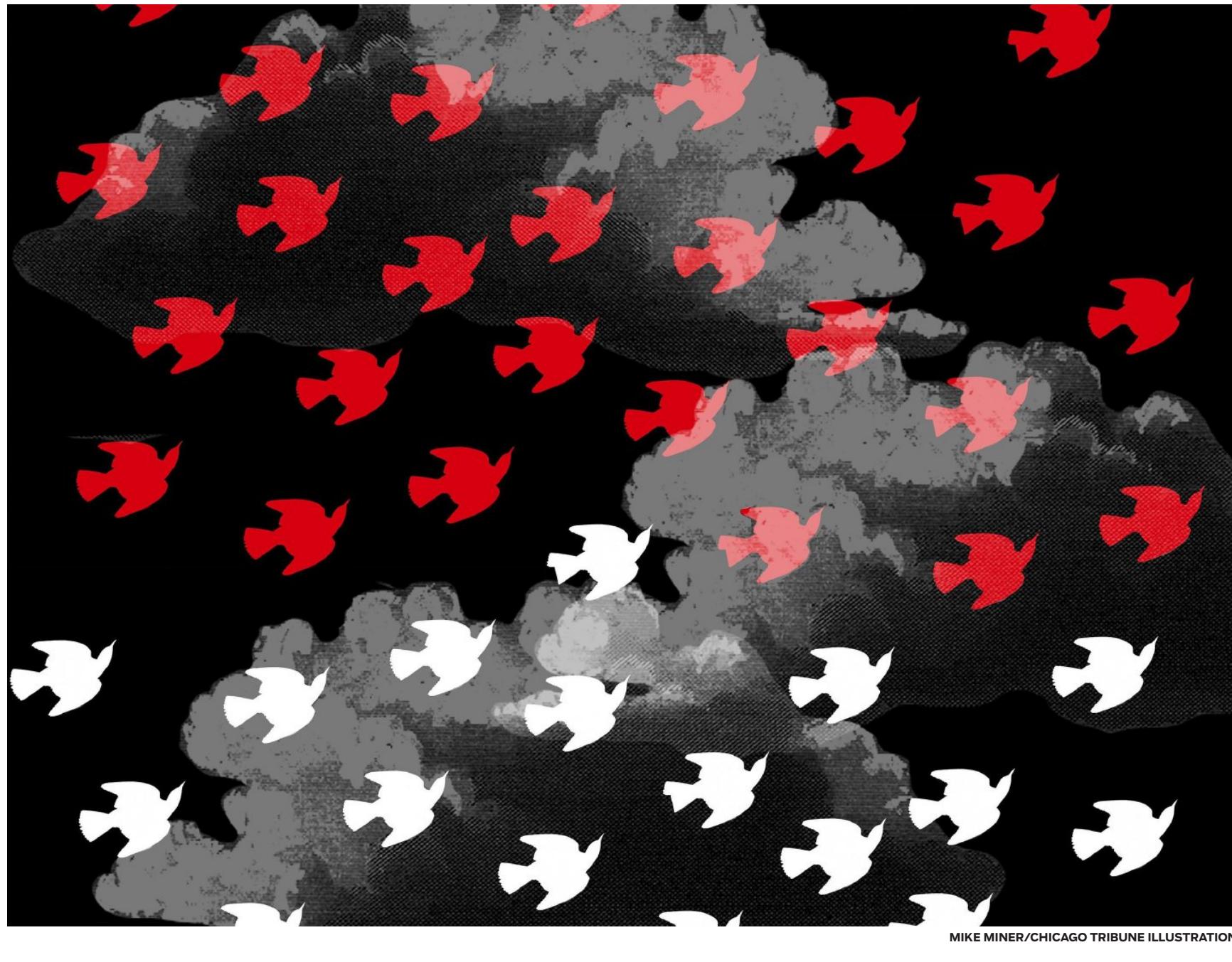
ing to reports, the excited kids had been on a school trip marking the end of their summer classes, and as they passed a busy marketplace, the bomb directly hit their vehicle. The results were horrific. Of the 54 people killed, 44 were children, with most between the ages of 6 and 11.

Do the American people not realize that our bombs are killing innocent children in Yemen or do we just not care? The lack of

public outrage — or even just attention — to what the U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition is doing with American support and American-made munitions indicates something disturbing. Despite the evidence that we have become more politically engaged since the 2016 election, we still have little to no interest in what is done in our name overseas.

Moustafa Bayoumi, The Guardian

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Zinke to birds: Drop dead



STEVE CHAPMAN

Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska.

For the humans killed in the Deepwater Horizon accident, BP pleaded guilty to 11 felonies and paid \$4 billion. The deceased birds cost it \$100 million, money that was used to restore wetlands and conserve other bird habitats.

For the latter penalty, we can thank the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which makes it illegal to kill migratory birds "by any means or in any manner" without a permit. That BP, in its carelessness, didn't intend to wipe out a million birds was irrelevant. Indiscriminate slaughter is forbidden even if it was not specifically intended.

Americans love birds, but we used to massacre them on a scale that is hard to believe. Once so abundant that their passing flocks blotted out the sun, passenger pigeons were hunted to extinction. That shocking experience helped inspire the treaty to protect migratory birds, which is virtually all birds. Now sport hunting is limited to a few types (notably

On April 20, 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 workers and unleashed the biggest oil spill in U.S. history. Soaked in stinking goo, a million birds also perished — quadruple the toll from the infamous 1989

ducks, geese and doves) under strict regulations.

There's no longer a danger of mass slaughter by hunters. But birds face a greater threat. Under the Trump administration's new policy, companies that engage in activities that are likely to kill even large numbers of birds can rest easy. Under this novel interpretation, the law applies only to "affirmative and purposeful actions, such as hunting and poaching," that kill or capture birds.

Had this policy been in effect in 2010, BP might well have escaped responsibility for the destruction caused by its mistakes, which a presidential commission blamed on "systematic failures in risk management."

Under the new reading, promulgated under Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a corporation could blithely employ practices that kill migratory birds by the million — as long as the deaths were a consequence of recklessness, carelessness or callous indifference. It's a bit like saying drivers

should be excused from running over any pedestrians they didn't set out to run over. An example offered by the department makes this clear. If you level a barn in the full knowledge that it's home to numerous owl nests, the pile of dead owls won't get you in trouble. Says Interior, "All that is relevant is that the landowner undertook an action that did not have the killing of barn owls as its purpose" (my emphasis).

Relevant to Zinke, that is — not the owls. As long as the barn owner has — or at least claims — some other intent, he bears no guilt for the bloodshed.

The overall danger to owls and other birds from barn demolition, of course, is limited. It's large-scale industrial activities that pose a much greater risk.

Birds often mistake open pits of oil field waste for bodies of water, with fatal results. That trap can be easily eliminated if the owner covers the pit with netting — as the previous policy required and the new one doesn't. Wind turbine owners no longer have to design or locate their equipment to minimize the harm to feathered flyers.

What part of "by any means or in any manner" does Zinke not understand? The previous policy was a clear and faithful application of the law and the treaty that it serves to enforce. Eight state attorneys general, including Illinois' Lisa Madigan, have filed a

lawsuit to resurrect the old policy, which they argued "incentivized reasonable, low-cost measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate harm to these birds."

Seventeen former senior Interior Department officials, from both Republican and Democratic administrations, agree. The new rule, they said in a letter to Zinke, establishes a "contrived legal standard that creates a huge loophole in the MBTA, allowing companies to engage in activities that routinely kill migratory birds."

The previous policy, they contend, served to "reduce gross negligence by companies that simply do not recognize the value of birds to society or the practical means to minimize harm." And it was enforced in a common-sense manner that balanced "the goal of economic progress with the impact of that progress on bird populations."

The fact that the law had been applied for decades in a way that protected migratory birds without unduly burdening industry, however, did not prevent Zinke from upending it. In his Interior Department, common sense has taken flight.

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PERSPECTIVE

FBI, Justice, the dossier — See what Nunes uncovered? No wonder the left fears him.

BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

Much of what we now know about the unethical and often illegal behavior of the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and Department of Justice emerged due to the efforts of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Its chairman during its stunning disclosures has been Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., who in turn has been constantly demonized for his efforts.

Yet without the committee's digging, Americans would not have known that Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee paid for an unsubstantiated 2016 dossier on Donald Trump compiled by former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele.

Prior to the committee's work, we did not know that the FBI and Justice Department used unverified information from the Steele dossier to obtain a warrant from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court allowing for the surveillance of former Trump campaign aide Carter Page.

Without the committee's disclosures, Americans would not have had any idea that Bruce Ohr, who once ranked fourth in the Department of Justice hierarchy, coordinated opposition research on Trump with Steele, the FBI and Fusion GPS, a commercial research and strategic intelligence firm based in Washington, D.C. Ohr took this unethical step because his wife was working for Fusion GPS — a fact that was withheld on federal disclosure



A billboard attacking U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, who is up for re-election in November, stands near his hometown of Tulare, Calif.

forms.

The Nunes-led committee also uncovered the names of prominent FBI and DOJ officials — including James Comey, Andrew McCabe, Rod Rosenstein and Sally Yates — who had approved FISA court warrant applications that were based on the largely discredited Steele dossier.

Most dramatically, we learned that members of the Obama administration had unmasked the names of U.S. citizens swept up in government surveillance. Many of those names were illegally leaked to the press. This disclosure forced former U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power and former national security adviser Susan Rice to confess that they had requested most of the unmaskings. Rice had previously denied it.

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence also confirmed that FBI agents had interviewed former national security adviser Michael Flynn and did not think he had lied to them concerning his contact with a top Russian diplomat.

No one so far has refuted the committee's findings. Yet Chairman Nunes has become the subject of unprecedented venom, largely because a spate of further embarrassing scandals at the FBI, DOJ and CIA have resulted from his committee's findings.

Here in California's Central Valley, progressive reporters and political activists snoop around the farms of Nunes' relatives, eager to find any information that would be useful in discrediting his chairmanship. They have hunted down his wife, his grand-

mother and his uncle in hopes of finding dirt. Reporters have even studied his family's genealogy going back four generations to accuse him of being too loyal to Portugal.

The local newspaper, The Fresno Bee, suffers from chronic Devin Derangement Syndrome. Almost daily, the Bee runs anonymously sourced stories with headlines implying that Nunes could be treasonous, corrupt or dishonest.

At the national level, the progressive political apparatus has targeted Nunes' 2018 re-election race and contributed hundreds of thousands of out-of-district campaign dollars to his opponent, Andrew Janz, whom Nunes beat by 26 percentage points in a June primary. (They will square off again in a general election in November.)

The national media have disparaged Nunes, a farmer, as some sort of rustic bumpkin snookered by the Deep State's Washington, D.C., professionals.

"The match between his backstory and his prominence seems wholly incongruous and helps underscore the perception that Nunes is cavalierly playing at a very high-stakes game while in way over his head," wrote David Hawkins for Roll Call.

MSNBC analyst Elise Jordan described Nunes as "a former dairy farmer who House intel staffers refer to as 'Secret Agent Man' because he has no idea what's going on."

"There's certainly nothing in his resume that would have qualified him for the post," wrote Peter

Lance in HuffPost.

Oddly, California activists have gone to court (unsuccessfully) to sue Nunes for claiming that he is a farmer. Their strange argument is that as a congressman, he no longer actively farms — a silly occupational rationale that would apply to anyone who holds full-time office. Apparently, the Resistance cannot decide whether to attack Nunes as a fake farmer or an all-too-real farmer.

More ironies abound. Prior to 2016, Nunes was praised by conservatives and liberals for his warnings to the Obama administration about the dangers from Russian cyberattacks and meddling in U.S. affairs. Conservatives had taken umbrage at him for opposing House members who wished to shut down the government.

The demonization of Nunes is a window into our times. We hunt for mythical Russian collusion while foreign collusion between Christopher Steele and his Russian sources is ignored. Progressives who claim an affinity for the middle classes demonize farmers as hicks. A supposedly noble press prints fakes news and traces down someone's long-dead great-grandmother to suggest divided loyalties.

The real question is not why today's jaded media go to such lengths to slander Nunes, but why they are so afraid of him.

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'Treason' might not mean what you think it means

BY ROBERT A. SEDLER

In the furor over the anonymous New York Times op-ed by a Trump administration "senior official," the word "treason" has been used by a variety of people.

President Donald Trump tweeted "TREASON?" in an apparent reference to the op-ed's author. Trump's supporters have likewise used the word in attacks on the author — and the newspaper for printing it.

Trump's opponents have likewise bandied the word about by saying that the op-ed was not "treasonous." Instead, they say that Trump himself is guilty of "treason" by trying to obstruct the investigation into the claimed Russian interference in the 2016 election. Earlier this year, Trump opponents also claimed he committed treason at his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

As a constitutional scholar, I'd like to remind people there is a precise definition of "treason" set forth in the Constitution. None of the recent charges of treason remotely fits that definition. The claims that one side or the other have committed treason are ignorant of the law.

Treason is the only crime specifically defined in the Constitu-



Mildred Gillars, aka "Axis Sally," was convicted of treason for broadcasting propaganda to Allied forces during World War II.

tion. It is a heinous crime, the worst crime that can be committed by an American citizen. It is a betrayal of the nation and of values embodied in the American constitutional system.

It can be punished by death.

When the framers defined "treason" in Article III, Section 3, they were determined to avoid the use of "treason" as it had been used in English law to punish opponents of the king.

In English law, "treason" meant acts of disloyalty to the king. A

person convicted of "treason" was not only executed, but all of his property was "attained" — or confiscated by the government.

This was not the way the crime of treason would operate in the United States, which was founded by those who had rebelled against the British king. The framers of the Constitution made sure of that.

Here's how the framers defined treason:

"Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying

War against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort."

So, the crime of treason can only be committed by an American citizen during time of war with a foreign enemy.

The last convictions for treason took place in the wake of World War II. They included the conviction of an American citizen, Mildred Gillars, who was known as "Axis Sally" for broadcasting demoralizing propaganda to Allied forces in Europe from a radio station in Germany during World War II.

The constitutional provision also imposes stringent requirements for a conviction of treason:

"No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court."

By requiring this type of direct evidence, the framers minimized the danger of an innocent person being convicted, and prevented the possibility of a charge of treason being brought by a single person.

Third, there can be no punishment of anyone other than the person convicted of treason:

"The Congress shall have the Power to declare the Punishment

of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted."

Let's review. In the American constitutional system, the crime of treason is specifically defined in the Constitution to be limited to acts aiding the enemy in time of war. It can only be proven by the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act. And the punishment cannot extend beyond the person convicted of treason.

For anyone from the president on down to accuse any person of "treason" for any other action — no matter how egregious and no matter how harmful to the interests of the United States that action may be — is just plain wrong.

Worse yet, it flagrantly ignores what the framers were trying to accomplish with their narrow and precise definition of treason and the safeguards surrounding any conviction for that crime.

The Constitution means what it says. Nothing else can be treason.

The Conversation

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A plea for help

There are two men who sit on Michigan Avenue who are incredibly sick. Their legs have swollen to the size of tree trunks, and there are chunks of flesh missing, like someone took an ice cream scooper to their muscles. Their legs weep pus and blood, exposed to whoever passes by. I don't know a thing about either man, except that they are humans and clearly in pain, crying openly on one of Chicago's busiest streets.

I gave one man what little money I had Tuesday and had the thought, "I hope he buys drugs to kill the pain, because this isn't enough to help his legs."

I was appalled at my own thoughts. Where else in the world do humans suffer openly and without access to actual help? Then I remembered where I've seen this before.

In college, I studied abroad in India. While a beautiful country,

it's also a developing nation. I saw people with physical diseases openly begging on streets of Mumbai. I remember a man covered head to toe in giant bulb-like cysts, begging at each car window.

It was heartbreaking and overwhelming to witness suffering at this level and to know help was not on the way and probably never would be. And, I remember feeling so blessed I lived in a "developed" country with access to trained doctors and medicine for all. I was naive.

Here we are. In middle America. Two men in desperate need of serious medical treatment that they clearly aren't getting. Any other developed nation would have medical facilities freely available to treat these men's pain. Any developed nation would be able to give these men a chance to survive.

Whatever their personal stories, they deserve to get their infections treated and limbs men-

ded. I don't have the resources or knowledge to help, but my heart is broken. Maybe one of your readers has resources to offer.

I can't underestimate the critical state these men are in. Without help, it's unlikely they will survive, let alone ever lead productive lives.

— Emily Kline, Riverside

Defining class

J.B. Pritzker says that he wants to raise taxes on wealthy people like himself and Gov. Bruce Rauner, but I don't believe Illinois has enough multibillionaires and multimillionaires who can make that big a difference.

I think the people who will really get hurt are like me, the middle class.

I am a recently retired school teacher, and my wife is a guidance counselor at a high school. Anyone would admit we are as middle class as a family can be. However, I cannot find on Pritzker's website or anywhere online what he considers "middle class" to be financially.

Can Pritzker please let Illinoisans know what specifically he considers "middle class" and how

his tax plan will affect people at different income levels?

Asking for my vote — or anyone's vote, for that matter — without being more specific on this subject or any other subject seems to be foolish.

— David Johnson, Champaign, Ill.

Demands for civility

Upending of basic decency and norms began long before President Donald Trump, but the "never Trumpers" and the "elites" resist this president even though he accomplishes the campaign promises made to the people. Yet the civility offensive against this president is not without contradiction.

The president's critics are conspicuously blind to their glaring outrages, for example:

Was it civil for Hillary Clinton to dismiss half of Trump voters as "deplorables," who were also "irredeemable"?

Is it civil that showing up with a "Make America Great Again" cap can invite a beating or having water poured onto the cap?

Was it civil for press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and her

family to be hounded out of a Virginia restaurant?

Was it civil for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his wife to be harassed by young men?

Was it civil when Democratic Sens. Kamala Harris and Cory Booker interrupted Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley?

Was it civil when a reporter used the F-word in a tweet accusing the president of incest with his daughter?

Was it civil for people to leak the president's telephone calls with foreign leaders?

Was it civil for acting Attorney General Sally Yates to refuse to defend a lawful presidential order?

Also, the norm established by former presidents after leaving office was to retire from politics and work on their "presidential libraries," but not former President Barack Obama. He's on the campaign trail to protect his legacy of misinformation.

Today's civility demands are less about good manners and more about shutting down folks with an opposing view.

— Robert Meale, Crystal Lake

PERSPECTIVE

Bankruptcy and recession: When 'This time is different' blows up in our faces

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

In the spring of 2006, I sat in a New York cafe with a banker who specialized in credit derivatives. He was explaining why the cost of credit had fallen dramatically. It boiled down to "better modeling techniques." We had become so good at forecasting risks like defaults or interest-rate movements that bankers could dramatically lower the price of loans and still make safe money.

"Have we actually gotten better at it?" I asked, "or do we just think we've gotten better?"

He gave me the faintly patronizing smile that math geeks reserve for those of us who stalled out in freshman calculus. "No, we've actually gotten better."

Two years later, of course, Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy. In the disastrous aftermath, he, like many others, became an ex-banker. I've been thinking a lot about him, and that conversation, as the 10-year anniversary of the Lehman collapse approaches. How cheerily simple the world looked when we were sitting on that sidewalk in the sun, and how brilliant and wise all the people in it seemed, especially to themselves.

For I've been recalling, too, the folks in the 2000s who told me they had to buy a home right now, before rising prices doomed them to become lifetime renters — or who bragged about the piles they'd made flipping houses. And the long, earnest discussions I had with economists about a phenomenon that was then being called the "Great Moderation."

Coined by James Stock and Mark Watson in 2002, the term was made famous in a 2004 speech by Ben Bernanke, then a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

It referred to a steady multi-decade decline in macroecono-



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A Lehman Brothers employee leaves company headquarters in New York after its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

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mic volatility — in layman's terms, the economic cycles were no longer cycling so frenetically.

Was this good luck? Structural change in the economy? Or wise technocratic management? You will perhaps be unsurprised to learn that most of the policymakers I interviewed modestly attributed this trend in large part to their own growing wisdom.

Then Lehman. Shortly thereaf-

ter, I found myself interviewing a famous economist about the ensuing crisis.

"A whole lot of graduate students have been writing dissertations on the Great Moderation," he mused. "I wonder what happens to them all now?"

One suspects that like many of the rest of us, they were revisiting their most cherished beliefs. For economists, and those who wrote

about them, the financial crisis of 2008 was a bit like discovering that the law of gravity had suddenly been repealed: Everything seemed up in the air, and no one was quite sure where it was all going to come down.

"If you haven't changed your mind about a lot of things," a libertarian economist told me, "you're not thinking very hard."

Certainly I was due for a rethink.

I've made myself sound rather prescient here, and in some small ways I was — I expressed my first worries in print about a housing bubble in 2002, for example, and I really did ask that banker whether our risk-assessment skills were as good as we thought.

But I had no more idea than he did that we were inching toward a precipice. And even when we were at the brink, I remained blind.

Six months before Lehman, when Bear Stearns was in its death throes, I was aghast at the possibility of a government bailout. No to government interference in the market! Capitalism requires creative destruction! Then the government let Lehman fail, and the money markets started going with it. Looking into the abyss, I discovered an unexpected fondness for government intervention into massive market failures.

Yet now, 10 years later, I'm surprised to find how little my thinking ultimately changed. I'm still basically libertarian, if a little more willing to countenance interventionist extremes.

In this, I suspect I'm roughly typical. If you leaned left on Sept. 14, 2008, then in the months that followed you blamed greedy bankers and hog-wild deregulation. And your longtime opponents were just as fervently denouncing the perverse incentives created by various government policies.

Nor has the longer view given us a substantially different perspective. Most of us remain close to our old territory, and still quite sure that we're right about what good financial management looks like. And just as certain that everyone else is deluded by some combination of ignorance, self-interest and ideological bias.

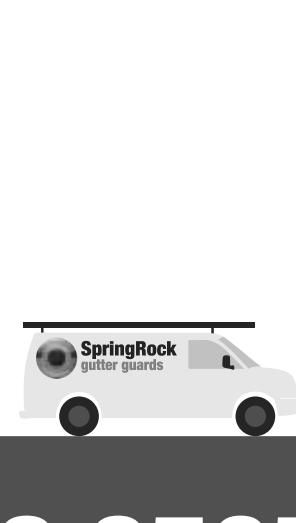
Which is, I think, why I keep being haunted by those conversations from the balmy days before Lehman fell. Because we were all certain then, too.

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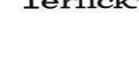
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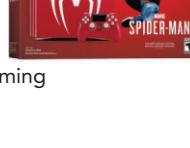
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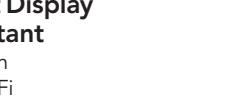
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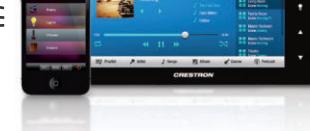
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Lincoln Towing's license revoked

State regulators voted unanimously, effective immediately; towing firm will appeal

By ROBERT CHANNICK

Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Commerce Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to revoke Lincoln Towing Service's state license, effective immediately.

Lincoln Towing, however, maintains it should be able to operate while it appeals a decision that would end the infamous towing firm's decadeslong patrolling of Chicago's parking lots.

The commission's order comes about two months after an administrative law judge recommended that the North Side firm keep its license despite hundreds of alleged violations.

ICC Chairman Brien Sheahan issued the order reversing the judge's decision, citing a preponderance of evidence showing Lin-



An attorney for Lincoln Towing Service said it plans to remain open as it appeals the revocation of its license.

coln Towing "has not conducted its business with honesty and integrity" and was unworthy to hold a commercial vehicle reloca-

tors license.

Lincoln was ordered "to immediately cease and desist from operating a relocation towing

business in the state of Illinois," Sheahan said during the commission's meeting in Chicago.

The order took effect at 3:04

p.m. Wednesday when the ICC formally served notice to Lincoln. After that, the firm was prohibited from towing any additional vehicles, ICC spokeswoman Victoria Crawford said.

The towing firm can challenge the final order from the five-member ICC in circuit court.

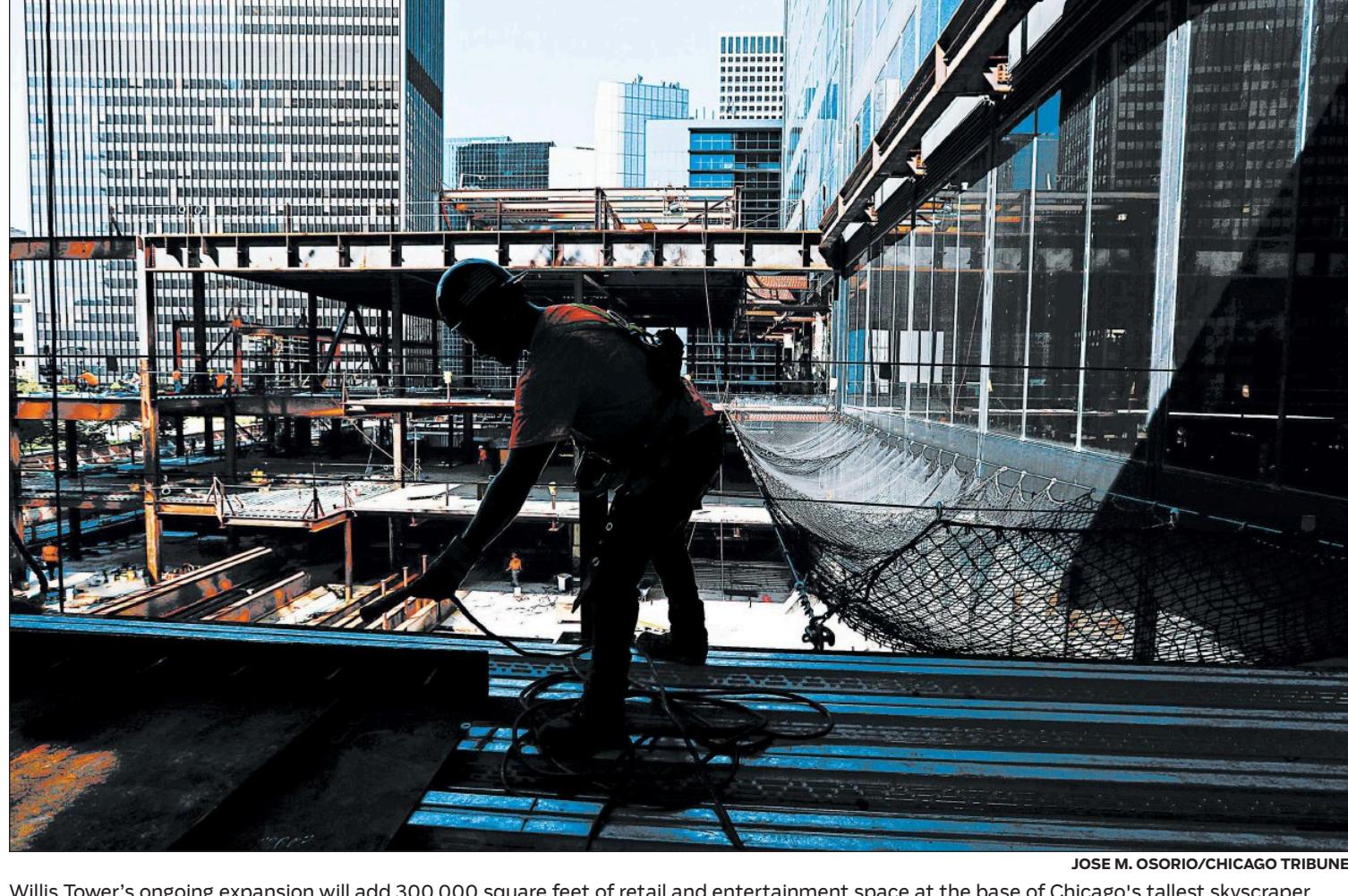
Allen Perl, an attorney representing Lincoln, said Wednesday afternoon that the firm would exhaust its administrative remedies at the ICC and planned to file for an injunction and restraining order with the circuit court to remain open.

"It's our position that we have the right to stay open during our appeal," Perl said.

Owners whose vehicles already have been towed by Lincoln should follow normal procedures and pay the fines to get them back, Crawford said.

ICC staff alleged that the company committed 831 violations of Illinois' towing law between July 2015 and March 2016.

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Willis Tower's ongoing expansion will add 300,000 square feet of retail and entertainment space at the base of Chicago's tallest skyscraper.

Willis Tower's \$500M expansion takes shape

Owner seeks thousands of new visitors per day upon completion



RYAN ORI

On Real Estate

Chicago's tallest skyscraper also could be known for its sprawling base by late 2019, when Willis Tower's owner completes a 300,000-square-foot expansion designed to lure thousands of additional visitors each day.

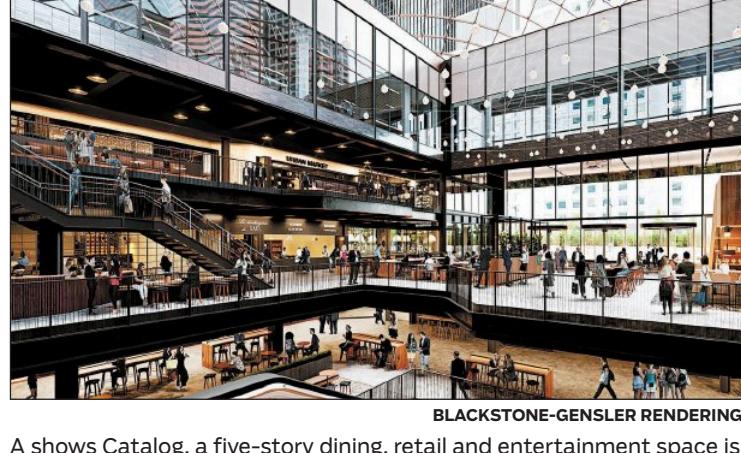
About 200 trades workers are on the job six days a week to complete an unusual five-level addition starting inside the south edge of the 110-story tower, which has been cut away, as part of owner Blackstone Group's \$500 million expansion.

New York-based Blackstone is adding a food hall, meeting and events space, restaurants, entertainment, a rooftop park and a soaring skylight — offering straight-up views of the south side of Willis Tower — that will be supported by specially made, 75,000-pound beams.

The overhaul also will replace the fortresslike exterior with tall windows, improved entrances and open gathering areas.

The new space will be called Catalog, a reference to the 1,451-foot-tall skyscraper's initial namesake tenant, Sears, Roebuck & Co., and to Chicago's history as home to other mail-order retail giants such as Montgomery Ward.

Catalog is designed to serve the tower's massive workforce and the more than 1.7 million annual visitors to the Skydeck



A shows Catalog, a five-story dining, retail and entertainment space is planned for the base of Willis Tower, to open in mid-2020.

tourist attraction.

"We're a city within a city, with 15,000 workers here each day, and that number is only increasing with new leasing," said David Moore, senior vice president and portfolio director

at Chicago-based EQ Office, Blackstone's office unit. "Our approach to this entire project is all about making it feel like a neighborhood."

Turn to Willis Tower, Page 3

Illinois employers warn of nearly 1,200 layoffs

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Chicago Tribune

Illinois employers notified the state of nearly 1,200 upcoming layoffs last month, some driven by manufacturing plant closures.

Armacell, which makes foam components at a factory in South Holland, will lay off 87 people when it closes the plant by the end of the year.

The decision stemmed from

"constraints of the existing equipment and a change in the competitive landscape," said Tom Anen, spokesman for the German company.

"To remain competitive, Armacell constantly evaluates its global manufacturing footprint and the decision to close the plant was taken after assessing all strategic options available," he said in an email.

Armacell continues to operate

five manufacturing plants with 550 employees elsewhere in the United States and recently expanded plants in Oklahoma and West Virginia to meet growing demand, Anen said. The South Holland plant that is closing, which has been in operation since 2004, makes polyethylene foam components for the automotive, industrial and sport and leisure markets.

Those workers, who will re-

ceive transition services as they search for new jobs, are among 1,195 people affected by upcoming cuts reported to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in August. State law requires large employers to give at least 60 days' notice of a plant closure or mass layoff, which is defined as a third of the workforce at a single location.

Turn to Layoffs, Page 2

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Tanya Harrell, of New Orleans, filed a sexual harassment complaint with the EEOC in May.

McDonald's workers plan 1-day strike over sexual harassment

BY DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Emboldened by the #MeToo movement, McDonald's workers have voted to stage a one-day strike next week at restaurants in 10 cities in hopes of pressuring management to take stronger steps against on-the-job sexual harassment.

Organizers say it will be the first multistate strike in the U.S. specifically targeting sexual harassment.

Plans for the walkout — to start at lunchtime on Sept. 18 — have been approved in recent days by "women's committees" formed by employees at dozens of McDonald's restaurants across the U.S. Lead organizers include several women who filed complaints with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in May alleging pervasive harassment at some of McDonald's franchise restaurants.

The strike comes as union-backed organizations have been putting pressure on McDonald's on several fronts for better working conditions, including \$15-an-hour wages.

Organizers said the strike would target multiple restaurants — but not every local McDonald's —

in each of the 10 cities:

Chicago; Durham, N.C.; Kansas City, Mo.; Los Angeles; Miami; Milwaukee; New Orleans; Orlando, Fla.; San Francisco and St. Louis.

McDonald's, in an e-mail to The Associated Press, defended its anti-harassment efforts.

"We have policies, procedures and training in place that are specifically designed to prevent sexual harassment at our company and company-owned restaurants, and we firmly believe that our franchisees share this commitment," the company said.

The company also disclosed a new initiative that will engage outside experts to work with the company to help "evolve" those policies and procedures. Some of the experts would come from Seyfarth Shaw at Work, an employment law training firm, and RAINN, an anti-sexual violence organization.

Labor lawyer Mary Joyce Carlson, who has been collaborating with women who filed the EEOC complaints, says the company needs to back up such gestures with tougher enforcement.

Developer seeks approval to replace Crawford plant

Hilco looks to put distribution center in Little Village

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

A former coal-fired power plant in Chicago soon could be replaced with a massive distribution center in a \$100 million project expected to bring 178 jobs to the city's Little Village neighborhood.

Northbrook-based Hilco Redevelopment Partners is set to present its plan for the former Crawford Power Generating Station at Thursday's Chicago Plan Commission meeting.

Hilco's plan, which also would require City Council approval, is to demolish the shuttered power plant and complete environmental remediation of the 70-acre site along Interstate 55, Pulaski Road and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal by mid-2019. In its place, Hilco wants to construct what it says would become the largest available warehouse space in the city, which the developer wants to open by



CORNERSTONE ARCHITECTS RENDERING

Hilco Redevelopment Partners plans to demolish the former Crawford Power Generating Station in Chicago's Little Village.

early 2020.

The 1.06-million-square-foot warehouse likely would serve as a close-in distribution center for an e-commerce company or retailer that needs to make fast deliveries to customers' homes. Demand for urban distribution centers has soared in recent years as companies such as Amazon have offered ultrafast deliveries on online orders.

Hilco said it has received interest from potential tenants. It plans to start construction of the facility next year, regardless of whether

it has a tenant, Hilco President and Managing Partner Roberto Perez said.

"What the market is looking for is a very strong labor force, which Little Village offers, and the ability to be competitive for last-mile logistics," Perez said. "We believe if we build it, they will come."

Hilco is calling the development Exchange 55.

Exchange 55 will create 360 construction jobs and 178 permanent warehouse jobs, Hilco estimates. The project's approximately \$100 million cost includes

the land purchase and demolition and site cleanup costs.

Hilco Redevelopment Partners, a unit of Hilco Global, bought the site from Princeton, N.J.-based NRG Energy for \$12.25 million in December, according to Cook County property records. NRG Energy acquired the property when it bought Midwest Generation out of foreclosure in 2014. Midwest Generation operated the last two coal-fired plants in the city — Crawford and the Fisk generating station in Pilsen — until they

shut down in 2012.

In February, the Tribune reported Hilco's intention to convert the Crawford site to a distribution center. Hilco finalized its plans after meeting with Little Village groups and 22nd Ward Ald. Ricardo Munoz.

The developer was encouraged by preservation groups to keep the plant, which was designed by noted architecture firm Graham, Anderson, Probst & White and opened in the 1920s. But Hilco determined that the building is structurally unsound and

needs to be demolished, Perez said.

The building's architecture will be documented and archived by the city, he said. Some elements from the plant may be repurposed, including black metal panels that can be used in the entryway to the new building's office, Perez said. Hilco also plans to keep the large planters that run along Pulaski Road, alongside which it will create a bike path.

The new building will have the power infrastructure to support a fleet of electric vehicles, as well as other green elements such as solar panels on the roof of the 52-foot-high structure, according to Hilco. The warehouse will have 188 loading docks and 225 parking spaces.

Hilco has repurposed similar industrial sites in other cities, including a former Bethlehem Steel plant site in Baltimore where it signed tenants including Amazon, FedEx Ground and Under Armour to warehouse leases.

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The Crate & Barrel store at Oakbrook Center will be getting a full-service restaurant next spring.

Crate & Barrel to add food service to Oakbrook store

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Crate & Barrel has long sold items to help shoppers prepare and serve meals at home, from dinnerware and drinkware to cutlery and kitchen tools. But for those who'd rather take a night off from home cooking, next spring its Oakbrook Center store will get a full-service restaurant.

The restaurant is a partnership between the Northbrook-based home goods retailer and Chicago's Cornerstone Restaurant Group, with Chicago chef Bill Kim overseeing menu development.

"As a longtime destination for dining and housewares, we know that our customers love to entertain, and incorporating food and beverage offerings is a natural extension of the Crate & Barrel brand," CEO Neela Montgomery said in an email.

While the restaurant isn't expected to open until spring, Crate & Barrel's culinary ambitions have already prompted a lawsuit from competing home retailer RH, formerly Restoration Hardware.

In a lawsuit filed in January 2017 in California, RH accused Crate & Barrel of trying to copy the playbook for its food and beverage concept. The first of those locations, Three Arts Club Cafe, opened in Chicago in 2015. The nearly 70,000-square-foot space includes a gallery, design services, a coffee and pastry shop, a wine bar, and a courtyard restaurant. Two executives who left RH for

its competitor, including former Crate & Barrel CEO Douglas Diemitz, were also named as defendants.

Montgomery, who took over for Diemitz last year, said the lawsuit has been resolved and declined to comment further on the outcome.

She noted Crate & Barrel had a coffee shop at its store in Chicago's Ranch Triangle neighborhood more than 20 years ago and said mixing food and beverage and retail is not a new concept.

Plans for Crate & Barrel's Oakbrook Center store are still being finalized, but they currently include outdoor dining space on two levels and indoor dining on one level.

The retailer is considering offering cooking demonstrations and other events, and it's looking into options for permits that would let customers browse with a glass of wine while waiting for a table.

Montgomery said the restaurant will be an opportunity to give customers a memorable experience at one of the chain's stores.

Crate & Barrel closed its Michigan Avenue flagship in January, but the company said sales at stores open at least a year have been growing over the past two years, including an 8 percent increase in 2017. For now, Oakbrook Center will be the retailer's only store-restaurant combo.

"Though we don't have concrete plans for more restaurants in additional locations at this time, we're always exploring new ways to offer meaningful moments to our customers

beyond the traditional shopping experience," Montgomery said.

It's also a first for Cornerstone, which hasn't operated inside a retail store before, CEO David Zadikoff said in an emailed statement.

Zadikoff said he thinks the restaurant can benefit from the partnership too.

"For a restaurant concept, having a built-in customer base is crucial, and it's even better that Crate's target market loves to dine and entertain," he wrote.

Department store restaurants, like the Walnut Room in Macy's State Street flagship, have a long history. More recently, as retailers have embraced the in-store experience to compete with online retail,

restaurants have popped up in big chains like Urban Outfitters and Barnes & Noble and small boutiques like Space 519 in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood.

Results have been mixed.

In a letter announcing RH's second-quarter financial results last week,

Chairman and CEO Gary Friedman said each of its first four restaurants were generating between \$4 million and \$6 million a year.

A fifth opened in New

York City on Wednesday,

and Friedman said the company plans to add more.

Brendan Sodikoff, founder and CEO of Chicago's Hogsalt Hospitality, is also president of RH's hospitality business.

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that results from its five restaurants have been "a very mixed bag." It's not clear whether there will be more in future stores, though the bookseller is aiming to grow its cafe business, he said.

"We do not have a culture of running, operating restaurants ... things like controlling food costs and payroll costs are not in our DNA," Riggio said. "It's a lot harder than you think it is."

A restaurant isn't likely to bring in shoppers who wouldn't otherwise visit the store unless the retailer can offer real destination dining, particularly in a mall with other dining options, said Candace Corlett, president of consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail.

Friedman said RH does see restaurants driving extra retail sales during a call with investors last week, though he declined to say how much crossover there was.

But a restaurant could also be a way to encourage customers to stay and browse, give them space to consider a purchase and "move shoppers from undecided to decided," Corlett said.

Retailers would generally be smart to partner with a company that specializes in the restaurant business, she added.

"They're just two very

different businesses, and

it's not wise to think that

because you know how to

run one you know how to

do both," she said.

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Owner seeks thousands of new visitors per day

Willis Tower, from Page 1

Private-equity giant Blackstone has lease commitments for about half of the new retail and entertainment space. It also wants to sign tenants that will provide fitness classes, full-service dining, cocktails, services and entertainment.

In the most recent deal, London-based food hall operator Urbanspace will take more than 14,000 square feet. The food hall could include 20 or more stations for local vendors and chefs, as well as potentially include food concepts from London and New York, Urbanspace President Eldon Scott said.

Urbanspace will rotate some vendors, including some it will find in Chicago neighborhoods as part of its Urbanspace Challenge program, Scott said. "We love the density of Chicago and the history of the neighborhoods," he said.

"It's right up our alley."

Urbanspace has food halls in New York, and

plans U.S. expansion into Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities. The company was founded in 1972 in London, long before the proliferation of food halls.

The new retail base will

have two levels below street level and three above. In the largest deal for that portion of the building, the Tribune reported last year that New York-based corporate meeting and event space provider Convene has leased 55,000 square feet.

Other retail tenants will include Shake Shack, Sweetgreen, Luke's Lobster, Starbucks and Taylor Gourmet. Longtime tenant Market Creations, which has closed down during the expansion project, will return in the new space, Moore said.

EQ Office is represented by CBRE retail brokers Todd Siegel, Phil Golding and Kim Wiskup.

Added tourist attractions will later be unveiled for Skydeck, which potentially could be expanded, Moore said.

New entrances to the building will open in 2019 and 2020. "When we open up all these entrances and all this transparency and vibrancy at street level, the face of this whole space is going to change," Moore said.

Combined with other major projects in the area, including the proposed redevelopment of Union Station and work already underway at the long-vacant old main post office, the area may lose its reputation as an office-hours-only spot.

"This part of the city has always been kind of an 8-to-5 destination," said Gensler architect Todd Heiser, designer of the Catalog project. "Now

"This part of the city has always been kind of an 8-to-5 destination. Now people can linger here, and there can be a vibrant night culture."

— Gensler architect Todd Heiser

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Terra cotta elements will be included in the interior and exterior of the new base, Heiser said. Wood from long-submerged logs recovered from Lake Michigan will be used in portions of the interior, helping to soften the tower's brawny, black-metal look, he said.

The skyscraper at 233 S. Wacker Drive was completed in 1974. Blackstone bought it for a Chicago-record \$1.3 billion in 2015.

The addition will increase Willis Tower's total size to about 4.5 million square feet, including about 3.5 million square feet of rentable office space and 300,000 square feet of retail.

Improvements to other portions of the building include a new fitness center, lounges and a \$75 million modernization of the elevators.

Willis Tower's office space is about 95 percent leased, compared with about 80 percent when Blackstone bought the building, Moore said.

Major investments in the building's infrastructure and amenities, new retail and rising rents are boosting the value of a property that shattered Chicago's sale-price record in 2015. It was the highest price ever paid for a U.S. office building not in New York.

When Blackstone completes the revamp and looks to cash out, perhaps within a couple of years, the deal will test the limits of what any investor will pay for a noncoastal U.S. property.

"This will be the biggest building sale ever in Chicago, probably for quite some time," Moore said.

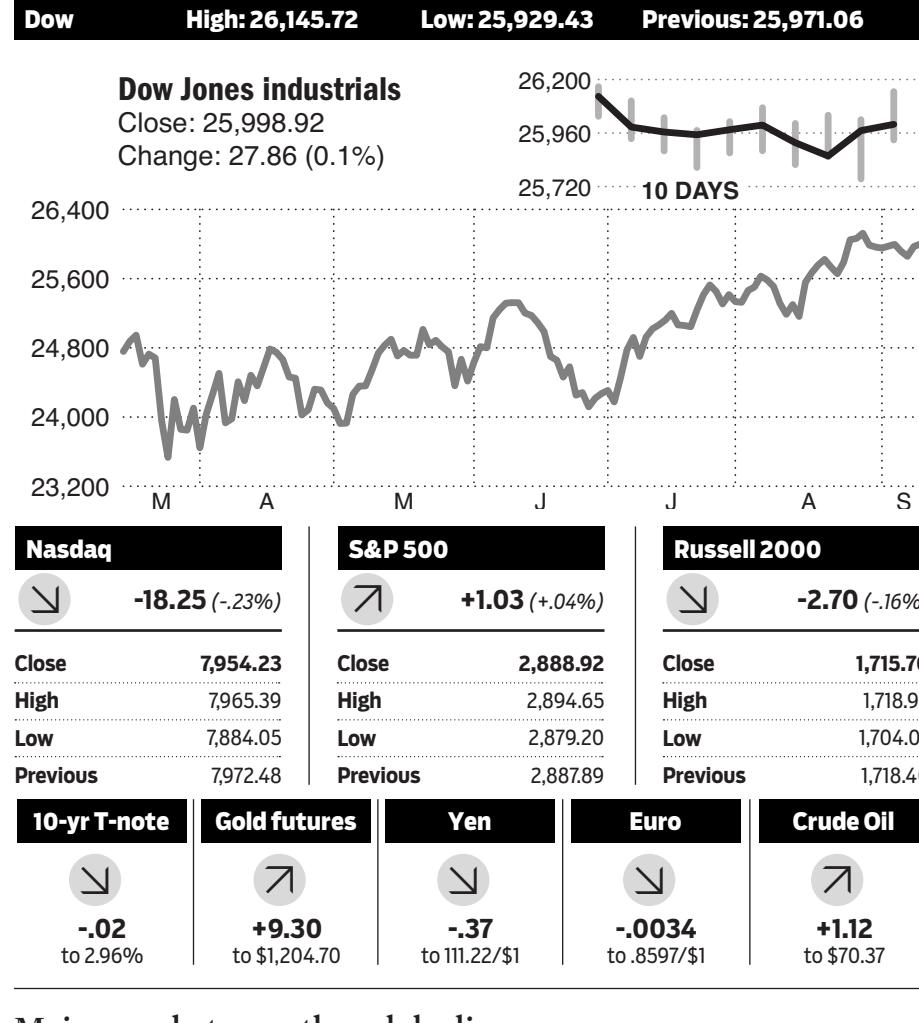
"We're taking a building that was a laggard and creating a Class A leader in the market, in arguably one of the most unique buildings in the country. This is a special opportunity and it will be a unique buyer. But we have a long way to go before that."

"When the time comes, we'll test the market for sure."

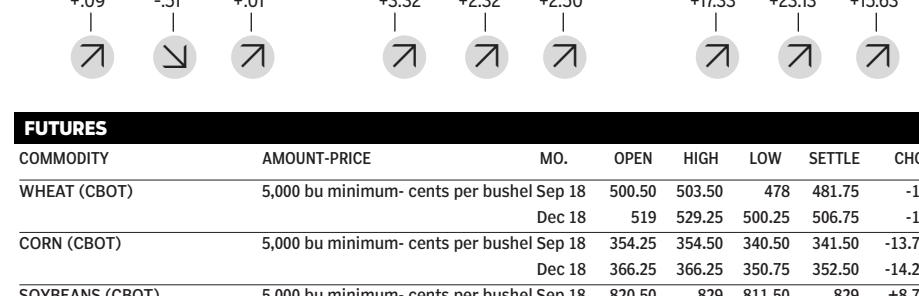
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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



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		Dec 18	519	529.25	500.25	506.75	-12
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	354.25	354.50	340.50	341.50	-13.75
		Dec 18	366.25	366.25	350.75	352.50	-14.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	820.50	829	811.50	829	+8.75
		Nov 18	831	845	821.25	840	+8.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 18			27.63	-10	
		Oct 18	27.82	27.83	27.37	27.72	-10
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 18	312.00	315.70	310.00	315.70	+1.50
		Oct 18	314.20	317.70	309.10	315.80	+1.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 18	69.89	71.26	69.50	70.37	+1.12
		Nov 18	69.61	70.89	69.24	70.16	+1.12
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 18	2.828	2.869	2.818	2.829	+.001
		Nov 18	2.830	2.859	2.813	2.820	-.007
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 18	2.0197	2.0424	2.0121	2.0348	+.0206
		Nov 18	2.0041	2.0221	1.9921	2.0155	+.0212

Source: The Associated Press

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Allstate Corp	N	97.58	-.58	Exelon Corp	N	44.12	-.08
Aptargroup Inc	N	109.39	+.87	First Indl RT	N	31.94	-.09
Arch Dan Mid	N	49.89	+.14	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec N	N	55.46	+.03
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Boeing Co	N	353.41	+.16	Grainger WW	N	354.06	-.52
Brunswick Corp	N	68.37	-.38	GrubHub Inc	N	142.60	-.13
CBOE Global Markets	O	103.50	-.54	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	95.40	-.36
CDK Global Inc	O	61.90	+.84	IDEX Corp	N	151.13	-.94
CDW Corp	O	88.98	+.22	ITW	N	141.67	+.14
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Equity Commonwealth	N	32.09	-.01	McDonalds Corp	N	164.74	+.12

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Analy Capital Mgmt	10.21	-.27
Bank of America	30.43	-.42
Snap Inc A	9.20	-.69
AT&T Inc	33.42	+.75
Gen Electric	12.61	+.28
Alibaba Group Hldg	161.46	+.40
Ambev S.A.	4.46	+.08
Twitter Inc	29.75	-.14
Weatherford Int'l Ltd	2.56	+.07
Freepoint McMoran	13.63	+.59
Ford Motor	9.34	+.03
Wells Fargo & Co	55.94	-.44
Chesapeake Energy	4.06	-.01
Sithwstn Energy	5.07	+.15
EnCana Corp	12.27	+.01
Petrobras	10.74	+.30
Pandora Media	9.97	+.53
Transocean Ltd	11.43	+.38
Altria Group	63.43	+.96
Vale SA	12.92	+.23
Banco Bradesco ADS	6.67	+.05
Citigroup	70.51	+.10
Oracle Corp	49.34	+.42
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NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

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Alibaba Group Hldg	161.46	+.40
Alphabet Inc C	1162.82	-.14
Alphabet Inc A	1171.60	-.18
Amazon.com Inc	1990.00	+.28
Apple Inc	221.07	-.28
Bank of America	30.43	-.42
Berkshire Hath B	214.59	-.51
Exxon Mobil Corp	83.13	+.27
Facebook Inc	162.00	-.39
JPMorgan Chase	113.08	-.15
Johnson & Johnson	139.36	+.85
Microsoft Corp	111.71	+.47
Pfizer Inc	42.41	+.10
Royal Dutch Shell B	66.34	+.43
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.37	+.45
UnitedHealth Group	262.67	+.16
Visa Inc	146.57	+.10
Walmart Strs	95.97	-.67
Wells Fargo & Co	55.94	-.14

TREASURY YIELDS

Based on market capitalization

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.10	2.10
6-month disc	2.26	2.26
2-year	2.73	2.74
10-year	2.96	2.98
30-year	3.10	3.12

SPOT METALS

Based on total assets

CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1204.70
Silver	\$14.192
Platinum	\$799.90

INTEREST RATES

Based on total assets

Prime Rate	5.00

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OBITUARIES

DARIO PEGORETTI 1956-2018

Italian builder of bicycle masterpieces

BY PHIL DAVISON

Special to The Washington Post

When the comedian Robin Williams heard in 2008 that world-renowned Italian handmade-bicycle builder Dario Pegoretti was in the United States for the North American Handmade Bicycle Show, he flew on his private jet from his home in Tiburon, Calif., to the show in Portland, Oregon.

Williams owned possibly the world's biggest collection of bicycles by Pegoretti, who died Aug. 23 in Verona, Italy, of a heart ailment at 62.

Williams, who considered cycling "mobile meditation," liked to give Pegoretti bicycles as gifts and wanted to meet the man who had built them. They became close friends, and at that Portland show Pegoretti was named frame builder of the year, one of the highest accolades in the business.

After Williams took his own life in 2014, columnist Jason Gay wrote in the Wall Street Journal that "what Jay Leno does with cars, Williams did with bikes." In 2016, Williams's family, per his request, held an online charity auction of 87 of his classic bikes. One of his Pegorettis, a Responsorium model, sold for \$22,000, a highlight of a sale that raised \$600,000, according to the New York auction house Paddle8.

Having built bikes for four decades, Pegoretti became internationally known among bicycle connoisseurs who considered him not just a great craftsman but an artist.

The craft was in his steel-and-aluminum, lugless welded frames, which he innovated and stuck with after most sport- and racing-bike builders began using carbon fiber. Bikes had

traditionally been built using steel tubing with socket-like sleeves, called lugs, to connect the tubes. Pegoretti instead used tungsten inert gas welding, or TIG, to make perfectly smooth joints.

The art was in his painting of the frames, which often featured quotations or images from artists ranging from Jean-Michel Basquiat to Frank Zappa.

The last all-steel-framed bike to win the most famous race in the world, the Tour de France, was built by Pegoretti, although it was badged as a Pinarello, as he was under contract with that noted company of bike builders at the time. (It was then a common practice for the big builders to use small but respected artisans to make their frames on contract.)

The Spaniard Miguel Indurain, racing for the Banesto team, rode Pegoretti's Pinarello frame to victory in 1994. The frame was specially built to fit his 6-foot-2-inch height.

Other great racers who rode Pegoretti-built bikes included Italian mountain specialist Marco Pantani, Italian sprint specialist Mario Cipollini and Irishman Stephen Roche, who won the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia in 1987.

Today, a newly built Pegoretti Marcelo model might cost close to \$12,000. Dario Pegoretti was born Jan. 18, 1956, in Trento, Italy, in the foothills of the Dolomite mountains not far from the Austrian border.

He was 19 when he dropped out of his university to become an apprentice under the master frame builder Luigino Milani in the town of Illasi, near Verona. Pegoretti's work came to the notice of Pinarello, and he went on to build many bikes used by its professional racers before

going into business by himself.

His first studio, near Trento, was in a farmyard before he moved to a former paper warehouse in the town of Caldonazzo. He would finally settle in a studio in Verona, close to where he started out.

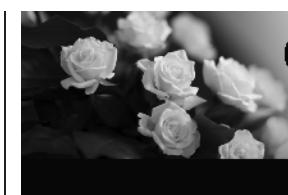
His business suffered with the rise in carbon fiber and titanium just before the turn of the millennium, but a boost came in the early 1990s when Giorgio Andretta, the Italian American owner of Gita Sporting Goods of Charlotte, began importing and selling Pegoretti bikes in the United States. They took off among enthusiasts, who began to calling themselves Peg Heads.

"I will never be able to afford a Ferrari or a Patek Philippe or a Picasso," Gordon Haber, owner of Lakeside Bicycles in Lake Oswego, Ore., wrote in a tribute shortly before Pegoretti's death. "I own and ride a Pegoretti frame. . . . If you don't own one, you are living a life of needless cycling deprivation."

Pegoretti had been diagnosed with lymphoma in 2007, but he overcame the illness. His son Andrea Pegoretti, who along with his father's longtime assistant Pietro Pietricola is helping continue the business, confirmed the death. A complete list of survivors was not immediately available.

Pegoretti's hand-painted finish, often inspired by music, was widely celebrated. He recalled a musician who sent him a frame to paint.

"He asked if I could listen to his music whilst I painted it, to get inspired," Pegoretti told the British website Always Riding last year. "Well, it was heavy metal, so I painted it totally black and sent it back to him. I think he liked it!"



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DeChicchio, Raffella "Rae"

Raffella "Rae" DeChicchio (nee Porcelli), age 89, of Glen Ellyn, formerly of Cicero, at rest September 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Donna (John) Renzi and Pat (Kim) DeChicchio; devoted grandmother of Joseph (Stacy) Renzi, Valerie (Joshua) Hover and Michael DeChicchio; devoted great grandmother of Arianna, Mia and Calder. Funeral Mass Saturday September 15, 2018 at 10 A.M. at Divine Infant Church, Westchester. Visitation from 9 A.M. till time of Funeral Mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Anthony P. Cappetta & Son Funeral Services. Info 630-707-0300 or www.anticappettafuneralservice.com

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DeClements, Frances Moody

Frances Moody DeClements nee Bruno age 97, Wife of the late Frank. Dear Mother of Carol (Bill) McDowell, Frank (Denise) DeClements, the late Russell DeClements and the late Edward DeClements. Grandmother and Great Grandmother to many. Visitation Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd (8000 W.) in Hickory Hills. Funeral service Saturday at 11 a.m. with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of service. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. For Information 708-430-5700. Express condolences at www.lackfuneralhome.com

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Frolik, Nancy Dolores

Nancy Dolores Frolik nee Krall, age 83, longtime resident of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of Richard Sr.; loving mother of Karen (Mark) Mitchell and Richard (Ann); cherished Grannie of Molly and Margaret Mitchell and George, Claire, Marty and Beth Frolik; dear sister of Sr. Karen Krall O.P. and the late Virginia (the late Frederick) Marciak and the late Barbara (the late Frank) Byron; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Nancy was a longtime Visitation parishioner and gave tirelessly over the years to the Church and School, including her proud service as a member of the choir and as a Past President of Visitation's Council of Catholic Women. Visitation Sunday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ahlgren Funeral Home, 567 Spring Rd., Elmhurst. Friends and family are asked to meet on Monday at Visitation Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst for a funeral mass at 9:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's (www.alzinfo.org/about/) are appreciated. Funeral Info: 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrin.com

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Hessing, Lola 'Pat'

Lola "Pat" Hessing, of Skokie, nee Boaz, age 92; beloved wife of the late Teddy; loving mother of David Hessing (Wendy Ruttenberg) and Gail Seers; proud grandmother of Allan and Steven Seers; dear sister of Charlene (Russell) Carlock; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Service and interment Friday, 10:30 A.M. at Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Arrangement entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621.

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Jacobson, Michael H.

Michael H. Jacobson. Beloved husband of Anne nee Berry. Loving father of Arron. Cherished brother of Barry (Helene), Howard and Frank (Jane). Caring uncle of Jason and Stephanie (Holden) Widholm, great uncle of Chloe, Alexander and Elijah. Visitation Friday 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Ave. Cremation private. Information 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com

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Jones, Bradley George

Bradley George Jones of Wildwood, MO, formerly of DesPlaines and Glen Elyn, Illinois, passed away Saturday, August 25, 2018, at the age of 56. He is survived by mother Charmaine (nee Germain) Jones of Glen Elyn, IL; and brother Colby B. (Kristen) Jones of Charlotte, NC. The last six years have been happily spent with Jennifer Richter. He felt blessed to have been able to play a part in the lives of her daughters, Kayla and Sarah. Brad was preceded in death by his father Colby D. Jones and wife Kimberly Gardner Jones.

Brad graduated from Glenbard West H.S. where he was proud to have been part of their 1979 Championship football team. His Mom and Dad were proud that he reached the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a graduate of Milliken University in Decatur, IL with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He was a member of fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon. Brad was employed as a project manager for EFC International for 26 years. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 3 until 6 p.m. at Coopers Corner, 27W150 Roosevelt Rd. in Winfield, IL. No flowers please. If desired, memorials may be donated to the National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, suite B, Centennial, CO. 80112 or Wheaton Drama, Inc., 111 N Hale St., Wheaton, IL, 60187.

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Krall, Edward V.

Edward V. Krall, age 95; beloved husband of the late Laverne B. Krall; loving father of Edward (Dolores) Krall and Sharon (Vito) Siciliano; cherished grandfather of Bryan, Brian, Denise and Ryan; dear great-grandfather of Nicholas, Ashley,

Austin and Aidan. Visitation Thursday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Service Friday 10:00AM at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4345 Main St. (1 blk So. of Ogden Ave) Downers Grove. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Cin, Simon

Simon Cin, age 95. Beloved husband of the late Ruth nee Sanes. Loving father of Elliott (Holly) Cin, Sheldon (Lisa) Cin, Bennett (Nancy) Cin and Janine (Rick) Hoffman.

Proud Zayde of Viktor, Avi, Reuven, Yoel, Matthew and Jordan Cin, Abby (Jon)

Reiner, Ari, Elissa and Kira Hoffman. Devoted son of

the late Jenta who perished in Holocaust and the late Chaim Eliya. Dear brother of the late Shalom,

the late Goldie who perished in the Holocaust.

Service Friday 12 Noon at Chicago Jewish Funerals,

8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.org or www.steuerlefh.com.

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Cahill, Daniel C.

Daniel C. Cahill, 73 of Lombard, IL. Retiree of International / Navistar. Beloved husband of Joanne nee Volatile. Father of 3. Grandfather of 6.

Memorial visitation Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 9:00 a.m. until Mass time 10:00 a.m. at St.

Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL.

In lieu of flowers memorials to: www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/chicago or

www.veteransandr.org For details 630-832-4161 or www.steuerlefh.com.

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Cristancho, Carmen J.

Carmen J. Cristancho, age 84. Loving mother of Winston(Sally); beloved daughter of the late Amalia;

dearest sister of Maria, Marjorie, Gloria, and Genny. Cherished Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Memorial Mass Saturday Sept. 22 10:00 a.m. at St.

Pascal Catholic Parish 3935 N. Melvina Chicago, IL.

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Langer, Jerome

Jerome "Jerry" Langer, 91, WWII Veteran; beloved husband and best friend of the late Donna, nee Portnoy; loving father of Robert (Wendy) Langer, Barry Langer and the late Scott Langer; proud Papa of Andrew (Megan) Langer and cherished great-grandpa of Oliver and Ruby Langer; dear brother of the late Dr. Seymour (Esther) Langer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or a charity of your choice. Private graveside service. For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Lazar, Richard G.

Richard G. Lazar, age 79. Beloved brother of Allen (Harriet) Lazar. Dear son of the late Frieda and the late Sigmund Lazar. Cherished uncle of Bradley (Michelle) Lazar and Daniel (Megan) Lazar and great uncle of Lucas, Mackenzie and Madeline. Graveside service Friday 10 AM Zion Gardens, (Section Rosemont Park), 3600 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. Memorials to Parents Association/Shady Oaks Camp 16300 Parker Road, Homer Glen, IL 60441, www.shadyoakscamp.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Logan , Kathleen Lynn

Kathleen Lynn Logan 54, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2018 surrounded by her family. As the adored mother of three, she inspired her children through her love, kindness, wit and faith. Kathleen was preceded in death by her mother, Merilynn (Grundy) Rill. She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her children: Wren Willow Logan, Mackenzie Sean Logan and Erin Delaney Logan. Kathleen had a special relationship with her father, Herbert Rill and her siblings, Nancy Wolf, David (Tammy) Rill and Daniel (Sarah) Rill. Numerous cherished nieces and nephews made the cycle of her life complete. Professionally Kathleen spent her life teaching the joy and love of music. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 11:00 a.m. at the Harvest Bible Chapel, 800 S Rohrling Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. In lieu of flowers or donations participation in 'random acts of kindness' toward, family, friends and those in need will honor Kathleen and are greatly appreciated by her family.

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Lopac, Michael S

Michael S. Lopac, suddenly, Age 49 beloved son of Geraldine and Matthew "Jim" Lopac; loving brother of Matthew "Jimm" and Cheryl (Jimm); dearest uncle of Mack, Danny, Theresa and Angela; dear great uncle of Christine and Devin; cherished nephew to Pat (the late Wayne) Thompson; devoted cousin, friend and spiritual brother to many. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 8:45 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459 to St. Gerald Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Private. Michael was a proud member of the NRA and local 399 Funeral info (708) 636-2320.

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McCarthy, John M.

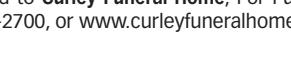
John M. McCarthy, Age 74, In God's Care on September, 7, 2018. Beloved son of the late Josephine M. (nee Fitzgerald) and U.S. Army 1st Lt. John A. "Jack" McCarthy, C.P.D. John was 11 months old when his father, Jack was killed in action on Sept. 13, 1944 in France. Josephine and Jack welcomed John home in heaven to a joyous family reunion. They are recognized as a Gold Star Family on the Chicago Police Dept. Memorial Wall at Soldier Field. Loving father of Mary Jo (Tim) Weis, and the late Jean Marie Nesbitt. Dear grandfather of Abby Weis. John was also loved by many caring cousins and the staff and residents of Winfield Woods Healthcare where he was a longtime resident. Proud Alumnus of Leo H.S. Class of 1961. Family and friends will meet at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 on Saturday morning for visitation from 8:30am-9:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, 1407 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or The Ray and Millie McCarthy Charitable Fund c/o The Augustinians, 5401 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago, IL 60615 are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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McCue, Timothy

Timothy C. McCue; Age 46; Loving son of Lynn, nee Berghoff and the late John "Ed" McCue; Dear brother of Thomas and Eric McCue; Best friend of Wayne Matthews; Fond nephew, cousin, and friend of many; Memorial Visitation Friday, September 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass 10:00 at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10820 S. Oxford Ave., Chicago Ridge; Interment Private; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://curleyfuneralhome.com)



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Miller, John E.

John E. Miller, of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of Kath (nee Lally). Loving father of Krissy (Frankie) Chojnacki, Jay (Chrissy) and Nicholas Miller. Dear papa of Madelyn, Olivia, and Emma Chojnacki, Delilah and Lillyanna Miller. Cherished son of the late William and Dolores. Dear brother of Bill (Patti), Mike (Cathy), Katie (Pat) Stack, Richard (Marion), Patti (Sean) Stack and Mary (Mark) Lacey. Also many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 8:45am from **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St. Homer Glen to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church. Mass 9:30am. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Lung Association. Visitation Friday 3pm-9pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodfh.com.

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Onofrio, Ila Robin

NOVEMBER 10, 1962 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2018



Ila Robin Cook Onofrio lived a life of love, laughter, and friendship. Born in Chicago Illinois on November 10th 1962, Ila was greeted with boundless joy by her parents Karyl and Gerrold Cook. Her life as an only child changed a short 2 years, 1 month, and 6 days later, with the arrival of her brother Marc. Although many would have seen this as a threat, Ila became her brother's friend, teacher, protector, and greatest fan. A pattern she would repeat her entire life.

Ila grew up in Skokie and attended Sharp Corner grammar school, Old Orchard Junior High, and Niles North High School. She was known for her bright smile, dangerously feathered hair, and writing her married name of any potential suitor in her Chandler's to test it out before she would invest too much time dating in the event that she didn't like the way it sounded.

Ila put herself through college, eventually getting her degree from Northeastern University, as well as becoming a CPA where she joined the hard drinking, wild and crazy, living on the edge world of Public Accountancy.

Over the years she made lifelong friendships that she maintained throughout her life.

She hoarded friends. She never discarded any of them, even if she didn't play with them for a long time, she always knew where they were and saw a value in each one, so she could never part with them. This was also a pattern with other things in her life, such as keeping the tissue she used to dry her tears when Elvis Presley died, every single one of her children's drawings, every photograph, and even their old hockey pads. It's almost as if one day she knew she would be leaving behind precious artifacts for future generations to treasure.

Ila made new friends with ease and grace. She could walk into a restaurant for a quick bite and leave with a doggie bag as well as 3 new friends. She was so disarming, breaking down any walls with people opening up to her, sharing secrets they wouldn't tell anyone else. She had such warmth and kindness that once in her orbit, her personal gravity kept you there forever.

But she had a naughty side as well. She was prone to say hilariously shocking things that somehow came off as charming, never offensive and genuinely funny. You could talk to her for hours about anything, and however bad your day might have been, a chat with Ila would leave you laughing and unable to remember why you were upset in the first place.

She was introduced to her future husband George Onofrio at the wedding of her friends Pat and Maria Fioretto. Having just ended a long term relationship, George was not looking to get into another one, but he didn't stand a chance. The two married and began a romance that was the envy and example to all that knew them. Even after 24 years of marriage she told people that her heart still fluttered every time she saw him. And George was equally devoted which he would demonstrate for their entire marriage.

They brought two remarkable children into the world, Jeremy and Kevin. She raised them with infinite love, patience and understanding, somehow able to straddle the line between parent and best friend. But although she only gave birth to two children, there would be literally hundreds of them that would think of her as a second mother. Throughout her life, friends of her sons', children she met at school when she became a teacher's aide, hockey teammates, and even nieces and nephews would come to her with even their most personal problems for her honesty, unconditional love, and sage advice.

After over 40 years in Illinois, George's work took them to Michigan. Ila was saddened leaving behind a multitude of family and friends, but her entire life served as a model where she was equally successful creating a rich tapestry of love and friendship in record time. Soon she had close friends in Michigan as if they had all known each other for decades instead of months.

And 8 years ago when she received the news of her illness, all of her friends and family proved to her that the bonds she built, and the love she had shared were stronger and deeper than even she could have imagined. People rallied around her and did whatever they could for her and her family, never for a moment doubting that if the situation was reversed, she would be the first to be there for them.

Cancer never defined Ila or dimmed her spirit. And incredibly, she was always more interested in what was going on in your life than wanting to complain about her own. No matter what she was going through, she never made you feel like your problems paled in comparison to her own challenges. Even as things got harder for her, she would be the one that called to remember a birthday, anniversary, or special event.

If there was a contest to be named Ila's best friend they would have to hold it in a stadium because she made everyone feel as if they were the most important person in the world to her, because they were. Ila will forever be remembered for her love of Rock and Roll, desire for Peace, and ferocious loving spirit.

In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by her brother Marc, her sister Patti Teichman. Sisters-in-law, Anne Halston Cook, Maria Lina Ventimiglia, Joy Onofrio and Roselyn Onofrio. Mother-in-law Rosina Onofrio. Brothers-in-law Mario Onofrio, Claudio Onofrio, and Salvatore Ventimiglia. Nieces and nephews include Kayla Cook; Nick, Anthony and Cara, Isabella, Mario Onofrio; Rosa and Antonino Ventimiglia; and Anna and Jesse Simon, along with aunts, uncles and army of best friends that will strive to live up to her legacy of selflessness, awe inspiring courage, and eternal kindness.

There was no one like her before, and there will never be another like her again.

Ila, may you find the Peace you loved so much.

A memorial visitation for Ila will be held Friday, September 14, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Harry J Will Funeral Homes, 37000 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152. A memorial in state will occur Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM with a memorial service at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ila's memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr, Southfield, Michigan; and ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC.

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Steadman, Edward 'Ted'

Edward 'Ted' Steadman, formerly of Darien; beloved husband of Dorothy Steadman; loving father of Jackie (Fred) Lindstrom, David (Marlene) Steadman, Michael (Karin) Steadman, & Kimberley (Mike) Connerty; proud grandfather of Andrew & Emma Steadman, Alexis & Chase Connerty, & Luke Steadman; uncle & friend of many. Visitation 4 to 8 pm Fri., Sept. 14 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral prayers at 9:45 am, Sat., Sept. 15 from the funeral home to Emmanuel Episcopal Church of LaGrange for a 10:30 am service. Interment private. Memorial donations in Ted's name to the American Heart Association (heart.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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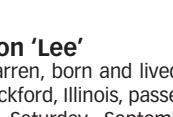
Stein, Bruce Edward

Bruce Edward Stein, age 82, beloved father of Matthew (Rachel) Stein and Julie (Timothy) Lee. Loving grandfather of Jonah, Micah, Kevin, Stephanie, Bryan and Nicholas. Caring brother of Judy (Arthur) Wolfe. Bruce was born on March 2, 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio and passed away September 7, 2018 at Friendship Village of Schaumburg. Service Sunday, 12:30 pm at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd., (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.cancer.org Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove - 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Turk Sr., Robert E.

Robert E. Turk Sr. 86. Veteran of the Korean War, U.S. Marine Corps. At Peace with Christ, Thursday, September 6, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Ann. Loving father of Patricia (Donald) Krebs, Robert (Janine) and the late Caryl Turk. Fond grandfather Abby and Claire. Dear brother and uncle to many. Visitation Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (**FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS**) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services Begin : Saturday 9:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home and will proceed to St. Juliana Church, Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M.. Entombment with Military Honors All Saints Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations to Pioneer Center for Human Services 4031 Dayton St. McHenry, IL 60050 .www.cumberlandchapels.org 708/ 456-8300


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Warren, Leon 'Lee'

Leon "Lee" Warren, born and lived his entire life in Rockford, Illinois, passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 8, 2018, six days short of his 91st birthday. He was the devoted husband and best friend for 63 years of Sandra (Cutler) Warren and

a very proud and loving father to Martha (Michael) Davidson and Nancy Warren, grandfather to Arin (Ryan) Stevens, David (Alexandra) Davidson, Jeffrey (Joanna) Davidson and Jonathan (Emily) Davidson, and great grandfather to Maxwell, Madeline, and Mila Stevens, Jack, Beau, Eloise, Benjamin, Poppy, and Clara Davidson. Lee founded Warshawsky's Auto Parts in Rockford, where the business existed for 70 years. Lee was very active for many years in the life of the Jewish community in Rockford. He served as president of Temple Beth El for 2 years, headed the Rockford Jewish Community Council, and led several UJA drives. Lee was a lover of travel and a big fan of anything Disney. He will always be remembered for having a magic trick up his sleeve and a joke of the day. Graveside services Friday, September 14th, which would have been Lee's 91st birthday, 12 Noon at Westlawn Cemetery, Section Memorial, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneral-group.com (847) 478-1600.



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Zurowski, George Anthony

George passed away in the comfort of his home in Western Springs, Illinois. He was born in Chicago in 1926 and, with the exception of two years of service in the navy during WWII, spent his entire life in the Chicago area with his loving family. He leaves behind Veronica (Piszczor), his dedicated wife of 67 years, as well as three sons - Paul (Bill Hiscott), Tom (Lynn Holler) and Christopher (Julie Gustafson) - and six grandchildren - Peter, Maryclaire, Christopher, George, Marek and Heather. He joins his parents, George and Adele (Dziendziolekiewicz) as well as his sons, George and Peter. Visitation (8:45 am) and a funeral mass (9:45 am) will be held at St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs this Saturday, followed by a short prayer service at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Apex Hospice and Palliative Care, 2607 W. 22nd Street Suite 40; Oak Brook, IL 60523; Attention: Shelley Johansen.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Isaac Rios

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Miranda Rios (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00123

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS September 13, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jamir Howard

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jimmeka Howard (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00603

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3. That Jeremy Hernandez cannot be found after diligent inquiry therefore process cannot be served. That his or her current address cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry. His/her last known place of residence is as follows: Unknown.

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Certification

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BREWERS 5, CUBS 1

Storm, shudders

Cubs head east with 1-game lead and tension high

BY MARK GONZALES

Chicago Tribune

The major issue for the Cubs no longer is trying to get through the mental grind of a 30-day stretch before their next scheduled day off Sept. 20.

Their biggest concern is generating the offense that helped them possess a five-game lead in the National League Central as recently as Sept. 3.

That offense has fizzled, which makes matters urgent as they embarked to Washington for a one-game trip for a makeup game Thursday with the Nationals. After flailing and failing in a 5-1 loss to the resurgent Brewers on Wednesday night at Wrigley Field their lead over Milwaukee in the National League Central is down to one game.

The Brewers scored single runs

Turn to **Cubs**, Page 3**NL CENTRAL RACE**

Contenders	W	L	GB
Cubs	84	61	—
Brewers	84	63	1
Cardinals	81	65	3½

OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom

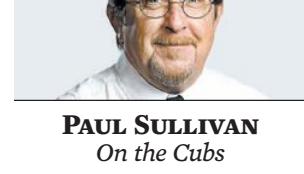
The Cubs had hoped they wouldn't have to play their makeup game in Washington on Thursday as Hurricane Florence bore down on the East Coast, but they had to plan as if they would, so they named Tom Skilling to start. More Rosenbloom, Page 2

**UP NEXT: MAKEUP GAME IN WASHINGTON**

Cubs (Montgomery 4-5, 3.85) at Nationals (Ross, 2018 debut)

3:05 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

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**PAUL SULLIVAN**

On the Cubs

Cubs-Brewers encore would look great in October

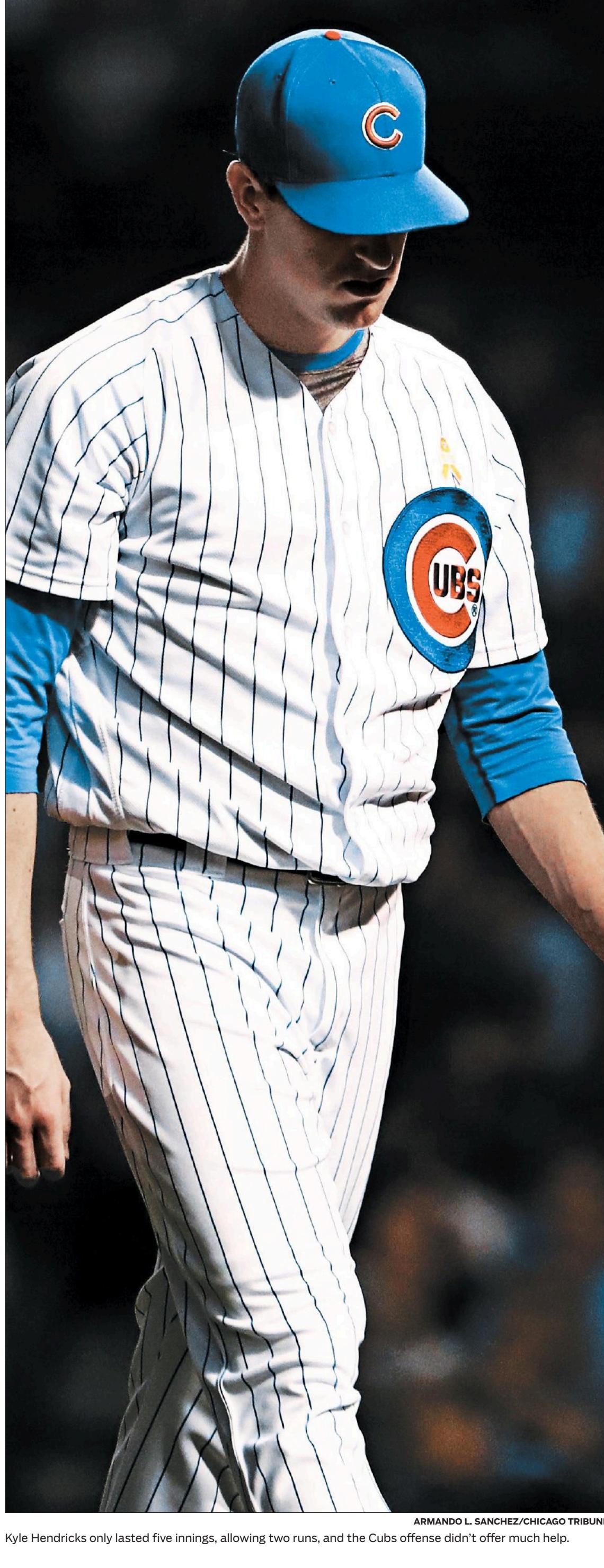
The Cubs and Brewers finished their season series Wednesday night at Wrigley Field, but hopefully this isn't the last we see of them together.

It may or may not be a true rivalry, depending on you define the word, but the Cubs and Brewers have provided some great entertainment all year long, and an encore in October would be most welcome.

Really, would you want it any other way?

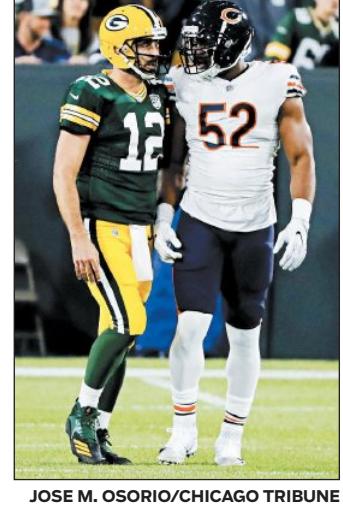
Um, yeah, Cubs shortstop Addison Russell said Wednesday before the series finale.

"With us being in the same division, I'd much rather get them out of the way," Russell said. "We know what they bring to the table. They're a great team. But any time you can get a team out of there, we'd want to get a team out of there."

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kyle Hendricks only lasted five innings, allowing two runs, and the Cubs offense didn't offer much help.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Khalil Mack talks with Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in the first quarter. The Bears were up 17-0 at halftime.

BEARS

Half good, half bad: Which 'D' will it be?

Defense gets chance to get back on track against the Seahawks

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Chicago Tribune

The Bears locker room at Lambeau Field had emptied late Sunday night except for one player. Danny Trevathan sat at his stall, dressed in street clothes, head bowed in quiet reflection.

He was in no hurry to board the team bus. Leaving the scene of the Bears' 24-23 defeat meant accepting there was nothing he could do to change it. It would have made their collapse utterly final.

"I hate the fact it ended the way it did," the veteran linebacker said. "We started with so much energy, so much enthusiasm. We let this one slip, and it's going to hurt for a while. We'll be all right, but it's going to hold on to us for a couple of games."

It was a candid but reasonable forecast, one that held true Wednesday as players stomached video analysis of the loss to the Packers and transitioned to Monday night's game against the Seahawks.

By blowing a 20-3 lead, the Bears joined the 2016 Super Bowl-winning Falcons as the only teams since 2006 to lose after entering the fourth quarter with a lead of at least 17 points, according to profootball-reference.com.

Worse yet, the Bears defense is supposed to be this team's backbone amid all the newness and inexperience on offense. The defense started 10 players Sunday from last year's top-10 unit, and coordinator Vic Fangio was back in the booth dialing it up.

It was one thing for coach Matt Nagy's offense to stall in his first game and for quarterback Mitch Trubisky to be inconsistent in his 13th career start.

But what about the defense, especially after it dominated the first half?

In the second, the supposed stabilizing force was more cotton than steel. Neither its talent nor its continuity made a winning difference.

Turn to **Bears**, Page 6**GAME 2**

Seahawks at Bears

7:15 p.m. Monday, ESPN

■ Jordan Howard can build on his impressive opener against a Seahawks defense that allowed 146 rushing yards in Week 1. Back Page

Documentary best parting gift for retiring Sox voice Harrelson

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Chicago Tribune

As retirement gifts go, "Hawk" is far better than some fancy gold watch.

Ken "Hawk" Harrelson hardly needs anything to remind him of time's passage as he ends his 33-season run as a White Sox announcer, and it matters little that a wristwatch might appreciate in value.

What this hour produced jointly by the ballclub's video crew and NBC Sports Chicago does is tell Harrelson they appreciate and value him.

Set to make its debut on the cable channel and its digital platforms at 7 p.m. Thursday, "Hawk" is the sort of send-off one suspects Harrelson might give himself.



Harrelson

And to an extent he does, in that "Hawk" casts him as tour guide on a carefully mapped trip down memory lane that's more Hawk-umentary than documentary.

Harrelson, 77, reminisces in Savannah, Ga., where he shows viewers a childhood home and a school he attended. In Boston, he drops in on one of his postgame watering

holes from a half-century ago, when he was a bit of a dandy off the field, and prowls Fenway Park.

There's a round of golf at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club in Florida, as well as stops in Chicago and at his family home in Indiana.

Rounding out the sentimental journey are testimonials from family, friends, colleagues, peers and former players who seem to regard him as highly as he regards them.

WHITE SOX 4, ROYALS 2 (12)

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"Hawk" is proof a TV program can be in high-definition and gauzy soft focus at the same time, which is not a criticism but an acknowledgement the primary audience is his dedicated fan base, not detractors.

Turn to **Harrelson**, Page 2

BREWERS 5, CUBS 1

CUBS NOTES

Morrow positive he'll be back

Reliever believes he might be ready for the White Sox series

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

After throwing a 35-pitch bullpen session Wednesday, closer Brandon Morrow sounded more optimistic he will pitch for the Cubs this season — even if in a limited role.

"I'll be back in games," Morrow said. "I don't know how close I can get to 100 percent, stuff-wise."

Nevertheless, the right-handed reliever is convinced he might be able to pitch as soon as next weekend against the White Sox if his recovery the day after he pitches in a simulated game goes as smoothly as his

throwing has gone since he accelerated his work in the last week.

Morrow said he plans to pitch in a simulated game in the next two to four days though he admitted it will be tough to gauge the quality of his progress because with the minor-league season over he won't have a rehab assignment.

"In the big leagues, you have to get out," Morrow said. "Even though it's going to be scheduled appearances or as scheduled as you can hope for appearances, they're still major-league baseball games, and you have to plan accordingly."

"It's tougher to go out and compete from pitch one. But I'm looking forward to it."

Morrow is recovering from a bone bruise in his right forearm and hasn't pitched since July 13. The delicacy of his arm, combined

with the bullpen's resilience in his absence, has tempered his ambition to return to closer duties full time.

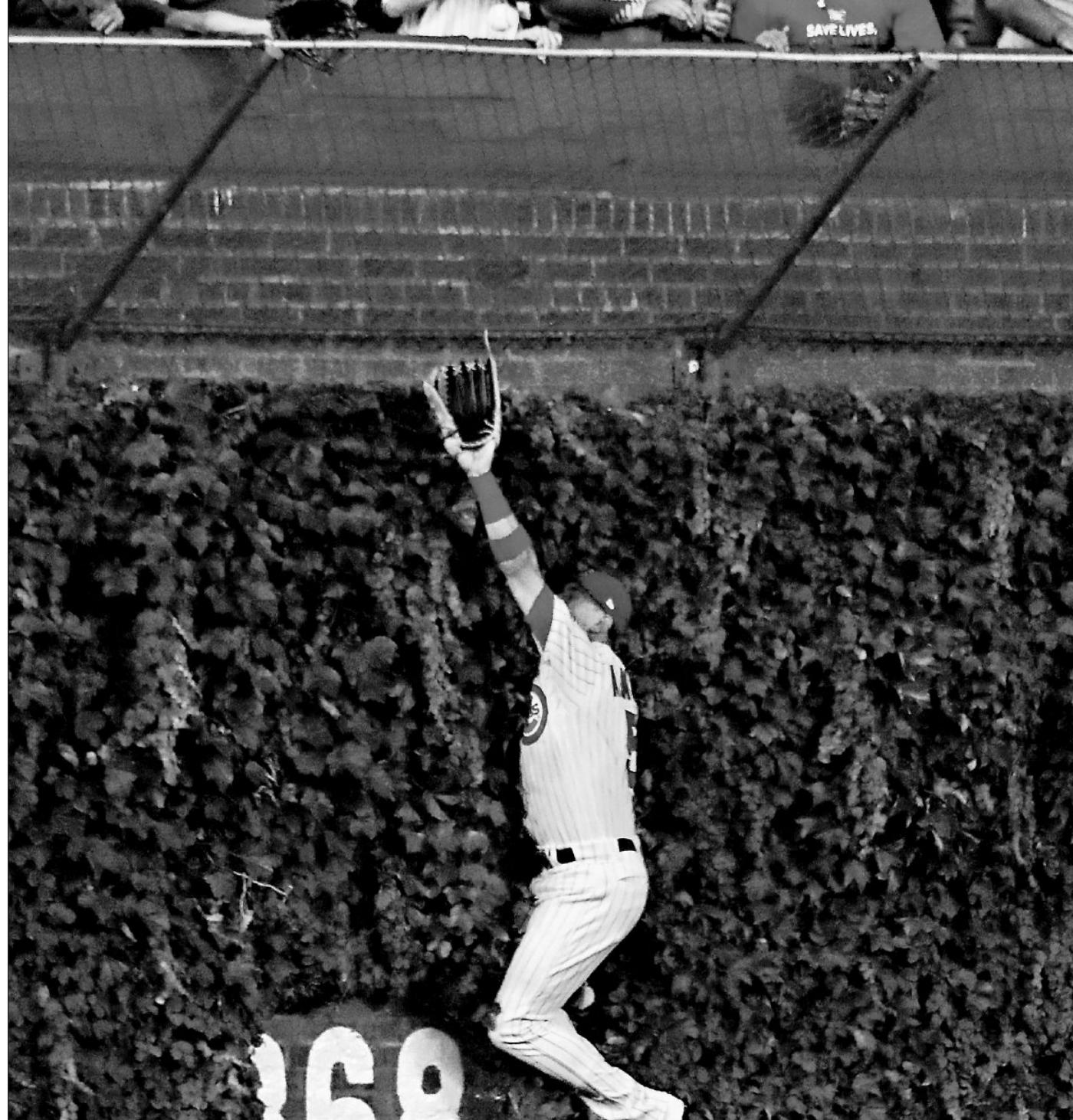
"I don't think it matters," Morrow said. "We have guys to cover all the innings. I'm hoping to be back and contribute in any way."

Darvish undergoes surgery: Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish had arthroscopic surgery Wednesday to remove debris from his right pitching elbow. Darvish, who was shut down three weeks ago after being diagnosed with a stress reaction on the top of his elbow, is expected to be ready for spring training. Rangers doctor Keith Meister performed the surgery after a second opinion from Dr. James Andrews. Darvish hasn't pitched since May 20 because of

elbow woes. He was 1-3 with a 4.95 ERA in eight starts in the first year of a six-year, \$126 million contract.

Staying home: Manager Joe Maddon said several starting pitchers and slugger Kyle Schwarber (stiff back) will stay in Chicago while the team plays the Nationals in a rescheduled game Thursday afternoon at Nationals Park. Left-hander Mike Montgomery, who is scheduled to start Thursday, elected to fly with the team Wednesday night rather than leave earlier.

The Cubs, because of their scheduling situation and with consent from the city, were able to change the starting time of Friday's home game against the Reds from 1:20 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. Cole Hamels is slated to start for the Cubs.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Albert Almora Jr. has no chance on Curtis Granderson's leadoff triple near the top of the basket in the first at Wrigley Field.

Brewers one behind Cubs

Cubs, from Page 1

in the first and third innings off starter Kyle Hendricks before tacking on three runs in the ninth, one off reliever Steve Cishek and two off Brandon Kintzler.

"Maybe we're a little tired," Hendricks said. "It has been a tough stretch for us. But we're fine. We know where we are and where we need to get to."

"We know what needs to be done — go to Washington and win that game."

The Cubs (84-61) scored only six runs in losing two of three to the Brewers (84-63), who trailed by five games before winning four of six from the Cubs in a pair of three-game series over 10 days.

"They're a different team than they were earlier," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

Before the game, Maddon sensed his batters have been afflicted with a combination of fatigue and high velocity from opposing pitchers.

That was apparent in the eighth when Josh Hader struck out Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez — all on 97 mph fastballs. Hader struck out nine of the 10 batters he faced in this series.

The Cubs were limited to five hits through seven innings by Chase Anderson and relievers Jacob Barnes, Corey Knebel (who busted a 98 mph fastball past Albert Almora Jr. to end the sixth) and Joakim Soria.

After a dazzling start since being acquired from the Nationals, Daniel Murphy is hitless in his last 12 at-bats with four strikeouts. But he is only one of several hitters who have struggled.

Rizzo is in an 0-for-16 rut, and he stranded Kris Bryant at second base to end the fifth after Bryant hit an RBI

double that nearly cleared the basket in left-center field.

"Our offense has taken a hit," Maddon said. "No question. It has to get better. There's no other way to look at it."

After reaching the 30-home run, 100-RBI mark on Sept. 3, Javier Baez is 5-for-30 with 14 strikeouts.

One possible theory for their hitting woes that Maddon dismissed was the change in hitting philosophy from the launch angle former hitting coach John Mallee stressed (that resulted in 822 runs) to more of an emphasis on using the entire field and hitting more efficiently with runners in scoring position under the tutelage of Chili Davis and Andy Haines.

"The guys work all the time, whether it's with Chili or Andy," Maddon said. "They devour video and data information. Right now, the hard contact is not there for the most part. I don't have any solid explanations. I don't."

Maddon reiterated he doesn't want his players taking extra batting practice, especially during this daunting stretch.

"It has been more of the same for us," Hendricks said. "We've been through a lot. It kind of makes you tougher in the end. That's the approach we take."

But the Cubs have scored three runs or fewer in three of their last four games entering play Wednesday, and the overall power and production of Willson Contreras and Addison Russell have tailed off significantly from 2017.

"We do need a breather," Maddon said. "It's not happening for a week. So we have to figure it out somehow. We will."

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Granderson rf	4	3	3	1	0	.252
Yelich lf	3	1	1	0	0	.313
Cain cf	5	1	3	1	0	.314
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Moustakas 3b	5	0	1	0	2	.252
Perez ss-2b	5	0	1	0	2	.260
Thames 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.223
Hader p	0	0	0	0	0	.500
f-Braun ph	1	0	0	0	0	.251
Pina c	3	0	0	0	1	.251
e-Aguilar ph	1	0	0	0	1	.272
Kris c	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Anderson p	1	0	0	0	1	.091
a-Salcedo ph	1	0	0	0	1	.263
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THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
3:05 p.m.	Cubs at Nationals	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
6 p.m.	Dodgers at Cardinals	MLBN
9 p.m.	Mariners at Angels	MLBN
BOXING		
7 p.m.	Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Ruslan Madiev	ESPN2
NFL		
7:20 p.m.	Ravens at Bengals	NFLN, WSCR-AM 670
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
6:30 p.m.	Boston College at Wake Forest	ESPN
GOLF		
8:30 a.m.	LPGA Evian Championship	Golf (more, 4 a.m. Fri.)
11:30 a.m.	European PGA KLM Open	Golf Channel
5 p.m.	Web.com Boise Open	Golf Channel
9 p.m.	Asian Tour Shinhan Donghae Open	Golf Channel
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER		
5 p.m.	Michigan at Indiana	BTN
7 p.m.	Michigan State at Purdue	BTN
GOLF: TEEING OFF		
Par: 71. Purse: \$1 million. Winner: \$180,000. TV: Thursday-Sunday, 5-7 p.m. (Golf Channel).	EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP	Site: Evian-les-Bains, France. Course: Evian Resort GC. Yardage: 6,523. Par: 71. S.A. 72. Par: 72.
Par: 71. Purse: \$3,850,000. Winner: \$57,750. TV: Thursday-Friday, 4-7 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 5-10:30 a.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 3:30-9 a.m. (Golf Channel). Defending champion: Anna Nordqvist. Next: CME Globe leader: Ariya Jutanugarn.	KLM OPEN	Site: Spijk, The Netherlands. Course: The Dutch. Yardage: 6,983. Par: 71.
Par: 71. Purse: \$2 million. Winner: \$300,000. TV: Friday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m. (Golf Ch.). Defending champion: Roman Wattel. Race to Dubai leader: Francesco Molinari.	DEFENDING CHAMPION	Last tournament: Marina Alex won the Cambria Portland Classic. Next tournament: Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia on Sept. 27-30. Online: www.lpga.com
Par: 71. Purse: \$1.8 million euros (US \$2.09 million). Winner: \$300,000 euros. Television (play delay): Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel). Defending champion: Roman Wattel. Race to Dubai leader: Francesco Molinari.	EUROPEAN TOUR	Last week: Matt Fitzpatrick won the Omega European Masters. Next week: Portugal Masters. Online: www.europeanatour.com
Par: 71. Purse: \$1.8 million euros (US \$2.09 million). Winner: \$300,000 euros. Television (play delay): Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel). Defending champion: Roman Wattel. Race to Dubai leader: Francesco Molinari.	PGA TOUR	Last week: Keegan Bradley won the BMW Championship. Next week: Tour Championship. FedEx Cup leader: Bryson DeChambeau. Online: www.pgatour.com
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NFL NOTES

Rodgers 'day to day' with 'knee sprain'

News services

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer isn't buying it. The Packers can say all they want that quarterback Aaron Rodgers is day to day with a knee injury. The two-time NFL MVP will be given the whole week to get ready for Sunday's game against the Vikings, coach Mike McCarthy said.

"Yeah, well, you know he walks on water, so I'm sure he's going to play," Zimmer said Wednesday.

The Packers returned to the practice field Wednesday, though Rodgers didn't participate and stayed at Lambeau Field to rehab. Asked at his locker if it was accurate to say his injury was a sprained left knee, Rodgers said, "Sure say sprained knee."

It's understandable why Zimmer and the Vikings think Rodgers will play. After all, Rodgers returned from injury Sunday after being taken to the locker room on the front seat of a cart.

The two-time league MVP walked back out halftime, took over on the first series of the second half and threw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter to rally the Packers from 20 points down to a 24-23 victory over the Bears.

Rehabbing Wednesday wasn't a setback, McCarthy said.

"I think anytime a player comes off a game where he's injured, obviously there's the hope of playing," McCarthy added. "We'll give him the whole week to get ready. So we'll take it day by day and learn as we go."

Bills call on Allen: Coach Sean McDermott said rookie quarterback Josh Allen will make his first start Sunday against the visiting Chargers. Allen replaces second-year pro Nathan Peterman, who struggled badly in a 47-3 loss to the Ravens in Week 1.

McDermott declined to elaborate on his thought process behind the decision, instead saying it was "the right move" for his team more than 10 times. Allen was the seventh overall draft pick in this year's draft.

Big Ben hopeful: Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said his right elbow issue is just "a bruise" and that "it will be fine," and that he didn't expect to miss the Steelers' game against the Chiefs on Sunday. Roethlisberger



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Khalil Mack's Bears jersey has been a hot seller since his trade from the Raiders.

Mack's apparel flying off shelves

Khalil Mack has had the NFL's top-selling jersey and other gear since Sunday, according to data from licensed retailer Fanatics.

In fact, Mack's Bears merchandise — which also includes T-shirts, sweatshirts, accessories and other items — had more sales in the first hour after the outside linebacker's eye-catching first-half performance against the Packers on Sunday night than any other player's gear sold for the entire day.

Sales of Mack merchandise during the opening weekend were up more than 2,000 percent from last season's sales of his Raiders gear.

News that the Raiders had dealt Mack to the Bears rippled across the NFL universe Sept. 1. Between that Saturday morning and the following Wednesday, Mack's Bears jersey sold so briskly that it catapulted him among the top five players for the entire preseason. Mack placed fifth, trailing four players who had a sizable head start in their current jerseys: Saquon Barkley, Jimmy Garoppolo, Carson Wentz and Tom Brady.

— Phil Thompson

didn't practice Wednesday, though that isn't unusual for the 15-year veteran.

Extra points: G Trai Turner, who missed three games with a concussion last season, is in danger of missing the Panthers' game against the Falcons on Sunday because of another concussion. ... An MRI showed that there were no significant injuries to the shoulder of DE Ezekiel Ansah, raising the expectation he could play in the Lions' game against 49ers on Sunday.

SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY NIGHT PICK

Ravens (1-0) at Bengals (1-0) | 7:20 p.m., NFL Network | Bengals by 1 (O/U 44 1/2)

The Bengals are better on offense, but their line is an issue. As usual, the Ravens have a strong defense that can exploit that. They can stop the run and force turnovers. **Ravens 21, Bengals 17**

NFL

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Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Minnesota	1	0	1	.833	24	24
Bears	0	1	0	.000	17	48
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NFC EAST

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	8	16
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	15	20

NFC SOUTH

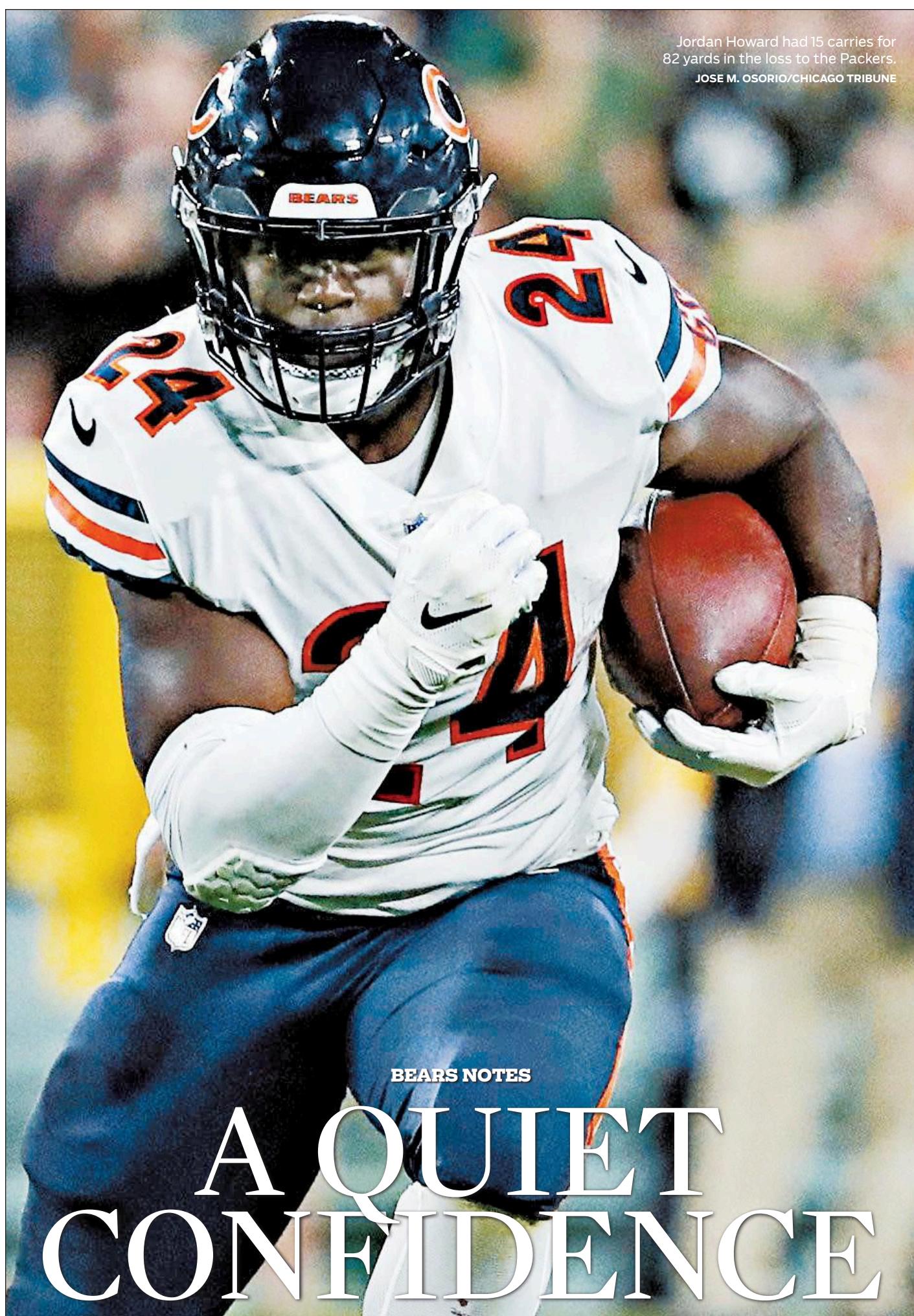
NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	16	8
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	48	40
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	24	27

NFC WEST

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	33	13
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	6	24
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	16	24
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	24	21

AFC NORTH

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	34	23
Cleveland	0	1	.500	.500	21	

BEARS

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

In an effort to turn the page from Sunday night's galling 24-23 loss to the Packers, the Bears are accentuating the positives that came out of their up-and-down performance at Lambeau Field.

Offensively, no player was more impressive than running back Jordan Howard, who averaged 5.5 yards on 15 carries and topped 100 yards from scrimmage by adding five catches for 25 yards.

"I think Jordan could run behind five blocking dummies and get 100 yards every week," right guard Kyle Long said. "It's a testament to his work ethic and his toughness. The guy runs very hard. He understands what the defenses are trying to do to him, and he understands our schemes."

For an offense trying to understand its greatest strengths and biggest deficiencies, Howard's reliability cannot be overlooked. And given his past difficulties catching the football, it's notable that Howard tied Taylor Gabriel for the team lead in receptions Sunday and caught everything thrown his way.

"Just focusing on the ball," Howard said. "It definitely helps my confidence."

Running backs coach Charles London has been impressed with Howard's consistent work ethic and how well the third-year pro sees the field.

"I had no idea how good his vision and feet were," London said. "He sees cutback lanes. He has good feet to get there. And for a big guy, that can sometimes surprise some people. I really have been impressed with that."

Howard should get an opportunity to get into a rhythm Monday night when the Bears host the Seahawks at Soldier Field. The Seahawks gave up 146 rushing yards in their Week 1 loss to the Broncos.

Robinson 'here to make plays': As the season moves along, the Bears plan to squeeze the most out of veteran receiver Allen Robinson. Week 1 offered a glimpse of the big-play ability Robinson should bring to an evolving offense.

Robinson's first catch as a Bear was a 33-yard deep ball up the right sideline. Working out of the slot, Robinson slipped behind Packers rookie Jaire Alexander and made a nifty contested catch.

"Just trying to make a play — that's really it," Robinson said Wednesday morning at Halas Hall. "That's my only focus when the

ball's in the air. I'm here to make plays and to make big plays."

That play turned out to be the Bears' longest gain of the night. Robinson finished with four catches for 61 yards on seven targets. The 33-yard catch left teammates and coaches expecting more of the same.

"I think you saw a lot of things just within that one play with Allen," receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "Obviously he showed his explosiveness at the line of scrimmage, being able to stretch things vertically, getting downfield, being able to big-body a guy and then obviously in mid-air being able to adjust to a football so that he can bring it down. That's impressive. That's a great feeling for a quarterback to have that target."

Looking ahead: The Bears will hold their first full practice of the week Thursday in Lake Forest, ramping up preparation for Monday night's home opener against the Seahawks. The Bears have lost all four regular-season matchups with the Seahawks this decade, including a 26-0 shutout in 2015 in which they punted on all 10 possessions.

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Half good, half bad 'D' needs to get back on track

Bears, from Page 1

Should that prompt a reconsideration of what those elements mean for the defense's potential this season? Or is the explanation simply Aaron Rodgers?

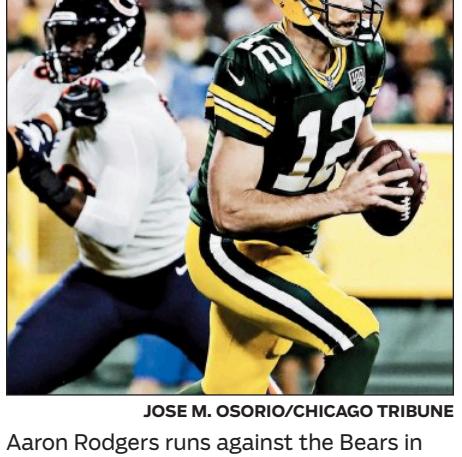
Either way, the offensive breakdowns can be rationalized much easier than recently-minted cornerback Kyle Fuller dropping a victory-clinching interception or the whole group succumbing to Rodgers' quick throws.

"We came out a little flat," second-year safety Eddie Jackson said Wednesday. "We weren't able to really adjust to the quick game. I just feel like everyone got tired, complacent. We got kind of lazy. Unfortunately, Aaron Rodgers did some amazing things."

In some instances, Rodgers certainly did. In others, though, like the decisive 75-yard touchdown, he flicked a rather ordinary 10-yard throw over the middle.

Yes, he extended the play by sliding a few feet to his left. He had time to do so because the pass rush was ineffective. Khalil Mack and Leonard Floyd lined up next to each other on the left, but they both aborted their pursuit of Rodgers when running back Ty Montgomery released into a pass route. Then the Bears didn't tackle Randall Cobb after the catch.

The collapse was particularly painful



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Aaron Rodgers runs against the Bears in the first quarter. The Packers outscored the Bears 24-6 in the second half Sunday.

because the defense did just about everything right in the first half. The pass rush was disruptive. Coverage was tight. Tackling was physical and energetic.

"We were runnin' and gunnin'," Trevarthen said.

So it's not as though the defense ultimately fell short of some abstract standard. They set the standard them-

selves before halftime.

Six possessions. Four punts on drives led by Rodgers. Two takeaways from backup DeShone Kizer. One defensive touchdown.

"That first half was probably one of the better halves I've ever been a part of," eighth-year cornerback Prince Amukamara said. "I think guys are encouraged by that."

So here comes a Seahawks offense with obvious weaknesses. They just lost top receiver Doug Baldwin to a knee injury. Right tackle Germain Ifedi, the NFL's most penalized player last season, will face a better-acclimated Mack.

It's an opportunity for the Bears to take a swig of mouthwash. To embody the defensive identity they touted and projected all summer.

Given their face plant against the Packers, that will require some mental toughness.

"I don't think anyone can actually really get over this game," Amukamara said. "You just push it back, back, back, back to the back of your head and still kind of remember it."

And stay ready to upload images from that first half. Their hope of being an elite defense depends on it.

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COLLEGES

Documentary takes more digs at NCAA

HBO show portrays college athletes as unpaid workers



There's no mystery as to where HBO's new documentary "Student Athlete" wants to take you.

■ The "A" in "Athlete" is crossed out in favor of an equals sign with a slash through it.

■ The film is executive produced by LeBron James, who has called the NCAA "corrupt."

■ Its tag reads, "Unpaid athletes generate billions of dollars for their institutions every year."

OK, so here's the question: Will the 88-minute documentary, which debuts Oct. 2, change the mind of anyone who opposes college athletes getting paid?

The film follows five figures: elite basketball recruit Nick Richards; Chicago native Mike Shaw, who transferred from Illinois to Bradley after Bruce Weber got fired; former Rutgers receiver Shamar Graves; former Purdue and Bears offensive coordinator John Shoop; and the most endearing figure, Silas Nacita. He's the walk-on running back who lost his spot at Baylor after a local family heard he was homeless and gave him money for housing.

His story has nothing to do with exploitation and everything to do with a heartless and idiotic NCAA rule.

Shaw, a top-50 recruit who never panned out, scored a total of 29 points for Illinois over two seasons and averaged 1.9 in his only healthy season at Bradley. Like Nacita, he made no money for his school. Or in this case, schools. He was not exploited.

Returning to Chicago in the film, Shaw has an odd conversation with his grandfather, who tells him his three-year Bradley scholarship was worth \$200,000 but then adds: "It really wasn't free, though. ... You're like a slave under the coach."

The scene is emblematic of the documentary: trying to make a point but all over the place.

The movie would be effective if it were repackaged as a public service announcement to freshman athletes. The film cautions: "In 2016-17, 91,775 men played NCAA football or basketball ... 303 were drafted."

That's the lesson. Once Shaw realized he was not NBA material (he logged a total of 50 minutes as an Illinois sophomore), he should have said to himself: *They want to use me? I'm going to use them. I'll graduate debt-free and be ready to enter the work force.*

Instead he's lost, unemployed and eschewing the advice of his brother, who has a great job with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Graves went to Rutgers as a three-star recruit, ranked 666th nationally in his class in the 247Sports.com composite. He should have known he was an NFL long shot. He caught 33 passes in his three years at Rutgers.

Graves has an admirable work ethic, logging hours at Old Navy and Dick's Sporting Goods while coaching youth football and teaching at a middle school. But he's 30 and still living in the past, saying of his time at Rutgers, "If it's a business, you should pay me."

Here's where people like me — who oppose "paying" players but advocate allowing them to profit on jersey sales and uses of their likenesses — point out that, thankfully and finally, college athletes are getting a fair deal: tuition, housing, books, meals, transportation, a stipend, clothing, athletic training and professional mentoring. And signing a four-year scholarship makes them harder to run off.

You saw the Bradley figure. At Northwestern, a scholarship is valued at \$75,000 per year, not including a host of intangibles such as sports medicine and athletic training. That's a good value whether you're NFL hopeful Clayton Thorson or Matt Alviti, who played sparingly in five seasons but was savvy enough to stay and earn a graduate degree.

If college sports were run like a business, a school such as Ohio State would have two varsity sports rather than 37. The two — football and men's basketball — pay for the other 35.

Of course some coaching salaries are obscene, and despite those ridiculously opulent locker rooms at Texas, the Longhorns still can't beat Maryland.

In other words, major college sports has a layer of scumminess that obscures all the good stuff.

But the exploitation argument is weak, and the weakest part of the film comes when Shoop first tries to paint himself as a victim and martyr and then says this of college athletes: "They have a window of four years. They are propelling a billion-dollar industry right here and getting a sweatshirt for it."

Shoop says stuff like, "I think the players that I've recruited and loved should have enough food to eat," and, presumably of Purdue's Darrell Hazell, "The head coach called me into his office earlier in the year and said, 'You can't fight a billion-dollar industry.'"

If James and the filmmakers wanted a powerful visual, they should have shown Ohio State fans wearing No. 13 "CLAR-ETT" jerseys or Dukies in "REDICK" No. 4s. Maurice Clarett and JJ Redick didn't get a sliver from those sales.

That, my friends, was exploitation.

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GOETTSCH PARTNERS
The proposed Union Station redevelopment.

Union Station plans revised

Proposal is on right track, but lots of hurdles remain



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

The new plan for Union Station is better than the old one, but let's face it: What wouldn't be?

Unveiled Tuesday night, version 2.0 shears off the offensive apartment building that would have been plopped like a glass brick atop the 93-year-old railway station, an official city landmark and a legacy of Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago. In its place is a one-story penthouse, discretely set back from the roofline.

Phew! Cross the battle to stop the mauling of Union Station off the civic checklist.

But sacking a bad plan is not the same as replacing it with a good one. And the rest of the proposal, which calls for a 50-story office building and a 1.5-acre plaza on the block south of the station, is not ready for architecture tours, at least not yet.

The plaza, while welcome, will have to overcome several hurdles, including its location next to a city bus terminal. The high-rise is so far just another gridded glass box. Even the triangular structures that would enliven its base are clunky.

Higher aspirations are in order if this tower is to be a worthy neighbor to one of the nation's great railroad terminals.

The plans come from Riverside Investment & Development, the Chicago-based firm that Amtrak selected last year for a \$1 billion-plus redevelopment of Union Station and nearby blocks.

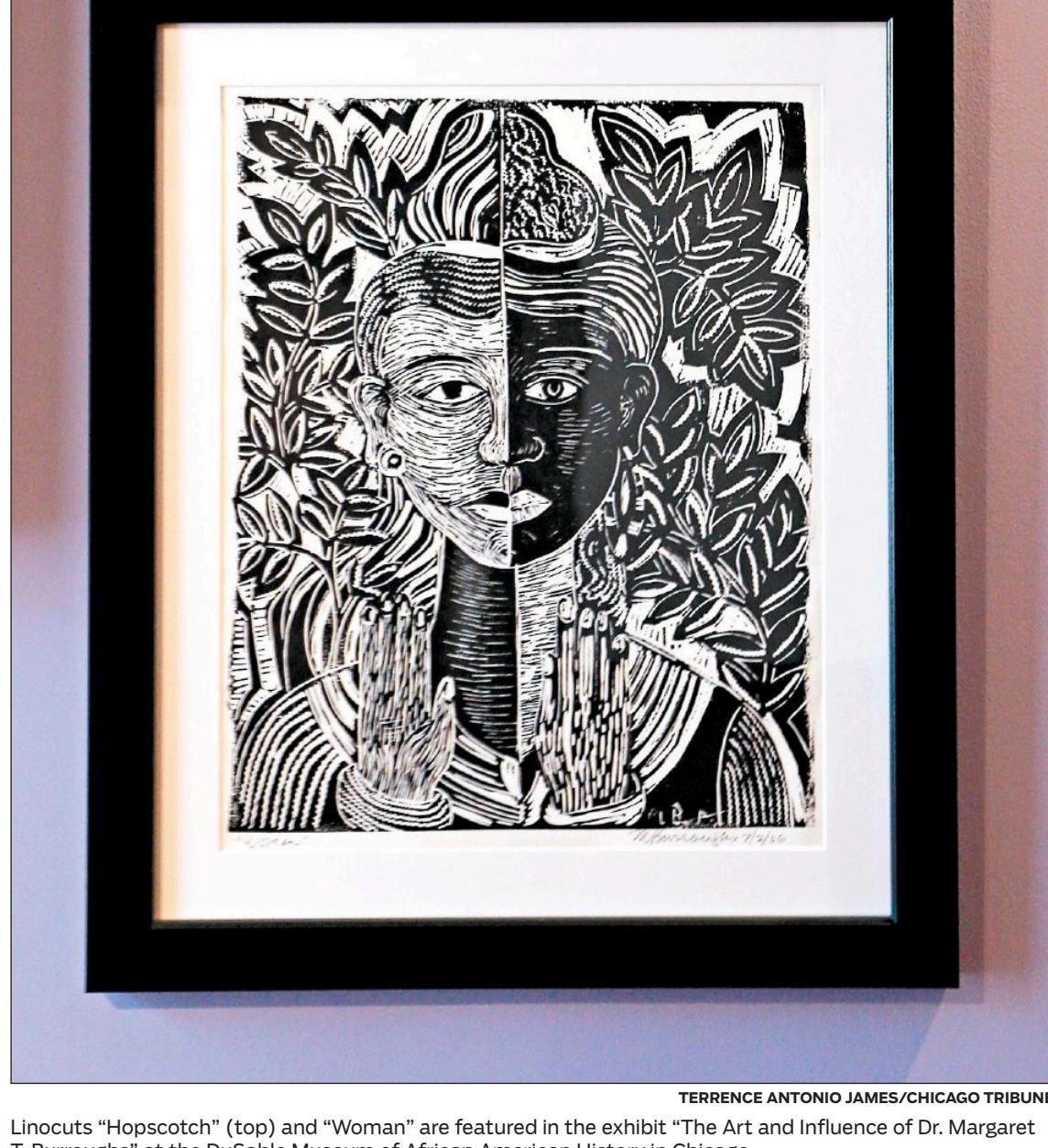
Credit the developer — as well as Ald. Brenden Reilly, 42nd, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, both of whom pushed for design changes — for heeding the public outcry that greeted the initial proposal in June.

In addition to ditching the much-derided, seven-story apartment block atop the station, the new plan would place two hotels with a total of 400 rooms in the station's now-vacant upper floors.

The separate hotels — one along Adams Street to the north, the other along Jackson Boulevard to the south — could have a side benefit: Guests would arrive at two entrances rather than one, lessening the chance that huge numbers of cabs and ride-sharing vehicles will pull up to the curb simultaneously, snarling traffic.

City landmarks officials, who will have to sign off on the plans, need to rigorously review the proposed one-

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Linocuts "Hopscotch" (top) and "Woman" are featured in the exhibit "The Art and Influence of Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs" at the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago.

CREATIVE JUSTICE

South Side artist Margaret Burroughs, peers get their due

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

There's a photo of Margaret Burroughs, in the new exhibition about her in the museum that she founded, that is guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

Burroughs was a force. Working on the South Side through much of the 20th century and into this one, she started art centers and art fairs, taught high school, wrote and worked on behalf of her people, served as a parks commissioner and got the institution that would become the DuSable Museum of African American History going.

She also, through it all, made

art: paintings, linocuts, drawings and more, almost all of it with a purpose. Not for her the, in her phrase, "aimless individualism" of abstract art, the exhibition "The Art and Influence of Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs" makes clear.

"The whole motivation of my work ... is for the liberation of my people in particular, and broadly, for the end of imperialist oppression of all underprivileged peo-

ple," she said.

It's that kind of seriousness of purpose, and of dedication to getting things done, that make the photo such a treat. It captures Burroughs, who died in 2010, in the middle of what looks like a full-throated laugh, head back, eyes almost shut in the delight of the moment. It's a portrait of the artist, of the Chicago legend and social justice warrior, as a supremely happy woman.

It is tempting to think Burroughs would have taken similar pleasure in this new show about her, in a parallel gem exploring

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MATT SQUIRE/SONY CRACKLE
Rupert Grint as misfit scam artist Charlie in "Snatch."

MY WORST MOMENT

Rupert Grint and the bulge

BY NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

The second season of the Crackle series "Snatch" returns with its gang of misfit scam artists now living the sunny life in Spain, looking to leave their criminal past behind them. Turns out, it's not that simple: "Sometimes it takes a crooked path to finally go straight," as Rupert Grint's cravat-wearing Charlie puts it.

"He's kind of a strange person to have in this environment, that's what attracted me to him," Grint said of his character. It's a role that's entirely unlike Ron Weasley of the Harry Potter films — but Charlie and Ron do share a few things in common: Each is good-natured and a deeply loyal friend.

"Charlie comes from this aristocratic family and he's quite proud of that, but also he's kind of desperate to get away from his family because they're insane. So he's quite a confused character in many respects," Grint said. "And because he's not really a natural fit for this kind of life of crime, he's very desperate to prove himself and do his bit. To find his place and get a bit of respect, he's always after that. And it doesn't always work out well because he hates crime, really. He hates violence. But he does enjoy the thrill of a scam."

The new season picks up six months later. "We steal a boat and head off with 10 million Euros to Spain. We stop along the way, I lose my girlfriend along the way — that's never really properly explained — but as we're just approaching the port in Spain, our boat gets hijacked and all the money's gone. We lose every single penny. So we end up buying a beachside bar called the Bunker Bar and the idea is to go straight and run it properly. But soon everyone has this inevitable urge to go back to crime. It's the life they've known. They miss it! So it doesn't take long before we get involved with some schemes again. It's a web of crime and chaos."

Grint has been acting since he was a child, starring in one of the most popular film franchises of the 21st century. That's meant a lot of career highs. When asked about a worst moment from his career, Grint laughed. "My life is kind of just a string of embarrassing events."

My worst moment ...

"I did this film that was called 'Charlie Countryman' (from 2013) with Shia LaBeouf. (LaBeouf plays an American tourist in Romania who becomes entangled with the wife of a gangster, played by Evan Rachel Wood and Mads Mikkelsen respectively.) It was a very spontaneous film where nothing was really properly

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RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION 2017

Nick Carter has denied allegations of a 2003 rape.

No rape charges for Backstreet's Carter

Prosecutors declined to file charges Tuesday against Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys after a singer reported last year that she had been raped in 2003.

The woman, Melissa Schuman of the group Dream, was 18 at the time, so the statute of limitations for prosecution expired in 2013, Los Angeles County prosecutors said.

California did away with its statute of limitations for rape in 2016. Schuman said it's unfortunate that the state didn't make the move retroactive to accommodate victims like her.

Carter's lawyer said the singer "is happy to put this matter behind him."

"Nick has denied these allegations ever since he first learned of them last year, and was confident the district attorney would conclude that there was no basis to pursue charges against him," lawyer Michael Holtz said in a statement.

Carter said in November that he was "shocked and saddened" when Schuman said he had invited her to his Santa Monica apartment in 2003 and sexually assaulted her.

Schuman said Tuesday that it gives her "great solace" to know that her allegation was presented to law enforcement.

"Speaking out was the best thing I could have ever done for myself," she said.

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Davis opens up about "Help" role: Oscar-winning actress Viola Davis has regrets about her role as a maid in the 2011 film "The Help." The 53-year-old told The New York Times "it wasn't the voices of the maids that were heard." Davis says if a movie is about what it felt like to work for white people and bring up children in 1963, then she wants to hear how the maids really felt about it. Davis says she never heard that in the film. Davis received a nomination for the Academy Award for best actress for her role as Aibileen Clark.

Free Bryan concert draws massive crowd:

Country singer and songwriter Luke Bryan hosted a free street concert to mark the opening of his Tennessee restaurant that drew nearly 30,000 people to downtown Nashville.

Monday's concert marked the grand opening earlier that afternoon of Luke's 32 Bridge Food + Drink. Bryan is up for the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year award.

John kicks off "Farewell" tour with flair:

Elton John kicked off the second night of his Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour like a confident, electrified pro. The nearly three-hour concert Tuesday in Philadelphia began with "Bennie and the Jets." John, 71, says he will retire from the road after the 300-date tour, which will reach five continents and stretch into 2021.

Sept. 13 birthdays: Singer Peter Cetera is 74. Singer Fiona Apple is 41. Actor Ben Savage is 38. Singer Niall Horan is 25. Actress Lili Reinhart is 22.



ASK AMY

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Social media making family less social

Dear Amy: I come from a large family, and we get together often. Lately I've come to dread our interactions. There are always some individuals who never put down their phones. They take pictures and videos from the minute the interaction starts until it finishes.

I was recently at dinner with family members, and my 77-year-old mother-in-law took out her phone the minute we sat down. She started taking pictures and immediately posting them on Facebook — as we were having dinner! I politely said, "Can we save the pictures until later?" She responded, "My life is an open book, and I don't care what others know."

I wanted to say, "Well, my life isn't an open book and I would prefer people not knowing my every move," but I didn't. I feel it invades my privacy to have my picture all over FB, Instagram and Snapchat.

I attended a birthday party for an uncle. A week later I ran into an old friend who told me she had seen video of me dancing with him. I was taken aback because another friend had videotaped me without my knowledge and sent it to this friend.

If you stand up for yourself and say, "I prefer not to be in the picture/video," they think you are a party pooper. I feel like all this social media is actually making people less social, and it makes me sad. Do people (like me) who don't want every move to be public have any rights?

— Upset

Dear Upset: It seems that while younger people have a reputation for oversharing,

older people are worse about protecting and respecting privacy — their own and other peoples'. This creates not only social, but security, concerns.

Yes, you have a right to privacy. No, you will not receive it, certainly not while Granny's got a Facebook account. And if you are in a public place or at a public event (a restaurant or a party), you don't really have the expectation of privacy in a legal sense.

Someone should explain to your mother-in-law that telegraphing where you are going and revealing where you are — in real time — creates real security concerns. By posting updates about her whereabouts, she saves burglars the trouble of casing her house (and/or yours) before they break into it.

You should stick up for your right not to be photographed without your consent. You should state that your life is not an open book. You may be branded a party pooper, but I know many people who would gladly sit at your table — where there is at least a shot at having a privately enjoyed conversation.

Dear Amy: My husband — my best friend of 30 years — has terminal cancer. My sister says I've already begun the grieving process. Are there things I can do to prepare myself for a loss of this magnitude? I feel emotionally exhausted by the looming fear.

— Already Grieving

Dear Grieving: I'm so sorry you are going through this. My experience with grief was that, like your sister said, I thought I could "pre-

grieve" before the loss was complete. I was wrong. Grief hits everyone differently; it envelops some people in rolling waves while others walk the path in more predictable ways.

My main suggestion is that you shelf your grief for later, and do your very best to LIVE NOW. As your husband experiences his illness, you should look for, and treasure, tiny moments of togetherness. Write love letters to each other. Look at photo albums. Listen to the music of your youth. Walk toward this uncertain horizon together, hand in hand, even if you are strolling in the hospital ward, pulling an IV pole alongside you.

Regret amplifies grief. Don't add this burden to your loss. Live and love now. Grieve later.

Dear Amy: I was amused by the letter from "Wondering," who wanted to know how to tell potential romantic partners that he lives with his parents.

When I met my husband, he coyly described his living situation as being a "caretaker for a retired couple." We had a laugh later when he came clean: He lived in his parents' basement!

Though it wasn't ideal, it wasn't forever. And I developed a special relationship with his parents in the meantime!

— Basement Betty

Dear Betty: No wonder you married him; this is genius-level wit.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Shipment' ★★★ 1/2

Young Jean Lee's play about racism cuts to the core

BY KERRY REID

Chicago Tribune

Years before she put herself in the world of "Straight White Men" (the play that gave her the distinction of being the first Asian-American woman playwright to get a Broadway production), Young Jean Lee took a sharp blade to slice and dice cultural images of African-Americans in "The Shipment."

That 2009 show landed here briefly in March 2010 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, in a touring production from Lee's own eponymous company. Now it's getting its first home-grown production at Red

Tape Theatre. And it hits home hard in director Wardell Julius Clark's staging.

The intimacy of the playing area helps, certainly. Clark and his assistant director, Sydney Charles, have assembled a fluid and fearless five-member ensemble to deliver Lee's rat-a-tat dissections of how ingrained stereotypes infest our collective cultural landscape and our individual psyches. Sometimes that interrogation happens inches from the front row, directed right to our faces.

But the political times have changed since my first viewing of this piece, and



AUSTIN D. OIE PHOTO

Marcus D. Moore, Sheldon Brown, Eric Gerard, Kiayla Ryann and Hunter Bryant.

that also inevitably — and crucially — adds a new (and grimmer) lens on Red Tape's staging. Seeing it in spring of 2010, before the Tea Party eviscerated President Barack Obama's congressional majority in the midterms, is very different

from seeing it under the current administration and after the rise of Black Lives Matter. In fact, the day before the opening of Red Tape's production, Botham Jean, a black man, was shot and killed in his own Dallas home by white police Officer Amber Guyger — another reminder of how vulnerable black people in America are, no matter where they are.

Lee's play — which is often gaspingly funny — isn't about obvious polemics, however. What she's created is a bit more in line with Spike Lee's 2000 satirical film "Bamboozled," in which a black television producer creates a modern-day minstrel show to both twit and placate his racist white boss, who wants to see something other than "Cosby clones" on screen. (And there's a line that hasn't aged well, for obvious reasons.)

Of course, Spike Lee is black and Young Jean Lee is Korean-American, which makes her conceit here even riskier. As with her other work (including "Straight White Men," which played at Steppenwolf under her direction in 2017), Lee's process of developing "The Shipment" involved crowdsourcing stories and insights from others.

The original cast of black actors contributed ideas for

the script, which divides into two parts. The first half unfolds like a fever-dream version of a minstrel show. The naturalistic second half seems like any other exhibit in the Hall of Uncomfortable Plays Set at a Party — until a final twist.

The first section includes a blistering set from a stand-up comedian (Marcus D. Moore), who drops scatological, sexual and racial jokes with crude abandon. He makes it clear he'd rather be talking about anything other than racial strife — but white people keep "beastin'." "Y'all know that term? Beastin'? Well, you can add it to your repertoire of semi-ironic hip-hop lingo. Beastin' is when I call you out (for racism) and you turn around and say that I'm the one that's got the problem." Neither Lee nor Moore spare sensibilities here, with the latter bringing a blend of insouciance and self-deprecation reminiscent of Richard Pryor (another man who wasn't afraid to make his white audiences uncomfortable) to the delivery.

In a later sketch, an aspiring hip-hop artist, Rapper Omar (Eric Gerard) finds himself entangled with "Drug Dealer Desmond" (Sheldon Brown) and "Drug Dealer Mama" (Kiayla Ryann) as he tries to build his career. Lee's faux-naïf language

and Clark's staging, which moves the actors around the small platform with heightened jerking motions, gives the piece the flavor of an after-school special written by a robot. Which may, in fact, be an apt metaphor for the ways in which violence in black communities is most often depicted by white writers.

The first half ends with the cast singing a beautiful rendition of Modest Mouse's "Dark Center of the Universe." Ryann's voice is a standout, as is her delivery earlier of an off-kilter, but poetic, parable about cranes devouring themselves and the world, leaving everyone "crippled and maimed and feeding."

The second half moves us into the world of young successful urban adults at a party, whose names echo the characters in the rap sketch. Here, Omar (Hunter Bryant) is a guest with a long list of things he won't eat or drink, while host Thomas (Gerard) unfurls a cruel hoax on his friends after snorting coke with Desmond (Brown).

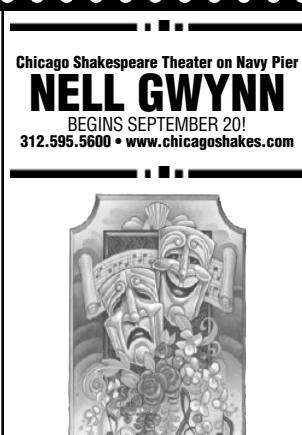
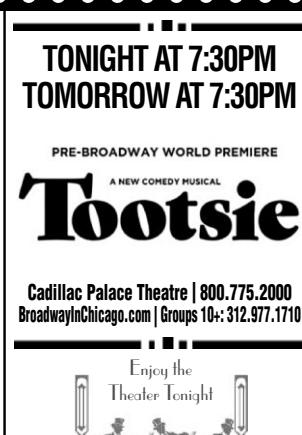
The second half feels a bit less confident than the first. Lee's writing has more of a self-conscious tinge to it here that undercuts the buildup to the punchline reveal. But the calibrated performances of the cast carry it through, with small bits of physical business and silent reactions adding comic texture to the dialogue.

Lee's bold gamble at eviscerating our cultural grab bag of stereotypes about black lives feels even more keen and cutting now. Red Tape's production is well worth seeing before it ships out.

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Conjuring a compelling read

Catherine Lacey writes lines that can stop you cold

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Catherine Lacey writes terrific sentences.

Some novelists dote on plot, some deliver the truest dialogue. Lacey excels on a cellular level, at the building blocks of a compelling read. She writes individual lines that can stop you cold, the kind that you have to read a few times before moving on, not because you don't understand what she is saying but because you understand too well:

"The rich looked out their cab windows the way painted eyes looked out of a frame."

"Love is a compromise for only getting to be one person."

Both those sentences are found in "The Answers," Lacey's celebrated 2017 novel; the book reads like a study in crafting interior, uncomfortable truths about contemporary life, dislodging more existential disquiet and free-ranging ennui than a Sofia Coppola movie.

"Hmm ... Sofia Coppola?" Lacey asked the other day.

"I'll take it!" she decided. "I mean, if you're engaged in your life, if you're in touch with the terror and magic of living, you can't help feel a sadness — or just feel deeply. Some put up bumpers, they don't want to feel sadness beyond a certain level — there are hazards to feeling too deeply. I just don't want to read fiction by someone like that."

Lacey moved to Chicago two years ago, via New York, New Zealand and New Orleans. She grew up in Tupelo, Miss., where her family has run a beloved hardware store for generations. (Elvis Presley famously purchased his first guitar there.) Still, Lacey says, "I always hated (Mississippi). In the '80s and '90s, it was like the '40s and '50s anywhere else." She attended college in New Orleans, only to be displaced by Hurricane Katrina; she studied nonfiction at Columbia University, only to decide she was better at writing fiction. Before landing in the Midwest — she moved here to be with her partner, writer Jesse Ball — she operated a bed and breakfast in downtown Brooklyn.

Fittingly, there's an air of dislocation about her work, a sense of characters arriving at clumsy understandings of their trajectories. "Certain American States," her new book, is a collection of stories about people facing loss and exposure. Her debut, "Nobody is Ever Missing," told the tale of a woman fleeing her own anxiety, skirting violence while backpacking through New Zealand. "The Answers," which veers towards sci-fi terrain without quite losing its grounding, is about a New Yorker who finds herself part of a consumer service that offers well-rounded relationships to wealthy men — Angry Girlfriends to challenge them, Emotional Girlfriends to cry for them, and so on.

So far Lacey stayed a mostly a quiet secret, more writer's writer than household name. But she's 33 and her champions are influential: The New York Times named "The Answers" a best



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Catherine Lacey's acclaimed book "The Answers" is being developed as a series for FX.

book of 2017; *The New Yorker* praised "Nobody is Ever Missing" at length; even actress Emma Roberts — whose *Belletrist* book club is a leading online tastemaker — simply posted the cover of "The Answers" on her Instagram account, the endorsement evident. (Indeed, the book is being developed as a series for FX; Lacey is a consultant.)

None of which feels typical for a writer whose sentences remain open-ended, mysterious, hard to shake. So recently I asked Lacey to talk about a few of her finest; her responses were edited for length and clarity.

SENTENCE #1
From the title story of "Certain American States"

"The loneliness of certain American states is enough to kill a person if you look too closely ..."

Lacey: "This is the oldest story in the collection, but I wasn't sure if I was going to include it. This line is probably me reflecting on growing up in Mississippi and the weirdness of how, in a way, you are not there to witness your own

childhood. The further you get from childhood pictures the more lonely they seem ... I extracted (the book's title) from this sentence, but it was just part of a sentence I had written in 2012. I wrote many stories before I was published. A lot were thrown out. So it could mean mental states, emotional states, states of aggression — not just actual states. The person who wrote that? I don't know what she was up to."

SENTENCE #2
From the short story "Please Take"

"Everyone was talking about having less — picking up everything you owned and asking, Does this bring me joy?"

Lacey: "Oh, this was about that book (*The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*) that was around! I have moved so many times, and lost so many objects I owned in Katrina. (New Orleans) was the first place I had an apartment and I had been precious about putting it together, but ever after I was never precious about the spaces

and states I lived. I would always try to get rid of things. Books have always been my indulgence, but I am good about giving them away. I also found it funny there was so much freedom in having less. People really tap themselves on the back — like they're on to something! Meanwhile, there has been writing on this for centuries"

SENTENCE #3
From "The Answers"

"It was clear then, so painfully clear, that people fell in love to find something in themselves that they'd had all along."

Lacey: "This is from the book's middle section. I had the first part and the last part but I realized after I turned it in that the middle was a disaster. It made no sense. I was making a lot of strange life choices that year, and I was treating the book like it was work, not responding to it emotionally. It was a weird year. Then I had to throw out a lot of (the book) and redo it quickly. I kind of freaked out, and in the middle of all this I met Jesse. I started thinking about

why you choose one person over another — why was it necessary for me to leave my life in New York and move to Chicago to be with this person? I had never felt that before. I felt love was something that was grounded in an individual first, then you share it with someone. But it's really something personal that you hold, versus a quality you only access if you are with a specific person. I don't know ... I feel a book should be a side effect of your life and what you were trying to resolve, and I was trying to resolve what it meant to be in a relationship."

SENTENCE #4
From the short story "The Grand Claremont Hotel"

"What a person should remember at times like these, when all normalcy seems to have left you, is that all things begin and end in the mind."

Lacey: "I argue with myself in fiction. I put out a point I maybe believe intellectually but not emotionally, then try to make both sides of a case. This (sentence is about) the idea you can't control feelings by controlling your mind ... I can have a sense of control but sometimes I don't want that remove — I don't want to feel I can turn on and off things. I want to feel a lot of things. You can put on the clean shirt, but there is also the person who is a mess on the floor. Writing is really about those two people working together."

PASSAGE
From the short story "Family Physics"

"It's true my family does many things known as *normal*. The density and hue of their front lawn can give one the feeling that imperialism really hasn't been so bad. My getting married had given them all the sense that I too might one day maintain such a lawn. It was all a huge misunderstanding, my being in this family."

Lacey: "I used to worry about what my family will think of something I write, and now I just don't care. It's wasted energy. They read it and *they* don't care. I used to be mortified. When I first started publishing I used a different last name — my real last name is not 'Lacey.' It was partly to protect my family, and me from my family. They're not bad people, it's just a different culture. So I didn't share my writing. I didn't tell my parents what I thought of things. Now I don't care. If you feel like you have to protect people you will never write anything, especially fiction. It's not a place for protecting feelings. But they're happy for me. My dad sells my books at his store! And they sell OK! He may be the only hardware store owner who has an account with a major publisher."

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The prosthetic no one could ignore

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set in stone, so we were kind of finding our characters in the moment. Almost improvised. I played this guy — it was such a weird character — who Shia LaBeouf meets at this youth hostel and I'm kind of a wannabe porn star. (laughs)

"It was such a trippy, crazy film and we had this scene where I accidentally overdose on Viagra. So most of the film I have to wear a thing — a prosthetic — in my wardrobe, in my pants. It was just part of my morning: I have to put it on, strap it on. So, yeah. That was quite embarrassing."

"It was quite an ordeal to take off, so I kept it on for the whole day on set. I would be like, getting coffee (between scenes) and I have this massive bulge. It was just weird. No one could ignore it. It kind of made quite a statement."

"You get used to it and you adapt, but it was still so surreal. Especially seeing it in my trailer in the morning, waiting for me to put it on everyday. It was really quite — I mean, that film was just mad from start to finish, so that was kind of part of the ordeal."

Is Grint comfortable with the idea of looking ridiculous for a role?

"Yeah, I'm quite comfortable with that. And I quite like to have props and costumes, the more things you have to — I don't want to say 'play with,' probably the wrong choice of words (laughs) — it's helpful in many ways. It's a mask, really."

"But also, I'm quite naturally an awkward person. My body doesn't really move in the most fluid way and I find movement quite tricky. Like, my arms — very often, if I'm not saying anything in a scene, if I'm just kind of in the background, I find it very hard to find a natural position for my arms. I use my pockets a lot, but if it's an intense scene you can't really be standing there with your hands in your pockets. That's a struggle."

"And dancing. There's a scene in the first episode of this season of 'Snatch' where there's a party and I have to seduce this head of town planning and I have to dance in this club — and I just don't dance. I literally had to YouTube people dancing so I could figure it out, because I don't



Rupert Grint, far left, and castmates Lucien Laviscount, Phoebe Dynevor, and Luke Pasqualino in "Snatch."

know how people dance! (laughs)"

The takeaway ...

"'Charlie Countryman' was one of my first films after Harry Potter and one of my first kind of more adult roles, so it came at a good time. I definitely get a kick out of playing characters who are completely different than Ron Weasley. I suppose it was quite a unique thing for an actor to play the same character for that amount of time, but what happens is you blur into that character; there's a lot of me in Ron Weasley. So whenever I can really step away from that and create something completely different, it's always something I really enjoy."

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South Side art, legacy explored

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South Side art-making at the University of Chicago's Smart Museum nearby, and in the suite of activities being planned for Saturday at those two institutions and six others across the area.

First, the Saturday event, which aims in part to introduce the South Side to those who have ventured there only infrequently or not at all. "Celebrating South Side Stories" runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and blends the exhibitions, family-friendly art-centered activities, some pretty impressive musicians in concert and free trolley service to tote you from one venue to the next.

It starts, naturally enough, at the DuSable (740 E. 56th Place) at 11 a.m., with a light breakfast and a chance to tour the exhibition about "Dr. B," as a DuSable employee refers to her.

It includes the Smart Museum of Art (5550 S. Greenwood Ave.), and its ambitious show "The Time Is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960-1980," presented in partnership with the Burroughs show under the rubric "South Side Stories." Another Smart highlight could be a listening party at 3 p.m., featuring an LP made from interviews with participants in The Alley, a long-running, informal arts-focused gathering.

There are a number of afternoon events in the Hyde Park Art Center (5020 S. Cornell Ave.), including art-making workshops inspired by Hairy Who artist Suellen Rocca and photographer Ralph Arnold.

Theaster Gates' Stony Island Arts Bank (6760 S. Stony Island Ave.) shows off its exhibition about the Ebony and Jet publishers, "A Johnson Publishing Story," and features DJ and live music performances in the welcoming space run by Gates' Rebuild Foundation.

And the South Side Community Art Center (3831 S. Michigan Ave.) is showing an exhibition of

photography exploring summer on the South Side by the Chicago Alliance of African American Photographers. Influential in the founding of the center was, of course, Margaret Burroughs.

And these are just a taste of all that is being offered Saturday, in the program presented by the yearlong and citywide Art Design Chicago initiative, which is also backing the DuSable, Smart and Arts Bank exhibits. The events are free, but organizers ask that you register ahead of time at artdesignchicago.org/events/celebrating-south-side-stories, where you can also find the day's full schedule.

"The Time Is Now!" which was still being mounted when I toured it earlier this week, is both a vibrant time capsule and a way of recognizing artists whose work hasn't often been part of the conversation in Chicago's establishment art world.

Its curator is Rebecca Zorach, a former University of Chicago art historian now with Northwestern who has made something of a specialty of South Side art. Earlier this decade she curated an influential show at Chicago's Logan Center on the AfriCobra movement that arose in Chicago out of the activism of the 1960s.

"In the course of working on that exhibition I just came to meet a lot of other artists who had been active on the South Side in the '60s and '70s and started to get a sense of this larger landscape," she said.

"It's an important story to tell because there was just so much creative activity happening on the South Side — and a lot of it generated by political urgency, but some of it just, you know, generated by people's talents."

She cited, for instance, Elliott Hunter, a skilled painter who died at 32. His painting in the exhibit, "Black Depression," shows a kind of abstract white face emerging from a black torso.

A less personally political work, Wadsworth Jarrell's "Sign



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The Smart Museum presents "The Time Is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South Side, 1960-1980."

of the Times," depicts "white hippies doing frivolous things while black activists" are more seriously engaged with the struggle against oppression, she said.

Not really recognized by the mostly North Side gallery scene, the black artists of the era had to find their own outlets, which is why collectives like AfriCobra or the Black Arts Movement were so important and why art fairs such as the 57th Street Art Fair served as de facto gallery and exhibition space, she said.

"So this (show) is kind of bringing back into the historical picture these really amazing artists who were working here," Zorach said.

Almost as vital as seeing the 100 or so artworks in the show is the full catalog, designed and written more like a book for the general public than the typical art show catalog. Its collection of images and essays will put the reader on much firmer footing in understanding the scope and impact of South Side artistic activity.

A case of student activity fliers from the era is important, Zorach said, because it shows students being active in radical politics and art-making even as the broader

university earned resentment in the African-American community for its isolationist policies.

"Women's Lib Rock Band Concert and Dance," touts one flier. "No more ripping off our sisters," says another.

But the center of it is the artwork, some borrowed from the artists and collectors, some of it from the Smart's (growing) collection.

With the show, the museum, like the broader culture, is playing catch-up to a degree, as it comes to think of itself as not only a university art museum but an art museum situated in the context of its community, said Michael Christiano, the museum's deputy director.

And "The Time Is Now!," the museum promises in the introductory wall text, is only "an initial foray." There might have been more of Burroughs' work in "The Time Is Now!," but the two shows were conceived as complements to one another, Zorach said.

"She's just critically important in so many different ways," she said. "She really just cuts across all these different institutions. She even was present at the opening celebration for the Smart

Museum."

The DuSable, of course, agrees on the topic of Burroughs' importance. She led the group that got the museum started, as the Ebony Museum of Negro History and Art, the oldest independent black history museum in the country.

And its staffers relished the chance to develop a new Burroughs exhibit, which showcases not only her artwork but pieces by those she mentored, as well as some of her writing.

"The key for me is bringing her story to a wider audience because there are so many who just are unaware of who she was," said Erica Griffin, DuSable's director of education and one of the show's curators. "People may know that she founded the institution or they may know her as an artist, but a holistic approach to who she was and her impact is what we're trying to push."

"There are so many modern expressions of art and culture, and Dr. Burroughs really was the spearhead for a lot of those movements. And we are trying very hard to make sure that she stays in the conversation."

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Designing the plaza with ample greenery is a top priority.

Proposal in need of refinement

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story penthouse, which would contain suites for one of the hotels. It would be clad in metal and glass, a departure from the station's Indiana limestone exterior.

Because the penthouse will be set back from the station's roof line, it won't be visible from the street. But office workers in nearby buildings, including the one that Riverside wants to construct, will gaze down on it. So anything cheap-looking is out.

"We'll have to refine it," Steve Hubbard of Solomon Cordwell Buenz, the Chicago architects working on the Union Station portion of Amtrak's redevelopment, acknowledged Tuesday during a community meeting at which the new plan was presented.

The designers of the office building and plaza, Chicago-based Goettsch Partners and Wolff Landscape Architecture of Chicago, also need to solve essential problems, beginning with how inviting the outdoor space will be.

Goettsch proposes an unusual solution at the tower's base. It dispenses with a conventional row of columns that would come down to ground level and create an implied barrier between the plaza and the high-rise.

Instead, three pairs of criss-crossing diagonal columns would create wide spans between columns and allow the plaza's open space to flow directly beneath the high-rise.

The solution, similar to the firm's design for the under-construction 110 N. Wacker Drive office tower, is gutsy but cluttered by the need for secondary supports.

Like other Goettsch's office buildings, such as 155 North

Wacker, this one could be chilly at

street level despite planned retail space in the tower's base.

The design of the proposed plaza, meanwhile, must deal with the presence of the city's Union Station Transit Center, just to its north on the same block as the office tower. The center, though smartly designed, nonetheless threatens to blight the plaza with noise, smells and the sight of lumbering CTA buses.

During Tuesday's meeting, Reilly said there will have to be a physical separation between the plaza and the center. It "won't be an unsightly concrete wall," he promised.

Goettsch said the wall, which is visible in the architects' renderings of the plaza, could be at least 20 feet high. Designing it well, with ample greenery, is a top priority.

So is the need to ensure that the plaza is easily accessible from the surrounding sidewalks — no easy task, because the office tower site slopes downward from east to west, and because there would be a 400-space garage beneath the plaza. Along Clinton Street, said James Goettsch, head of the Goettsch firm, there will be a wall, 7 to 12 feet high, along the sidewalk. The plaza will be above it.

That's a problem, because plazas raised above ground level, as the Goettsch-designed plaza at the 150 North Riverside office building shows, are typically not well-used.

Anything that city planners can do to encourage the developer and architect to bring the new plaza closer to street level would be welcome.

City officials already have done a service by ridding Union Station of what would have been an eyesore in the air. They now need to bring the same combination of mind and muscle to the vital task of how the proposed office tower meets the ground — and whether it becomes a true public benefit, not mere window dressing.

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Circus, dinner in the Loop

Tableside variety show tumbles its way to the Cambria Hotel

BY CHRIS JONES
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Revitalizing a cavernous, historic space in the Loop that has been hidden from full view for decades, the West Coast entertainment company Teatro ZinZanni is to set up long-term shop on the 14th floor of what is now the Cambria Hotel Chicago Loop-Theatre District. Dubbed "Love, Chaos, & Dinner" and billed as a tourist-friendly fusion of circus, comedy and cabaret, the new attraction will bow in April and perform seven times a week to a capacity of roughly 330 audience members, seated at tables.

The "Dinner" in the title will be provided by the Chicago-based caterers Goddess and Grocer. A full meal is included in the three-digit ticket price (drinks are extra).

The Seattle-based Teatro ZinZanni has signed a 10-year deal on its new Chicago venture.

A kickoff event was held in the space Wednesday morning, emceed by the show's host, Frank Ferrante, and climaxing with a faux groundbreaking involving a shovel full of multi-colored glitter. "It's wonderful to find a hidden, forgotten space in a theater district,"

Ferrante said. Norman Langill,

the founder of the 20-year-old Teatro ZinZanni and a Wisconsin native, said coming to Chicago was "extremely important."

The for-profit and privately owned Teatro ZinZanni has signed the deal with the producer Stan Feig, of a new company dubbed Randolph Entertainment. Broadway in Chicago will provide contracted marketing and sales support, but Feig said the powerful Loop theater owner and entertainment promoter was not a co-producer of the show, nor its landlord.

Feig also said that the show, based on the long-running Seattle attraction, would turn over "about every six months," returning with a different theme and changed circus performers, roughly emulating the long-term way of doing business at The Second City and thus angling for repeat business.

Audiences will be seated inside the so-called Spiegeltent



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Samuel and Sylvia Rose, aka Duo Rose, perform during a press conference at the Cambria Hotel Loop-Theatre District.

ZaZou, a retro Belgian mirror tent that will be pitched indoors, following a complex installation. But the bones of the historic room will be fully visible.

Originally designed by Rapp and Rapp, the noted architects of the adjacent Oriental Theatre, the raw but eye-popping room originally was used for Masonic rites.

(The relevant entry on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places reads

New Masonic Building and Oriental Theatre). In recent years, the height of the space was concealed by a drop ceiling.

The room was carved up for office space and its full scale, Feig said, was only rediscovered after the hotel conversion.

Teatro ZinZanni has been trying to find the right long-term space in Chicago for close to a decade. With its preference for working in a tent stymied by the Chicago climate, a previous plan to set up shop inside Block 37 fell apart, as did various other proposals. Meanwhile, Broadway in Chicago and others with a vested interest in Loop entertainment kept looking for the kind of long-term attraction that might compete

with such hotel-based New York City shows as "Queen of the Night" at the Paramount Hotel. During that long process, Cirque du Soleil, which is heavily invested in Las Vegas, said several times that it did not see Chicago as a viable market for a permanent installation.

"Love, Chaos, & Dinner" would appear to fit that bill.

Feig said that the show would be marketed both to locals and visitors and would appeal to audiences of all ages. Loop businesses likely will welcome a year-round attraction with its promise of business when the Loop's big road houses are dark, although such entities as The Second City and the non-profit Lookingglass Theatre

(which created a high-end dinner-circus fusion called "Cascabel" in collaboration with the chef Rick Bayless) are likely to find the new enterprise competitive.

"Come back in April," the genial Ferrante exhorted Wednesday, as acrobats dangled from the ceiling.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Alice Braga

"Queen of the South" (8 p.m., USA): Season 3 draws to a close in a finale called "El Mundo" — which means "the world" — and Teresa's (Alice Braga) world feels completely turned upside-down in the aftermath of a savage stealth attack. Still horribly shaken by that misfortune, Teresa nevertheless collects herself enough to make a bold move that she can only hope will allow her to seize the throne of her empire. Peter Gadiot and Veronica Falcon also star.

"The Good Place" (7 p.m., NBC): NBC gives the "afterlife sitcom" a four-episode mini-marathon of Season 2 episodes, starting with "Dance Dance Resolution," which finds Michael (Ted Danson) perfectly content to keep manipulating the lives of those under his apparent rule — if he can work out a few bumps in his strategy. Meanwhile, Eleanor (Kristen Bell) develops plans of her own, since the clue she planted for herself continues to indicate that all is not what it seems.

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): He's usually either a guest star or a director on this series, but Richard Speight Jr. is both in "Unfinished Business." He returns as Gabriel, who is out for otherworldly revenge — and is enlisting Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) to join him on his mission. Jack (Alexander Calvert) becomes too self-assured for his own good, making him a threat to others.

"Match Game" (8 p.m., ABC): Tonight's new episode is the Season 3 (Blank.) OK, that fill-in-the-blank challenge doesn't exactly lend itself to jokes, but tonight's new season finale features a noteworthy celebrity panel headed by boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard. He's joined by Mark Duplass, Ali Wentworth, Tisha Campbell-Martin and Pamela Anderson, and Adam Carolla. Alec Baldwin is the host.

"Snowfall" (9 p.m., 10:01 p.m., FX): Franklin (Damson Idris) is totally rocked by some devastating news in a new episode called "Aftermath." Elsewhere, Teddy (Carter Hudson) makes a desperate bid to turn an enemy into an ally, while Lucia and Gustavo (Emily Rios, Sergio Peris-Mencheta) decide to throw in the towel and leave Los Angeles.

"Shooter" (9:01 p.m., USA): Following the explosion in Washington, D.C., a determined Bob Lee (Ryan Phillippe) vows to put an end to Atlas once and for all in the new "Red Light," the Season 3 finale that also marks the end of this action drama. Complicating that crusade are his desperate attempts to salvage his marriage and tie up lingering threads from his past.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Bill Burr; actor Regina Hall; comic Marina Franklin.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Blake Lively; Carrie Underwood performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Jason Bateman; journalist John Heilemann; journalist Alex Wagner; First Aid Kit performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Cate Blanchett; actor Ben Mendelsohn; The Chainsmokers perform.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, SEP. 13

		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	MOVIES	10:00
BROADCAST									
CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N) (Live) ©	8:30	S.W.A.T.: "Hunted." ©	9:30	News (N) ♦	
NBC	5	The Good Place	HD	The Good Place	HD	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	HD	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
ABC	7	Celebrity Family Feud	©	Match Game (Season Finale) (N) ©	HD	Take Two: "One to the Heart" (Season Finale) (N) ©	HD	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
WGN	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing	©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	HD	WGN News at Ten (N)	
Antenna	9.2	Alice	©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach	©	Murphy	
This TV	9.3	The Cutting Edge 3: Chasing the Dream	(PG-13, '08)			Blades of Glory	(PG-13, '07) ★★★	© ♦	
PBS	11	Chicago Tonight	(N)	Stephen Fry in Central America: "Mexico."	©	VOCES on PBS: "Children of Giant."	©		
The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News	(N)	Funny You	Million. (N)	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld	©
MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I	26.4	Star Trek	©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek	♦
Bounce	26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Harlem Nights	(R, '89) ★★	♦	
FOX	32	MasterChef: "The Semi Final."	©	The Gifted: "3 X 1."	©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	©
Ion	38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		Nightwatch Nation	(N) ©	Nation	♦
TeleM	44	• Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		Falsa Identidad (N) ©		(9:05) Men in Black II ('02) ★★	♦		
CW	50	Supernatural	©	The Originals	©	Law Order: CI		Law Cl	♦
UniMas	60	• Retro 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema		La jefa del campeón		Nosotr.		Velvet	♦
WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ	66	El rito y Lázaro (N)		La bella y las bestias		La piloto (N)		Noticias (N)	
AE		The First 48 (N) ©		The First 48 (N) ©		Nightwatch Nation (N) (N)		Nation	♦
AMC		Men in Black (PG-13, '97) ★★★	Tommy Lee Jones. ©	(9:05) Men in Black II ('02) ★★	♦				
ANIM		North Woods Law		North Woods Law	©	Northwest Law (N)		North-Law	♦
BBCA		The X-Files: "The End."		The X-Files: Fight the Future	(PG-13, '98) ★★	David Duchovny. ©			
BET		• (6:40) Friday After Next (R, '02) ★	Ice Cube.			The Grand Hustle (N)		Grand	♦
BIGTEN		Women's College Soccer (N)				BIG Football & Beyond		BTN Live	
BRAVO		Shahs of Sunset	©	Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Flipping Out	©	Watch (N)	
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed	©	Politics	
CNBC		Shark Tank	©	Shark Tank	©	Jay Leno's Garage (N)		Jay Leno's	♦
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
COM		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦	
DISC		Naked and Afraid: "Frenemies."	(N) ©			Afraid			
DISN		Raven	Raven	Stuck	Stuck	Bunk'd	©	Raven	
E!		Model Squad (N) ©		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		E! News	
ESPN		• (6:30) College Football: Boston College at Wake Forest. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) ©			
ESPN2		Boxing: Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Ruslan Madiev. (N) (Live)				DRL Drone Racing (Tape)		Drone	
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity	(N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD		Chopped: "Lamb Slam."	Bite Club (N) ©			Beat Flay (N)		Beat Bobby	
FREE		National Treasure (PG, '04) ★★	Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger. ©			700 Club			
FX		• (6) X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13, '16) ★★	©			Snowfall: "Aftermath." (N)		Snowfall	♦
HALL		Winter's Dream (NR, '18)	Dean Cain. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
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HIST		Mountain Men	©	Mountain Men (N)		American Pick. (N)		Pickers	♦
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC		• (6) The Mask ('94) ★★★	Wayne's World (PG-13, '92) ★★	Mike Myers. ©		Wayne's-2			
LIFE		Enough (PG-13, '02) ★★	Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell. ©			(9:33) You: "Pilot." ©			
MSNBC		All in With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
MTV		Jersey Shore-Vacation	Pretty Little Mamas (N)	Ex on the Beach	©	Special	♦		
NBCSCH		Hawk (N)	College Football: Ball State at Notre Dame.			The Loop (N)			
NICK		Frankie (N)	SpongeBob	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG, '05) ★★★	Johnny Depp. ♦				
Ovation		• (6) The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13, '11) ★★★	Rachel (N)	Rachel (N)		Gremlins	♦		
OWN		20/20 on OWN	©	20/20 on OWN	©	20/20 on OWN	©	20/20	♦
OXY		NCIS: "Mother's Day." ©	NCIS: "Double Identity."	NCIS: "Jurisdiction." ©		NCIS	©		
PARMT		• Friends	© Friends	Pineapple Express (R, '08) ★★	Seth Rogen, James Franco. ©				
SYFY		• (6) Anaconda ('97) ★	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG, '04) ★★★						
TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G.	Joker's Wild	Conan	©
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TOON		Dragon Ball	Dragon Ball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV		A Haunting: "Exorcism."		A Haunting (N) ©				Haunting	♦
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King			
USA		Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (Season Finale) (N) (9:01) Shooter (Series Finale) (N)	The Sinner					
VH1		• Baby Boy (R)	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13, '06) ★★	Lucas Black.		Notorious			
WE		Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values (N)	Bossip on WE TV (N) ©		Braxton			
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
HBO		The Oslo Diaries (NR, '17) ©		(8:40) Murder at 1600 (R, '97) ★★ Wesley Snipes. ©					
HBO2		Last Week	VICE	Flyness	Canelo	The Mummy (PG-13, '17) ★★	©		
MAX		The Grudge (NR, '04) ★★	©	(8:35) Captivity (R, '07) ★	©	Outcast			
SHO		• Shameless	Baby Driver (R, '17) ★★★	Ansel Elgort. ©		Kidding	©	SNC TM	
STARZ		• (6:06) 27 Dresses	★★	Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls ★★		(9:42) Proud Mary (R) ★			
STZENC		• (5:56) Inferno ('16) ★★	Dear John (PG-13, '10) ★★	Channing Tatum. ©		What Wm			

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Sept. 13): Network, connect and collaborate this year. Steady attention realizes a passion project. Make bold discoveries. A shared endeavor turns golden this summer before a pothole reminds you to slow down, recharge and make future dreams. Fresh passion lights up this winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Align on financial decisions with family. An elder shows you something new. Creativity flows naturally. A dream may seem impossible or distant. Budget to get closer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. You're on the same page. Collaboration flowers and grows. Focus on practical possibilities rather than distractions or fantasies. Learn by doing. Get creative together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. All that practice is paying off. You're building health and strength for the long road. Discover gold from the past. Show up, and surge ahead.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Discover a work of beauty from the past. Romance kindles through poetry, music and art. Consider new possibilities with someone attractive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Add beautiful touches to your home. Create a peaceful sanctuary for family recharging. Imagine and speculate about color, style and lighting. Invest in quality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Communicate and connect. Write, report and post with wit and perception. Creativity and determination combine in marvelous ways.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Financial harmony is achievable. Listen to a female's advice. An older person is impressed. Make sure you know what's required, and provide it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Get help building a personal dream. Polish your presentation with a new style or outfit. Your work is getting attention. Step into the spotlight and shine.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Private reflection produces satisfying results. Meditate on what's passed and what's ahead. Consider other views without rendering judgment. Appearances can deceive. Ponder the possibilities.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Deepen connections with a community project. Contribute for the common good and your spirit gets fed. Simple, easy engagement satisfies.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A professional challenge provides a satisfying solution. Get support to cross the finish line. A dream seems within reach. Find a friend who can teach you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Learn through direct experience. Bring a vision into practical reality. Self-discipline enables creativity. Study and discover a valuable solution. Explore with an open mind.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"And then, one day, I came to the realization that I never really needed the stick."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ 2
♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2
♦ Q
♣ Q J 8 6 2

East
♠ 8 4
♥ K 10 9
♦ K 10 9 5 4
♣ 10 4 3

West
♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ K 8
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 9 7

South
♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A 4
♦ J 3 2
♣ A K 5

Today's deal is from a recent match between a team from Sweden and a team from The Netherlands. At the other table, where four hearts was played by North, the contract made routinely after a club lead.

At this table, West was Swedish expert Johan Upmark. Upmark expected South to hold the king of spades for his one no trump opening. He wanted to get his partner on lead and get a spade led through declarer. East had doubled the four-diamond bid so Upmark decided to play East for the king of diamonds. He underlined his ace of diamonds on opening lead! East covered dummy's queen with his king and was surprised to win the trick.

East wasted no time shifting to the eight of spades. South's jack lost to West's queen and Upmark, with nothing better to do, continued with another spade. South ruffed in dummy, led a heart to his ace, and another heart toward the dummy. Upmark won with his king and persevered with a third round of spades. This assured East of a trump trick and the contract was defeated. A lovely defense!

It was good for Upmark that dummy had the singleton queen of diamonds. Had South been able to play low from a doubleton queen in dummy, East might well have played the nine rather than the king and there would have been a different story to tell.

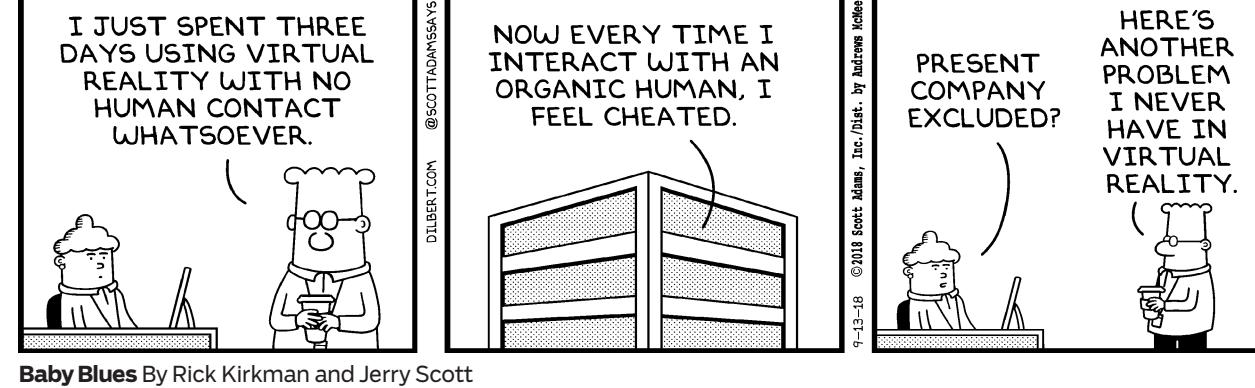
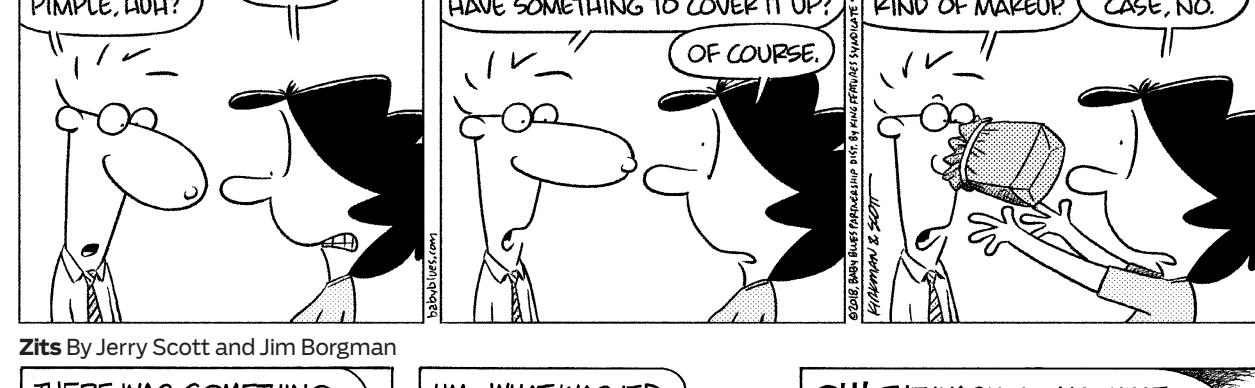
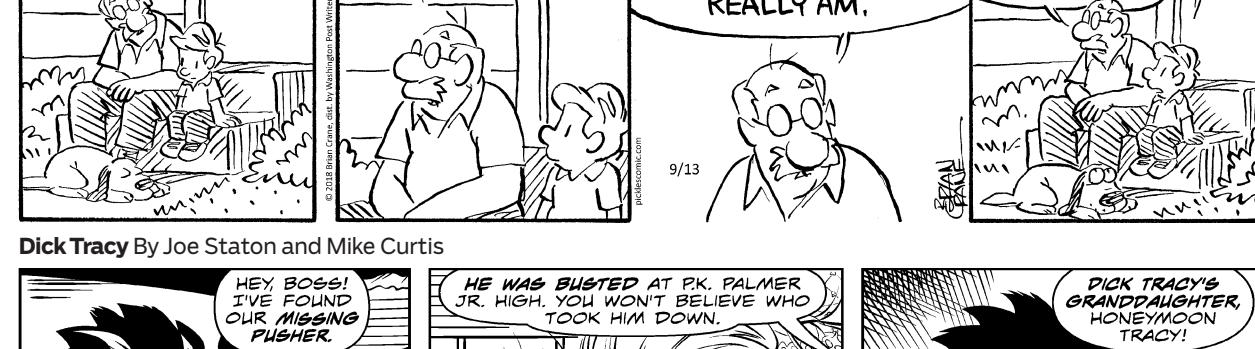
The bidding:
South **West** **North** **East**
INT 2♦* 4♦** Dbl
4♥ All pass
*Two-suited hand with one major and one minor
**Texas Transfer to hearts
Opening lead: ?

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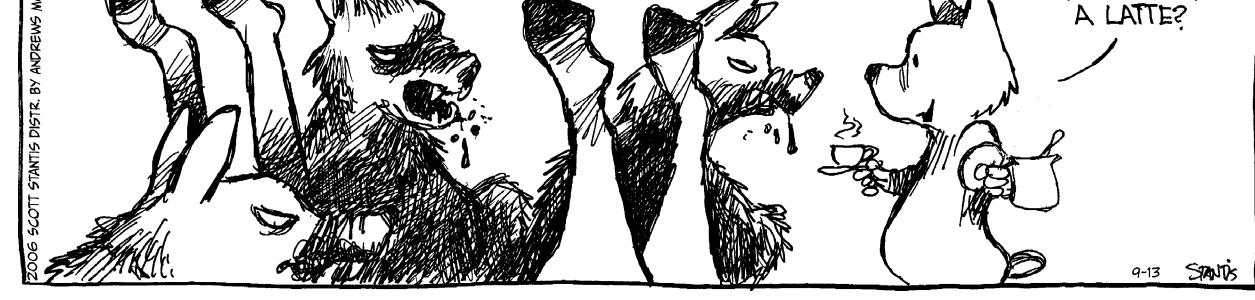
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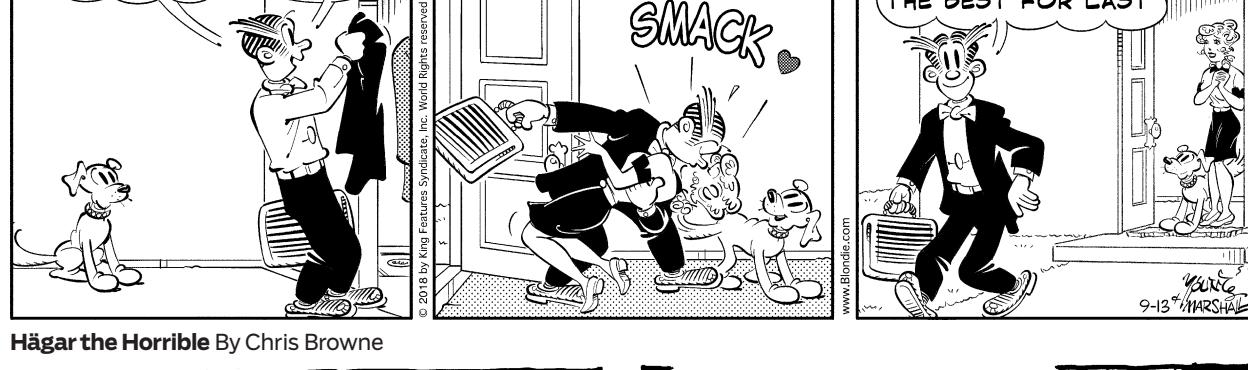
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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



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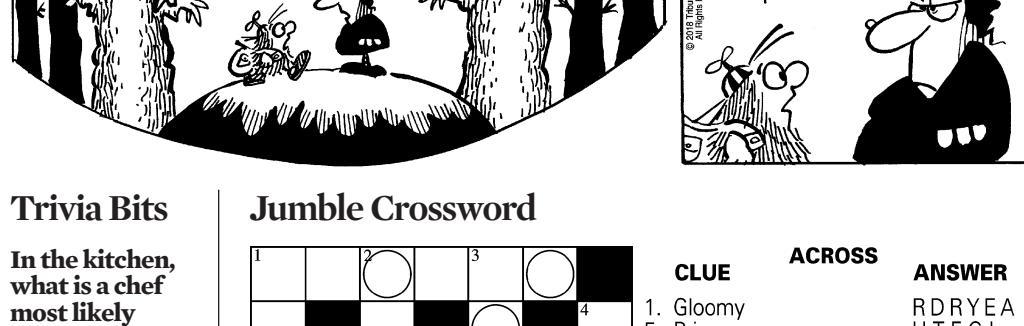
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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

In the kitchen, what is a chef most likely to place in a proofing (or proving) drawer?

A) Bread dough
B) Knives
C) Vegetables
D) Wine
Wednesday's answer: On a musical score, the abbreviation ff stands for fortissimo, meaning "very loud."

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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Wednesday's solutions

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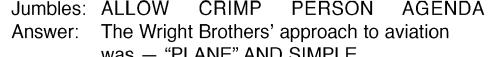
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Wednesday's answers

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Across

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- Oversight
- "Man With a Plan" network
- One and only
- Fads
- No longer active: Abbr.
- Rolls off the alley
- "we there yet?"
- College Board exam, briefly
- French assent
- It's calculated using ht. and wt.
- Make a face, say
- Swing era dance
- Loan application section
- Badgers
- Staff helper
- "Be My ___ Ono": Barenaked Ladies song
- West Coast athletic footwear company

Down

- Vary
- New
- Hall, gallery, lobby
- Stashed away
- EFDYRI
- NAGNDL
- ORUADNT
- TSROED

Wednesday's solution

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 76°

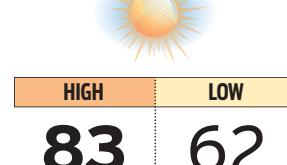
NORMAL LOW: 56°

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RECORD LOW: 39° (1890)

Spell of 80-degree warmth to last into Tuesday

LOCAL FORECAST



■ Building high pressure over the Midwest ensures another sunny, warm day.

■ Seasonably cool to start the day. Temps range from mid 50s cooler suburbs, to mid 60s downtown.

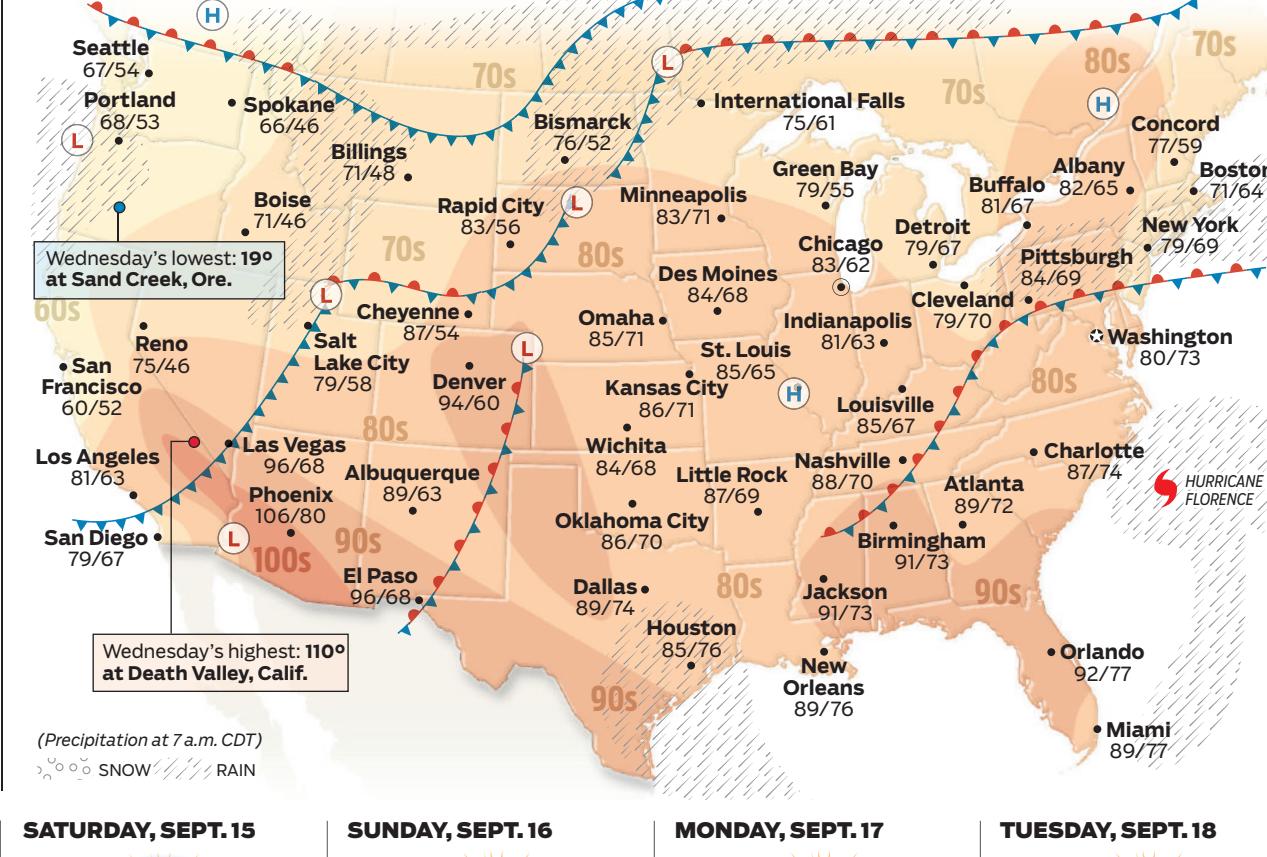
■ A few fair weather clouds form inland during the midday period, otherwise bright, sunny.

■ Air warms efficiently, reaching highs in the mid 80s inland.

■ SE winds around 10 mph keep North shore temps in the mid 70s.

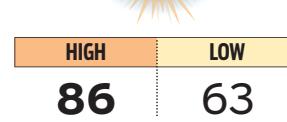
■ Clear, pleasant at night. Lows again dip to the 50s outlying suburbs, 60s elsewhere.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Temperatures across much of the metro area returned to the 80s after a six-day hiatus that included five straight days of below-normal readings. Officially, the high of 82 and low of 62 observed at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday was 6 degrees above normal, and marked the start of a warm spell that is forecast to persist into early next week. Though some spots may reach 90 degrees over the upcoming weekend, this warm period will not be as intense as what the area experienced during the opening days of September, and humidity levels will be much more tolerable. Areas from the southern Plains to the Great Lakes will be under a building dome of subsiding, warm air wedged between a large buckle in the jet stream over the West, and Hurricane Florence over the Southeast.

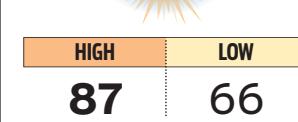
FRIDAY, SEPT. 14



Tranquil weather continues. Skies remain sunny, boosting temps well into the 80s most areas. Light, variable winds become onshore around 10 mph, lowering beach readings to the 70s.



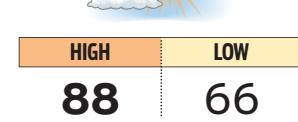
SATURDAY, SEPT. 15



A carbon copy of Friday. Abundant sun and dry air allow temps to top 80 degrees for a 4th straight day. Highs reach the upper 80's warmest inland locations, upper 70s lakeside. Light E-SE winds.



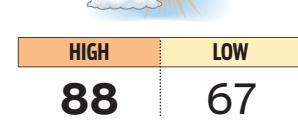
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16



Great Lakes region remains under a large dome of warm air, keeping skies mostly sunny. Very warm. Highs again climb to the upper 80s inland, but hold closer to 80 at the beaches. SE winds 10-15 mph.



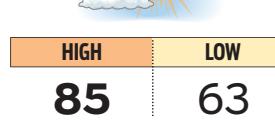
MONDAY, SEPT. 17



Spell of warm, dry weather extends into the new work week. Humidity levels slowly rise, leading to scattered clouds heading into the afternoon. Temps peak near 90 degrees in spots, cooler lakeside.



TUESDAY, SEPT. 18



Sunny, warm pattern of the past week begins to break down allowing a cold front to approach from the NW. Scattered clouds build, leading to a chance of showers late, and overnight. S-SW winds 10 mph.



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19



Cooler, more seasonal air filters into the area on N-NE winds of 10-20 mph. Clouds increase and thicken, bringing a chance of showers. Daytime temps hold in the 70s.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the tornado season? Does it affect the hurricane season?
—Sharon Bell, Illinois

Dear Sharon,
The U.S. tornado and Atlantic basin hurricane seasons are based on historic climatological occurrences and they do not have any impact on each other.

Tornadoes can and do occur in any month of the year, though the vast majority of them occur in the spring and summer.

In Chicago, the peak time for tornadoes runs from March through June, but the area's deadliest tornado, the F5 Plainfield tornado, which claimed 29 lives, occurred Aug. 28, 1990.

While the Atlantic hurricane season that runs from June to November encompasses the vast majority of tropical cyclone occurrences like tornadoes, tropical cyclones can occur in any month of the year.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Life-threatening storm surge/rainfall takes aim at Carolinas

IN HURRICANE'S POWERFUL ONSHORE WINDS:

"Shallow" offshore waters easily pile up, against and over the shore line

STORM SURGE

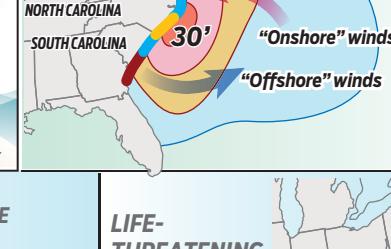
Dome of water which sweeps over the shoreline

NORTH CAROLINA COAST

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Extends 50 miles from shore: The "continental shelf"

Continental shelf's shallow waters maximize "storm surges"



PROJECTED STORM SURGES
Estimated wave heights (in feet)
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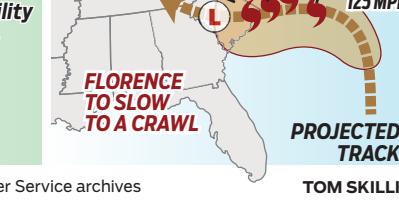
DEADLIEST ELEMENTS OF A HURRICANE

76% OF DEATH FROM:
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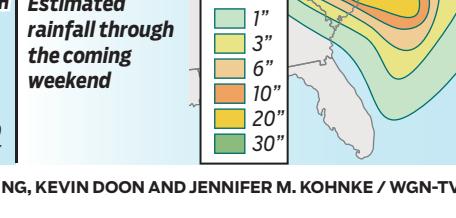
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STORM'S SLOWDOWN AS UPPER WINDS COLLAPSE
Could keep torrential rains going through the weekend



LIFE-THREATENING AND HISTORIC MULTI-DAY RAINFALLS
Estimated rainfall through the coming weekend



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Fall checklist: Fall is a time of transition. When it comes to your home, you are going to want to make sure certain things are in order as temperatures begin to drop.

What should you do to prepare? Here are some maintenance items to keep in mind.

1. Check your roof. Your roof helps protect your home in many ways. Be sure to make sure there are no signs of leaks.

2. Pave your driveway and other hard surfaces such as sidewalks or pathways. They tend to take a bruising during harsh weather.

3. Mulch. Landscapes need protection.

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How to budget and save for 5 top home improvements

BY DAN DICLERICO

HomeAdvisor

With home improvement season in full swing, homeowners are looking at much-needed upgrades and repairs. For most of us, though, there's no such thing as a bottomless remodeling budget. That's why it's essential to get a handle on what things cost and then set your priorities accordingly.

To help in that process, HomeAdvisor surveyed homeowners about the top items on their current to-do lists. Below is a snapshot of the five most popular projects, including average national costs (based on HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide) and cost-cutting tips for homeowners who want to stretch their remodeling budgets as far as possible.

1. Paint the interior

A fresh coat of paint is the fastest, most cost-effective way to transform the look and feel of your home. Most homeowners report paying around \$1,800 to have their home interiors painted.

Money-saving tip: If it's a major project covering multiple rooms, painting pros suggest that you buy your paint in 5-gallon containers, not individual gallons. That should lower the cost

by 25 percent or more. And be sure to choose a high-quality paint, with the primer mixed in, to avoid having to apply multiple coats.

2. Install landscaping

Sprucing up the landscape and installing an outdoor living area can quickly expand your home's useable square footage. Homeowners report paying an average of \$3,300 to install landscaping.

Money-saving tip: Experts recommend planting perennial plants like bushes, shrubs, vines and trees if you're looking to cut down on costs. These plants are hardy and will survive from year to year, whereas less hardy annuals will need to be replaced more often.

3. Lay new flooring

As floor plans continue to open up, flooring itself has become a critical component for unifying a home's design. Hardwood is the most popular, with many homeowners choosing to extend it from the kitchen out into the main living areas. On average, homeowners report spending around \$3,000 to lay new flooring.

Money-saving tip: If you see opened or damaged boxes of flooring at the home center, ask if you can have them at a dis-



DREAMSTIME/TNS

Homeowners report paying an average of \$3,000 to lay new flooring, with many using hardwoods to join open-concept living areas.

counted price. You can also use flooring with minor flaws where it won't be seen, like under a bed or living room sofa.

4. Remodel the bathroom

The bathroom is one of the most commonly remodeled rooms, and with good reason — we spend time there every day. On average, homeowners report spending around \$10,000 to remodel their bathrooms.

Money-saving tip: Visit your local stone yard and look for leftover slabs, called remnants, that you can buy for cheap to use on the bathroom vanity. This counter area tends to be small, so you won't need much material to make it work.

5. Paint or stain the home's exterior

Just as with the interior, a fresh coat of paint or stain is the surest way to transform the outside of your home; for home sellers, this is one of the best ways to add instant value. Homeowners report paying an average of \$2,800 for exterior home painting.

Money-saving tip: Exterior paint projects are best left to the pros, especially where ladders are involved. But you may be able to cut costs by doing some of the prep work yourself, including covering landscaping with tarps and scraping/sanding ground-floor siding and windows.

FINDS

Setup for this amplified TV antenna is a snap

BY GREGG ELLMAN

Tribune News Service

Whether you're cutting the cable cord or satellite TV subscriptions to save money, or you just need local channels during a weather emergency, I have a simple and easy solution with the Winegard FlatWave Amped indoor amplified HDTV antenna.

I'm being honest when I say it took less than five minutes from the time I opened the antenna box to having my local channels

on my screen.

The antenna is just 12 by 13 by 0.6 inches and is attached to your TV antenna port with the included 18.5-foot coaxial cable, which has a USB power supply built in.

The quick setup included attaching the antenna to a window with adhesive tape, connecting the coaxial cable to my TV and plugging the USB cable into a port on my TV. You can also connect to an AC power supply with the included 110-volt adapter.

Once everything is attached, put your TV remote in scan mode for a search of the local channels. The scan takes only a minute or so, but do some experimenting with the placement of the antenna.

I tried three places and then scanned, with each one having somewhat different results. Just do the placement and scan until you have the channels you want or are critical to you in an emergency.

Once your signal is set, you'll

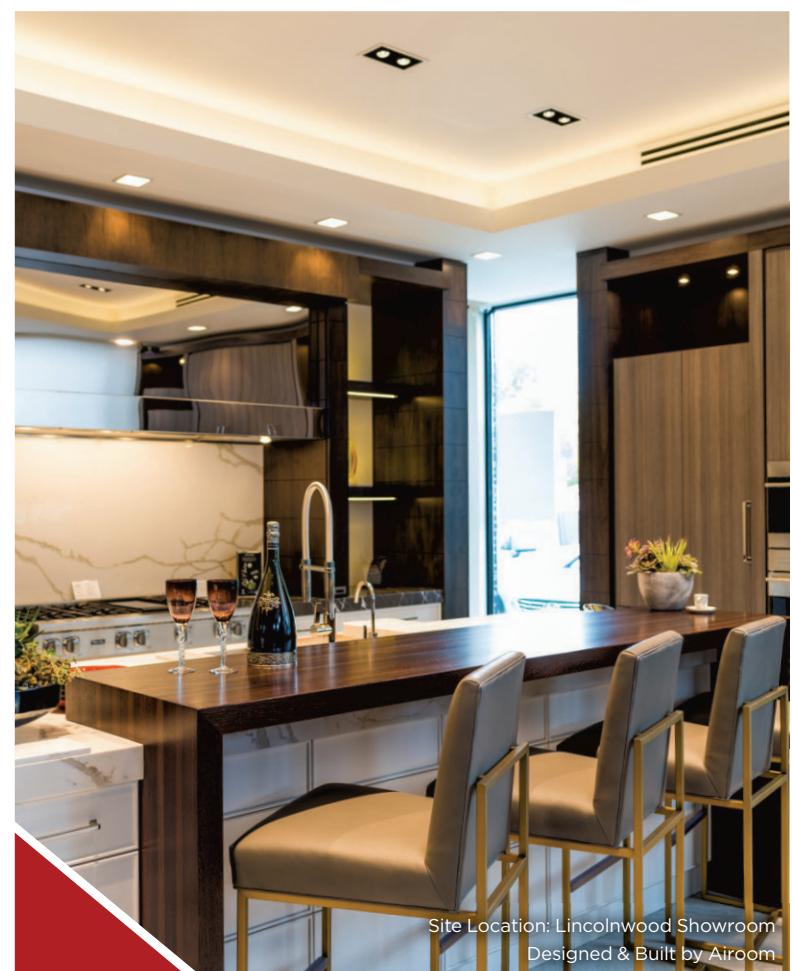
receive local channels' content 4k Ultra HD and Dolby Digital Surround Sound within an amplified 50-mile range.

The flat antenna (imagine a small stack of letter-sized paper) has an ultralow noise digital amplifier embedded directly in the antenna element, resulting in an unprecedented 100 percent signal boost that increases range and eliminates pixilation and dropout, according to Winegard.

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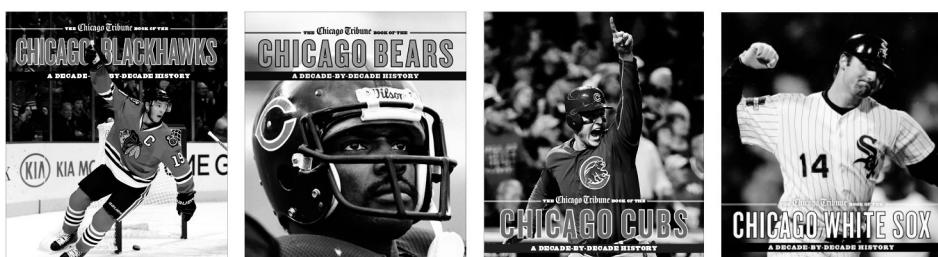


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Create a perfectly cozy place to read

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH

Associated Press

We decorate our homes in order to enjoy them. For book lovers, adding a cozy and well-lit space dedicated to reading can be the perfect finishing touch.

Many homes, of course, don't have a spare room for use as a library. But interior designers often carve out one section of a living room, sunroom or master bedroom as a dedicated reading area, says designer Pamela Harvey.

Harvey, who splits her time between design projects in Florida and in the northern Virginia/Washington, D.C., area, says that where you put a reading space depends on your habits. Are you seeking a spot that's private and silent, or would you rather have an open, airy reading space to share with family members?

Here, she and two other interior designers — Kansas City-based Jaclyn Joslin, founder of Coveted Home, and Bethesda, Md.-based Kelley Proxmire — suggest ways to create a perfectly luxurious space, even on a budget.

Creative locations

Joslin has helped two clients turn unused formal dining rooms into multiuse spaces. Although the rooms are used by the whole family, she says, "in both homes we added nice comfy chairs for the adults to sit in and read."

Proxmire added a reading space to a home office for a woman who wanted her kids to cuddle up and read while she worked.

She has also creatively repurposed spare closets, a trick that's especially useful in children's bedrooms. For one client, she removed closet doors, added a padded bench seat across



Designers suggest pairing an ottoman or footstool with a comfy chair so legs can be stretched out and elevated.

the width of the closet, and then added a wall-mounted light fixture. Built-in drawers underneath the seat and shelf space above mean the closet still offers storage.

Add pillows to the padded seat and a curtain for privacy, Proxmire says, and you've got the perfect place for a child to curl up and get lost in books.

And if your reading space must be in a common area, you can still have a measure of privacy. Try adding a decorative screen or strategically placed bookcase that functions as a room divider. That's "a great way to carve out a little space in a corner of a room for a retreat-like feeling," Joslin says.

Layered lighting

Build in "the flexibility to have different levels of light" in your reading space, Harvey says.

She suggests a mix of table lamps, floor lamps and small reading lamps.

"Task lamps work really well," she says.

Joslin agrees: "I love floor lamps that are sleek and minimal that can be tucked under or right next to the chair to provide direct light for reading," she says. "Swing arm wall sconces are also a great option for a reading nook."

Along with plenty of spots to plug in all this lighting, don't forget to have enough outlets for chargers if you'll be reading on a digital device, Harvey says.

All the right elements

Reading chairs don't have to be expensive, but they must be comfortable.

"A chair large enough to curl your legs up into is the ultimate comfy zone for reading," Joslin says, "so



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A bar cart placed near a comfortable window seat provides a place for a reading lamp and a spot to rest a mug or glass, creating a cozy reading nook with plenty of natural light.

choosing chairs with arms and styles that don't skimp on seat space is key."

And no matter how comfortable and large your reading chair may be, all three designers suggest including an ottoman or footstool so that your legs can be stretched out and elevated.

"Drink tables next to the chairs are also a priority item, along with a few cozy throw blankets strewn about," Joslin says.

Keep these items within arm's reach so you won't have to get up once you've

settled in to read. You'll also want to keep reading material easily at hand.

"If you're tight on floor space," Joslin says, "try some wall-mounted shelving to display books or a very utilitarian yet still stylish vertical bookcase."

Consider adding a small rolling bar cart or even a wet bar if your budget and space permit, Harvey says.

"Maybe you'll want a glass of scotch or maybe it's a coffee bar," she says. Whatever your preference, having these items in your reading space adds to the

sense of luxury.

Don't limit your style

If you have enough space and love a traditional "library" look, Joslin says, then "go full tilt with a sliding ladder, wing chairs in either leather or some tweed/wool type fabric and a chaise lounge if there is room."

But Proxmire says you don't have to be limited to dark paneling and leather upholstery. Have fun with soft or bold colors and cheerful prints if they'll bring you joy.

If your tomato garden's foliage has spots and is thin because leaves have been dropping off, crowding might be a factor.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Crowding, viruses could be at root of tomato problems

By TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Many of my tomatoes have foliage that is not looking so good, but the plants still seem to be producing a lot of fruit. There are a couple of plants that look different, with stunted growth and distorted, narrowly shaped leaves. These plants are located toward the back, so I did not notice them sooner. The smaller plants and odd leaf shape caught my attention. Is there anything I should be doing to help my tomato patch for the last few good growing weeks?

— Jacob Anderson, Highland Park

Many of the tomatoes in my garden are also looking rough, with foliage that has spots and is thin because leaves have been dropping off. The plants are still producing lots of good-tasting tomatoes though, so I am not worried or doing anything special for them. These problems are more of a function of the late season and the plants being planted close together, which limits air circulation. This may be the case with many of your plants and there is nothing to do about it now.

The symptoms you

described about the stunted plants in the back sound somewhat like cucumber mosaic virus. Viral tomato diseases are common in Illinois. Tomatoes that are young when infected with cucumber mosaic virus tend to be yellowed, bushy and stunted, with leaves that are slightly mottled with patches of different colors. The most pronounced symptom is like the one you described — shoe-string-like leaves that are very distorted.

Certain strains of this virus can cause leaves to be so distorted that little of a recognizable leaf remains except for the midrib. Affected plants produce fewer and smaller fruit than healthy plants. The fruits may also be mottled with bumps on the surface. Most cucumber mosaic virus infections in tomatoes are transmitted by insects, especially aphids. You should remove these infected plants from your garden to reduce the chances of other plants being infected even though it is late in the season. It is also a good idea to remove all weeds to reduce habitat for insects.

Tobacco mosaic virus is more common on tomatoes and a more serious problem because it can

spread and kill your entire tomato crop. Look for light and dark green mottled areas in the leaves that are partially raised and puckered. Younger leaves at the tips of the growing shoots will tend to bunch up and open unevenly. As with cucumber mosaic virus, tomatoes that are infected when young will typically be stunted and have a yellowish cast.

The newest plant foliage will be the first to show signs of yellow mottling. Stems that are affected will be brittle and contain brown areas in the center. You may see dark streaks that run lengthwise up and down the stems. Fruit yield produced will be of poor quality and reduced; some fruit will be stunted, misshapen and/or show internal browning. Symptoms can vary with the species of plant infected and the environmental conditions.

Destroy any diseased plants you find or discard in the trash and avoid touching healthy plants while roguing the bad ones. Do not put diseased plants into your compost pile.

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HOME REMEDIES

Staying on top of roof issues

By PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

Even if your roof appears perfectly sound and you don't notice any leaks, it's a good idea to hire a roof inspector from time to time. Most often, the weaknesses that are invisible to the untrained eye are the most dangerous.

The average roof inspection costs about \$200, but the expense can head off vastly more costly repairs down the line.

How often should I get my roof inspected? The National Roofing Contractors Association recommends checking your roof during spring and fall to identify potential problems. Since roofers tend to be busy during those periods, it's a good idea to start making calls now to have someone take a look this month or October.

A good roof inspection will address the following components:

- An examination of the overall appearance and surface of the roof.
- Evidence of ceiling cracks and leaks inside your home.
- Condition of fascia,

gutters and drains, skylights, chimneys and roof vents.

- Curled, broken or missing shingles.
- Areas where water may collect, like roof valleys.
- Damaged or missing flashing points.
- Checking inside the attic for insulation and ventilation, and searching for moisture and mold.

The inspector should provide you with a written, detailed estimate that lays out all problems they've identified, as well as a course of action and which repairs to prioritize.

When you hire a roof inspector, make sure he or she is licensed, bonded and insured. You want an established and reputable contractor. Verifying insurance is a good idea when hiring any contractor, but it's particularly vital when hiring someone to climb on a ladder and check your roof.

Should I get my roof inspected after a storm? It's never a bad idea to have a professional take a look at your roof after a storm has blown through town. Even if you can't see any damage, your

roof could have suffered hidden damage that will show up in a big way later on. Missing or broken shingles can lead to big problems, and moisture may infiltrate your drywall without any visible signs.

That said, you may have a bit of a wait. Roofers will be in high demand in the days and weeks after a storm.

How can I maintain my roof? You can carry out a number of tasks yourself to keep your roof in good order. Removing loose debris, such as branches or leaves, can prevent water buildup. Be sure to do this on a sunny, dry day, and observe all safety measures when using a ladder to access your roof.

If you have an attic, check it occasionally for stains that indicate water is seeping inside. If you find evidence of roof leaks, seek out a professional immediately.

You can remove debris from gutters and downspouts by hand, then rinse with a garden hose. Check your soffits and fascia for rotting, holes, cracks and missing sections.



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A roof inspection is a complicated and potentially dangerous job that should be undertaken by a licensed, bonded and insured contractor.

Are gutter guards worth the cost?

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: Tim, the annual gutter cleaning campaign is about to happen. What's your feeling about gutter guards? Have you tested any? There are so many designs, how do you even begin to make a decision? Are they worth it in the long run? Is there a cheaper alternative?

A: Do you battle leaves in your gutters twice, or three, times a year? I used to. My last house in Cincinnati had over 400 linear feet of gutter on it! It was a nightmare cleaning the gutters out.

Gutter guard products have been on the market for decades. There are probably as many design patents for them as there are power boats on my lake the last weekend of the summer season!

Years ago, I did an exhaustive test of just about every gutter guard design. I discovered that almost all of them fail. The reverse curve designs allow small pieces of debris to be carried into the gutter where it's impossible to clean out the decaying muck. Small debris of all sorts clogs the holes, slits and knockouts in the other designs. Most gutter guards fail miserably in the spring when the tiny debris drops from the trees like snow in a blizzard.

Years ago I did discover a design that does work. It's made with stainless steel micro mesh that's as fine, or finer, than the weave of pantyhose. Nothing but water gets into gutters protected by these guards.

However, many of these micromesh guards can be installed only by a dealer. The cost-per-foot bids you'll get will take your breath away. Often the bids are thousands of dollars, and some salespeople incorporate lots of high pressure and tricky sales



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The design of some gutter guards can allow small pieces of debris to be carried into the gutter and clog holes and knockouts.

psychology to get you to sign a contract.

If you're leaning toward going this route, you may be better off paying a handyman who has worker's compensation coverage to just clean out your gutters twice a year.

I did a simple math calculation and discovered that if you plan to live in your home for only 10 years or less, it makes better financial sense to not install the gutter guards. That may seem like a crazy idea, but if you have a limited amount of money, you need to protect your capital instead of giving it to a local gutter guard dealer.

I taped several amazing videos of gutter guards that have failed and have pictures of the micro mesh gutter guard that I ended up putting on my house. I have all

of this amazing eye candy at my website. Go to: go.askthebuilder.com/gutterguards.

Q: I'm about to tackle a ceramic tile floor project. After doing some research, I'm quite confused about how to prevent cracks in the tile. I already know that my existing floor has some slight humps and low spots. What would you do to ensure the floor tile is crack-free for a long time?

I applaud your ambition and the fact that you took the time to research the project before you got started! Several hours of each day I do autopsies on homeowner failures that tumble into my email box. The common cause of these snafus is the lack of knowing what to do before starting a project. Most home-

owners dive in, start to flail and just hope things will work out.

Ceramic tile is a great product, but it's weak if you try to bend it. It will crack. The tile will bend or crack if you step on it where there's a tiny void space under it. You can eliminate these void spaces by installing the tile on a perfectly flat surface.

Note that flat doesn't always mean the floor is level. Flat means the surface has no dips or humps in it. You can locate dips or shallow depressions in a floor using a long straightedge and a flashlight. Shine the light at a low angle to see if you see light beams passing under the straightedge.

You can save yourself lots of trouble and time by using amazing self-leveling floor compounds. These are powdered products you mix with water to

the consistency of a thin soup. Gravity allows the liquid compound to flow across the floor much like water might in a flood.

When the compounds set up and get hard, they create a perfectly flat surface that happens to be level too.

They're a perfect substrate for ceramic tile. Professionals use these compounds frequently because they don't want to have to come back to fix cracked tile. The compounds are not hard to work with, but they do require some moderate skill.

I assembled a handful of useful tips, sources of the floor leveling compounds, and some great how-to videos showing how to get your floor flat. To discover all this great free information, go to go.askthebuilder.com/floorleveling.



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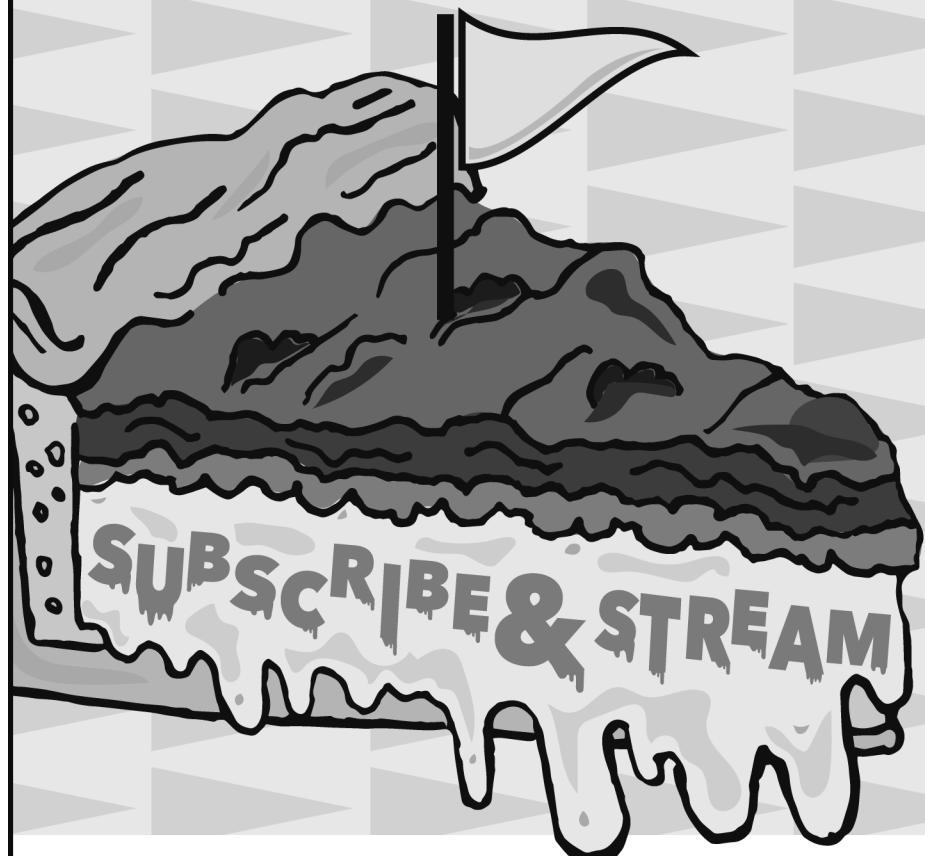


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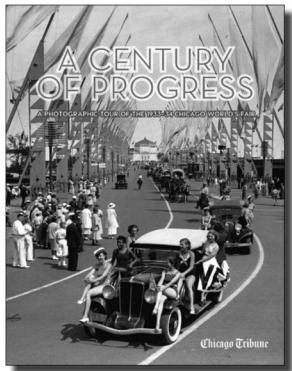
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In the market for townhouse? A few things to keep in mind

BY ELLEN JAMES MARTIN
Andrews McMeel Syndication

When it comes to housing trends, two are in near-perfect sync right now. Homebuyers suffering from sticker shock are increasingly interested in the price-per-square-foot advantage of choosing a townhouse over a detached property.

Meanwhile, builders struggling with rising costs are increasingly favorable to townhouse construction.

Although townhouses now represent just 13 percent of all new single-family homes, their market share is gaining steadily, says Danushka Nanayakkara, a senior economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

"Millennials want median-density residential neighborhoods in walkable environments, where townhouses are more common. This is now the largest population cohort of homebuyers," Nanayakkara says.

Though she notes that townhouses typically come with smaller yards than detached homes, this is acceptable to many first-time buyers. At the same time, developers save money when they build on the smaller lots that townhouses require.

Tom Early, a past president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents, says people pondering the purchase of a townhouse should seriously think through the trade-offs.

"Most townhouses are very vertical, and that translates to loads of stairs," Early says.

And though townhouses often come with far less maintenance than detached homes, there is a downside.

"Face it, because of all the rules, townhouses aren't great for rugged



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About 13 percent of all new single-family homes are townhouses, but their market share is growing.

individualists. For example, you'll be barred from painting your front door fluorescent orange," he says.

Here are a few tips for those considering a townhouse purchase:

Place a premium on location. It can be tiring to hear that location should beat all other factors when it comes to choosing a home. But this principle remains true, says Eric Tyson, a personal finance expert and co-author of "Home Buying for Dummies."

Tyson urges you to look for a neighborhood served by quality schools, even if you have no plans for children. Also, he encourages you to seek easy access to such amenities as movie theaters, cafes and stores. In addition, look for an area near well-rated public transit.

Look for a townhouse with an expansive interior. Nowadays, most buyers strongly favor an open, airy, bright house.

But many townhouses have relatively few windows and are narrow from side to side and deep from front to back.

"To get a more open feeling, try to find a townhouse that's wider than average. Also, look for one where the rooms are square rather than rectan-

gular and one with larger-than-average windows. But remember that big windows typically mean higher energy costs," Early says.

Don't trade off adequate parking. New townhouses are typically built to give each unit a one- or two-car garage. That meets your own parking needs. But what about visitors?

"Many people are unhappy after moving to any place that forces their friends and family to hunt and hunt for parking," Early says.

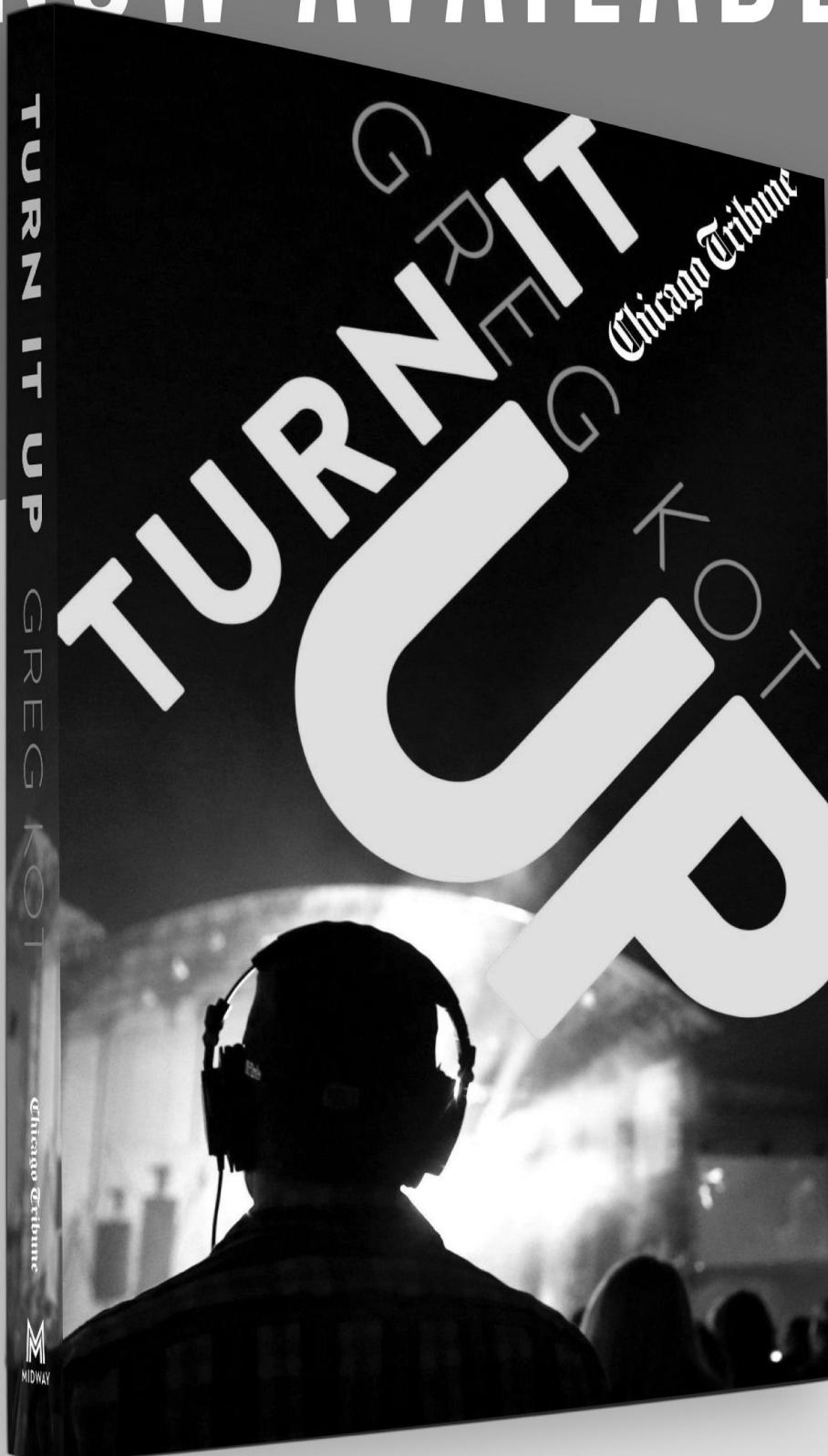
He tells clients the best way to scope out the parking situation is to ask those already living there.

Look for a harmonious community. In nearly all townhouse communities, residents are bound together through a residents' association. As Early says, the quality of leadership in that group can make a major difference for residents.

To investigate the operations of a townhouse association, Early suggests you ask for minutes of its last three meetings to see whether major disputes are pending.

"Don't move to a place where neighbors are squabbling or you're at risk for a bad case of buyer's remorse," he says.

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