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JOHN KASS

The creator of candy corn vs. social media bullies

Awarding the Golden Moutza of September should have been easy, that is if you don't mind a rational discussion about a female George-town professor from the far left who hopes to castrate white Republicans.

Yeah, it's getting worse. Americans are at one another's throats with the fight over the nomination (or burning at the stake without evidence) of Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

"The discourse on social media has hit an all-time low these past few weeks," said Ann MacIntosh Baker on Facebook, where the Moutza of the Month nominations are made.

"The vitriol, the name calling, foul language, THREATS," she continued. "So for all the haters, trolls, and social media bullies (on all sides of the political spectrum I should add) ... NAH!"

"Case in point: Dr. Christine Fair from Georgetown, who wishes death and castration for all white, male GOP senators," said Baker of Fair's tweet. "Class."

Notice something? Baker used the magic word, "Nah!" meaning "here, take it!" — the verbal half of the ancient Hellenic curse known as the moutza, delivered with an open hand, fingers spread, and a good amount of thorough contempt.

I asked readers to avoid politics in the hope of delaying the second Civil War. Naturally, as Americans who prize liberty and free speech, they told me to stuff it.

"John Kass for his blatant conservatism and white male privilege," hissed Joe Reeder. "Ha ha ha!"

Put away your liberal shears of tolerance, Joe. You're triggering me, man.

Patrick Griffin nominated a founding father of our great republic, which probably won't be around much longer.

"Benjamin Franklin who said, 'A republic, if you can keep it.' NAH! We haven't (kept it)."

Don't worry, Patrick, the republic is still hanging by a thread.

Yet once we finally rid ourselves of bothersome traditions — like due process and the presumption of innocence until proved guilty — we can commence with the burnings at the stake and castrations and the howls of the mob.

Later, with the skies full of crows and buzzards, someone will ride up on a white horse and offer us "order" and protection from "chaos." And of course, the rat cage on the face in Room 101.

But one noble reader decided to come to our nation's aid, and unify the warring tribes through common hatred for one diabolically evil man: George Renninger.

"Since it is the (Halloween) season, George Renninger who created one of the worst things on earth," said Peter V. Bella. "Candy Corn. Nah!"

The wicked Renninger worked for the Wunderlee Candy Co. He is credited with inventing the vile crapola given to kids on Halloween.

Candy Corn was once called "Chicken Feed." It is the snack food of demons.

"Sadly, nothing is 'non-political' these days," writes Susan von Suskil. "NAH! Well, maybe garden to-



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Some fans were unhappy enough about the Cubs' early exit to call for the moutza.



JUAN MONINO/GETTY

Candy corn, invented in the 1880s by George Renninger, was called "Chicken Feed."

matoes."

But only if you didn't grow any and demand a fair-share tomato tax to grab mine. I still have a few on the vine and you'll have to pry them from my cold dead fingers.

"I nominate Dr. Castration of the People's Republic of Georgetown," said Michael Rigert.

But Mike, you forgot the 'Nah!' so your nomination is void.

Some readers suggested I give a moutza to that seal that weirdly threw a live octopus into the face of a man in a kayak. Yeah, I watched the video, but couldn't stop watching other stupid animal videos. I wasted hours with cats. And I hated myself.

"John, no joke," said Rinaldo Stefani. "Run for mayor or governor or something."

I can't run for governor, as I plan to keep the toilets in my home, unlike J.B. Pritzker, a billionaire Democrat who can afford many homes and to rip out all the toilets he wants to get a tax break, and then let his wife take the blame.

Betty would not take the fall for me. But #KassForMayor has a nice ring to it. I promise corruption and taxpayer debt and moutzas for all.

"The University of Manchester student union for banning clapping to avoid triggering anxiety. Nah!" said Timm Schwartz.

Like bankruptcy, the fall of civilization begins slowly, then it happens all at once. The English university has banned applause for fear of upsetting students.

Instead, the University of Manchester supports "jazz hands," which is something of a silent wave.

University of Manchester? Here's a jazz hand for you. A moutza. Nah!

Anna M.G. Aaron thinks this is a fine moutza list so far.

"I'd give a moutza to whomever signed me up for JB's emails without my consent," she said, and she's not alone.

Exhausted Cubs fan Lynn Kirchhoff is so upset that her Cubbies have been knocked out of the playoffs.

"Best team in the National League for the better part of the second half," she said, "losing to a team (Colorado Rockies) that made a ton of mistakes. Nah!"

No, Lynn, I won't let you moutza your Cubs. You'll regret it.

"No wonder we're so messed up. The average American thinks he or she is dispatching their political obligation by insulting, bashing or otherwise defaming anyone whose politics don't square up with theirs," said Michael Feldmeier.

Perhaps all Americans should become journalists immediately.

But we can't keep fighting, my friends. Peter Bella is right. America needs to unite through common hate for one man:

George Renninger.

George? You're dead. But your candy corn sucks. The stores are full of Halloween candy. And we must unite our nation.

So you win the Golden Moutza of September. We hate you, George Reinninger.

Nah!

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Toilet-yanking ‘scheme to defraud’ is just typical billionaire stuff



REX W. HUPPKE

You know when the mansion next to you goes on the market and you buy it — because, hey, why have one mansion when you can have two! — and then you’re rehabbing mansion No. 2 and things kind of bog down and you want to save a few bucks on property taxes because you’re only a billionaire and money’s tight so you yank out all the toilets and declare the mansion uninhabitable? Then you wind up saving \$330,000 and it’s awesome and then you run for governor and some mean county inspector general does an investigation and accuses you of a “scheme to defraud” taxpayers and then journalists ask you for an explanation and you don’t give them one because you’re rich and you’re up in the polls and don’t need to answer questions? You know how that goes? It’s pretty relatable. So instead you just say you followed the rules but you don’t provide any actual evidence to back up that claim — a pretty gangster move given that the mean inspector general provided a ton of evidence to support his claim that you schemed to defraud taxpayers with your toilet yanking. And instead of giving the people who might be voting for you a reasonable explanation, you just call the whole mess a political hit job and suggest people pay attention to one of the bad things your opponent is accused of doing, because if there’s some other form of wrongdoing going on it totally cancels out whatever wrongdoing you’re accused



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker.

of, right? Right. And that’s a super-bold move because the Republican Party, the one that’s not your party, has spent the past couple weeks making the same claim — IT’S A POLITICAL HIT JOB! — about sexual assault allegations against the guy they’re trying to put on the Supreme Court. And here you are, a Democrat, grabbing hold of that very same tactic and running with it to deflect attention from allegations that you, a billionaire three times over, were so eager to save a measly \$330,000 that you gamed a system that you yourself have described as being unfair to people who aren’t billionaires. BOOM! That takes guts, baby! And then when those pesky reporters, and that one particularly annoying

If there’s some other form of wrongdoing going on it totally cancels out whatever wrongdoing you’re accused of, right? Right.

columnist who recently called you a “chicken wearing a human suit” because you refused to attend a debate in front of his newspaper’s editorial board, keep asking for comment, you have someone from your media team — the people who spend their time not answering media questions about your off-shore shell companies and whatnot — put out an arrogant statement that reads: “This is a politically leaked report without new information. Instead of standing outside of J.B. Pritzker’s home, Pat Brady

should be calling for an investigation into Sterigenics, a company Bruce Rauner owned that is emitting high levels of cancer-causing air pollution that is poisoning Illinois families. It’s time for Rauner to release all relevant Sterigenics records so that we can provide answers to the thousands of families who have been exposed to this poison.” NAILED IT! You successfully said nothing about the “scheme to defraud” that sounds very bad and slimy and serious and redirected

attention to an issue involving your opponent that also sounds very bad and slimy and serious. And you did that because you think voters and journalists aren’t smart enough to process the idea that there can be two bad things going on at once. So then that jackass columnist emails your media team thinking that speaking to the media might be part of that team’s job description and asks if someone can address whether the toilets in the spare mansion were pulled to intentionally make the place uninhabitable and whether there is any evidence to support your “we followed the rules” claim and whether there is any evidence to support the claim that the inspector general’s report was leaked for political purposes. Don’t

you hate it when people who get paid to ask questions have the gall to direct questions at the people you’re paying to answer questions? So rude. Then, to make matters worse, that loser columnist asks: “When you have a net worth of more than \$3 billion, saving \$300,000 on property taxes seems relatively insignificant. Why even bother trying to bend the rules in your favor if you had political aspirations?” Who among us hasn’t had to deal with a jerk like that, right? So then your media team does its job by not answering any of those questions or even responding to Columnist Jerk-Face’s email and you decide you’ll pay the stupid \$330,000 that you saved by following the rules to the county because who cares about \$330,000 anyway, especially not when you’re on the cusp of buying yourself a governor’s mansion. We’ve all been there, brother. Trust me. And then you probably wind up getting yourself that governor’s mansion and you just keep charging forward thinking you’ll do things your way and won’t be held accountable for anything and then you remember you live in Illinois, where a good number of men before you have sat in that governor’s mansion feeling invincible and then wound up in a big house, one way bigger than Mansion No. 1 or Mansion No. 2. One with a whole lot of toilets that you can’t remove. You know what I’m talking about? If not, you might want to take a moment in whichever mansion is presently inhabitable and give it some thought. rhuppke@chicagotribune.com

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Erica Heilmann was a theater instructor at Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing.

‘Our hearts are crushed’: Heilmann, 43, has died



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Erica Heilmann knew what to do with joy: Seize it. Sing about it. Spread it around.

Heilmann, 43, was a theater instructor at Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing and helped found the Broadway Junior Program at the Oak Lawn Park District, where she also acted, produced and directed.

I wrote about Heilmann in June 2017, when she was honored by the Tony Awards for excellence in theatre education — a pretty cool turn of events for someone who got hooked on theater in sixth grade, when her school performed “The King and I.”

“I wanted to be my high school drama teacher,” she told me. “I like to eat, and I like to go shopping, so I never wanted to be the starving artist on Broadway. I wanted to teach.”

She attended Queen of Peace High School in Burbank. Thomas Witting was her drama teacher.

Heilmann passed away Sunday after a seven-year battle with thymoma, a disease in which cancer cells form on the outside surface of the thymus gland.

The world — the part she inhabited and all the many, many parts she touched — is darker.

“Erica taught thousands,” Dave Heilmann, her husband, told me Tuesday evening. “She changed lives. Our hearts are crushed.”

They were married 18 years, after getting engaged on the stage of Shakespeare’s Globe theater in London. They had four children: Natalie, 16, Joey, 13, Mikey, 11, and Brooke, 7.

“We all sang onstage; we all sang at home,” Dave Heilmann said. “She was so proud this past year watching Natalie play the lead in ‘Legally Blonde,’ Joey singing in ‘Aladdin,’ — ‘Mom, I’ll make you proud of your boy,’ Mikey singing, ‘You mean more to me than anything,’ and little Brooke singing, ‘Let us love till we die and God bless us everyone.’”

“I never met a person so selfless,” he said. “This summer she actually said to me, ‘I know how all my treatment is hard on you. If it’s too much, you just let me know, and I’ll stop.’ Only Erica. My one and only.”

In 2017, Heilmann’s colleagues marveled at her dedication.

“She never stops,” Corinne Kalebich, who grew up performing at Broadway Junior and helps direct shows now, told me.

“For our teen show, we were doing ‘Cats,’ and she was doing costume checks from the hospital,” Kalebich said, “FaceTiming the kids to make sure everything looked OK.”

Heilmann told me about scheduling one of her surgeries around “Annie.”

“The doctor probably thought I was completely insane,” she told me. “I said, ‘Well, I’m directing ‘Annie,’ and I want to be there for the kids, and I don’t want them to be worried about me. Can we just schedule it a week later? I mean, the cancer’s not going anywhere.’”

She wanted to get to the Tonys some day.

“I’m hoping one day to be there watching a student receive an award,” she said after receiving her 2017 honor. “That would be the greatest accomplishment, to be able to sit there and go, ‘That’s my kid! I taught that kid!’ That would be the coolest thing. Someday.”

Dave Heilmann said her example will live on in her family and all who knew her.

“All the surgeries, the chemo, the radiation, the hospitalizations — she never complained, and she kept teaching through it all,” he said. “We learned more about love, about giving, about what it means to think of everyone else first from her than anyone.”

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Rogers Park residents seek answers; police release images

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

On any other 85-degree day in October, Rogers Park residents would flock to the lakefront, without any apprehension, to enjoy the rare fall afternoon with a bike ride, run or stroll along the popular path.

But on Wednesday, many people on the trail near Loyola Park said they were on high alert following warnings from authorities that a gunman still at large had fatally shot two men in the head — one a 73-year-old man walking his dogs and the other a 24-year-old man walking on the lakefront bike path. The shootings happened blocks from each other, within about 36 hours.

“It feels like it traumatized the community,” said Sandy Walter, 27. “It feels like everywhere I go, people are talking about it. It’s thick in the air.”

Police on Wednesday released surveillance video of the suspect, in the clearest images yet of the man.

The suspect — wearing a black track suit, with sunglasses, a hat and scarf obscuring most of his face — is seen walking on the sidewalk and running through an alley after the first attack on Sunday. Police described him as having a slim build.

On Wednesday night, police officials held a community meeting to inform residents about the investigation and address their concerns.

More than a hundred people crowded into a gymnasium at Loyola Park where officials gave a sobering account of the case and offered more details about the suspect.

First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said investigators believe the gunman lives in Rogers Park. He said the suspect was captured on video walking to the scene of the first shooting, and said he walked with his feet slightly pointed out.

“Somebody in this room probably knows who he is,” Riccio said. “He walks to the bus stop, walks to the store. He doesn’t live under a rock.”

Residents at the meeting fired questions at police officials, at times growing frustrated with the lack of answers. They questioned



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Rogers Park residents study a community alert handout at a meeting about two fatal shootings.

whether the shootings could be considered hate crimes because one victim, the elderly man, was gay, and the other was an Orthodox Jewish man. One man asked whether the killings could be a gang initiation.

Chicago police Cmdr. Robert Cesario repeated several times that investigators could not talk about a motive for the shootings.

Police also declined to offer information about specific deployment strategies in the neighborhood, though they said both visible patrols and covert officers had flooded the neighborhood.

A second meeting will be held Thursday for West Rogers Park residents, particularly Jewish residents concerned about a possible hate crime.

The tenor of the back and forth between residents and police varied. Some residents thanked officers for their presence in the neighborhood to cheers from the crowd. Other times, meeting attendees strongly pressed police officials to answer their questions as occasional interruptions rippled through the gymnasium.

Though Rogers Park is not immune from the gang violence that plagues other parts of the city, the seemingly random attacks have touched off a distinct sense of terror in the neighborhood that is known for its diversity and

close-knit community groups.

For now, some residents have taken steps to avoid walking alone outside. Some people are arranging groups to take out their dogs together and offering to drive others to the grocery store. A man who worked at a nursing home on Sheridan Road said the facility was not letting residents venture outside in light of the news.

As detectives worked to chase leads, more police officers in marked and unmarked squad cars were deployed to monitor the North Side neighborhood. That included officers on bikes and members of gang and drug teams.

The victims did not know each other. The same handgun was used in both shootings, most likely by the same man. Nothing was taken from the victims, who had cellphones, wallets and credit cards.

On Sunday morning, Douglass Watts, 73, was shot in the head just steps from his home in the 1400 block of West Sherwin Avenue, police said.

Watts lived at an apartment building with his husband, whom he married in 2015, according to friends. He was generous and enjoyed talking about his dogs.

About 10:20 p.m. Monday, Eliyahu Moscovitz, 24, was shot while walking on the lakefront bike path in the 1100 block of

West Lunt Avenue.

Many friends and extended family members of Moscovitz were still learning the news of his death following the end of a holiday observance at sundown on Tuesday, said Shalom Klein, a family friend.

His parents and seven siblings have begun sitting shiva for Moscovitz, who supervised a kosher kitchen at a Jewel-Osco store.

Concerned about the timing, similarities and the seemingly random nature of the shootings, Chicago police requested the assistance of federal agencies, including the FBI and ATF, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. Police were also concerned the suspect appeared to take intentional measures to disguise himself.

Loyola University Chicago, situated in the heart of Rogers Park, was working closely with city police. The school’s public safety office encouraged students to walk in pairs, avoid listening to headphones while out alone and carry a whistle or body alarm in case of emergency.

“We were just talking about it,” said Tory Hart, 19, a sophomore from Connecticut. “We’re really freaked out by it.”

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Flu killed more in U.S. last season than drugs

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
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Last flu season was the most deadly in years and Chicago public health advocates are urging residents to get vaccinated.

More than 80,000 people died from the flu last season in the United States, according to early estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Although it’s far lower than the almost 700,000 people who died in the U.S. during the so-called Spanish flu pandemic that hit worldwide 100 years ago, last season was a “record-breaking” death toll, the highest since at least the late 1970s, according to the CDC.

The flu deaths last season were nearly 10,000 higher than the estimated number who died from drug overdoses and almost double the number of those estimated to have died in motor vehicle crashes. An estimated 900,000 plus were hospitalized, the public health agency said. In Illinois, more than 2,300 were admitted to intensive care units for flu-related illness.

Chicago was not spared. Between October and May, more than 580 were admitted to ICUs for flu-related illness. That’s more than double the previous season, during which 275 were admitted. The flu killed more than twice as many people in Chicago during the 2017-18 season as the season before, with 38 of those admitted to intensive care dying in Chicago, versus 17 the year before.

Area emergency rooms, including Stroger Hospital’s, were inundated with sick patients. A little fewer than 700 visited Stroger with flu-like illness last season, more than three times the number who went there the year before.

A sizable portion of the patients who went to Stroger’s emergency room with flu-like symptoms were not those doctors would expect to see, said Dr. Jenny Lu, an emergency physician at the West Side hospital.

Generally, the very old, the very young or those with major medical problems like diabetes, heart disease or immune conditions would make up the overwhelming portion of those severely ill with flu. But last season was different, Lu said. The patients who came through were not elderly, and often were quite healthy otherwise — “People you wouldn’t think would have the flu,” she said.

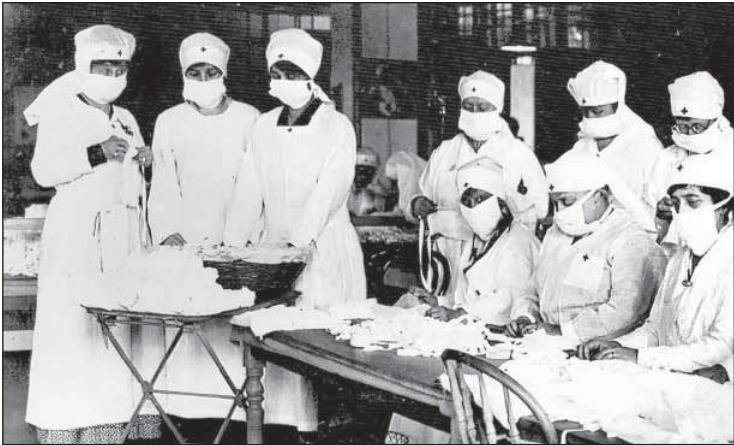
It’s too early to say how bad this flu season is going to be — the CDC won’t even start tracking flu cases for the season until later this month — but it’s better to take precautions as soon as possible, experts say.

Although many might balk at getting a flu shot — more than 60 percent of adults in Chicago did not get one by November last year, according to the Chicago health department — getting it sooner may prevent serious illness, hospitalization or death.

“Only 29 percent of those hospitalized in ICUs received a flu shot,” said Dr. Marielle Fricchione, medical director of the city’s immunizations program. “About 18 percent of those who died received a flu shot.”

Children especially can be helped by the flu vaccine. Last season, 172 children died from flu-related illnesses in the United States — a record for a flu season, according to the CDC. About 80 percent of those who died had not received a shot. Nine children in Illinois died.

The vaccine, available now, may make the flu less severe if someone does catch it. That may



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Red Cross headquarters in Chicago was a busy place in 1918, with workers preparing bandages. The Spanish flu killed thousands of Americans.

be the difference between a week-long stay in intensive care and a few days spent in bed with aches and sniffles. The needle-fearing don’t have an excuse either — after advising the public to avoid the nasal spray version of the flu vaccine for the last two years, the CDC has given it the green light this season.

“Now is a good time to get it,” said Lu. “There are a lot of places the general public can go to get vaccinated.”

Chicago’s health department is offering flu shots at 75 different flu clinics this season, including one in each ward. This may be the ideal time to get the vaccine, Lu and other experts say, as it takes two weeks to become fully effective.

Immunity from flu is expected to last through January for those who get vaccinated now, Fricchione said.

The number of those who died of flu or related complications last season is small in comparison to the number who died during 1918’s global flu pandemic, which left an estimated 675,000 Americans dead.

Again, Chicago was not spared; in a period of just over 30 hours in early October 1918, close to 800 new cases of flu were reported.

“The records of deaths were more startling,” said an Oct. 4,

1918, report in the Chicago Daily Tribune. “Seventy-six deaths were ascribed to influenza and forty-three to pneumonia during the thirty hour period.”

There was no flu shot then, and city health officials appeared to struggle with how to contain the contagion. “Virtual quarantine” was declared, with each sick citizen “commanded to go to his home and stay there,” announced the city health department. No visitors were to be allowed.

Days later, another report notes, the city health commissioner asked the police chief to order the arrest of “all persistent coughers and sneezers who fail to cover their faces with handkerchiefs.”

Schools were also briefly closed. Even theater managers made announcements before shows, asking the owners of “persistent coughs” to exit. Church pastors did the same before their services.

A century later, public health experts have simpler advice, made easier by the development of the flu vaccine.

“If you want to protect those in our communities who are most at risk of getting sick, get a flu shot,” said Fricchione.

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Protesters participate in a "Black Christmas" protest along Michigan Avenue on Dec. 24, 2015, in Chicago.

Police, businesses gird for Van Dyke verdict

Downtown sites have action plans; cops ready to act

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

With the high-profile murder trial of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke drawing to a rapid close, officials and businesses from downtown to the city's neighborhood streets are shifting into high gear to prepare for the jury's decision.

Closing arguments in the trial for the 2014 on-duty fatal shooting of African-American teenager Laquan McDonald are scheduled Thursday, after which the jury will begin deciding Van Dyke's fate.

Outrage over McDonald's death led to sustained street protests in late 2015 after a Cook County judge forced the city to release footage of the shooting, which showed Van Dyke firing 16 times at McDonald, who was carrying a knife and refusing police orders to stop as he appeared to be walking away.

Authorities are preparing for protests once again downtown and along Michigan Avenue after the verdict is returned. Organizers have been meeting all summer to discuss strategy for what they are hoping will be peaceful gatherings focusing on an economic shut-down of the city.

But the trial of Van Dyke has tapped into decades of mistreatment by police in some of the city's communities of color, leaving open the possibility that tensions could rise.

The Police Department has written a lengthy general order for officers — which it has not released — and is prepared to cancel days off for the roughly 13,000-strong department if widespread protests occur. Their usual 8½-hour shifts will be extended to 12 hours starting Thursday.

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told the Tribune last week that officers who respond will be wearing regular uniforms and will be following protest events, allowing peaceful demonstrations to unfold. Johnson said the public will not see officers deployed in military-style clothing or riot gear unless the need arises. Such equipment will be readily available, and he stressed that the department will be ready to respond as necessary.

"We are prepared to escalate up if the need arises," he said. "We have the ability to ramp up our deployments or take them back down as the need requires."

Johnson said the department was not expecting any problems, based on what



Police monitor a 2015 Magnificent Mile protest in response to Laquan McDonald's slaying.

authorities were hearing. "Everyone understands this is our city and we all have a responsibility to ensure our city is safe."

Downtown business associations also have been planning for the verdict. The Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago issued an emergency preparedness alert related to the trial on Sept. 21.

The alert advised members to expect a two-hour notice before the verdict is released, stressing the importance of having a "preparedness and response plan in place." The alert noted how protests to date had been peaceful but that "experience in other cities has shown that protests can be infiltrated by instigators who deliberately want to ignite a confrontation."

The Magnificent Mile Association, in an emailed statement, said all members had been provided with a "security preparedness bulletin" from Chicago police.

"We have outlined and distributed best practices for how and when to alert authorities," the statement from association Chairman Rick Simon read. "And established a communications system for members to stay in touch with one another and share safety and security updates."

If the jury deliberates through the weekend, authorities are prepared for the potential it may have an impact on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, which is expected to bring more than 45,000 runners to the race that kicks off and finishes downtown.

Marathon spokeswoman Cindy Hamilton said race officials have been in contact with police throughout planning for the event. In addition to Chicago police, federal agencies provide support to the race and the marathon also uses private security firms.

"Every year we work really closely with our partners from the city to federal partners to look at current conditions and make sure we are prepared," Hamilton said. "It just comes from the collaboration."

When asked Tuesday about the potential for a Van Dyke verdict and Chicago Marathon coinciding, Chicago Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the city's plan "ensures we have the ability to marshal the appropriate staff," which could range from calling up specialized units to deploying the entire department.

"We knew all these things were coming," Guglielmi said. "We knew that the timing of this could hit on the week of the marathon."

Meanwhile, efforts have been made across the city to shore up support in neighborhoods as well.

"It is our responsibility to protect the entire city," Johnson said.

Department officials said commanders in the 22 districts have been encouraged to meet directly with community organizations and businesses to talk about potential areas where a conflict could break out.

"We do want them to express their thoughts and their beliefs and we are willing to protect them, but we want them to do it peacefully," said Deputy Chief Dwayne Betts. "Nobody in the city would want to see any ruckus in the city or the communities."

Meanwhile, a standing group of about 15 private and public organizations, which includes city officials and already meets biweekly around reducing Chicago gun violence, has encouraged members to prepare for the verdict. The groups, which work directly with many young men swept up in Chicago's violence, have encouraged peace circles in

schools and impromptu conversations on city blocks.

Jen Keeling, chair of the meeting on behalf of the organization Chicago CRED, said so far she is aware of about a half-dozen schools that have committed to peace circles or student discussions. Community organizations also are doing outreach, she said. The goal is to provide not only support at what might be a difficult time for residents who feel disconnected from police but also an opportunity to promote peaceful reactions.

"In order to create safe spaces, foster open dialogue, and promote peace, we encourage local leaders to open their doors," Keeling said in an emailed statement.

Separately, activist Will Calloway has held several community meetings over the summer to solidify a peaceful approach to protesting. The latest was held this week at Quinn Chapel AME Church at 2401 S. Wabash Ave., where about 100 people gathered, said the Rev. James Moody. "We are also working to make sure we can provide positive and safe and peaceful ways to people to express themselves."

"There is a real desire for there to be a just verdict in the case of Jason Van Dyke," Moody continued, saying that Van Dyke fired "16 shots to a young man's body who was actually walking away from him."

"We need to connect with people who are feeling disenfranchised, show them where they can express themselves so they are not aimlessly attempting to do that on their own. We act angry but we very often are feeling abandoned," Moody said. "What we are feeling is that the system doesn't include me."

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"All I really care about is the city at large and the other officers that are going to have to deal with the fallout for this. If some officer gets killed ... it's going to break my heart."

— A Chicago sergeant



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Protesters chant in front of Chicago police officers during the trial of police Officer Jason Van Dyke.

Officers share concerns about what may come

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

One Chicago police supervisor remembers hearing a story about how his father — also a Chicago cop — briefly sent his mother and older brothers out of state in the summer of 1968 to get away from potential rioting that could unfold during the Democratic National Convention.

The officer was worried about his family's safety, his son recalled, after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. earlier that year led to looting, arson, violence and widespread blackouts on the West Side.

As Officer Jason Van Dyke's trial for the killing of Laquan McDonald draws to a close, the police supervisor doesn't expect the same kind of civil unrest as when his father was on the job a half-century ago. But as a safety precaution, the supervisor is weighing temporarily moving his mother, now in her 80s, out of state again.

"I personally don't think it's going to be as bad as people think, even if he's found innocent," the supervisor said of Van Dyke in an interview with the Chicago Tribune. But "people are challenging cops more than ever."

The supervisor was one of about a dozen Chicago cops who shared their concerns with a Tribune reporter about what could happen in the city when a verdict is reached in the divisive case. Some worry that if Van Dyke is acquitted, there could be rioting and violence in some predominantly African-American communities of the city, many of which already have a deeply rooted distrust of the police after years of mistreatment and abuse. If he's convicted, other officers wondered if police would become even more hesitant to do aggressive police work out of fear of being sued, indicted or fired.

The officers, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they're not authorized by the department to speak to the media, also offered opinions on whether Van Dyke should be convicted, with most of those the Tribune talked to saying they believed he did nothing illegal. Many did think Van Dyke will be fired, however.

"I think people are under the misconception that 100 percent of the department agrees with his actions," said one patrol officer. "We might not say it out loud (if we don't agree), and if we do, we might (be perceived) as disloyal."

Chicago police officials have said they're prepared to expand shifts and cancel days off for the entire department of about 13,000 officers if widespread protests and civil unrest ensue after a verdict is reached. But officials have not yet specified whether the department would wait until a verdict before instituting the measures.

Some of the officers interviewed by the Tribune believe a conviction

for Van Dyke would be a blow to the police, making officers less proactive on the streets. But others say that type of aggressive policing has already plummeted ever since the dashboard camera video of the McDonald shooting was released by court order in November 2015 on the same day Van Dyke became the first officer in decades to be charged with first-degree murder for an on-duty shooting.

Because of that, some officers said police have already stepped back on their aggressiveness, only responding to 911 calls over the radio without relying on their street smarts to act on their own.

"It's not going to make a difference because those people have already shut down," said one supervisor who works in some of the city's most violence-plagued neighborhoods. "The damage is done."

Another sergeant disagreed, saying a conviction could still have an impact on police. "Even people who haven't de-policed over the years, they may de-police," the sergeant said.

If Van Dyke is acquitted, officers not only worry about unrest but also about fellow cops getting randomly shot on patrol.

"All I really care about is the city at large and the other officers that are going to have to deal with the fallout for this," the sergeant said. "If some officer gets killed ... it's going to break my heart."

Last week, Chicago police officials told reporters at police headquarters that they have not received any specific intelligence indicating there will be rioting or other unrest at the trial's end.

One police official last week explained how the department has learned a lot about crowd control since some areas of the West and South sides, and other parts of the city, were the site of massive unrest during the Bulls championship celebrations in the 1990s with cars getting tipped over, bottles being hurled at cops, stores getting looted and some gun violence flaring up.

One supervisor, who works on the South Side, isn't convinced one way or the other whether a Van Dyke acquittal would lead to unrest. But his wife has asked about whether she'd have access to a gun in their home in case things get dicey in their Mount Greenwood neighborhood, a community heavily populated with cops and firefighters and one that was the site of a controversial police-involved shooting in 2016 that led to racially charged protests.

Another veteran supervisor thinks there's going to be unrest no matter the verdict.

"They were happy when the Bulls won, and the city (nearly) burned to the ground," said the supervisor, who works in a citywide unit. "A lot of people may use the trial ... to do their nasty deeds."

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Jason Van Dyke watches Wednesday in the courtroom as police dashcam video shows the moments after Laquan McDonald was fatally shot.

Jury to soon weigh fate

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12 people who have to come up with their decision. Juries are very hard to read. I don't think anyone can pick which way the decision is going to come out."

Van Dyke, 40, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet Van Dyke fired — and one count of official misconduct. The officer, who has been suspended without pay since November 2015, has long argued that he was justified in shooting McDonald because he was in fear for his safety.

There were no explicit references to racism during the testimony, though witnesses made subtle references to skin color on several occasions. The defense, for example, commissioned an animated video of the shooting in which the designer put the McDonald character in all-black clothing and with a hoodie pulled over his head, despite video evidence showing him dressed in jeans with large, light-colored pockets and his sweatshirt hood down.

The designer also testified he typically does not put skin color on animated characters, but he did so in this case. In the video, as in real life, McDonald is black, and Van Dyke is white.

On the stand, Van Dyke referred to McDonald in police parlance as a "male black" in a hoodie at least four times during his testimony.

The real trial underway at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, said the Rev. Gregory Livingston, pastor at New Hope Baptist Church, "is black Chicago versus the Chicago Police Department."

"Because of the legacy of mistrust that exists between Chicago law enforcement and black Chicago ... the Van Dyke case is symbolic," Livingston said. "What it's symbolic of is the unequal application of justice that has existed in Chicago in the black community. ... So even though he's a police officer, what has to happen here in order for the black community to have some sense of justice is that no one is seen to be above the law."

Before the jury begins deliberating, Cook County Judge Vincent Gaughan likely will read an extensive list of instructions about Illinois law. The instructions, which have not yet been released to the public, will provide the jury with a road map while navigating questions about the reasonableness of Van Dyke's fears when he fired his gun.

Many legal experts told the Chicago Tribune that the case will be won or lost with the jury instructions.

Attorneys were still haggling over the instructions Wednesday afternoon, so it was uncertain whether ju-



Attorney Daniel Herbert rolls away a tire after having it marked as evidence Wednesday.

rors will be told they can find Van Dyke guilty of second-degree murder — not just the first-degree charges he was indicted on. If that instruction is given, it could prove crucial.

Either side can request that jurors be given the option to find Van Dyke guilty of something less than first-degree murder. The judge also can decide to do so on his own, though experts told the Tribune that is rare.

Second-degree murder, previously called voluntary manslaughter in Illinois, could give Van Dyke's jury an opportunity for compromise. The law allows jurors to convict Van Dyke of the lesser murder charge if they find that he believed the shooting was justified but that his fear was unreasonable.

Judges can allow the instruction if they believe evidence supports the lesser charge and fear running the risk of being overturned on appeal if they don't include it. With testimony from on-scene police officers, expert witnesses and Van Dyke himself about the reasonableness of his fear, the threshold appears to have been easily surpassed.

But it's unclear whether Van Dyke's defense team would want jurors to be given the lesser option. When he chose a jury instead of the judge solely deciding his fate in a bench trial, Van Dyke signaled he was taking an all-or-nothing approach to the case, some lawyers said.

At a bench trial, Gaughan could have found the officer guilty of second-degree entirely on his own, without either side requesting it. Without the instruction, a jury could be more likely to outright acquit him or, at the very least, be unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Community activists have indicated they would support a second-degree finding, saying justice would be served as long as Van Dyke is convicted of a crime with the word "murder" in it. William Calloway, who has been at the forefront of protests against the shooting, told reporters earlier this week

that some activists have long wondered if prosecutors should have charged the officer with second-degree murder in the first place.

Van Dyke also has been charged with aggravated battery, but Calloway said a conviction for that alleged crime won't be enough on its own.

"We're comfortable with second-degree," he said. "But anything less than a murder conviction and the city has a right (to be upset)."

Under Illinois law, however, second-degree murder carries a lighter sentence than aggravated battery. Second-degree murder does not even carry mandatory prison time — offenders can be sentenced to four to 20 years in prison or even receive probation. And in Illinois, those convicted of second-degree murder typically serve just about half their sentence.

An aggravated battery with a firearm conviction carries a sentence of at least six to 30 years in prison — and 85 percent of that time must be served.

If jurors are inclined to come to a compromise verdict, they may even acquit him of second-degree murder and convict on aggravated battery — not realizing that the battery charges carry a harsher sentence.

"It sounds worse, but it's actually not," said criminal defense attorney Adam Sheppard. "If he got convicted of second-degree murder and was acquitted of aggravated battery with a firearm, that would be much better for him."

Asking for a second-degree instruction carries another level of risk for the defense. The way the instruction is written is intricate and potentially confusing. It requires jurors to find that the prosecutors have proved all the elements of first-degree murder. Then they must decide whether the defense has shown "it is more probably true than not true" that Van Dyke believed he was justified but that belief was unreasonable.

But legal experts say it would be unwise for Van Dyke's lawyers to oppose a

him if he's attacking them?" Van Dyke asked his partner, according to Miller.

Legal experts, including veteran defense attorney Terry Ekl, who believes Van Dyke did well on the witness stand, told the Tribune that those statements were damning.

"It showed he had an aggressive state of mind before he even got there," Ekl said. "It shows a predisposition. I thought it was significant."

Both sides officially rested Wednesday following 44 witnesses over 10 days of testimony. The slain teen's mother, Tina Hunter, attended the trial on several days, but she did not testify despite the defense team's push to call her.

In addition to Van Dyke, four Chicago police officers testified about their encounters with McDonald at the scene.

None of them fired their guns, but Van Dyke's partner, Joseph Walsh, testified both men had "reasonable fear" for their safety at the time of the shooting — the legal threshold for lethal force by a police officer.

In one of the trial's more dramatic moments, Walsh — who was testifying for the prosecution under immunity while awaiting trial on charges he conspired to cover up the shooting — stepped from the witness stand at the defense team's request and demonstrated how he said McDonald menaced them with a knife.

Later, in arguably one of the prosecution's strongest moments, Van Dyke conceded that neither the dashcam video nor the defense team's own computer-generated animation showed McDonald making the aggressive move described by either officer.

Ultimately, experts predict the jurors' interpretation of the dashcam video will decide Van Dyke's fate.

The jury — which includes one African-American woman, one Asian man, three Hispanic women, four white women and three white men — is expected to begin deliberations as early as Thursday afternoon and continue through the weekend if necessary.

In past high-profile trials, the judge has sequestered juries in area hotels for the duration of deliberations. "They have the video, and they have (Van Dyke's) testimony, and that's going to be the key," longtime defense attorney Joseph Lopez said, adding that he would not be surprised to see either an acquittal or hung jury. "I'm not sure you can get 12 jurors to agree on anything in this case."

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Chain is buying Oak Park dispensary

Illinois medical marijuana market poised to expand

By Robert McCoppin
Chicago Tribune

A high-profile national chain of marijuana dispensaries is moving into Illinois for the first time, buying a medical cannabis store in Oak Park.

MedMen Enterprises plans to announce Wednesday its purchase of Seven Point dispensary as its first foray into an Illinois market that officials expect to grow significantly.

The sale is timely because Gov. Bruce Rauner last month signed into law a measure allowing any patient who would qualify for an opioid painkiller prescription to also qualify for medical marijuana. The new law also eliminated requirements for fingerprints and criminal background checks. Those changes are expected to greatly expand a market that had about 44,000 certified customers and \$12 million in monthly sales as of August.

In addition, industry leaders expect Illinois lawmakers to legalize marijuana for recreational use next year if Democrat J.B. Pritzker wins this November's election for governor. Pritzker supports allowing and taxing adult use, while Rauner, a Republican, opposes it.

MedMen has been referred to as the Apple store of weed for operating sleek, modern stores with floor-to-ceiling windows, and displaying its products on iPads in upscale locations such as Beverly Hills in California and Fifth Avenue in New York City.

CEO Adam Bierman said in an interview that Illinois is poised to be one of the next big markets nationally.

"It's a medical-only state now, but it's in the process of transitioning to adult use at some point in the near future," Bierman said. "It has a hyper-regulated oligopolistic feel to it, so if you can be a vigilant operator you have an opportunity for some scalable success. It's a gateway in the middle of everything, (with marijuana programs in) Michigan, Ohio, it just makes sense."

Seven Point opened about two years ago, months after most dispensaries had opened in Illinois. It was delayed by having to move locations after the landowner of its originally planned site decided it could hurt his chances to sell the property, store owner Brad Zerman said.

The second site in downtown Oak Park proved to be ideal. Zerman's team held workshops to tell prospective patients about marijuana's benefits, and signed up applicants. It has grown to serve more than 900 patients, and state regulators listed it as 13th-largest out of more than 50 dispensaries statewide.

Zerman, who also runs an ATM business called Sky Processing, said he was still trying to recoup his original investment on his marijuana business, and will focus on his marijuana businesses in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

"With MedMen's capital," he said, "Seven Point will be in a great position to grow when it's recreational."

The price MedMen is paying for Seven Point was not disclosed.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law. President Donald Trump's administration has given mixed signals, but he has indicated he will not go after programs that comply with state law.

Research indicates marijuana can help treat conditions like pain, nausea and epilepsy. But federal regulators and medical groups warn of potentially damaging and addictive effects, and challenge claims that it treats a wide variety of ailments.

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Deaths, taxes and toilets

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stand what it is to stand up for working families in the state.”

Rauner hit heavily on a Cook County inspector general’s report that surfaced earlier this week alleging Pritzker improperly received \$330,000 in property tax breaks on one of his Gold Coast mansions as part of a “scheme to defraud” taxpayers.

Rauner frequently referred to Pritzker as “cheating on his taxes” and said the report “indicates that it may well involve criminal behavior of tax fraud, mail fraud and perjury.”

“I am being challenged by an individual who inherited billions, has never had a real job in his life, has cheated the tax system to dodge taxes, may well come under criminal investigation,” Rauner said.

Pritzker struck back, hitting Rauner over the administration’s handling of a deadly 2015 outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.

“This was a cover-up all along,” Pritzker said. “Remember that Gov. Rauner knew about this, his administration knew about it, days went by without notifying people. People got sick as a result of that.”

The debate, co-sponsored by ABC-owned WLS-Ch. 7, the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund and Univision Chicago, played out against a background of a partisan debate over investigations by law enforcement regarding each candidate.

Shortly before the forum, Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office announced it was investigating “whether any laws were violated in the response to the risks of and outbreak” at the veterans home. Republicans decried the move as “shamefully partisan.” The attorney general is the daughter of Rauner’s chief political nemesis, Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan.

The attorney general’s move came hours after the state GOP released a letter from Illinois’ Republican U.S. House members calling for a U.S. attorney investigation of Pritzker’s tax break.

The Pritzker tax controversy gained new importance with Inspector General Patrick Blanchard’s report, contending his Astor Street property was improperly classified as uninhabitable in part due to the removal of toilets at the mansion.

Blanchard found that Pritzker’s wife, M.K. Pritzker, asked a contractor in 2015 to remove the mansion’s five toilets to make the home uninhabitable so it could be reassessed at a lower value. M.K. Pritzker’s brother and her personal assistant later made “false representations” in sworn affidavits to the assessor about the mansion’s condition and when the toilets were removed, Blanchard said.

Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s office is reviewing Blanchard’s report. Pritzker has said he did nothing improper but on Tuesday agreed to repay the county treasurer’s office \$330,000 for the value of tax refunds and tax breaks on the property.

Pritzker said his decision to repay the county was not an acknowledgment he did anything improper.

“No. Listen, we’re in the last 34 days of a campaign and I don’t want to distract from us talking about the real issues affecting working families across the state of Illinois. That’s why I repaid that,” Pritzker said.

Despite the inspector general’s findings, including the emails and affidavits, Pritzker said “there was nothing new in this report” and that he “abided by the rules” for seeking a reduction in his property assessment.

Rauner, Pritzker said, was using the inspector general’s report to “distract from his own failures as governor,” including the state’s historic two-year budget impasse.

But Rauner countered that Pritzker made the repayment to the county “because you got caught.”

Pritzker’s Quincy line



Juliana Stratton, running for lieutenant governor on the Pritzker ticket, speaks to fans.



Supporters for Gov. Bruce Rauner, pose for a photo outside the ABC studios Wednesday.

attack involved a 2015 outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease at the state-run veterans home that killed 12 and sickened dozens more. There have been annual outbreaks at the post-Civil War-era home since then, including two more deaths.

Rauner has faced criticism that his administration delayed reporting information about the original outbreak. And on Wednesday, WBEZ-FM 91.5 reported that then-Rauner aide Lindsay Walters emailed officials at two state agencies during the original 2015 outbreak and said, “I do not think we need to issue a statement to the media. Let’s hold and see if we receive any reporter inquiries.”

Walters now works in President Donald Trump’s administration.

Following the report, Maura Possley, a spokeswoman for the attorney general, said the office was looking into the Rauner administration’s response to the outbreak.

“There needs to be an investigation to determine if laws were violated and whether residents of the home, their families, veterans’ home staff and the public were informed in a timely and appropriate manner,” she said in a statement.

The governor has maintained his administration did all it could at the veterans home. The state’s current budget includes funding to begin reconstruction of the facility, including replacement of aging water pipes thought to be the cause.

Rauner defended the administration’s notification process about Legionnaires’ at the facility. “We needed to get all the facts, make sure that there was no panic or inappropriate misinformation put out.”

But Pritzker noted the recently approved funds for rebuilding the facility. “Remember, three years also went by before the governor acted to do something to protect these veterans.” Pritzker also brought up the Rauner administration’s handling of the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook, which emits cancer-causing ethylene oxide gas to sterilize medical instruments, pharmaceutical drugs and food near densely populated neighborhoods and several schools.

Rauner this week joined local GOP officials who have called for a shutdown of the facility after spending the previous month downplaying cancer risks from toxic air emissions.

The Tribune found that

two months before a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report warning of the cancer threat was released to the public, the state EPA responded to the then-secret report by giving Sterigenics a permit to voluntarily install new pollution-control equipment. That made it harder to take legal action against the company. Rauner appointees also delayed providing the attorney general’s office key documents about the facility.

Rauner’s statement of economic interest shows an investment fund that owns the company purchased by his former equity investment firm. But he denied any current economic interest in Sterigenics and said he only learned from the U.S. EPA on Friday that ethylene oxide was more toxic than originally thought — though his state EPA had been in possession of such a report for months.

“You’ve taken weeks and weeks and weeks to do anything about it,” Pritzker said, asking the governor if he didn’t “owe the people of Willowbrook an answer.”

In the wide-ranging hourlong forum, Pritzker again said he would talk to lawmakers and negotiate with them the rates for a graduated income tax to replace the state’s currently mandated flat-rate tax. Rauner again used Pritzker’s inability to state specific tax rates to say the Democrat was threatening higher income taxes on everyone.

“He has cheated on his taxes and yet he wants to raise the taxes on the working people of this state,” Rauner said of Pritzker. Pritzker responded that Rauner was “defending the most unfair income tax situation in the nation.”

Rauner attacked Pritzker over the accusations of sexual harassment that have been leveled against officials and operatives aligned with Speaker Madigan’s government and political organizations.

“He (Madigan) has been caught condoning sexual harassment, hiding sexual harassment and abuse of women in his administration, his power structure,” Rauner said. “Mr. Pritzker has not called out Speaker Madigan on it.”

Pritzker praised a report from three Democratic women that recommended state parties withhold funding from campaigns that don’t adopt certain anti-harassment policies.

“I have called out Speaker Madigan and said that he took too long to follow up on the stories that were told to him of sexual

harassment within the organization,” Pritzker said. “I’m glad that there were some changes made but it was too long in coming.”

The candidates split on immigration, with Rauner touting his signature on the Trust Act, a law designed to protect immigrants who are living in the country illegally from being detained solely because of their immigration status.

Pritzker, though, attacked Rauner for his 2015 move to have Illinois temporarily stop accepting Syrian refugees following terrorist attacks in Paris.

“Gov. Rauner said he didn’t want any. Don’t send them here,” Pritzker said.

The Illinois Republican Party, which is heavily subsidized by Rauner’s wealth, invested in the property-tax break controversy as a backdrop for the debate.

The seven Republican members of Illinois’ congressional delegation wrote a letter asking U.S. Attorney John Lausch to investigate Pritzker, citing property-tax refund checks that were sent through the mail.

Later, Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs announced the introduction of legislation to make failure to repair, sell or lease properties vacant for more than two years a crime, including a felony when more than \$100,000 in back taxes are owed.

But Pritzker and Democrats countered with state Sen. Tom Cullerton of Villa Park asking the attorney general’s office to investigate the actions of Rauner and his administration surrounding the veterans home — something Lisa Madigan agreed to do hours later.

In addition, state Rep. Christian Mitchell of Chicago, the state Democratic Party’s interim executive director, held a news conference criticizing Rauner’s administration for refusing to take immediate action to shut the Sterigenics facility. Only one TV broadcast governor debate remains before Election Day, the lone Downstate forum in Quincy on Oct. 11. On Monday, Rauner and Pritzker also will take questions from high school student members of the Mikva Challenge organization that will be broadcast on WTTW-Ch. 11.

The following day, the contenders are scheduled to appear before the Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board.

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Joe Maddon’s future as Cubs manager is uncertain past the end of his five-year contract in 2019.

Epstein: Maddon will return in 2019

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bowed out of the playoffs in one of the wildest wild-card games in history, a 2-1, 13-inning defeat against the Rockies, Cubs President Theo Epstein confirmed that Maddon would not be fired, contrary to national media speculation that a quick postseason exit would lead to his dismissal.

So Maddon will be back in 2019 for one more year, and the Cubs will decide whether to sign him to an extension. He makes \$6 million annually after receiving a \$1 million bonus in each of the final three years of his deal for winning the World Series. But despite being the most successful Cubs manager in more than a century — the only one since 1908 to bring home a championship — Maddon apparently will have to prove he’s worthy of sticking around for the long term.

“Joe’s status remains unchanged,” Epstein said Wednesday afternoon during an hourlong post-mortem on the 2018 season. “He’s the manager of this team, and I’m very happy about that. I know there was some sort of high-profile report this morning that was not accurate. I didn’t read the whole thing, but I saw in there that there were some claims that he and I had personal friction. Not true at all. We have a terrific working relationship.”

“We don’t agree all the time on baseball issues, and that’s the way it should be. I don’t want a yes-man as the manager, and I don’t want it working as a yes-man relationship the other way either. There should be discord and debate and healthy trusting relationships where you can work together to make the organization better, and that’s the way it is.

“I enjoy having Joe around personally, and I like having him as the manager of this club and I really like having the most wins in baseball the last four years. I don’t like going home the first (game) of October. That’s not on Joe. It’s not. I look forward to him coming back with some unfinished business, as we all have in this organization.”

Epstein was referring to a column by The Athletic’s Ken Rosenthal, who also reports for Fox Sports and the MLB Network, that suggested Epstein had a “number of reasons to be irritated” with Maddon that might lead to a change. Among the reported “irritants” were injuries to closers Brandon Morrow and Pedro Strop and Maddon’s initial refusal to read the blog post by Addison Russell’s ex-wife that alleged emotional and physical abuse. Maddon eventually read it at Epstein’s urging. Russell received a 40-game suspension from Major League Baseball on Wednesday.

But perhaps the most damning sentence was Rosenthal’s assessment that “it’s difficult to imagine the Cubs firing him if their biggest complaint is that Epstein finds him annoying or difficult to work with.”

Maddon, 64, is his own man, and he likes to do things his way. It bothers those who prefer a Stepford manager who always goes by the book — or by

the computer analysis in this age. He still gets heat for overmanaging in Games 6 and 7 of the 2016 World Series, and Epstein conceded Wednesday that some players get frustrated by Maddon’s revolving-door lineups.

Epstein was in a similar situation in 2003 in Boston when he was general manager of a Red Sox team that won 95 games but lost to the Yankees in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series. Manager Grady Little was blamed for letting Pedro Martinez stay in too long and was fired after the season.

But unlike Little, Maddon has won a World Series title, and he was brought in to change the culture into a winning one. Even though he succeeded, Maddon has the misfortune of being a well-paid manager in an era when the trend is to hire inexperienced and relatively inexpensive baseball people who run their clubs in tandem with the front office.

The clones are proliferating, and old-school dinosaurs like Maddon are an endangered species.

Epstein accepted blame for the Cubs’ collapse, though his message that the team lacked a “sense of urgency” earlier in the season could be seen as a critique of Maddon’s laid-back style. Most of the players came to Maddon’s defense after Tuesday’s loss and dismissed critics who blamed him for the fall from first place.

Third baseman Kris Bryant called it a sign of the times.

“That’s the thing now, I just feel like people are saying more bad things than good things about people in general,” he said. “It’s tough, but that’s the world we live in now. Joe always does a great job for us. He always has our best interests in mind, and we won 95 games. During the regular season, that’s pretty impressive. But we didn’t win the one game that counts, and that’s where it’s going to hurt.”

Epstein said he doesn’t expect Maddon’s lame-duck status to be a distraction next season, which seems like wishful thinking. He said it’s “more common in the game” these days, adding that no determination has been made and won’t be until he talks to Maddon in the offseason.

One of Maddon’s old friends, the late Don Zimmer, was the Cubs manager in 1991 when he told management to renew his contract or he would leave at the end of the season, no matter what. The ultimatum backfired, and Tribune Co. fired him in May. Zimmer said that after 43 years in the game, he didn’t deserve to be evaluated after the season.

“What am I? A piece of garbage in Lake Michigan?” he famously said.

Maddon is unlikely to give Epstein an ultimatum, and if the Cubs do go in another direction, he’ll probably be able to find another gig. It’s too soon to know how this saga will end, and there still could be a happy ending.

But if Maddon does go out in that 42-regular straitjacket, at least he’ll go out in style.

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“We all know that crime guns are flooding into our city and killing our children. But it’s also destroying — emotionally, psychologically, in the most profound ways — the survivors.” — Attorney Thomas Geoghegan

Women sue for improved gun laws

Lawsuit outlines ‘incalculable’ damage inflicted on children

By Anna Sporre
Chicago Tribune

D.P. was only in kindergarten when he saw his father slumped over in the front seat of his car, dead from gunshot wounds. The violence would continue, unrelenting, for the next two years, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday identifying the boy by his initials. He lost an older classmate to gunfire, he took cover in his classroom from a shootout outside the window, and he was nearby when a Chicago Public Schools employee was shot and killed near his school in Austin. This year alone, four people have been shot within two blocks of his home. One was killed. The boy’s story is one of three outlined in the lawsuit, which argues that gun violence inflicts physical, mental and emotional damage on children that “substantially limits” their ability to succeed in school and in life. D.P., now 8, has angry

outbursts and trouble sleeping, the lawsuit states. At one point he was sent home for punching and kicking his teacher. The lawsuit calls for tighter regulation of gun sales, including the video-recording of transactions and background checks on all gun store and gun show employees. It contends the state of Illinois “has failed to implement meaningful gun trafficking regulations, despite authority to do so.” Because the resulting violence has caused “cognitive and emotional disabilities” in children, the suit argues, the state is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act. It further claims the state is violating the Illinois Civil Rights Act because of the “disparate impact” of violence on minority communities. “We all know that crime guns are flooding into our city and killing our children,” said Thomas Geoghegan, an attorney who filed the lawsuit on behalf of three women. “But it’s also

destroying — emotionally, psychologically, in the most profound ways — the survivors, the children who are not left dead by this epidemic of violence.” He cited data from Chicago police and the University of Chicago Crime Lab showing that 90 percent of the city’s 2,231 homicides between Jan. 1, 2015, and July 31 of this year were from gunshots. The suit wants the state to crack down on illegal firearms sales “especially in racially and economically isolated neighborhoods in the city that are awash in gun violence.” In addition to stepped-up background checks and video-recording of sales, the lawsuit seeks to make it more difficult for people to buy guns if any firearms they previously purchased were used in a crime. And it seeks to have firearm owner’s identification cards physically seized when they have been suspended or revoked. Attending the news con-



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Tywanna Patrick, a plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking to limit Chicago children’s exposure to gun violence, speaks during a news conference at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday.

ference Wednesday was Patricia Rush with the Center for Collaborative Study of Trauma, Health Equity and Neurobiology. She outlined the types of violence that can leave lasting brain damage in children: murder of a family member or classmate or neighbor, the near-constant sound of gunfire in neighborhood and seeing the body of a murdered relative. “The harm to these children is incalculable,” Rush said, adding that all the

children mentioned in the lawsuit were assessed by medical professionals who concluded they show symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. One of the women filing the suit, Tywana Patrick, said she stepped away from the trial of the person accused of killing her son to speak at the news conference. “On July 6, 2014, a regular Sunday afternoon, around 5 p.m., my life became a

statistic,” said Patrick, whose 21-year-old son was slain in Austin. “Our lives have been forever changed.” Her 11-year-old granddaughter still struggles with her uncle’s death. She often has trouble sleeping and is afraid to leave her home. She took a slow, deep breath before continuing. “I’m just here because I know the importance of our children having a future.” asporre@chicagotribune.com

Second man arrested in large theft of guns: police

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

A second man has been arrested in connection with the theft of some 370 guns that were recovered Sunday in Midlothian, police said. Roland Jackson, 24, of Chicago, was arrested with the assistance of Chicago police, Midlothian police said in a posting Wednesday. A spokeswoman for the

federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which had been investigating the massive gun theft, confirmed that Jackson is in custody but could not provide further details of his arrest. The guns had been stolen early Sunday morning from a United Parcel Service distribution center in Memphis and were part of a larger shipment that was headed to Dallas, according

to court documents. Jackson and a second man, 18-year-old Taveyan Turnbo, loaded three pallets of .22- and .380-caliber firearms into a U-Haul, and Turnbo was arrested Sunday, authorities said. According to Midlothian police, officers went to the parking lot of a Walgreens at 4800 W. 148th St. after a caller suspected the occupants of a vehicle were engaged in drug sales.

After police approached the U-Haul and asked the two men to step out, both fled on foot, with Turnbo apprehended about four hours later, according to police and court documents. The recovered guns were part of a shipment from the Ruger factory in North Carolina, and the truck they were in was scheduled to leave Memphis for Texas at 8 a.m. Sunday, according to

ATF affidavits filed in court. The theft happened sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. Sunday, and Midlothian police were called to the Walgreens parking lot shortly after 3 p.m. that day. Turnbo has been charged with possession of stolen firearms while Jackson is charged with illegal possession of a firearm by a felon, according to criminal complaints filed in federal court in Chicago.

Turnbo denied to investigators that he took part in the thefts but that he was going to help Jackson and his brother sell the stolen firearms, according to the affidavits. He told investigators that he and Jackson had sold at least three of the guns for a total of \$400, according to the affidavits. mnolan@southtownstar.com Twitter @mnolan-j



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Trickle of aid flows to quake survivors

Indonesia struggles days after disaster as death toll tops 1,400

BY STEPHEN WRIGHT
Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia — Climbing over reeking piles of sodden food and debris, a crowd Wednesday searched a warehouse wrecked in Indonesia's earthquake and tsunami for anything they could salvage: cans of condensed milk, soft drinks, rice, candy and painkillers. A trickle of emergency aid is only now reaching parts of Sulawesi island, five days after the destructive quake that killed more than 1,400 people, and some increasingly desperate survivors are taking matters into their own hands.

"We came here because we heard there was food," said Rehanna, a 23-year-old student, wearing a red motorcycle helmet. "We need clean water, rice." Elsewhere in the hard-hit city of Palu, residents clapped and cheered as they swarmed a truck that was delivering aid. "I'm so happy," said Heruwanto, clutching a box of instant noodles. The 63-year-old man, who like many Indonesians goes by only one name, added: "I really haven't eaten for three days." Indonesian authorities have been struggling to get relief to survivors who have been left without food, water, fuel and medicine after Friday's magnitude 7.5 quake and tsunami that smashed homes and businesses, downed communications and made roads impassable on Sulawesi.



DITA ALANGKARA/AP

A survivor hauls away food he scavenged Wednesday from an abandoned warehouse in a devastated Palu, Indonesia.

The official death toll rose to 1,407 Wednesday, with thousands injured and more than 70,000 displaced, said national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. He said the number of dead would increase, but that rescue crews had reached all affected areas. The horror was still fresh in the minds of those like furniture maker Khairul Hassan, who was working at a shop near the beach in front of a row of warehouses when the ground shook violently. He ran to a hill and watched as the ocean heaved and hurled forward. "I saw the waves come and sweep out everything — buildings, factories, warehouses and some people who were lost, racing from the waves, some of them

women and children," he said. "Also, warehouse workers who were trapped under goods, all swept by the sea. It's so tragic. It's so scary to remember." The Sulawesi coastline spreading out from Palu was a surreal landscape of debris, beached boats, overturned cars and the foundations of obliterated houses. Wrecked houses still standing were spray painted with appeals for aid. The wall of one dwelling was scrawled with the message: "Help us Mr. President." President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo visited the disaster zone Wednesday for a second time, saying there's still work to be done, but that conditions were improving. "We are going in phases. There are lots of things happening related to evacu-

ation, as aid and fuel are also coming in," he said, noting that 30 people remain buried under rubble at the Roa Roa Hotel in Palu. The U.N. estimated that about 200,000 people need assistance, announcing a \$15 million allocation to bolster relief efforts. Australia said it will send 50 medical professionals as part of a \$3.6 million aid package. The U.N. said the Indonesian Ministry of Social Affairs has asked UNICEF to send social workers to support vulnerable children who are alone or became separated from their families. Some homeless residents weren't waiting for help. Besides those searching for food, dozens of others combed a flattened complex of warehouses along

Palu's ravaged coast for anything they could sell or use to rebuild homes. They carted away corrugated metal, wood, piping and other items. They included all ages, middle class and poor; university students and sullen young men. "We have to do this because there's no assistance from the government," said Zaitun Rajamangili, 41, adding that his home was swept away but his family survived. Rehanna, the student searching the warehouse for food, had come from Balaroa, a neighborhood of several hundred houses in Palu that was turned upside down by the quake and where many remain buried beneath the rubble. "I'm very angry," she said

of the lack of aid. "I know the assistance is coming, but the distribution is very bad." Picking through the pile nearby was a 50-year-old woman named Rosminah, who had a plastic shopping bag bulging with muddy packets of food. "There's no support. Our house was destroyed," she said. "We came here to search for food. There's no assistance. We have to find it by ourselves." Following looting and aid vehicles being stopped and surrounded by people on roads, Indonesian military chief Hadi Tjahyanto said one soldier and one police officer would be placed on every aid truck, and that soldiers would be sent to secure markets, the airport and fuel depots to maintain order. He added that a Singaporean military transport plane will help evacuate victims from Palu. In addition, aircraft from South Korea, the United Kingdom and Japan were expected to ferry aid. Separately, a volcano erupted on another part of Sulawesi island, 585 miles northeast of the disaster zone. It sent up a plume of ash more than 20,680 feet high. Planes were warned about the ash cloud billowing from Mount Soputan that can be hazardous for aircraft. No evacuations were ordered in the area. Experts said it's possible the quake accelerated the eruption. Activity at the volcano had been increasing since August and began surging Monday, according to the head of Indonesia's Volcanology and Geology Disaster Mitigation Agency.

White House midterm message: Get on the Trump bandwagon

BY ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has a message for vulnerable House Republicans tiptoeing around President Donald Trump: Get on board or start packing. The warning comes in a memo from White House political director Bill Stepien, who argues that GOP candidates who try to distance themselves from the president are only doing themselves harm in the upcoming midterm elections. The memo, dated Monday and obtained by The Associated Press, serves as a response to a grim White House briefing by pollsters for the Republican National Committee last month regarding GOP midterm prospects. It also previews some of Trump's upcoming travel as White House officials have noted the president's efforts to help beleaguered House candidates, not just contenders in more prominent Senate races. Midterm elections are traditionally difficult for the parties of incumbent presidents. The GOP is facing down considerable Democratic enthusiasm as it looks to retain control of the House and Senate. But the

"Watch closely where the president has and will campaign. President Trump continues to ... put the power and force of his coalition to work for the candidates with whom he stands, and those who stand with him."
— White House memo

White House memo argues that public perceptions about whether the country is on the right track temper the probability of a Democratic wave. So do redrawn congressional districts, which have reduced the number of contested seats. "With Americans supporting the direction of the country at historically high levels — but with Republican voters clearly lagging in enthusiasm — the path forward is clear; Republican candidates need to closely, clearly and boldly align themselves with the poli-

cies that have provided Americans with this historic level of directional optimism," Stepien wrote. The White House memo suggests that countering the enthusiasm gap is where Trump can make up the difference — for those candidates willing to take his help. Republicans who don't talk about Trump or his accomplishments, the White House warns, will make a tough situation a whole lot tougher. Trump has used campaign rallies in an effort to boost Republican turnout, encouraging the voters he drew to the polls in 2016 to support more staid traditional lawmakers. Both parties view the 2018 contest as a race to turn out party faithful rather than an effort to attract new voters. At a rally Tuesday in Southaven, Miss., Trump told voters: "Pretend I'm on the ballot." He added: "This is also a referendum about me and the disgusting gridlock they'll put this country through." That message is consistent with the advice given last month to White House staff by GOP pollster Neil Newhouse, who said Republicans need to warn of the consequences if Demo-



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President Trump arrives at a "Make America Great Again" rally Tuesday in Mississippi.

crats gain control of either chamber of Congress. He told White House officials that Trump could appeal to moderates and independents by emphasizing that a Democratic majority would be outside the mainstream on issues such as abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement and pushing government-funded health care. Ever since, both themes have taken on more prominence at Trump's rallies. Trump will campaign Thursday for Republican Rep. Jason Lewis of Minnesota, who invited Trump to appear on his behalf. Offi-

cials contrasted Lewis' request in the state's 2nd Congressional District with that of Republican Rep. Erik Paulsen of the neighboring 3rd District who has kept his distance from Trump. The White House believes Paulsen's rejection of Trump will sink his candidacy. The Stepien memo states that Trump's travel strategy in the five weeks through Election Day will be to spend time with candidates who back the president. On Saturday, he will campaign for Republican congressional candidate Steve Watkins in Kansas, kicking

off a stretch of five rallies in eight days for candidates in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky. "Watch closely where the president has and will campaign; you will see the president aggressively campaigning in districts with candidates who enthusiastically embrace the policies that have put America on the pathway to prosperity," the memo states. "President Trump continues to be ready, willing and able to put the power and force of his coalition to work for the candidates with whom he stands, and those who stand with him."

Trump calls New York Times fraud story on taxes a 'hit piece'

BY JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump lashed out Wednesday at The New York Times, dismissing a lengthy story about the vast extent to which his father had fueled his wealth with tax avoidance schemes that at times amounted to fraud as both a "hit piece" and "boring." He also accused the paper of holding a grudge from the 2016 election. The Times story, which

published online Tuesday, reported that Trump had participated in "dubious tax schemes" that allowed his father to pass him more than \$413 million while minimizing tax payments. "The Failing New York Times did something I have never seen done before," Trump wrote on Twitter. "They used the concept of 'time value of money' in doing a very old, boring and often told hit piece on me. Added up, this means that 97% of their stories on me are bad. Never recovered

from bad election call!" The New York Department of Taxation and Finance said Tuesday that it had begun reviewing the allegations detailed in the Times report, which in some cases amount to "outright fraud," according to the paper. The Times said it had unraveled a complex effort by Trump's father, Fred, to build and then pass along his wealth by examining more than 100,000 pages of documents from the businesses of Fred Trump.

It said that, starting in the 1990s, Donald Trump had helped his father lower his tax bills via a sham corporation that processed padded invoices, by using improper tax deductions and by systematically undervaluing his father's real estate properties. At a briefing later Wednesday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders called the Times story "a totally false attack based on an old, recycled news story." But she declined to iden-

tify specific factual errors, instead referring reporters to statements made in the story by a lawyer for Trump. "There was no fraud or tax evasion by anyone," Sanders asserted, adding that the one thing the story correctly conveyed is that Trump's father "had a great deal of confidence in him." Sanders said there are no immediate plans to release any of Trump's tax returns, something Democrats have sought. Sanders said she would have to check to see

whether Trump's returns were still being audited. Trump campaign and White House officials have repeatedly cited audits as the reason Trump didn't release his returns, as has become custom in presidential races. The concept of "time value of money," which Trump referenced in his tweet, is the idea that money that is available at the present time is worth more than the same amount in the future, due to its potential earning capacity.

Senate sends sweeping opioids bill to president

By COLBY ITKOWITZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed the final version of a sweeping opioids' package Wednesday afternoon and will send it to the White House just in time for lawmakers to campaign on the issue before the November midterm elections.

The vote was 99-1, with Utah's Republican Sen. Mike Lee opposing it.

The bill unites dozens of smaller proposals sponsored by hundreds of lawmakers, many of whom face tough re-election fights. It creates, expands and reauthorizes programs and policies across almost every federal agency, aiming to address different aspects of the opioid epidemic, including prevention, treatment and recovery.

It is one of Congress' most significant legislative achievements this year, a rare bipartisan response to a growing public health crisis that resulted in 72,000 drug-overdose deaths last year. It marks a moment of bipartisan accomplishment at an especially rancorous time on Capitol Hill as senators debate Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who sounded the alarm on opioid addiction four years ago, is credited with the slice of the bill that could have the greatest effect. It will require the U.S. Postal Service to screen packages for fentanyl shipped from overseas, mainly China. Synthetic opioids that are difficult to detect are increasingly being found in pills and heroin and are responsible for an increase in overdose deaths.

"I will say getting that passed, to me, is just common sense. I think it's overdue. I'm disappointed



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Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, is credited with the part of the bill that mandates the Post Office screen for fentanyl.

it took us this long," Portman said in a floor speech Tuesday. "How many people had to die before Congress stood up and did the right thing with regard to telling our own post office you have to provide better screening?"

On Wednesday, just before the vote, he called it a "glimmer of hope."

The bill's passage comes a year after President Donald Trump declared the opioid crisis a national emergency.

The House passed it 393-8 last week.

Public-health advocates laud the bill's increased attention to treatment, which they say is the key component to overcoming addiction. The legislation would create a grant program for comprehensive recovery centers that include housing and job training, as well as mental and physical health care. It would increase access to medication-assisted treatment that helps people with substance abuse disorders safely wean themselves.

Another major aspect of the bill is the change to a decades-old rule that prohibited Medicaid from covering patients with substance abuse disorders who were receiving treatment in

a mental health facility with more than 16 beds. The bill now allows for 30 days of residential treatment coverage.

The more cynical view of the bipartisan work on this package is that it's an easy election-year win that does not dedicate the level of funding and long-term commitment needed to fight a crisis of this magnitude, many experts say.

"This legislation edges us closer to treating addiction as the devastating disease it is, but it neglects to provide the long-term investment we've seen in responses to other major public health crises," said Lindsey Vuolo, associate director of health law and policy at Center on Addiction. "We won't be able to make meaningful progress against the tide of addiction unless we make significant changes to incorporate addiction treatment into the existing health care system."

Congress has appropriated \$8.5 billion this year for opioid-related programs, but there's no guarantee of funding for subsequent years. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., have proposed committing \$100 billion over 10 years to fighting the opioid crisis.

3 share chemistry Nobel for work with evolution, proteins

By MALCOLM RITTER, JIM HEINTZ AND CHRISTOPHER CHESTER
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Three scientists won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for using a sped-up version of evolution to create new proteins that have led to a best-selling drug and other products.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science said their work has led to the development of medications, biofuels and a reduced environmental impact from some industrial processes.

Frances Arnold of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena was awarded half of the \$1 million prize, while the other half was shared by George Smith of the University of Missouri and Gregory Winter of the MRC molecular biology lab in Cambridge, England.

Arnold, 62, is only the fifth woman to win a chemistry Nobel since the prizes began in 1901.

The winners "have taken control of evolution and used it for purposes that bring the greatest benefit to humankind," the Nobel committee said.

Smith, 77, and Winter, 67, worked with viruses that infect bacteria. Smith showed in 1985 that inserting DNA into these viruses would make them display proteins linked to that DNA on their surfaces. It was a way to find an unknown gene for a known protein.

Winter adapted the approach to create useful antibodies, proteins that target and grab onto disease-related targets. In 1994, for example, he developed antibodies that grab onto cancer cells.

The first pharmaceutical based on Winter's work, AbbVie's adalimumab, was approved for sale in 2002. It's used to treat immune-



MARJORIE SABLE/AP

George Smith, left, of the University of Missouri, and Gregory Winter, of the MRC molecular biology lab in Cambridge, England, worked with viruses that infect bacteria.



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Frances Arnold is the fifth woman to win a chemistry Nobel since 1901.

system disorders, including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel diseases, the academy said.

Sold as Humira in the U.S. and under other brand names elsewhere, it brought AbbVie \$18.4 billion in revenue last year, in part because of its price: about \$5,000 a month without insurance coverage in the U.S.

Other antibodies produced by this approach fight cancer, neutralize the anthrax toxin and slow down lupus, the Swedish academy said.

Dr. Wayne Marasco of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston said the lab technique developed by Smith and Winter was "revolutionary and it's used today, every day."

Arnold was seeking ways

to make improved enzymes, which are proteins that encourage chemical reactions to occur. In 1993, she showed the power of "directed evolution" for doing that.

First she created random mutations in DNA that lets cells produce an enzyme. Then she slipped these mutated genes into bacteria, which pumped out thousands of different variants of the enzyme.

Arnold has been at the leading edge of directed evolution techniques, the academy said. Her tailored enzymes have become important for making medications and other valuable substances like renewable fuels.

Arnold told the AP, "I predict that we will see many more Nobel chemistry prizes for women."

Smith credited others for the work that led to his breakthrough.

"Very few research breakthroughs are novel. Virtually all of them build on what went on before," he told the AP.

Winter said an encounter with a cancer patient early in his career made him realize the importance of his work.

Winter said he realized afterward there was a "moral imperative" to ensure "what was produced could be used for public benefit."

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GOP awaits FBI Kavanaugh report



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wedges around senators walking through hallways. Some lawmakers also complained of being confronted outside their homes.

On the Senate floor, McConnell, R-Ky., claimed the protesters were “part of the organized effort” to derail Kavanaugh’s nomination and said, “There is no chance in the world that they’re going to scare us out of doing our duty.”

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, told reporters that Trump’s Tuesday night lampooning of Ford at a Mississippi campaign rally was “just plain wrong.” Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, called it “wholly inappropriate and in my view unacceptable,” and Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said on NBC’s “Today” show that the remarks were “kind of appalling.”

Those GOP senators, along with Democrats Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, have yet to declare how they will vote on Kavanaugh. Other Republicans conceded that Trump’s insults could be damaging.

“All of us need to keep in mind there’s a few people that are on the fence right now. And right now, that’s sort of where our focus needs to be,” said Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, who has traded barbs with Trump and will retire at year’s end.

Even Trump ally Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said at an event hosted by The Atlantic magazine: “I would tell him, knock it off. You’re not helping.”

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.,



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP
Activists take part in a protest against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

said Trump’s insults of Ford marked a “new low.”

Trump drew laughs from supporters at a rally Tuesday night with his rendition of how Ford answered questions at last week’s hearing: “I had one beer — that’s the only thing I remember,” he stated inaccurately.

As he flew aboard Air Force One to the Mississippi rally, Trump was enraged by New York Times articles about Kavanaugh’s high school and college years and about alleged tax avoidance efforts by the president and his family, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway on Wednesday echoed the president’s aggressive ap-

proach. She said Ford has “been treated like a Faberge egg by all of us, beginning with me and the president,” and said Trump was “pointing out factual inconsistencies.”

Ford, a California psychology professor, has testified that a drunken Kavanaugh sexually abused her in a locked room at a high school party in 1982 and has said she believed he was trying to rape her. Kavanaugh has denied her assertions and those of two other women, who have accused him of sexual misconduct in the 1980s.

Ford’s attorney complained Wednesday that the FBI has not contacted her for this week’s interviews. Democrats argued that the investigation has been lacking interviews with her, with Kavanaugh and others

who Kavanaugh’s accusers have said could have knowledge about the alleged incidents.

Also Wednesday, the National Council of Churches, an organization of Christian denominations, said Kavanaugh should step aside after showing “extreme partisan bias” at his confirmation hearing. The group said Kavanaugh has “neither the temperament nor the character” needed for the high court.

Lawmakers said that once the FBI report arrived, senators and a number of aides would be allowed to read it in a secure room in the Capitol complex. Republicans have said they are working under an agreement governing background checks dating from the Obama administration, under which investigations

are confidential and closely held.

While some senators from both parties have said they’d like a summary of the findings to be released, Senate procedures call for such checks to be kept confidential, and it’s unclear what will be released, other than through leaks.

“None of that stuff’s public,” Judiciary panel Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, told reporters. “If you want people to be candid when they talk to the FBI, you ain’t going to make that public.”

Democrats demanded that the FBI privately brief the Senate about the investigation before the chamber votes. McConnell rejected that request in a letter to Schumer, saying Democrats would use it to delay Kavanaugh’s confirmation.

Minn. leaders grapple with homeless camp

BY ANY FORLITI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — When a disturbed woman pulled a knife on Denise Deer last month, she quickly herded her children into their tent. A nearby man stepped in and the woman was arrested, and within minutes, 8-year-old Shilo and 4-year-old Koda were back outside sitting on a sidewalk, playing with a train set and gobbling treats delivered by volunteers.

The sprawling homeless encampment just south of downtown Minneapolis isn’t where Deer wanted her family of six to be, but with nowhere else to go after her mother-in-law wouldn’t take them in, she sighed: “It’s a place.”

City leaders have been reluctant to break up what’s believed to be the largest homeless camp ever seen in Minneapolis, where the forbidding climate has typically discouraged large encampments seen elsewhere.

But two deaths in recent weeks and concern about disease, drugs and the coming winter have ratcheted up pressure for a solution.

“Housing is a right,” Mayor Jacob Frey said. “We’re going to continue working as hard as we can to make sure the people in our city are guaranteed that right.”

As many as 300 have

congregated in the camp that took root this summer beside an urban freeway. When The Associated Press visited earlier this month, colorful tents and a few teepees were lined up in rows, sometimes inches apart and three tents deep.

Bicycles, coolers or small toys were near some tents, and some people had strung up laundry to air out.

Most of the residents are Native American. The encampment — called the “Wall of Forgotten Natives” because it sits against a highway sound wall — is in a part of the city with a large concentration of American Indians and organizations that help them.

Some have noted the tents stand on what was once Dakota land.

“They came to an area, a geography that has long been identified as a part of the Native community. A lot of the camp residents feel at home, they feel safer,” said Robert Lilligren, vice chairman of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors.

The encampment illuminates problems that face American Indians in Minneapolis. They make up 1.1 percent of Hennepin County’s residents, but 16 percent of unsheltered homeless people, according to an April count. It’s also a community hit harder by opioids with Native Americans five times more likely to die from an overdose than



JIM MONE/AP

Bear La Ronge Jr., cleans up the sidewalk in front of his tent at a homeless encampment in south Minneapolis.

whites, according to state health department data.

One end of the camp appeared to be geared toward families, while adults were on the other end. In the middle, a group called Natives Against Heroin was operating a tent where volunteers handed out bottles of water, food and clothing. The group also gives addicts clean needles and sharps containers, and volunteers carry naloxone to treat overdoses.

“People are respectful,” said group founder James Cross. “But sometimes an addict will be coming off a high We have to de-escalate. Not hurt them, just escort them off. And say, ‘Hey, this is a family setting. This is a community. We’ve

got kids, elders. We’ve got to make it safe.’ ”

With dozens living within inches of each other, health officials also fear an outbreak of infectious diseases like hepatitis A. Medical professionals have started administering vaccines. In recent weeks, one woman died when she didn’t have an asthma inhaler, and one man died from a drug overdose.

Service agencies have set up areas for camp residents to get medical care, antibiotics, hygiene kits or other supplies. There’s a station advertising free HIV testing, a place to apply for housing, and temporary showers. Portable restrooms and hand-sanitizing stations have been put up.

But city officials know that’s not sustainable, especially as winter approaches. At an emergency meeting last week, the City Council approved a plan to use land that’s owned by the Red Lake Nation as the site for a “navigation center,” which will include temporary shelters and services.

Because buildings need to be demolished, that site might not be ready until early December, concerning at least one council member.

But Sam Strong of the Red Lake Nation said it’s possible the process could be expedited. Once camp residents are safe for the winter, finding more stable, long-term housing will be the goal. Several have been

moved to shelters.

Bear La Ronge Jr., 47, moved to the encampment after he got custody of his three kids and realized they couldn’t live along the railroad tracks where he’d been staying. Over several weeks, he watched the tent city grow, and wishes the drug users would be removed.

“This place is so incorporated with drugs, needles laying everywhere,” La Ronge said.

He pointed to a cardboard box outside his tent that contained toys.

“I wake up every morning and look in my toy box, and there’s five open needles in there because people walk by and just drop their needles in my kids’ toys. So I need to go somewhere else.”



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Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone, from left, police Chief Allen Heidler and deputy Glenn Kirby speak to the media about the shooting Wednesday in South Carolina.

7 officers shot, 1 fatally, in S. Carolina

BY ELI ROSENBERG
The Washington Post

Seven law enforcement officers were shot, one fatally, after a suspect opened fire Wednesday on deputies attempting to serve a search warrant to a house in Florence, S.C., authorities said.

The incident occurred about 4 p.m. Wednesday.

From inside the home, the suspect fired on the deputies, striking three of them, officials said. The suspect continued to fire as

officers from other departments arrived to assist.

The wounded were evacuated after police drove in with a bullet-resistant vehicle, while the suspect barricaded himself inside along with a number of children, officials said.

After an approximately two-hour standoff, the suspect was arrested. Officials have not released the suspect’s name.

The officer who was fatally shot was from the Florence Police Department. Authorities did not

release the officer’s name.

Chief Allen Heidler told reporters that he had known the officer for 30 years, calling him “the bravest police officer that I have ever known.”

Officials expressed shock and anger that violence broke out while deputies were serving what they called a “random search warrant,” a relatively routine investigative procedure.

“These officers went there unknowing the firepower this suspect had,”

Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone told reporters. “He had an advantage. The officers couldn’t get to the ones that were down.”

The six officers are receiving treatment at a local hospital.

President Donald Trump tweeted: “My thoughts and prayers are with the Florence County Sheriff’s Office and the Florence Police Department tonight, in South Carolina.”

Associated Press contributed.

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Diaper shortage shows Iran's in deep

Country grapples with economic stress, money crisis

By SHASHANK BENGALI AND RAMIN MOSTAGHIM
Los Angeles Times

TEHRAN, Iran — In recent days, Iranian authorities have conducted raids in several cities, seizing illicit stockpiles of rare goods and vowing to prosecute the culprits to calm a seething public.

The precious contraband: diapers.

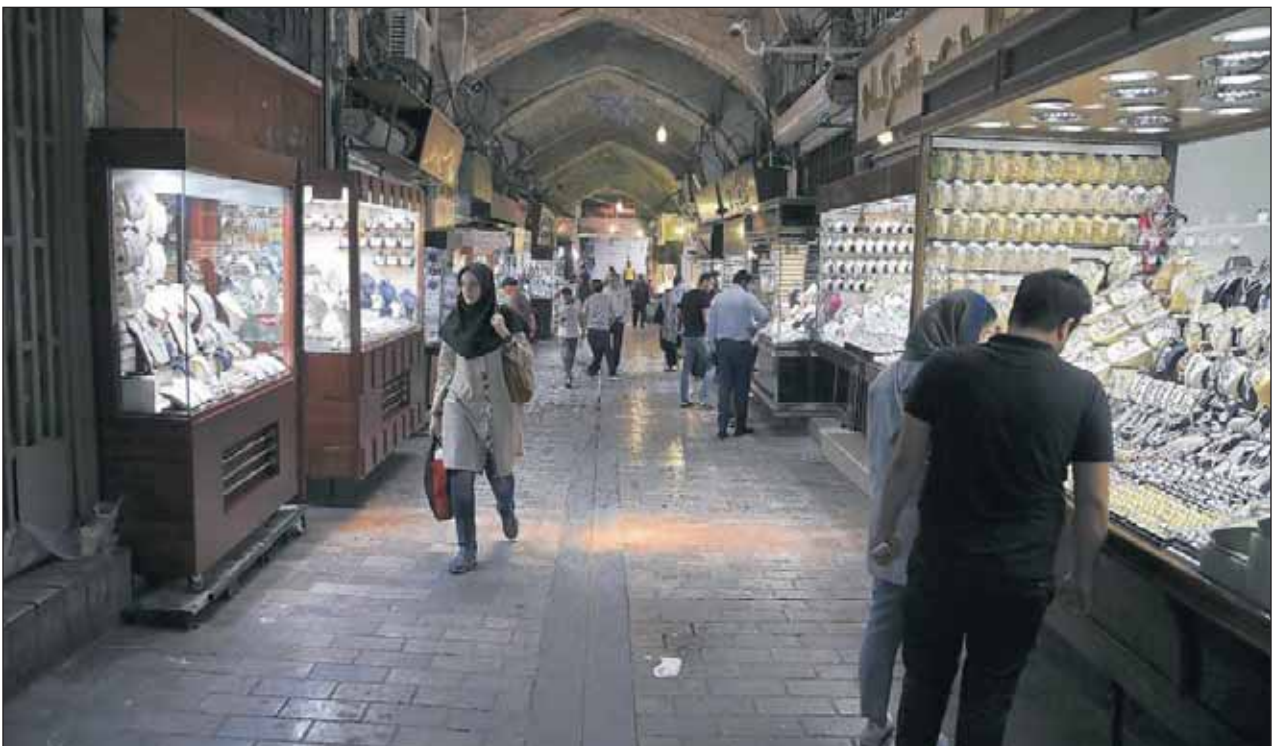
Hyperinflation and a shortage of raw materials have made infant and adult diapers costly and exceedingly scarce, prompting some parents to revert to old-fashioned cloth diapers. Imported alternatives have tripled in price from a few months ago.

It's just one more vivid sign of economic distress as Iran grapples with a currency crisis brought on by years of fiscal mismanagement and accelerated by the Trump administration's decision to renew harsh sanctions over what it describes as the Islamic Republic's malign influence in the Middle East.

With Iran's currency, the rial, having shed more than half its value against the dollar since January, domestic manufacturers have seen soaring costs of raw materials such as ultra-absorbent cellulose, which diaper makers import from China, Indonesia and other countries.

The government struggled to provide manufacturers with sufficient foreign currency at subsidized rates, leading many to stop producing disposable diapers and sanitary products, leaving a smaller, costlier inventory on store shelves.

Iran's protectionist diaper makers have long tried to block superior imports, so there were few alternatives on the market when the shortages hit, said Esfandiyar Batmanghelidj,



VAHID SALEMI/AP

The rial has dropped drastically recently against the U.S. dollar with many anticipating further drops in buying power.

founder of Bourse & Bazaar, a publication that tracks Iran's economy.

"The diaper fiasco is an example of how sudden crises, like the falling price of the rial, can bring to light long-standing issues across Iran's supply chains," Batmanghelidj said.

The shortages have created fresh misery for Iranian families, already suffering from stagnant wages, underemployment, the diminishing value of government subsidies and skyrocketing prices for fruit, vegetables and other daily goods.

With their first child due in two months, Tehran taxi driver Asghar Taheri and his wife were showered with several packages of Iranian-made diapers as gifts from their parents.

But facing an unreliable supply and mounting costs, they decided instead to swaddle their child in the cloth diapers that he was raised on, known as kuneh, and purchased a washing machine to clean them.

"We're regressing instead of progressing," said Taheri, 33. "We're going back to the

rags we used when I and my parents were infants."

Four weeks ago, a package of about two dozen Iranian-made diapers could be found in Tehran pharmacies for about \$3, according to the unofficial exchange rate. That same package now goes for nearly three times as much — an exorbitant amount for young couples whose monthly household incomes now average about \$140.

With most babies requiring eight changes a day, that's a new package every three days — meaning the average family could spend more than half its monthly income on diapers.

Days ago, parents waited in long lines at a Tehran superstore that advertised a sale on diapers. Now diapers are expensive everywhere, and every baby's bodily function now comes with a formidable price tag.

One father, shopping at a small grocery in western Tehran, said he had worked out that every time his infant urinated, it cost him about 14 cents.

"Our daily sales of dia-

pers have diminished remarkably, simply because young parents can't afford it," said Zahra Hasani, an employee at a central Tehran pharmacy.

Hasani said many parents were purchasing cloth diapers made of white canvas or linen, which retail for about 50 cents apiece.

The issue has attracted the attention of Iran's supreme leader, who blamed economic "saboteurs."

"Suddenly in Tehran and other big cities, diapers are scarce," the semiofficial Fars News Agency quoted Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying in early September. "The enemy wants to make people angry with the government and state administration."

But most Iranians blamed the theocracy for corruption in the heavily state-backed manufacturing sector and questioned why businesses relied on imported materials to produce such basic goods as diapers.

"They embezzle billions and take low-interest loans

in huge amounts for cronies and well-connected importers and exporters and fail to procure raw materials for diapers," lamented Taheri.

Zohre Bakhshandeh, a 32-year-old whose family runs a small fruit juice outlet in southwestern Tehran, said she and her husband had switched to cloth diapers for their 23-month-old daughter.

Two weeks ago she stopped buying imported German diapers because she calculated that her baby's four changes a day were costing her \$2 every 24 hours. She'd save the good German diapers, she said, for days when she was taking her daughter out to family gatherings.

"I put the blame on the whole regime led by the supreme leader," Bakhshandeh said. "The capitalists are cronies of the regime and they decide how to rob and fleece people in their backrooms. Otherwise it should be a piece of cake to procure diapers."

Some blame the Trump administration's sanctions,

the toughest of which won't go into effect until early November. On the popular Telegram social media network, a spoof news report quoted Trump as saying, "I will ratchet up the pressure of sanctions so much that instead of manufacturing missiles, you will shift to producing diapers." (In Persian, the word for missile, *moshak*, rhymes with the word for diaper, *poshak*.)

Parents' frustrations add to months of anger over economic issues that has bubbled over into some of the biggest anti-government protests in years.

Desperate to manage the public mood, Iranian authorities have said they would loosen import restrictions to put more foreign-made diapers in stores and announced plans to punish manufacturers, wholesalers and others hoarding scarce commodities.

In the western city of Esfahan, the ILNA news agency reported last week that police had launched an operation that found 50 stockpiles of consumer goods stashed in warehouses, including diapers worth about \$3,500.

Similar raids occurred in the western towns of Boroujerd and Ilam, and in the northern town of Rudsar, according to state-run media.

Parents aren't the only ones suffering the shortages, which have also affected supplies of adult diapers and female sanitary pads.

Farshad Farivar, a 55-year-old whose brochure-printing business had gone bankrupt, said he feared not being able to afford the diapers used by an elderly, bedridden relative, which he said cost about \$5 every two days. For retirees on dwindling government pensions now worth less than \$80 a month, diapers could cost the equivalent of a senior's entire income.

"It is going to be painful and unaffordable," Farivar said.

U.S. terminates 1955 treaty with Iran after court order

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In response to a U.N. court order that the U.S. lift sanctions on Iran, the Trump administration said Wednesday it was terminating a decades-old treaty affirming friendly relations between the countries. The largely symbolic gesture highlights deteriorating relations between Washington and Tehran.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said withdrawing from the 1955 Treaty of Amity was long overdue and followed Iran "groundlessly" bringing a complaint with the International Court of Justice challenging U.S. sanctions on the basis that they were a violation of the pact.

Meanwhile, national security adviser John Bolton said the administration also was pulling out of an amendment to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that Iran or others, notably the Palestinians, could use to sue the U.S. at The Hague-based tribunal. Bolton told reporters at the White House that the provision violates U.S. sovereignty.

"The United States will not sit idly by as baseless politicized claims are brought against us," Bolton said. He cited a case brought to the court by the "so-called state of Palestine" challenging the move of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as the main reason for withdrawing.

Bolton, who last month unleashed a torrent of criticism against the International Criminal Court, noted that previous Republican administrations had pulled out of various international agreements and bodies over "politicized cases." He said the administration would review all accords that might subject the U.S. to prosecution by international courts or panels.

Earlier, Pompeo de-



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tells reporters about the Treaty of Amity cancellation Wednesday in Washington.

nounced the Iranian case before the U.N. court as "meritless" and said the Treaty of Amity was meaningless and absurd.

"The Iranians have been ignoring it for an awfully long time, we ought to have pulled out of it decades ago," he told reporters at the State Department.

The little-known treaty with Iran was among numerous such ones signed in the wake of World War II as the Truman and Eisenhower administrations tried to assemble a coalition of nations to counter the Soviet Union. Like many of the treaties, this one was aimed at encouraging closer economic relations and regulating diplomatic and consular ties.

Its first article reads: "There shall be firm and enduring peace and sincere friendship between the United States of America and Iran."

The treaty survived the 1979 overthrow of the Shah in Iran's Islamic revolution and the subsequent hostage crisis that crippled American-Iranian relations for decades.

But amid a broader push to assert U.S. sovereignty in the international arena and after pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal this year, the

administration determined that the court case made the treaty irrelevant.

Pompeo said the ruling was a "useful point for us to demonstrate the absolute absurdity" of the treaty.

The court case is legally binding, but Pompeo said the administration would proceed with sanctions enforcement with existing exceptions for humanitarian and flight safety transactions.

The ruling said Washington must "remove, by means of its choosing, any impediments arising from" the re-imposition of sanctions to the export to Iran of medicine and medical devices, food and agricultural commodities and spare parts and equipment necessary to ensure the safety of civil aviation.

It said the exceptions mentioned by Pompeo "are not adequate to address fully the humanitarian and safety concerns" raised by Iran.

The first set of sanctions that had been eased under the terms of the nuclear deal negotiated by the Obama administration was reimposed in August. A second, more sweeping set of sanctions, is set to be reimposed in November.

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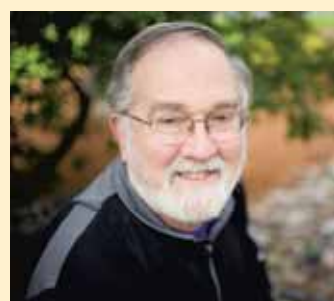
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Mexico takes aim at police corruption

Officials replace local cops with soldiers in Acapulco, elsewhere

By KATE LINTHICUM
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Seeking to curb rampant gang violence and police corruption in the seaside city of Acapulco, Mexican authorities are taking a gamble: replacing local cops with state police and the military. Federal officials say it is a last-ditch effort to bring peace to Acapulco, once a glamorous resort favored by Hollywood celebrities that has become one of the most murderous cities on Earth.

The local police force appears to have been infiltrated by organized crime, authorities said.

The strategy of sending in soldiers and state and federal police to do the work of neighborhood cops has been employed in other parts of the country, with mixed results. Critics say the plan is treating a symptom instead of the underlying disease — ineffective and corrupt policing — and that it is unlikely to reduce crime and could lead to human rights abuses.

Mexico's local police forces are famously under-trained and badly compensated, with some officers paid as little as \$300 a month and required to buy their own uniforms and even bullets. That makes them susceptible to gangs, who offer money in return for loyalty — and threaten violence if they disobey.

Police collusion with criminals has ranged from officers looking the other way when a crime has been committed to detaining people and turning them over to gangs.

Mexico, with substantial support from the United States, has made efforts to professionalize local police forces in recent years, with a focus on improving training and vetting procedures for new recruits.



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Officials disarmed local police in Acapulco, replacing them with soldiers, but questions remain whether it will work.



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Soldiers recently took policing control in Acapulco because of possible links to organized crime in the local ranks.

But experts say those changes will have little effect without more mechanisms for accountability. That could include the formation of civilian oversight commissions, which are common in many American cities, and the strengthening of internal affairs units.

Firing corrupt officers and replacing them with new cadets is not enough, Mexican security analyst Alejandro Hope said.

“You need much broader change,” he said. “You need

a mechanism to ensure the police remain clean.”

Other Mexican cities and towns have seen their local police agencies disarmed in recent years, but Acapulco is the biggest city yet to embark on the experiment.

The city, whose decline began a decade ago, had 941 homicides last year, or 107 for every 100,000 inhabitants. That is more than 15 times the homicide rate in Los Angeles.

More than a dozen criminal groups are battling for access to drug trafficking

plazas, street-level drug sales and dominance of extortion rackets, according to officials.

Last month's move was provoked by the “the non-existent response of the municipal police to confront the crime wave,” the task force overseeing the disarmament of Acapulco police said in a recent statement.

The task force, known as the Guerrero Coordination Group, said all members of the police force have been required to turn in their bulletproof vests, radios and weapons. Two police commanders have been charged with homicide, and the rest of the force is being investigated.

Mexican soldiers have been involved in carrying out public security functions since 2006, when then-President Felipe Calderon declared war on the country's increasingly powerful drug cartels.

But in recent years, their role has grown in some parts of the country where local cops are seen as particularly corrupt, including

in the states of Oaxaca, Jalisco, Colima and Nuevo Leon. In the state of Tamaulipas, which borders southeast Texas, nearly all local police forces have been disbanded and replaced by state and local police and soldiers.

In Guerrero, the violence-plagued state where Acapulco is located, the same strategy has been employed in several towns.

Although surveys show Mexicans generally trust soldiers more than they trust local police officers, there also is mounting evidence that soldiers — trained in tactics of war against foreign armies — are not equipped to perform domestic police functions.

A U.S. State Department cable made public by WikiLeaks in 2010 found that the Mexican military's presence in the troubled border city of Juarez had been ineffective.

“The military was not trained to patrol the streets or carry out law enforcement operations,” the cable said. “It does not have the authority to collect and in-

troduce evidence into the judicial system. The result: Arrests skyrocketed, prosecutions remained flat, and both the military and public have become increasingly frustrated.”

The armed forces also have faced repeated accusations of torture, illegal arrests and extrajudicial killings. Between January 2012 and August 2016, there were 5,541 complaints of human rights violations against the armed forces registered with the National Human Rights Commission.

Even some current and former soldiers recently have joined human rights groups in denouncing Mexico's ever-increasing militarization of civilian law enforcement, a trend solidified last year by controversial legislation known as the Internal Security Law.

Hundreds of human rights groups pushed lawmakers to reject the law, which expands the powers of the armed forces to combat national security risks inside Mexico. The United Nations high commissioner for human rights warned that the measure would give too much power to the military without the necessary civilian checks and balances.

Many human rights officials say state and federal forces are not necessarily less corrupt than local law enforcement. They point to the 2014 disappearance of 43 students from a small town in Guerrero as proof.

Federal investigators say local police kidnapped the students and turned them over to a drug gang, which subsequently killed them and burned their bodies. But international experts have disputed that account, calling for investigations into the role of federal police and the military.

Federal prosecutors have failed to find any remains or secure convictions for those responsible. The mass disappearance occurred four years ago.

Downturn causes tough decisions in Argentina

Many cutting back on food, luxuries amid economic turbulence

By NATALIO COSOY
The Washington Post

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Elsa Acevedo is the cook at a government-subsidized “community kitchen” in a shantytown outside Buenos Aires.

On a recent day, she was preparing a chicken and rice stew in a huge aluminum pot. The facility serves free lunches three times a week to supplement the diets of about 80 people in the neighborhood — most of them youngsters.

But as Argentina's economic turmoil intensifies, that is no longer enough.

“The children came yesterday holding their plates, but we were not serving,” she said.

Latin America's third-largest economy is being whipsawed by rising inflation and a plunge in its currency, the peso, hurting everyone from laborers who are getting less work to professionals facing credit card bills with soaring interest rates.

The turbulence is the result of several factors.

Unclear government policies and an increase in American interest rates have led investors to pull

their money out of Argentina and put it into safer U.S. bonds.

Government cuts to utility subsidies have led to sharply higher electricity and gas bills, feeding inflation. In addition, Argentina in 2018 suffered its worst drought in 50 years, crippling exports of soy, a major crop.

President Mauricio Macri came to power in 2015, promising to reverse 12 years of protectionist, free-spending policies enacted by the leftist governments of Nestor Kirchner and his widow, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner.

Macri pledged to open up Argentina to international trade, reduce taxes and cut public spending. His image as a market-friendly businessman meant that early in his administration there was an inflow of cash, which helped cover the government's budgetary deficit.

The economy grew last year by 2.9 percent and expanded by 3.6 percent year-over-year in the first quarter of this year.

But gross domestic product fell 4.2 percent in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the same

period in 2017. The peso has lost half its value against the dollar this year.

This has pushed up the price of gasoline — much of it imported — and, consequently, transport, which has a direct impact on the price of many products, especially food. The shrinking value of the peso also has made it more expensive to buy imported goods such as smartphones or to travel abroad.

There are daily protests as annual inflation surges past 34 percent, compared with about 25 percent last year.

The trickle-down effects of the economic crisis are clear in the shantytown known as Danubio Azul — Blue Danube — where the community kitchen provides meals with the help of government aid and funds raised by local women. Only about 40 percent of residents have regular employment.

But those who work are facing reduced hours, and some recently have lost their jobs.

More than 10 percent of the children who eat at the community kitchen are malnourished, according to studies by the Citizens' So-



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President Mauricio Macri told Argentines that they face painful months ahead.

cial, Economic and Policy Research Institute, or ISEPCI, a nonprofit group.

One local resident, Nora Pastrana, 45, says she voted three years ago for Macri and his coalition — known as Cambiemos, or “Let us change.”

“He promised change,” Pastrana said, “but change failed.”

The drop in purchasing power also has hit the middle class, which represents about 40 percent of the country's urban population. Some families have coped by getting rid of their internet service or sharing it with neighbors.

Others have postponed buying a new home or have opted to use public transport rather than filling their cars with increasingly expensive gas.

“We went from eating out once a week to once or twice a month,” said Victor Carbajal, 46, an illustrator who lives in Buenos Aires. Although his partner has a steady job, the couple decided to cancel a trip to New York and to postpone taking out a mortgage for an apartment because of rising costs — mortgage payments tend to be linked to inflation here — and the uncertainty about work.

In June, the International Monetary Fund granted a \$50 billion credit line to Argentina — the largest in the fund's history — to help the country prop up its finances. It was not enough to stop the run on the peso, as investors kept taking their money out of the country.

“We believed with excessive optimism that we could go along fixing things bit by bit. But reality shows us that we have to move faster,” Macri said, referring to his economic program. “The world has told us that we are living beyond our means.”

Pentagon ponders quick fix for immigrant recruit program

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stricter Trump administration immigration policies have stymied Pentagon plans to restart a program that allowed thousands of people with critical medical or Asian and African language skills to join the military and become American citizens, according to several U.S. officials.

The decade-old program has been on hold since 2016 amid concerns that immi-

grant recruits were not being screened well enough, and security threats were slipping through the system. Defense officials shored up the vetting process and planned to relaunch the program.

But there was an unexpected barrier when Homeland Security officials said they would not be able to protect new immigrant recruits from being deported when their temporary visas expired after they signed a contract to join the military, the U.S. officials

said. They were not authorized to publicly describe internal discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The program is called Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, or MAVNI. The plan to restart it was backed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who believes that non-citizens can bring key skills, language abilities and cultural knowledge to the military.

Mattis, a combat veteran of multiple war tours, has

fought with and commanded foreign nationals, and he believes their service adds to the lethality of America's fighting force, according to the officials.

The Pentagon chief told reporters late last month that the program is designed to enlist immigrants with needed skills. “We need and want every qualified patriot willing to serve and able to serve,” Mattis said. At the time, he said the department was working diligently to address the security screening prob-

lems.

When asked about the latest developments, Air Force Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said “the unique skill sets these individuals bring is one of the reasons the U.S. military is the world's premier fighting force.” She had no comment on the internal discussions to relaunch the program.

The officials familiar with the discussions said Homeland Security told the Pentagon that it would not be able to sign any agree-

ment blocking the deportation of the immigrant recruits brought in under the program.

In previous years, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service used an informal process to give MAVNI recruits protection when their temporary or student visas expired because they were entering military service. In addition, Congress included restrictions in the 2019 defense bill that limit each military service to 1,000 such recruits per year.

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Police link man to suspicious mail sent to Trump, Pentagon

LOGAN, Utah — Authorities said Wednesday that a Utah man has been arrested in connection with suspicious envelopes mailed to President Donald Trump and other top officials.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney for Utah said William Clyde Allen, 39, was taken into custody Wednesday in Logan, a small city in northern Utah.

Pentagon authorities say two of the envelopes addressed to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Navy's top officer, Adm. John Richardson, contained castor seeds, the substance from which the poison ricin is derived, but not ricin itself.

Another envelope was sent to the president with unknown contents. The Secret Service says it didn't reach the White House.

The envelopes were turned over to the FBI. No one was injured.

British PM May busts a move in defense of Brexit plan, her job

BIRMINGHAM, England — The British prime minister sashayed onto the stage at the Conservative Party conference Wednesday, dancing in her inimitable Theresa May style — that is stiffly, awkwardly, but with gusto — to Abba's 1976 hit "Dancing Queen."

It was May's way of declaring that she won't back down to any critics at home or in the EU, but particularly not to her former foreign secretary Boris Johnson, who trashed her Brexit schemes the day before;

May clearly had Johnson in mind, although she never mentioned him by name, when she had her turn at the rostrum.

"If we all go off in different directions in pursuit of our own visions of the perfect Brexit, we risk ending up with no Brexit at all," she told the conference.

Houston City Council short circuits proposed robot brothel

HOUSTON — A Canadian company's plan to open a so-called robot brothel in Houston has been short circuited by city leaders.

Houston's City Council on Wednesday updated one local ordinance to specifically ban individuals from having sex with an "anthropomorphic device," a device that resembles a human being, at a sexually-oriented business. But the change wouldn't ban the company from selling the dolls for use elsewhere.

The company, KinkyS-dolls, had previously said it wants to open a "love dolls brothel" in Houston in which people would be able to use its human-like dolls at a business that has drawn comparisons to the robotic hosts on the science fiction series "Westworld." The company has a location in Toronto that opened in 2017.



African journey: First lady Melania Trump places a wreath at one of the dungeon doors at Cape Coast Castle — a key departure point during the slave trade — on Wednesday in Ghana. Trump is making her first solo international trip as first lady.

Assad: 'Major understanding' reached by Syria, Arab states

BEIRUT — President Bashar Assad told a little-known Kuwaiti newspaper that Syria has reached a "major understanding" with Arab states after years of hostility over the country's civil war.

The interview in the Al-Shahed newspaper, published Wednesday, was Assad's first with a Gulf newspaper since the war began in 2011.

Assad doesn't name the Arab countries but says Arab and Western delegations have begun visiting Syria to prepare for the reopening of diplomatic and other missions. Soon the civil war will be over, Assad told the paper's publisher, allowing Syria to resume its pivotal role in the region.

Syria's membership in the 22-member Arab League was suspended in the early days of the war and Arab countries later imposed economic sanctions after they failed to mediate an end to the war.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar and other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council have openly supported opposition groups fighting to overthrow Assad since then. Kuwait hosted a number of donors' conferences for aid to Syrians, but it also condemned violence blamed on Assad's regime.

The interview comes on the heels of a surprisingly warm meeting between the Syrian foreign minister and his Bahraini counterpart on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly on Saturday. The meeting turned heads because it featured hugs between the two ministers.

Assad, embattled for years, is emerging largely victorious after strong military support from Russia and Iran. He now controls more than 60 percent of Syria's territory.

1 in 3 U.S. adults eat fast food each day, study finds

NEW YORK — A government study has found that 1 in 3 U.S. adults eat fast food on any given day. That's about 85 million people.

It's the first federal study to look at how often adults eat fast food. An earlier study found a similar proportion of children and adolescents ate it on any given day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the study Wednesday. It's based on a survey of about 10,000 adults over four years.

The study did not find a difference between men and women. But higher-income families ate fast food more often than lower-income families, and blacks ate it more than other racial or ethnic groups.

Health officials say too much high-calorie fast food can lead to obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other health problems.

U.S. cannot end some immigrant protections

SAN FRANCISCO — A judge Wednesday blocked the Trump administration from ending protections that allowed immigrants from four countries to live and work legally in the United States, saying the move would cause "irreparable harm and great hardship."

U.S. District Judge Edward Chen in San Francisco granted a request for a preliminary injunction against the administration's decision to discontinue temporary protected status for people from Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Sudan.

The ruling cited Trump's 2015 campaign speech in which he characterized Mexican immigrants as drug dealers and rapists, his call to bar Muslims from entering the country and his vulgar reference to African countries during a meeting about immigration at the White House in January.

At the Vatican: Pope Francis urged Catholic bishops to dream of a future free of the mistakes of the past as he opened a global church leadership meeting Wednesday amid renewed outrage over the priestly sex abuse and cover-up scandal. Down the block from the Vatican's synod hall, abuse survivors staged a sit-in.

In Alaska: Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's oldest son will spend a year in custody after a judge ruled Wednesday that allegations of hitting a woman disqualified him from a therapeutic program for veterans. Track Palin, who served one year in Iraq, entered the program after he was arrested in an assault on his father.

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EDITORIALS

CPS, you can't blame Trump for your sex abuse penalty

For years, Chicago Public Schools leaders betrayed the trust of students, parents, teachers — of all Chicago — by letting sexual predators prowl school hallways.

In June, the Tribune exposed those horrific failures to protect children in a series titled “Betrayed.” Since then, the district has struggled with the consequences of its failure to stop predators from repeatedly abusing student victims. And its failure to do proper background checks on people it hires. And its failure to immediately alert child welfare investigators or police when allegations are made.

Now add to those consequences a rare federal sanction: Department of Education officials just froze a \$4 million installment of a \$14.9 million five-year grant to the cash-hungry district.

Why? Because the feds are fed up with CPS’ slow and incomplete responses to investigators’ demands for information in the cases of two CPS students who filed federal Title IX complaints in 2015 and

2016. “Withholding public funding for students is not an easy decision to make and we are very concerned about the impact on students,” one senior Education Department official told a Tribune reporter.

We understand. No, we’re not cheering for the feds to stiff the district. The loss of funding could harm children who are blameless in this crisis. Same for taxpayers: If CPS finds itself short of cash, taxpayers pick up the tab for CPS’ mismanagement.

CPS says it will appeal the decision, shifting blame to Washington. “The Trump Administration’s move to threaten funding for schools that serve children of color is another attack on Chicago, considering CPS has already taken significant steps recommended by an independent expert to transform the way it responds to and prevents abuse,” the spokesman said.

Sorry, CPS, but you can’t blame President Donald Trump for this mess. This is the result of your abysmal failures to pro-

tect students year after year.

Maybe district officials hoped that federal education officials would look the other way under the Trump administration. Just the opposite. After the Tribune published “Betrayed,” federal officials demanded that CPS produce reports on its handling of every allegation of sexual violence dating to 2011. The office also sought CPS files on how the district has conducted background checks and how it has monitored criminal convictions of existing staff back to 2011.

Specifically, the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights is looking into two cases:

■ In 2015, a Prosser Career Academy sophomore alleged that one of her teachers got her drunk on sangria and then sexually abused her in his car. The district paid a \$780,000 settlement in that case.

■ In 2016, a Clemente Community Academy sophomore told the school’s dean and police that she was assaulted after school,

just off campus. She alleged she had been punched in the face, forced into an abandoned building by a group of 13 boys — eight of whom she recognized from school — and forced to perform oral sex on some of them. “The person I was before, I don’t even remember who that person was,” the former Clemente student, now 19, told the Tribune. “I don’t want it to happen to nobody else.”

Both students have since graduated. Neither of them will benefit directly from the outcome of their federal Title IX cases. But many other CPS students may, if the feds’ action compels CPS to better protect students.

The district now has a national reputation for boosting its graduation rates and its test scores and ... for fumbling sexual abuse cases. It will take years, perhaps generations, to gain back the trust of parents, students, Chicagoans. First step: Don’t blame Washington or anyone else. You own this debacle. Fix it.

Chicago shopping, from Boston Store to Sears to Amazon ... and beyond

Let’s discuss the convenience of buying clothes, housewares or other goods for quick home delivery. Just wait for the clip-clop of horse hooves to signal arrival. Oh, you thought we meant the Amazon delivery van? Nope, we’re referring to the late 19th and early 20th centuries when Chicago department stores such as Marshall Field’s and Boston Store operated fleets of horse-drawn wagons.

A bit of that history remains at 4340 S. Vernon Ave., where a squat brick building is slated for demolition. The dilapidated structure, dating to 1906, was built for Boston Store as a horse stable to enable South Side home deliveries. It was designed by famed Chicago architecture firm Holabird and Roche.

People buy stuff. That part of retailing is eternal. Everything else about the industry is in a constant state of change, the result of competition, evolving tastes and technological innovation. Stores that don’t adapt tend to die.

If the sight of a long-gone department store’s ex-stable doesn’t evoke evolution in business, consider the downfall of Sears. Once a Chicago-based behemoth, Sears is in deep distress. The company now has warned that it’s running out of time to fix its problems. Unless Sears restructures debt and sells assets, analysts say a bankruptcy filing is possible.

The challenge for retailers is pleasing fickle consumers who always demand more and better: more selection, more convenience, better prices, better quality. Downtown department stores gave way to suburban malls, which gave way to big-box specialty chains and discounters, which are



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Part of Marshall Field’s wagon delivery fleet is shown in 1897. The store relied on delivery boys in 1868 and acquired its first delivery wagons in 1873.

giving way to internet shopping. Amazon is the current giant, but Walmart, Target and others are fighting back. Sears hasn’t kept up.

The irony is that Sears was the original Amazon. The Sears catalog was an ancestor of the online store. At least Sears is still trying. Montgomery Ward, founded in Chicago as a mail-order business, fizzled out as a national retailer in the 1990s.

Odds are you’ve never heard of another

long-ago Chicago retailer: Boston Store. Other merchants across the country used the same name (Boston once was synonymous with fashion), but the Chicago retailer was founded after the Great Fire of 1871.

Mollie Alpiner started there as an underwear buyer, married the boss, Charles Netcher, and took over the business when he died. Mollie Netcher was in charge when the company started construction in 1905 on a large store at State and Madison

streets (the building, later expanded, is now known as 1 N. Dearborn). In addition to having 34 passenger elevators, the new Boston Store said it would include a “novel feature,” the Tribune reported: “Moving stairways” that would carry 20,000 passengers an hour between the basement and fifth floor.

To support the new location, Boston Store modernized its delivery business by investing in a network of three new horse stables. Boston Store also had a warehouse at 1507 S. State St. — think of it as the Amazon fulfillment center of its time.

Tim Samuelson, Chicago’s official cultural historian, explained to us how the department store delivery process worked:

You would keep the horses away from the merchandise. Goods were kept in a central warehouse for pickup by wagon teams stabled in various locations — most often one on the West Side, South Side and North Side. Wagons and horses for South Side deliveries would be kept in the South Side stable. Goods would be picked up at the warehouse, deliveries would be made throughout the South Side and the horse and wagon would be returned to the stable after making the last delivery.

We learned about Boston Store’s Vernon Avenue stable building from photographer and historian John Morris, who wrote about its pending destruction at Chicago Patterns.com. He wishes the building, which has housed apartments and a church, could be saved.

Boston Store went out of business by 1950. Think of the former horse stable as a monument to retailing history. Will Amazon someday get trampled?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Responding to a question about (Supreme Court nominee) Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump falsely claimed that 52 percent of women voted for him. The Twitterati went bananas, fact-checking his obvious lie: He only got 41 percent of all women; that 52 percent was white women.

Trump — a man single-mindedly obsessed with the 2016 election — surely knows this. This intentional error signaled to his voters that he knows who they are and he’s not out to attract anyone new.

They can have him all to themselves. And that is a potent electoral strategy.

Sarada Peri,
The Atlantic

I’m a wife and mother of four boys, and what I am seeing right now angers me. The number of people — politicians, members of the media, and even people I know — who are willing to sacrifice due process for men is shocking. ...

This Brett Kavanaugh-Christine Blasey Ford affair has shown me that wives and mothers of sons everywhere need to take a stand. ... I cannot accept a world in which my sons will be raised under the tyranny of a lawless, vindictive society that wants to subdue and oppress men in the name of equality for women. ...

The future isn’t female; it belongs to both your daughters and my sons. Abandoning the basic standards of the rule of law will not empower women; it will enslave us all.

Melissa Danford,
The Federalist

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PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump announces the revised NAFTA, christened the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, on Monday in the White House Rose Garden.

On NAFTA, Trump saves us from himself



STEVE CHAPMAN

It's an old theme of movies, TV dramas and even cartoons: A nasty villain ties an innocent damsel to a railroad track, and her terror mounts as a train hurtles toward her — until at the last moment, a hero comes to the rescue. It's also a regular theme of the current administration. The twist is that the villain and the hero are the same person: Donald Trump.

The revised NAFTA, christened the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, is the product of his peculiar approach to disputes. First he heaps scorn on the status quo. Then he emits a torrent of demands and threats, some of which could be disastrous, generating anxiety and uncertainty. Finally, he extracts some modest changes, for better or worse, and invites the praise of a grateful nation. (In the case of North Korea, he then proceeds to fall in love with his negotiating partner, but that may be a one-time fancy.)

As a candidate, Trump reserved special disgust for NAFTA, which he called “the worst trade deal maybe

ever.” He vowed that he would withdraw if Mexico and Canada wouldn't accept major changes. As president, he repeated his threats, raising fears among automakers and other companies that their carefully constructed transnational supply chains would be tied in knots.

But last month, the administration reached an agreement with the Mexican government, allowing Trump to crow about his deal-making prowess. “A lot of people thought we'd never get here,” he said. He also indicated that if the Canadians didn't want to accept the same terms, they were welcome to climb onto an Arctic iceberg and float away. The Oct. 1 deadline the U.S. imposed on Canada raised the prospect that the whole package could collapse, to the detriment of the entire North American economy.

Letting Trump conduct negotiations with foreign governments is like leaving teenagers unsupervised at home for a weekend. You don't expect to find the place in better condition when you return; you just hope it hasn't burned down. It came as a relief that Trump averted the disaster he had threatened to unleash.

The most important fact about the new version of NAFTA is that it would preserve more and destroy less than Trump led his followers to believe. But making a few changes and giving it a new name lets him strike a heroic

pose.

Congress still has to decide whether to approve the agreement. But in general, it would preserve the North American free-trade zone, with zero tariffs on the vast majority of goods crossing national borders. Companies still would be allowed to invest, operate and shift production according to economic logic rather than government-created barriers. Special visas that allow professionals in dozens of occupations to move from one country to another would be retained, despite Trump's notorious aversion to foreigners.

There are some actual upgrades, as Gary Hufbauer, an economist at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, notes. U.S. companies and individuals holding copyrights, trademarks and patents would gain safeguards against piracy. Pharmaceutical companies that have to spend fortunes to prove the safety and efficacy of their medicines wouldn't have to worry about generic rivals reaping the rewards. Canada would have to grant more access to its dairy market.

But most of what the administration got would impede commerce, restrict businesses and harm consumers. By 2023, at least 40 percent of the components in every vehicle would have to be made by workers earning at least \$16 an hour. The administration wanted that provision not to lift up

Mexican factory workers, who generally make far less, but to force manufacturers to move production out of Mexico.

Republicans usually oppose minimum wage increases — which is what this mandate would amount to — but if the change were to cause layoffs in Mexico, the Trump administration would count it as an achievement. Hufbauer worries that the precedent will mean that “Democrats will put minimum wages in every future trade agreement.” It would, of course, raise the price of cars.

The deal also would weaken protections for U.S. businesses operating in many sectors of the Mexican economy, making them vulnerable to onerous regulations that diminish or destroy the value of their property. Why would the administration want to expose American firms to greater risk in Mexico? Simple: to discourage them from investing in Mexico.

Still, the outcome could have been much worse. In this case, it's good to see the damsel escape from the tracks before the train runs her over. And let's just forget who put her there.

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OP-ART JOE FOURNIER

HELLO MUDDAH, HELLO FADDUH (IMMIGRANT EDITION)

BY JOE "ALLAN SHERMAN" FOURNIER

IN TENT CITY, TORNILLO, TEXAS, A YOUNG BOY WRITES...

HELLO MADRE, I HOPE YOU GET THIS, I'VE BEEN SENT TO A CAMP IN TEXAS. IT'S LIKE A DESERT, BOTH HOT AND ICKY (WHICH MAKES SNEAKING OUT OF HERE A LITTLE TRICKY.)

"THEY WANT RANSOM." IS WHAT WE'RE TOLD HERE, AND WITH TRUMP'S TRADEOFF, WE MAY GROW OLD HERE. "HE WANTS A WALL BUILT!" IS WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, IF HE DON'T GET IT, THEN IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE STAYING!

PERSPECTIVE



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Chris Wallace, shown in 2016, last week said his daughters have told him of incidents faced in high school.

Why daughters don't tell dads about their assaults

BY MONICA HESSE
The Washington Post

A man emailed recently in response to something I'd written about street harassment. He was so glad, he said, that his college-age daughter never experienced anything like that. Less than a day later, he wrote again. They had just talked. She told him she'd been harassed many, many times — including that week. She hadn't ever shared this, because she wanted to protect him from her pain.

For all the stereotypes that linger about women being too fragile or emotional, these past weeks have revealed what many women already knew: A lot of effort goes into protecting men we love from bad things that happen to us. And a lot of fathers are closer to bad things than they'll ever know.

"Two of my daughters have told me stories that I had never heard before about things that happened to them in high school," Fox News anchor Chris Wallace mused on air last Thursday as he urged skeptical viewers to carefully consider the testimony of Christine Blasey Ford.

If you are a father who hasn't heard these stories, that doesn't mean they don't exist. They've been pouring into my inbox almost every day.

To the father of the young woman who was assaulted by the student-athlete she was hired to tutor: She never told you because she didn't want to break your heart. But she told me, in a long email, because the memory of it was breaking her own heart and she'd spent five years replaying it.

To the father of the junior high student who was pinned down and undressed at a gathering 30 years ago: She didn't tell you because she didn't want to see you cry. But she told me that she still remembers every detail.

To the father of the teenager who was raped at a party. You don't know about this because she was certain that if you knew, you would kill her attacker and go to prison, and it would be her fault.

To the father of the son who was assaulted by an older man: I wish I could tell you more about what happened to him, but he wouldn't tell me, and he definitely won't tell you, because manliness is important to you, he says.

To all the fathers of all the silent victims: Your children are quietly carrying these stories, not because they can't handle their emotions but because they're worried that you can't. They are worried that your emotions will have too many consequences. Or they fear you won't think of them the same way. Or that you'll be distraught because you didn't protect them.

"It meant I would have to talk about something sexual," one woman wrote me, about why it took her decades to tell her father about an assault at a pool party when she was 10. "And that was a completely taboo subject."

I have been thinking lately about taboos, and how many of them exist because women don't want to make men uncomfortable with lady pain — a broad spectrum that includes cramps, breastfeeding, the viscera of childbirth, the achiness of menstruation.

Some grown men still react to tampons as if they're grenades, and as a result, many grown women still furtively pass them between ourselves in shadowy corridors, so nobody else feels awkward. It's silly, and we must know this at some level. But if the mention of Tampax makes a man need a fainting couch, is it any wonder we decide he's not ready to hear messier stories?

A dear friend shared this week that she was repeatedly molested as a kid. She's fine now, she said. The only reason she hadn't spoken up publicly was because her father still didn't know; it would devastate him. She saw the irony in this — that even in her own recovery, she had been concerned with shielding a man from agony.

"But Lord, my dad's done an awful lot for me," she wrote. "And I can and will do this for him."

This makes sense to me. All of us want to protect our loved

ones from painful information. I don't want this woman's father to have to deal with it either.

But when I think of my friend's valiant secrecy, I want to cry.

So, to the rest of you: If you can tell your father in a way that feels safe, and in a way that would bring you comfort, tell your father. Tell your brothers. Let them be uncomfortable; let them share some of your pain. Don't let them be ignorant. If your fathers are going to form beliefs about how victims should act and what perpetrators look like, then force your father to deal with the complication of making those assumptions about someone he loves.

And if you yourself are a father, and you believe this would never happen to your daughter — how do you know?

She might not have told you. But she has told me.

A 50-something woman called me this week. She told me her father was the parent she always wanted to impress; disappointing him was the worst thing she could imagine. That's what was in her mind 40 years ago when a group of neighborhood boys lured her into a house and assaulted her, one of them watching the door, two of them digitally penetrating her. She was thinking about how she didn't want to disappoint her father.

Last week, this woman began feeling like her dad couldn't really know who she was unless she told him about the attack. She called him, and the story came out in a tumble.

On the telephone that day, she says, he spoke to her in his "dad voice." Not the adult tone he usually used when they talked now. But in the voice of her childhood, comforting and parental.

In his dad voice, he told her she didn't have to share the whole story with him now. But when she was ready, he wanted to listen.

The Washington Post

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46 million voted in primaries this year. That's not enough.

BY JOHN FORTIER

Forty-six million voters cast ballots this year in primaries for federal office. It's an impressive number, and it represents a significant increase from 2014. But to strengthen our political parties and our democracy, we must — and can — do better.

First, the good news. Those 46 million votes represent 19.9 percent of eligible voters, up from 32 million or 14.3 percent of voters who participated in federal primaries four years ago.

A Bipartisan Policy Center analysis of election data found that participation was up across the board — in 41 states, every geographic region, and among Democrats and Republicans. Democrats especially showed increased enthusiasm, which may benefit them in November, with 23 million ballots cast in Democratic primaries to 20.5 million for the GOP.

The bad news is that while primary turnout was up from 2014, it is still not very high. That's partly because the primary process across the country is not as open as it can be and remains confusing to many voters.

So how do we increase voter turnout in primaries? BPC's Commission on Political Reform made several recommendations.

First, states need a more inclusive process for selecting nominees for the general election. Nine states hold fully closed primaries in which only registered members of the party can participate, and 17 have closed or partially closed primary rules. Some party purists argue that only party members should be able to vote in a primary to select their nominees. But in reality, many unaffiliated voters lean strongly toward one side, and if a party wants to broaden its reach for the general election, allowing independents to cast ballots in its primaries could help with party building and boosting turnout.

In the same vein, states should move away from low-turnout methods of candidate selection. States such as Virginia and Minnesota either give the party options to use conventions entirely or to whittle choices ahead of a primary. Political conventions typically solicit the opinions of a few thousand party faithful. Caucuses have somewhat higher participation than conventions but generally attract significantly fewer voters

than primaries. Political parties would help themselves by moving away from these options so their candidates face a wider group of primary voters.

Second, primary turnout is often driven by a prominent statewide race for governor or a U.S. Senate seat. Yet some states conduct separate federal and state primaries or do not schedule primaries when a candidate is unopposed. Evidence shows that turnout can suffer without a top-of-the-ticket race.

Take New York, for example, the worst offender. Only 3 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in the June federal primaries, where Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand ran unopposed at the top of the Democratic ticket. The state primaries — which featured a contested Democratic gubernatorial race — didn't take place until September.

New York's low primary turnout was compounded by the fact that each of its 27 congressional districts had an unopposed primary for one party or the other. Fourteen of those districts had no contest for either party's nomination, so voters there did not have a chance to cast a ballot at all.

Finally, and maybe most dramatically, states should consider joining together to establish a national primary date or at the very least regional primary dates. Some evidence exists that consolidating primary dates regionally would help to increase turnout.

This year, the federal primary season spanned from March to September, leaving many casual voters unaware of the timing of their state's primaries. A regionally consistent or national primary day would increase attention and awareness, potentially boosting overall participation.

America is among the most democratic countries in the world when it comes to allowing voters to pick party candidates in primary elections. It's time we lived up to that reputation by working to make it easier for people to turn out for such races. Not only would our political parties become stronger, it would give more people a say in the whole election process.

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Voting has increased in primaries for federal office since 2014, but turnout still isn't that high. That's partly the result of a primary process that remains confusing to many voters.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Save our state

Wednesday's opinion piece by attorney James Genden about J.B. Pritzker's lack of openness in disclosing his tax plans to the voters of Illinois is troubling. Here is a guy saying "trust me" over and over. If he wins the election, with the sizable Democratic majority in Springfield, he could pretty much do whatever he wants. It's like handing a billionaire a blank check of our money.

Recently, the Cook County inspector general issued a report that paints Pritzker and his family as engaging in "a scheme to defraud" his fellow taxpayers by obtaining a \$330,000 property tax break through "false representations."

Wouldn't you think that this fact would reflect on who the man really is? I truly hope so, and once again ask, along with the

Tribune, that Pritzker come clean and let us know how he will save our state.

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

Age bias

In response to Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz's Sept. 30 article "Overqualified? Or too old?" stereotypes of older workers being inflexible and lacking energy and technology skills contribute to hiring bias. Younger workers can also be cheaper. For example, benefit costs are traditionally higher for older and long-standing workers. The University of Chicago was once advised by a credit rating agency to cut "significant employee-benefit liabilities" or face a cut in its credit rating.

In 2016, it laid off many such workers with no plans to rehire them or give them a priority status for other positions.

I'm not surprised that so few older workers have filed a formal complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission even though most have seen or faced discrimination. Age discrimination is hard to prove if you don't have a smoking gun of emails and/or documented conversations showing bias.

Years ago, corporate finance investment bankers would often not interview service academy graduates because they were seen as inflexible — the same reason employers cite when not hiring older employees. That perception has changed, and I hope that it does for lawyer Dale Kleber and all older workers.

— Phyllis Brust, Ph.D., Flossmoor

A tempting tax

In his Oct. 1 op-ed "Highway mileage fees: Set aside politics," professor Joseph Schofer is correct when he says that our infrastructure has been vastly underfunded, but I do not like the idea of creating a bigger bureaucracy when the ones in place can han-

dle the problem.

Why not just increase the cost of a license renewal by \$60 for hybrids and \$120 for electrics to get the revenue needed for our roads and bridges? Why not just increase the gas tax by \$.001 every other month for six years so that the additional cost can be eased into taxpayer budgets? Then, double the fee for hybrids and electrics. To me, the most obvious reason for not doing that is that neither of those proposals creates more bureaucracy and more patronage jobs.

The mileage tax is unfair. Taxing mileage assumes that the wear and tear on the roads from a Ford F-450 towing a trailer is the same as a Chevy Spark used for commuting. The pickup truck is probably 10 times as hard on the roads as the Chevy. The gas tax takes that into account. The Ford will be about 10 miles per gallon while the Chevy will be about 40 miles per gallon.

C'mon Springfield. Raise the gas tax and the tax on hybrids and electrics. We don't need more bureaucracy.

— Jim Lucas, Chicago

A political farce

With all the recent haranguing, finger-pointing and racket emanating from the White House and Congress over Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh's truth-or-consequences teary tirade, we seemed to have lost track of special counsel Robert Mueller's crew, who have undoubtedly welcomed this prolonged respite from Donald Trump's denial of any wrongdoing and threats to fire Mueller.

It has been rumored that Mueller and his team might be ready to pull the trigger right around the midterm elections in November.

The vote on Kavanaugh's fate will most likely be decided by week's end, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell promised.

That is unless Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and company can stall the proceedings and buy the FBI a few more days.

Politics and comedy have something in common: It's all about timing. Stay tuned.

— Michael Oakes, Chicago

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PERSPECTIVE

2 women confront Jeff Flake — and prove ‘petitioning the government’ works

BY RONALD J. KROTOSZYNSKI JR.

America witnessed a genuine “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” moment last week. Shortly after announcing his intent to vote “yes” to move Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court nomination forward, Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona was confronted in the elevator of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. On live television, Ana Maria Archila and Maria Gallagher told the Republican senator in raw and direct language about their own experiences with sexual assault.

“Don’t look away from me,” Gallagher said. “Look at me and tell me that it doesn’t matter what happened to me, that you will let people like that go into the highest court of the land.” Flake was visibly affected. In a subsequent interview Sunday on “60 Minutes,” he said that interaction made him “hit the pause button” and call for the FBI to further investigate the assault allegations against Kavanaugh. “What I was seeing, experiencing — in an elevator and watching it in committee — (I was) just thinking, this is tearing the country apart.”

This is how democracy should work, but seldom does. In this age of emails, texts and tweets, citizens might legitimately wonder whether buttonholing a public official retains any contemporary relevance. This elevator moment is a reminder that in-person petitions not only work, but that they are essential for democratic self-government.

Too often, people seeking to speak truth to power are kept at a distance so politicians don’t lose control of their messaging or optics. Yet the First Amendment safeguards the right of petition — and this right should be understood to encompass a right to access, in person, our elected representatives. Indeed, the peti-



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Ana Maria Archila, center, and others detail stories of sexual assault last week outside Sen. Jeff Flake’s office.

tion clause’s English historical antecedents involved, quite literally, laying a petition at the foot of the king; doing so in person was required for a petition to be received, heard and answered.

Petitioning is no less central, or important, to American democracy than the freedom of speech. It enables a feedback loop between elected officials and we the people, which is how citizens hold government officials accountable.

Even so, a shrinking number of opportunities exist for ordinary citizens to express their concerns directly. For those who can’t hire a lobbyist or afford a hefty campaign contribution, access to a senator or representative is, at best, quite limited.

Most messages sent via email, voicemail or social media are never seen or heard by those who shape laws or policy. When such communications are considered at all, they are simply tallied up by low-level staffers as responses for and against a particular nominee or bill. Individual members almost never know the source of these opinions, much less how a specific constituent articulated her views and concerns. The ability to use social media to propagate a message is certainly important and empowers everyone to have a voice. But just because everyone can speak publicly doesn’t mean anyone is truly being heard.

Suppose that Archila and Gallagher had simply sent out a

tweet with a clever hashtag. Or emailed Flake’s office. Or even led a protest outside the building. Would Flake have had his change of heart then? Because they confronted him face-to-face, a case can be made that these women altered the course of these proceedings — and potentially the course of history. No matter how Kavanaugh’s confirmation goes from here, investigating the sexual assault allegations against him provides an important signal that the government must take victims’ experiences seriously.

Archila and Gallagher weren’t alone, of course. Last week, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of women and men went to Capitol Hill to make their voices heard in person. A group of women from

Maine, for instance, refused to leave Sen. Susan Collins’ Washington office until she met with them — which she did. There are frequently mass campaigns to have people call or email their representatives, but Washington has not seen this intensity of organic petitioning activity for a very long time.

Because this grass-roots lobbying has been so visibly effective, there’s a risk that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., might try to squeeze off public access to the senators just as he’s pushing for a final vote on Kavanaugh. He could, for example, pressure security officers to significantly limit public access to the Senate Office Building, or close it to the public entirely citing security concerns.

That’s already the case at the Capitol. In times past, ordinary people could wander the halls of this temple of democracy. Not so today. The imperatives of security led to severe access restrictions. Likewise, many state capitols, courthouses and other government buildings have deeply curtailed public access. But if ordinary people cannot enter the places where government officials work, then they cannot effectively petition their government for a redress of grievances.

While we must be sure that officials are kept safe from harm, they should not be insulated from fierce political disagreements with their constituents. It is essential that ordinary citizens have the ability to share their thoughts, views and concerns with those who hold the reins of government power. And the Kavanaugh fracas shows us why.

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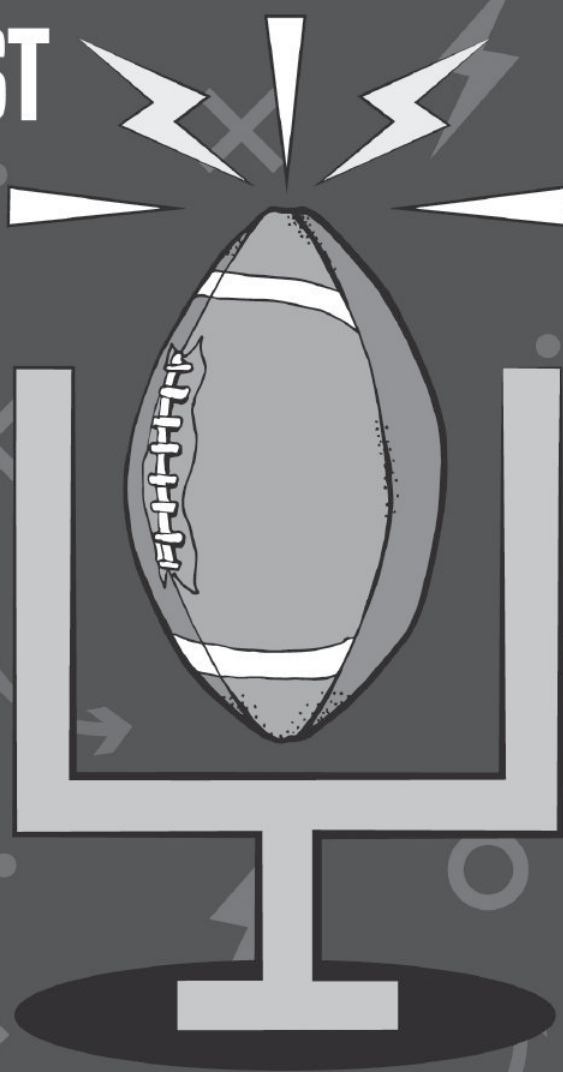
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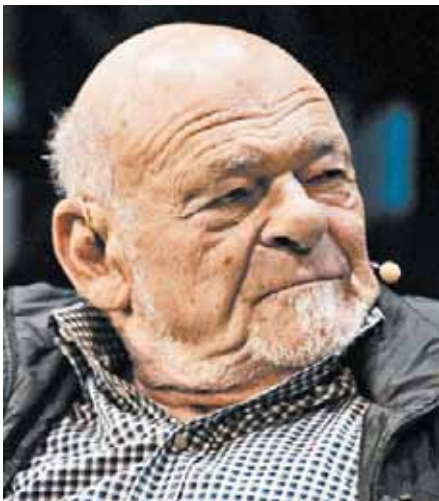
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THE MONEY MAKERS

Forbes is out with its list of billionaires. Here's how Illinois' richest stack up.

BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE STAFF

Forbes is out with its annual list of the 400 wealthiest Americans, and it's largely a year in which the rich got richer.

Forbes said the average net worth of individuals on this year's list was a record \$72 billion, and the minimum net worth to claim a place on the list hit an all-time high of \$2.1 billion. That meant there were plenty of billionaires who didn't make the cut.

A new name is at top of the chart, unseating Microsoft founder Bill Gates from his No. 1 ranking after 24 years. Amazon.com founder and CEO Jeff Bezos' zoomed right past Gates with a net worth of \$160 billion. Gates' net worth: \$97 billion.

In Illinois, 13 people made the list and there were a couple of ties, including among family members. The richest person in Illinois again was Citadel hedge fund founder Ken Griffin, whose net worth increased by \$1.5 billion from last year. And one of the Illinoisans on the list

— J.B. Pritzker, who's running for governor — got an asterisk next to his name for being an impact investor, a designation given to those whose investments "not only make money but have a measurable, positive social or environmental impact," Forbes said.

One Illinois name notably missing from the list: Rishi Shah. A year ago, the co-founder of Outcome Health, then 31, was the youngest newcomer to the Forbes 400. With a net worth of \$3.6 billion, Shah ranked No. 206 overall and was the fourth-richest Illinoisan. Shah is the only person to drop off the list since last year, according to Forbes. The magazine determined he was worth less than \$1 billion after lowering its estimate of Outcome Health's value.

Earlier this year, Shah and Outcome's other co-founder stepped down from daily operations of the company, and later resigned from the board, as part of a settlement after big-name investors alleged the company had misled advertisers and investors about its performance.

ILLINOIS' RICHEST RESIDENTS

Here's how Illinois' billionaires stack up, including the source of their wealth:

No. 45: Ken Griffin	
Hedge funds	\$10 billion
No. 114: Sam Zell	
Real estate, private equity	\$5.6 billion
No. 172: Thomas Pritzker	
Hotels, investments	\$4.2 billion
No. 179: Neil Bluhm	
Real estate	\$4 billion
No. 215: Joe Mansueto	
Investment research	\$3.6 billion
No. 223: Mark Walter	
Finance	\$3.5 billion
No. 251: J.B. Pritzker	
Hotels, investments	\$3.2 billion
No. 251: Jean (Gigi) Pritzker	
Hotels, investments	\$3.2 billion
No. 280: Patrick Ryan;	
Insurance	\$2.9 billion
No. 302: Penny Pritzker	
Hotels, investments	\$2.7 billion
No. 316: Ty Warner;	
Real estate, plush toys	\$2.6 billion
No. 328: Joseph Grendys	
Poultry processing	\$2.5 billion
No. 328: Eric Lefkofsky	
Groupon	\$2.5 billion

Amazon to offset wage hike with cuts

Retailer eliminating bonuses, stock awards to help pay for raises

By SPENCER SOPER
Bloomberg News

Amazon.com is eliminating monthly bonuses and stock awards for warehouse workers and other hourly employees after the company pledged this week to raise pay to at least \$15 an hour.

Warehouse workers for the e-commerce giant in the U.S. were eligible in the past for monthly bonuses that could total hundreds of dollars per month as well as stock awards, said two people familiar with Amazon's pay policies. The company informed those employees Wednesday that it's eliminating both of those compensation categories to help pay for the raises, the people said.

Amazon received plaudits when it announced Tuesday that the company would raise its minimum pay. The pay increase put the company in a good position to recruit temporary workers for the holiday shopping season.

Even after the elimination of bonuses and stock awards, hourly operations and customer-service workers will see their total compensation increase, the company said in a statement.

Workers whose pay was already above \$15 per hour will get hourly raises of \$1, according to two people familiar with the matter who asked not to be identified discussing the company's compensation practices. Some long-time workers expressed frustration that their raises are small compared with newly hired workers who will see hourly pay bumps of as much as 40 percent.

A higher hourly wage that new workers immediately receive is a better recruiting tool in a tight labor market than stock options that take years to materialize, said David DeBoskey, an accounting professor at San Diego State University. Amazon said it will hire 100,000 seasonal workers for the holiday crush this year, and temporary workers don't get stock.

"In a tight labor market, when you're the leader paying \$15 an hour, that's a big advantage," DeBoskey said. "They probably realized people weren't applying for warehouse jobs for the stock options."

Wyndham workers ratify new contract

Riverfront hotel's strike ends, but 8 others continue into 4th week

BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE STAFF

Workers at the Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront hotel ratified a contract Wednesday, according to a tweet by their union, UNITE HERE Local 1.

The move by the Wyndham Grand employees leaves eight hotels on strike.

The strike, now in its fourth week, at its peak involved 26 hotels where thousands of housekeepers, doormen, cooks and other hotel employees stopped working to demand year-round health insurance and other improvements to working conditions. Roughly 6,000 workers across 30 downtown hotels are covered by contracts that expired at the end of August.

Hotels that have yet to come to an agreement with striking workers are: Hyatt Regency Chicago, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Cambria Magnificent Mile, Crowne Plaza Hotel Chicago-Metro, Hampton Inn/Homewood Suites Magnificent Mile, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Kinzie Hotel and Warwick Allerton. Updates on the strike are at chicagohotelstrike.org.

Each hotel brand negotiates with workers separately.



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Pierre Presley pumps gas at an Amoco station on the corner of Roosevelt and Kostner Ave. on Tuesday.

Amoco stations return to Chicago after nearly 20 years

BP resurrects nostalgic brand as part of plan to grow in urban areas

By ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Amoco, the iconic red, white and blue gas stations that disappeared nearly 20 years ago after the company's merger with BP, are beginning to pop up once again in Chicago and a handful of other markets.

Six stations have erected the once ubiquitous Amoco torch sign this year in Chicago and the suburbs, with another 10 expected to come online over the next few months. Locations include Glenview, Aurora and Chicago, where the city's first new-generation Amoco opened last week.



The Amoco brand has 36 stations up and running nationwide.

"We'll continue to grow with BP, but we'll also develop a significant network of Amoco-branded stations as well," said Rick Altizer, senior vice president of sales and marketing at Houston-based BP.

Reintroduced late last year in New York, the Amoco brand has 36 stations up and running nationwide. Within several years, there could be 100 in Chicago alone, Altizer said.

The revival of the Amoco

brand is both a nostalgic road trip down memory lane for older drivers and a way for BP to pack more stations into an area. Having a separate brand name enables the company to put an Amoco station next to a BP station without confusing consumers.

The stations will sell the exact same gas, promote BP credit cards and offer the same loyalty rewards, but the pumps and signs are designed to encourage increased business and consumer preference for both brands.

"It makes more sense to the consumer to have an Amoco across the street from a BP than have a BP across the street from a BP," Altizer said.

There are 6,400 BP stations

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GENERAL MOTORS

One of the companies' goals is to produce autonomous vehicles at a high volume.

Honda teams up with GM to make self-driving vehicles

By Cathy Bussewitz
Associated Press

General Motors and Honda are teaming up on self-driving vehicle technology as big automakers and tech giants race to develop the next generation of personal transportation.

Japan's Honda Motor Co. will invest \$2.75 billion in the autonomous vehicle unit run by General Motors Co., called GM Cruise, which is considered a leader in the industry.

The goal, the companies said Wednesday, is to develop an autonomous vehicle that can be produced at a high volume and deployed globally. They will also explore commercial ways to use the Cruise network around the world.

The partnership comes as the main players in the autonomous vehicle space shift focus from developing the technology to figuring out how to make the systems safer and more affordable.

Teaming up is a way to add a layer of safety, with some groups using one company's software to operate a vehicle and a partner's software to act as a backup, said Sam Abuelsamid, Navigant Research

analyst.

"As companies move from the research phase into the production phase, there's a lot of additional complexity that has to be added to those already complex systems," he said.

Ride-hailing giant Uber announced in August a partnership with Toyota to develop autonomous vehicles months after one of its self-driving cars struck and killed a pedestrian crossing a dark street in Arizona.

Other partnerships include BMW with Fiat Chrysler, chipmaker Intel and visual recognition software maker Mobileye; and German automaker Daimler AG with supplier Bosch to develop autonomous taxis.

GM has been widely viewed as being in second place in the autonomous vehicle race, with Google's Waymo on top. Waymo plans to put autonomous vehicles on the road in a ride-sharing service in the Phoenix area before the end of this year, while GM has said it plans to roll out its autonomous vehicles for passengers to use in 2019.

Waymo said in May that it would buy up to 62,000 more minivans from Fiat Chrysler to expand its ride-hailing venture. Waymo

and Fiat Chrysler also said that they were discussing the use of Waymo technology in Fiat-Chrysler self-driving vehicles that would be sold to the public.

Tesla is developing autonomous vehicles, but some analysts doubt that its system is on par with the rest of the industry, because it uses only cameras, ultrasonic sensors and a single radar, and it doesn't have enough memory bandwidth to process all the data, Abuelsamid said.

Michelle Krebs, an executive analyst with Auto-trader, believes the partnership between GM and Honda is critical in the development of such advanced technology because it requires huge investments that have little promise of a quick payoff.

Honda, which is making an immediate investment of \$750 million, will spend \$2 billion over 12 years on the project.

"Honda chose to collaborate with Cruise and General Motors based on their leadership in autonomous and electric vehicle technology and our shared vision of a zero-emissions and zero-collision world," said Seiji Kuraishi, an executive vice president at Honda.

Same-day-delivery online test proves fruitful — in some cases

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a Friday and I was eagerly awaiting my vegetable spiralizer, red wine and Roku stick. They all arrived as promised.

But where was that book and makeup I ordered? And my pizza?

Same-day delivery offers the tantalizing convenience of online ordering with nearly the same immediacy of store buying. But how well are stores pulling it off? I settled in on my couch and spent a Friday trying several different services, from traditional retailers to online-only merchants.

Amazon Prime Now, Instacart and FoodKick all delivered my items within a certain time frame. At the other end of the spectrum were some doozies. One delivery — Bobbi Brown eye shadow from online luxury purveyor Net-a-Porter — didn't arrive at all. Ordering from Barnes & Noble included glitches both on the website and on the app, and a book that didn't come until nearly 9 p.m.

The pizza? That came later than I was told as well, and I was hungry.

Here's my take on what went well and what didn't.

Ease of ordering: Using the Amazon Prime app on my phone was the quickest experience of those I tried. I ordered four items — socks, a vegetable spiralizer, calcium pills and a case of bottled water — and it took just two minutes. The most cumbersome experience was with Barnes & Noble. I started on the app at 10 a.m. to order Kristin Hannah's novel "Winter Garden," but kept encountering a glitch when I tried to insert my address. After three tries, I switched to my computer, but I had a similar problem. I called customer service a little



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Amazon Prime Now fared best when it came to reporter Anne D'Innocenzio's same-day-delivery experiment.

after 11 a.m., and 24 minutes later I placed the order. I could have walked to the local Barnes & Noble store and bought the book quicker than that.

Delivery: Only four of the seven retailers, including the pizza parlor, offered a specific time frame for delivery. Knowing when something will arrive really helps. I didn't think I'd be waiting around in my apartment for 11 hours.

Amazon Prime, Instacart and FoodKick, owned by FreshDirect, all promised to deliver between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. All three came in that period. I had a nice experience at Best Buy, too, receiving the Roku stick a little after 2 p.m. when I was told it would arrive by 9 p.m.

Net-a-Porter said my eyeshadow would come by 7 p.m. At 6:52 p.m., I called for an update and was told there was a problem with the order, and I would get it tomorrow. I was told that the computer system was confused by the apostrophe in my last name, and so my order was put on hold, without my getting any updates. No thanks. I canceled the order.

Barnes & Noble customer service couldn't give me a delivery time. At 7:05 p.m., I got a text saying the

book was on a truck in New Jersey and heading toward me. It arrived around 9 p.m.

The margherita pizza and the salad? Ordered at 12:10 p.m., they were supposed to arrive at around 12:45 p.m. but didn't arrive until about half an hour after that.

Fees: The highest was at Net-a-Porter, which charged \$27.22 (flat delivery charge of \$25 plus other fees). I guess if I were ordering a \$500 dress, it wouldn't matter. But I was ordering eyeshadow that cost about \$76. Instacart's delivery fee — \$11.99 — was also high, bringing the total cost of my chips and guacamole to \$26.16. The delivery charge is based on customer demand for the delivery window you request.

Barnes & Noble's delivery fee was \$3.99, while Best Buy's was \$5.99. Amazon Prime waived the delivery fee because my order came to more than \$35. FoodKick also didn't charge a fee because my red wine and pesto totaled \$22.13, above the \$20 minimum for free delivery.

So by 9 p.m., I had most of what I ordered, including a book, wine and pizza. Would I try these services again? Yes, but I definitely know which retailers come through.

BP brings back Amoco brand after nearly 20 years

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across the U.S., all of them operated by independent dealers after the company divested of its last corporate-owned stores about 15 years ago.

Most dealers buy their gas from jobbers, middlemen who distribute a variety of brands to stations in their area. Having a separate brand gives BP flexibility to service more stations, particularly in densely populated metro areas like Chicago and New York.

Other oil companies use multiple brands to locate adjacent stations. Exxon-Mobil, which was formed by a 1999 merger, still has ostensibly competitive Exxon and Mobil stations side by side in some markets, for example.

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its first refinery in Whiting, Ind. It has branded its stations with a variety of names over the years, including American and

Standard, but it was known exclusively as Amoco when BP, then British Petroleum, acquired the company in 1998 for \$48 billion.

At the time of the merger, there were more than 9,000 Amoco stations across the U.S. But a decision to shelve the name in favor of the BP

brand marked the end of the road for the Amoco brand in the early 2000s.

In addition to the name change, the company scaled back its dealer network, shedding smaller former Amoco stations that didn't fit the high-traffic business model. Other Amoco dealers left of their own accord.

In 2010, there was a movement among dealers to revert to the Amoco brand in the aftermath of BP's handling of its massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which led to consumer boycotts and sales declines. That didn't get enough traction to kill the BP brand or bring back Amoco, but executives believe now is the time for both to exist on separate tracks.

Most of the Amoco stations will be rebranded from competitors. Existing BP stations will not be

allowed to convert to Amoco, Altizer said.

"One of the guardrails we have is we're not going to convert existing BPs over to Amoco," he said.

Amoco has never completely disappeared, with a tiny label on the BP pumps paying homage to the legacy gas being dispensed.

Nostalgia is certainly expected to play a big part in luring older drivers to fill up at Amoco stations, Altizer said. But even younger consumers have been drawn to the newly renovated, red, white and blue stations.

"The consumer response has been very positive, even for those millennials who weren't even around or couldn't remember Amoco," he said. "Certainly their parents do, their grandparents do."

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EPA: A little radiation might be good for you

Experts: Rule change could lead to higher levels of exposure

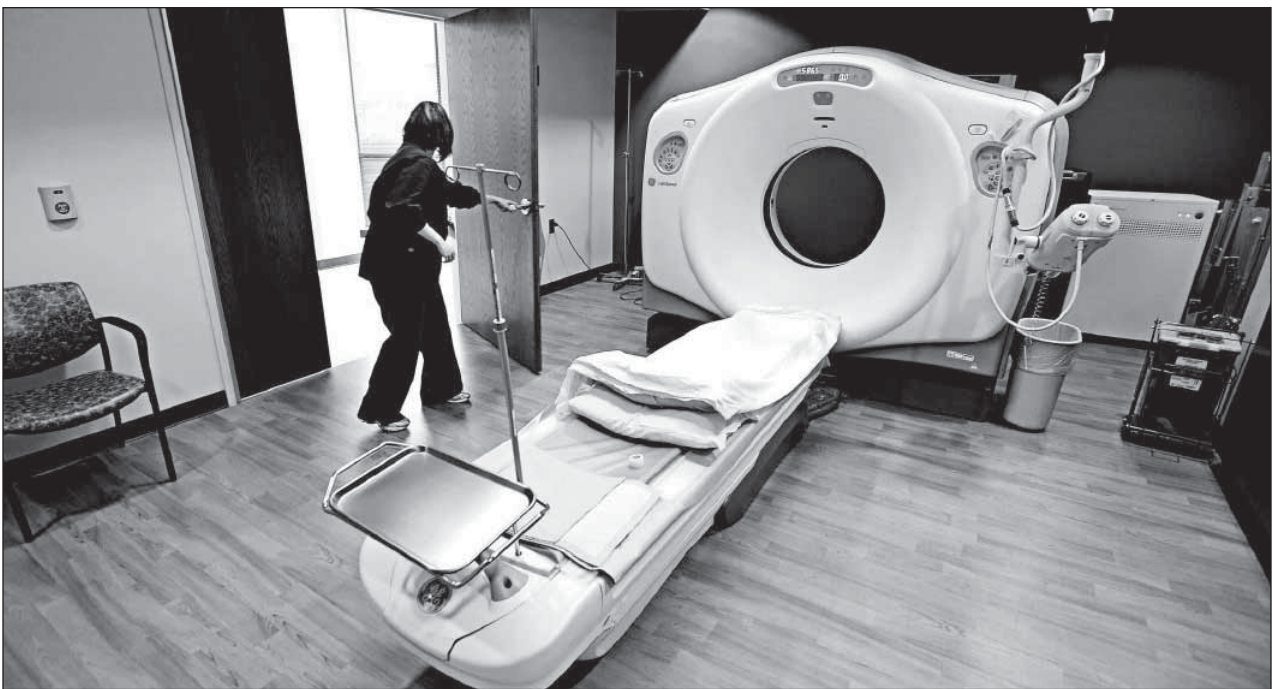
BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The EPA is pursuing rule changes that experts say would weaken the way radiation exposure is regulated, turning to scientific outliers who argue that a bit of radiation damage is actually good for you — like a little bit of sunlight.

The government’s decades-old guidance says that any exposure to harmful radiation is a cancer risk.

Critics say the proposed change could lead to higher levels of exposure for workers at nuclear installations and oil and gas drilling sites, medical workers doing X-rays and CT scans, people living next to Superfund sites and any members of the public who one day might find themselves exposed to a radiation release.

The Trump administration already has targeted a range of other regulations on toxins and pollutants, including coal power plant emissions and car exhaust, that it sees as costly and burdensome for businesses. Supporters of the EPA’s proposal argue that the government’s current stance that there is no safe level of



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A CT scan technician prepares radiation equipment at an emergency care center in Homer Glen, Ill.

radiation — the so-called linear no-threshold model — forces unnecessary spending for handling exposure in accidents, at nuclear plants, in medical centers and at other sites.

At issue is EPA’s proposed rule on transparency in science.

EPA spokesman John Konkus said Tuesday: “The proposed regulation doesn’t talk about radiation or any particular chemicals. And as we indicated in our response, EPA’s policy is to

continue to use the linear-no-threshold model for population-level radiation protection purposes which would not, under the proposed regulation that has not been finalized, trigger any change in that policy.”

But in an April news release announcing the proposed rule the agency quoted Edward Calabrese, a toxicologist at the University of Massachusetts who has said weakening limits on radiation exposure would save billions of dol-

lars and have a positive impact on human health.

The proposed rule would require regulators to consider “various threshold models across the exposure range” when it comes to dangerous substances. While it doesn’t specify radiation, the release quotes Calabrese calling the proposal “a major scientific step forward” in assessing the risk of “chemicals and radiation.”

Konkus said the release was written during the ten-

ure of former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. He could not explain why Calabrese was quoted citing the impact on radiation levels if the agency does not believe there would be any.

Radiation is everywhere, from potassium in bananas to the microwaves popping our popcorn. Most of it is benign. But what’s of concern is the higher-energy, shorter-wave radiation, such as X-rays, that can penetrate and disrupt living cells, sometimes causing

cancer.

As recently as March, the EPA’s online guidelines for radiation effects advised: “Current science suggests there is some cancer risk from any exposure to radiation.”

“Even exposures below 100 millisieverts” — an amount roughly equivalent to 25 chest X-rays or about 14 CT chest scans — “slightly increase the risk of getting cancer in the future,” the agency’s guidance said.

But that online guidance — separate from the rule-change proposal — was edited in July to add a section emphasizing the low individual odds of cancer: “According to radiation safety experts, radiation exposures of 100 millisieverts usually result in no harmful health effects, because radiation below these levels is a minor contributor to our overall cancer risk,” the revised policy says.

Calabrese and his supporters argue that smaller exposures of cell-damaging radiation and other carcinogens can serve as stressors that activate the body’s repair mechanisms and can make people healthier. They compare it to physical exercise or sunlight.

Mainstream scientific consensus on radiation is based on deceptive science, Calabrese said.

Day care fees: Scam or safeguard?

Parents pay for waitlist spots that often don’t pan out

BY SALLY HO
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Even before Tricia Schalekamp knew the baby growing inside her was a boy, she embarked on the search for child care with urgency and intensity.

She visited two dozen centers in the Seattle area, created spreadsheets with notes and paid at least \$500 in nonrefundable fees.

In the end, she was not offered a coveted spot at most of the places advertising child care services for kids age 5 and younger.

With demand for high-quality preschools increasing yet supply limited in America’s most expensive cities, that money-back-not-guaranteed caveat is becoming routine and exacerbating the already grueling search for day care services for many working parents.

Those who can afford care costing an average of about \$2,000 a month per child rarely quibble over a \$100 fee. Many eventually get their kids into a child care program, while others make do by patching up nanny hours, hiring live-in au pairs and relying on family members.

Yet the situation illustrates just how much power child care centers currently wield, said Elise Gould, an economist studying child care policy at the Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute.

“They can have hundreds of people on their waiting list but never give them anything?” Gould said. “That’s a screwy incentive system.”

Schalekamp remembers crying after a day care tour thinking she would never find a place for her child, now a third-grader. She counts herself lucky she eventually found care but remains peeved by one \$200 fee in particular.

“There’s no chance of getting in, but why didn’t they tell me that? There’s zero transparency,” said Schalekamp, 44, who works in product development and went on to have a second son, now 6.

A spokeswoman at the Washington state attorney general’s office said she was unaware of any such issues being reported but that anyone feeling defrauded should file a complaint.

In the other worlds of coveted waitlists, neither national college nor restaurant industry leaders reported such fees as being common practice in their fields. The Better Business Bureau said it doesn’t keep



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Tricia and Steve Schalekamp with sons Evan, 9, and Alex, 6, in Seattle. The family paid \$500 in a nonrefundable preschool waiting list fee for Evan.

data specific to waiting list complaints.

Many child care centers already price out a large population of families with tuition prices rivaling that of elite universities. So for those searching in this expensive market, the fees are largely accepted and generally considered a deposit for future enrollment, though services are never guaranteed.

Day care administrators say they’re merely weeding out unserious applicants knowing parents try to get on as many lists as possible to secure even one spot. They also say the money in their low-profit, low-wage business helps manage the hours it takes to answer questions, give tours and process enrollment paperwork.

Ann Marie Robinson, admissions coordinator for the Kiddie University child care centers near the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., said an estimated 50 percent of families who pay the \$100 nonrefundable waitlist fee end up enrolling. She’s never heard of any complaints given that it’s common practice in her region. The popular day care business currently has more than 200 people on waitlists for 40 infant spots.

“We inform our clients on what to expect and let them know it’s not a guarantee that you’ll definitely get in,” Robinson said.

The driving force behind the child care supply problem is the lack of workers.

For years, the child care and preschool industry has been trying to address its high turnover rate, which nears 50 percent. But even increasing wages nationally by 13 percent between 2014 and 2017 — to a median \$22,290 annually — has not stopped the loss of talent. It’s a tough, labor-intensive job to get people to do for such low wages, so the pool of U.S. child care workers in the same period lost 3.5 percent of its workforce, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Meanwhile, the demand for high-quality early education programs continues to rise.

Informed by the growing body of brain development research showing children who attend good preschools are better off as adults with higher incomes and healthier lifestyles, political momentum has shifted in favor of government-subsidized pre-kindergarten programs that now flourish in the same cities where the child care supply crisis is most acute. This month, the world’s richest man — Seattle-based Amazon.com boss Jeff Bezos — announced his first major philanthropic project will be dedicated to funding free preschools in low-income communities.

Jenny Cimbalnik, director of Seattle’s Wallingford Child Care Center, said parents occasionally express concern about their fee but largely accept it as par for the course. Her center is so popular, it even has a wait-

ing list for its free monthly tours. Cimbalnik said most families eventually are offered a spot, but she acknowledged the wait itself can force parents to make other arrangements.

“I sympathize. I, too, don’t ever want to take money from families without being able to promise

them a spot,” she said. “It’s unfortunate that there’s not enough care for everyone to get in where they want, or at least somewhere.”

Camille Leganza is one of those parents who said she has yet to make it off Wallingford’s waitlist. She gave in to the \$50 fee in 2014 while pregnant with her

now-3-year-old daughter, paying up alongside about 40 other people on her tour. The fee has since gone up, to \$75.

“It’s like an extra source of income that’s very shady,” said Leganza, a 42-year-old recruiter. “What is that? And how much money is that, literally?”

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Institution	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Min	Phone / Website
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Savings Update

Why smart CD savers check the Fed’s calendar

Once again, the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates, the third time it has done so this year. Though no one can reliably predict how often the Fed will make increases, smart CD savers will note the Fed’s calendar.

The Fed’s rate-making body is called the Federal Open Market Committee, or FOMC, and it meets on a publicly announced schedule of every 6-8 weeks (google “FOMC calendar” for the dates). Upon the conclusion of each meeting, the committee announces its rate decision to the press.

The reason this matters to CD savers is because an increase by the Fed generally ripples out to increases by banks and credit unions on their savings and CD accounts. While it won’t happen instantly, the general deposits market will move upwards.

If you have a savings or money market account, you won’t need to do anything to benefit from increases

your institution makes. But with CDs, the calculus is different, since you’ll be locking in one rate for the duration of the CD’s term.

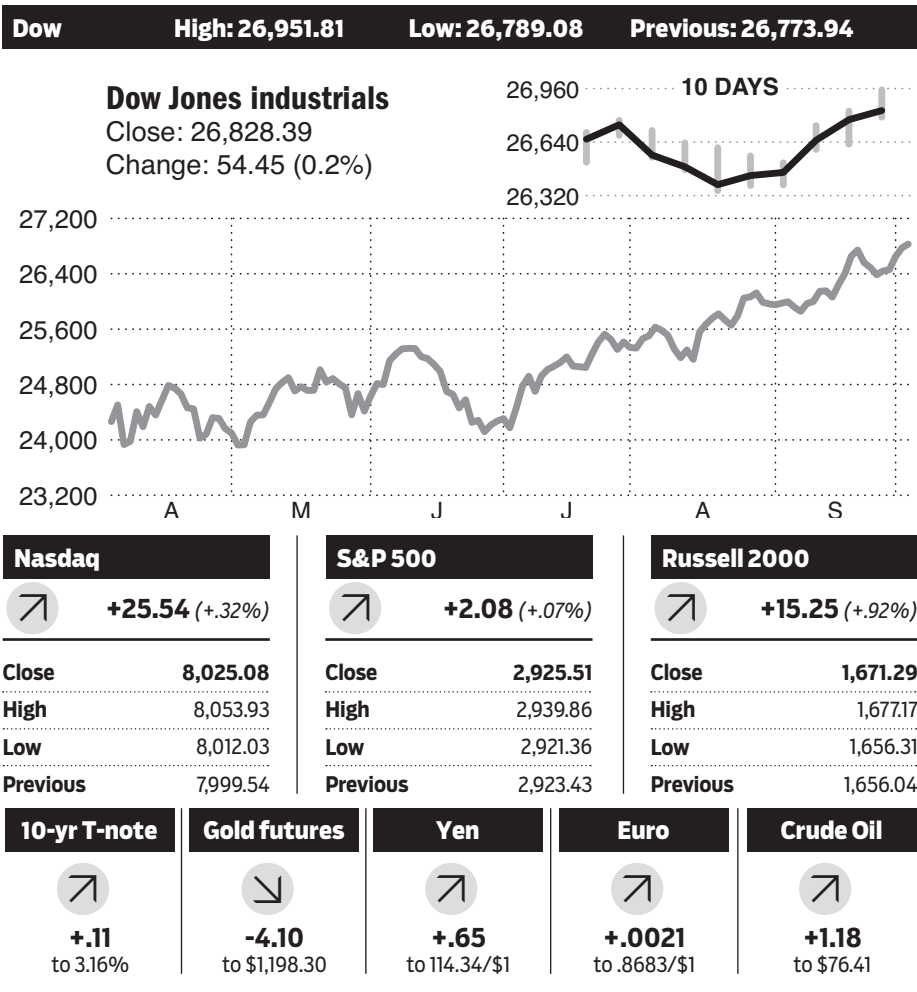
That’s why it’s smart to check the FOMC calendar to avoid locking into a new certificate right before a possible rate hike, sticking you with a lower rate than you might be able to earn if you hold off until the next FOMC decision.

From December 2008 until December 2015, the FOMC held its rate to near zero to stimulate an economic recovery after the financial crisis, and bank deposit rates tanked to historic lows. Since then, the Fed has raised rates once per year in 2015 and 2016, and now three times each in 2017 and 2018.

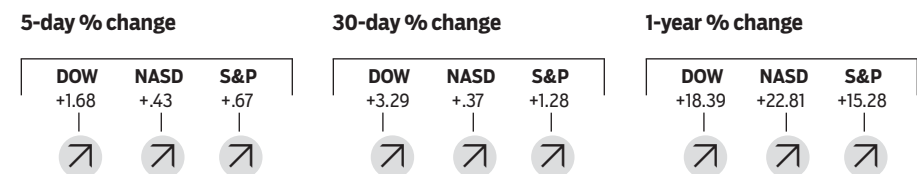
It’s always uncertain what the committee will decide at its future meetings, but the savvy saver knows it’s better to lock in new CD rates after, and never before, a Fed rate hike.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	521.25	527.25	514.25	515.25	-4
		Mar 19	541	545.75	533	534.75	-3.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	367.75	369	364.50	364.75	-2.75
		Mar 19	379.75	380.75	376.25	376.75	-2.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 18	866	870.25	860.50	861.50	-4.50
		Jan 19	879.75	884	874.50	875.75	-4.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Oct 18	29.45	29.56	29.38	29.52	+16
		Dec 18	29.66	29.88	29.58	29.84	+18
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Oct 18	311.20	312.40	307.50	307.50	-3.70
		Dec 18	314.90	316.40	311.00	311.20	-3.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Nov 18	75.12	76.90	74.30	76.41	+1.18
		Dec 18	74.95	76.72	74.05	76.24	+1.20
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Nov 18	3.164	3.261	3.155	3.230	+0.064
		Dec 18	3.250	3.326	3.228	3.297	+0.058
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Nov 18	2.1273	2.1500	2.0973	2.1378	+0.0109
		Dec 18	2.1234	2.1464	2.0926	2.1351	+0.0151

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS											
Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.						Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ					
STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	72.04	-1.77	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	94.67	-1.16	Middleby Corp	O	124.73	-.92
AbbVie Inc	N	96.01	+1.78	Equity Residential	N	65.36	-.88	Mondelez Intl	O	42.78	-.45
Allstate Corp	N	98.82	-.03	Exelon Corp	N	43.10	-.91	Morningstar Inc	O	121.57	-.24
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.00	-.15	First Indl RT	N	31.19	-.12	Motorola Solutions	N	126.79	-.08
Arch Dan Mid	N	50.45	+0.04	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.26	+0.37	Navistar Intl	N	39.04	+1.13
Baxter Intl	N	75.91	-1.39	Gallagher AJ	N	75.11	-.24	NISource Inc	N	24.81	-.25
Boeing Co	N	392.30	+5.93	Grainger WW	N	357.96	+3.41	Nthn Trust Cp	O	104.79	+1.02
Brunswick Corp	N	65.91	+2.2	GrubHub Inc	N	135.24	-1.75	Old Republic	N	22.12	+1.0
CBOE Global Markets	O	104.20	...	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	93.28	-.74	Packaging Corp Am	N	105.94	-3.95
CDK Global Inc	O	61.51	-.50	IDEX Corp	N	150.97	+1.05	Paylocity Hldg	O	77.24	+1.00
CDW Corp	O	88.30	+8.3	ITW	N	143.70	-1.01	RLI Corp	N	76.15	+8.3
CF Industries	N	55.32	-.49	Ingredion Inc	N	103.42	-.70	Stericycle Inc	O	55.80	-.29
CME Group	O	175.45	+9.5	John Bean Technol	N	115.40	-.20	TransUnion	N	75.03	+3.3
CNA Financial	N	45.59	+1.8	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	144.16	+0.05	USG Corp	N	42.98	+1.0
Caterpillar Inc	N	158.22	+3.40	Kemper Corp	N	78.95	+6.9	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	278.87	-1.10
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.43	+0.2	Kraft Heinz Co	O	55.60	-.33	United Contl Hldgs	O	87.39	+6.8
Deere Co	N	158.21	+3.39	LKQ Corporation	O	31.01	-.27	Ventas Inc	N	52.86	-.78
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.01	+6.8	Littelfuse Inc	O	195.58	+1.68	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	73.80	+3.1
Dover Corp	N	88.10	-.05	MB Financial	O	46.95	+8.3	Wintrust Financial	O	87.54	+2.63
Equity Commonwlth	N	32.34	-.04	McDonalds Corp	N	164.66	-.52	Zebra Tech	O	169.41	+4.2

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	12.48	+16
Petrobras	13.55	+39
Itau Unibanco Hldg	12.13	+65
Bank of America	30.00	+42
Ford Motor	9.13	-07
Vale SA	15.45	-17
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.00	+43
Ambev S.A.	4.66	+01
General Motors Co	34.00	+70
Penney JC Co Inc	1.62	+06
Petrobras A	12.20	+67
AT&T Inc	33.92	...
Chesapck Engy	4.73	+21
Sthwstn Energy	5.34	+18
Lloyds Banking Grp	3.00	+05
Gerdau SA	4.23	...
Oracle Corp	49.75	-.48
Denbury Res	6.61	+59
Pfizer Inc	44.81	+59
Pandora Media	9.06	+07
Freeport McMoRan	13.95	+06
Twitter Inc	29.01	+82
Wells Fargo & Co	52.65	+52
Barriack Gold	11.62	-07

TREASURY YIELDS		
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.19	2.18
6-month disc	2.36	2.35
2-year	2.84	2.80
10-year	3.16	3.05
30-year	3.32	3.21

SPOT METALS		
	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1198.30	\$1202.40
Silver	\$14.590	\$14.610
Platinum	\$832.20	\$830.10

INTEREST RATES		
Prime Rate	5.25	
Discount Rate Primary	2.75	
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25	
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.39	

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China (Yuan)	6.8835	
Euro	.8683	
India (Rupee)	73.784	
Israel (Shekel)	3.6267	
Japan (Yen)	114.34	
Mexico (Peso)	18.9744	
Poland (Zloty)	3.74	
So. Korea (Won)	1124.96	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.75	
Thailand (Baht)	32.51	

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2821.35	+29.6/+1.1
Stoxx600	383.84	+1.9/+0.5
Nikkei	24110.96	-159.7/-0.7
MSCI-EAFE	1958.86	+1.4/+0.1
Bovespa	83273.38	+1661.1/+2.0
FTSE 100	7510.28	+35.7/+0.5
CAC-40	5491.40	+23.5/+0.4

LARGEST COMPANIES			
Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	
Alibaba Group Hldg	162.37	+2.14	
Alphabet Inc C	1202.95	+2.84	
Alphabet Inc A	1211.53	+3.89	
Amazon.com Inc	1952.76	-18.55	
Apple Inc	232.07	+2.79	
Bank of America	30.00	+4.2	
Berkshire Hath B	216.40	+1.11	
Exxon Mobil Corp	86.15	-.31	
Facebook Inc	162.43	+3.10	
JPMorgan Chase	115.04	+1.07	
Johnson & Johnson	139.03	-1.45	
Microsoft Corp	115.17	+0.2	
Pfizer Inc	44.81	+5.9	
Royal Dutch Shell B	71.66	+4.5	
Unitedhealth Group	270.90	+2.7	
Visa Inc	149.37	-.30	
WalMart Strs	94.07	-1.08	
Wells Fargo & Co	52.65	+5.2	

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS			
Based on total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	35.23	+0.6	+20.9
American Funds AMRCNBAlA m	27.96	-.04	+8.6
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	51.05	+0.5	+6.3
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	60.36	-.02	+8
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	65.61	+1.3	+13.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	56.66	+0.8	+21.8
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.25	...	+4.8
American Funds InvCmrcA m	42.30	+0.5	+13.4
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.66	-.06	+12.5
American Funds WAMtlInvSA m	47.11	+0.6	+14.1
DFA IntlCorEqIns	13.83	-.03	+1.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.33	-.04	-.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.23	+0.2	-5.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	216.18	+8.9	+13.7
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.34	...	+2
Fidelity 500IdxIns	102.69	+0.7	+17.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	102.69	+0.8	+17.7
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	102.69	+0.8	+17.6
Fidelity Contrafund	14.08	+0.3	+23.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	14.09	+0.4	+24.1
Fidelity GroCo	21.42	+0.5	+27.2
Fidelity TlSMktIdxPrm	84.27	+1.4	+16.9
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.32	...	+2.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.31	...	-1.0
PIMCO Inclsntl	11.91	...	+1.1
PIMCO TlRetIns	9.86	-.07	-2.1
Schwab SP500Idx	45.71	+0.3	+17.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	114.24	+1.3	+25.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.26	+0.7	+21.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	270.16	+2.0	+17.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	28.67	-.11	+16.0
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	82.86	-.05	+22.2
Vanguard HCAdmrl	96.71	+0.6	+14.0
Vanguard InTrfAdmrl	13.74	-.03	-.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	266.53	+1.9	+17.6
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	266.54	+1.9	+17.6
Vanguard InsTlSMlInPls	64.80	+1.0	+17.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.03	-.34	+4.8
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	202.29	+3.6	+12.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	153.13	+5.0	+21.9
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.43	-.02	+1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	76.96	+4.6	+14.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.04	-.06	+5.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.97	-.03	+6.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.64	-.04	+6.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.40	-.02	+7.7
Vanguard TlBMIdxAdmrl	10.31	-.05	-1.8
Vanguard TlBMIdxIns	10.31	-.05	-1.8
Vanguard TlInBldxAdmrl	21.73	-.03	+2.1
Vanguard TlInBldxIns	32.61	-.04	+2.2
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	28.80	-.06	+3
Vanguard TlInSldxIns	115.16	-.27	+3
Vanguard TlInSldxInsPlus	115.18	-.26	+3
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	17.22	-.04	+3
Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl	72.95	+1.2	+17.0
Vanguard TlSMIdxIns	72.97	+1.2	+17.0
Vanguard TlSMIdxInv	72.93	+1.2	+16.8
Vanguard WlgnAdmrl	73.89	-.12	+8.1
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	63.99	-.22	+3.0
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	71.14	+1.3	+12.5

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OBITUARIES

JOHN H. BRYAN JR. 1936-2018

A driving force to build Millennium Park

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

As the president and CEO of Sara Lee Corp. and its predecessor firm, Consolidated Foods, from 1975 until 2001, John H. Bryan Jr. grew Sara Lee into a consumer conglomerate with diverse brands in food and apparel.

However, it was Bryan's passion for the arts — coupled with his prowess at fundraising — that produced arguably his greatest legacies.

Though soft-spoken and genteel, Bryan was the driving force behind the creation of Chicago's Millennium Park, and he also was a tireless fundraiser to expand and renovate the Art Institute of Chicago, whose board he had chaired, the Civic Opera House and Orchestra Hall.

"Without John, there would be no Millennium Park," said Chicago lawyer and former FCC chairman Newton Minow, a longtime friend who served on Sara Lee's board with Bryan. "He was an exceptional combination of a fine mind plus a dedication to making our community and our country a better place. And he was more than a business leader — he took an active role in the direction of our country in the arts."

Bryan, 81, died of complications from lung cancer on Oct. 1 at Rush University Medical Center, said his son, John Bryan III.

He had been a Lake Bluff resident since 1984 and lived in Kenilworth before that. Born and raised in West Point, Miss., Bryan earned a bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in Memphis in 1958. After college, he began graduate business studies at the University of Virginia, but his father felt it was time for him to go to work. He joined the family specialty meat business, Bryan Foods, at age 23 in 1960 as its top manager, later finishing graduate school part time at nearby Mississippi State University.

In 1968, Bryan sold Bryan Foods to Chicago-based consumer products giant Consolidated Foods but stayed on to oversee the family business. He moved to Kenilworth in 1974 when he was promoted to be Consolidated Foods' president, and the following year he was named CEO.

In 1985, Bryan changed Consolidated Foods' name to Sara Lee to highlight its largest brand while at the same time discarding a name that he told the Tribune in 1985 was "confusing, inappropriate and miscommunicates" the company's operations.

Under Bryan's leadership, Sara Lee unloaded many of its manufacturing operations and focused more on marketing and on supporting powerhouse brands. He also built a reputation for expanding his business overseas long before other consumer firms did.

For several decades before he retired from Sara Lee in 2001, Bryan had begun working to support Chicago arts groups, noting that he preferred work on projects for which he had a passion.

"I think I was born with a natural attraction to the arts," he told the Tribune in 2004.



FAMILY PHOTO

John H. Bryan Jr., former president and CEO of Sara Lee Corp., was a committed Chicago booster.

In 1998, Bryan began donating much of Sara Lee's extensive corporate art collection — nearly 40 paintings and sculptures with an estimated value of as much as \$100 million — to American museums, including the Art Institute and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Bryan was himself a serious collector of furniture by Gustav Stickley, who championed the American Arts and Crafts movement and created Mission furniture.

Bryan also served on numerous corporate boards, including General Motors, Bank One, BP Amoco and Goldman Sachs.

"I got to know him first because we served on the Bank One board together," said Ariel Investments Chairman and CEO John W. Rogers Jr. "He was an exemplary director, the one who always asked the most thoughtful questions."

Bryan's philanthropic endeavors were expansive — and often realized. He served on the Art Institute's board for 23 years and chaired the board from 1999 until 2006. He began the public phases of a \$350 million capital campaign to build and endow a major museum addition, the Modern Wing, which opened in 2009. In the early 1990s, Bryan marshaled many Chicago-area businesses and foundations to donate \$100 million to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera to fund an addition to Orchestra Hall and the Lyric's dream of owning its space in the Civic Opera House.

Easily Bryan's greatest civic achievement was overseeing the raising of more than \$200 million in private funds to help pay for the \$475 million Millennium Park. The contributions helped make possible iconic installations like Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate" sculpture, Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain and Frank Gehry's Pritzker Pavilion.

"I always tell people, don't ask me to raise money to fix the roof," Bryan told the Tribune's Chris Jones in 2004. "It has to be something that's exciting. Like they say, it takes some magic to stir people's blood."

Rogers, who formerly chaired the Chicago Park District board, recalled Bryan's vision for the park and his work to persuade former Mayor Richard M. Daley and his late wife, Maggie, of the potential for the Millennium Park site, a one-time rail yard.

"I saw his ability to see this amazing, unbelievable landmark that only he had the vision to see," Rogers said. "And then after the park was built, he served on the Millennium Park board and his passion and commit-

ment to keeping Millennium Park world-class and one of its kind in the world — you can't overstate how important his leadership was."

Bryan told the Tribune's Blair Kamin in 2004 that his fundraising rules were simple: Don't go to people without money, don't take small contributions and excite potential donors with superlatives.

"People are competitive," he told Kamin. "Nothing will stir their hearts more than if the city they live in has the best symphony, the best park, whatever superlative you come up with."

Bryan also was central to the preservation of the steel-and-glass Farnsworth House in Plano, Ill., which was designed by master modernist Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. After several years of efforts to coax the state of Illinois to buy and preserve it, Bryan led a fundraising drive in 2003 to purchase the landmark for \$7.5 million. Today, the Farnsworth House is owned by Landmarks Illinois and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Bryan also preserved his own home, Crab Tree Farm, a rare gentleman's farm along Lake Michigan in Lake Bluff that includes a main house that was designed by architect David Adler. It houses Bryan's American Arts and Crafts furniture and decorative arts collection.

"John truly was the epitome of a Renaissance man, enormously talented and engaged in every aspect of life: business, the cultural landscape, art, architecture and design, civic engagement, politics, historic preservation and of course his beloved Crab Tree Farm," said Chicago attorney Joseph Gromacki, a close friend. Bryan also had an unheralded aspect of his life in fighting for racial equality. His hometown had resisted the Supreme Court's orders to desegregate, but rather than abide by the status quo and send his children to all-white private academies, Bryan in the 1960s joined the black community and sued West Point's school board, which had closed public schools rather than integrate them.

In addition to his son, Bryan is survived by his wife of 60 years, Neville; two daughters, Margaret Bryan French and Elizabeth Bryan Seebeck; another son, Charles; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; a brother, George; and a sister, Caroline Harrell.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON OCTOBER 4 ...

In 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1957 the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.

In 1970 rock singer Janis Joplin was found dead in Hollywood; she was 27.

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Bacci, Vivian Magner

Vivian Magner Bacci, age 91, loving wife of the late Otto Bacci and Robert Magner, dearest mother of Patt (Keith) Deppert, Jim (the late Susan) Magner, Kevin (Patricia) Magner and Nancy (Rick) Raske. Devoted grandmother of Allison (Josh) Jensen, Bill (Kristen) Magner, Katie (Ryan) Keesbury, Patrick (Bridget) and Molly Magner, Kevin (Danna) and Courtney Raske, great-grandmother of 6. Visitation, Saturday October 6 at Our Lady of the Brook Church, 3700 Dundee Rd., Northbrook from 9:00am until time of Mass at 10:00am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, 3100 Thacher Ave. (Belmont & Cumberland) River Grove. In lieu of flowers contributions to your favorite charity appreciated. Funeral info: John E. Maloney Funeral Home (773) 764-1617



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Benish, John James

(October 2nd, 1936 – October 1st, 2018)

John James Benish, age 82 of Burr Ridge, IL most beloved husband of Ellen, nee Boyle; loving father of Margaret (Thomas) O'Sullivan, Katherine (John) Knoelke, John Jr. (Christie) Benish, Anthony (Jennifer) Benish, Nell (Douglas) Sikora; proud grandfather of Madeline and Sean O'Sullivan; Gretchen,

Sophie, Connor and Charlie Knoelke; McKenzie, Georgia, John James III and Lucy Benish; Anthony Jr., William and Daniel Benish and Samuel, Sadie, and Scarlett Sikora. Dear brother of the late Anthony, Thomas and Reverend William. Chairman of Cook-Ilinois Corporation and Bennesser Vineyards. Family and friends will be received at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 8404 Cass Ave, Darien IL 60561 on Saturday, October 6th, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Notre Dame Catholic Church, 1005 Moore Rd., Michigan City, IN 46360. Arrangements entrusted to Peter M. Martino, Funeral Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Berkowitz, Robert Ward

Born August 23, 1954 died October 3, 2018 in Michigan City Indiana. Son of Charles E. and Florence H. Berkowitz, of Lincolnwood IL. He is survived by two sisters Susan, and Andrea. Graveside service is Friday October 5, 9a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Carbonara, Pasquale "Pat"

Pasquale "Pat" Carbonara Veteran of U.S. Army. Dearly Beloved Husband of Antoinette "Toni" Nee Scaffidi. Loving Father of Patrick ("Ronnie"), Annette and Gregory (Jennifer). Cherished Papa of Linette, Ashley, Monika, Brittany, Gianna and Michael. Great Grandfather of Nicolaus and Nathan. Dear Brother of Fred (Sandy) and the late Alex & Rose and the late Michael (Velma) Carbonara. Fond Brother in Law, Uncle and Friend of Many. Visitation Saturday from 9. until 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Melrose Park, Mass 11 a.m. Int. Private. Visit Pat's Memorial at www.carbonarafuneralhome.net or 708-343-6161



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Darzynskis, Deborah Lynn

Deborah Lynn Darzynskis, nee Martin, 68, formerly of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved wife of Kazimir. Dear mother of Kaz (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of Stanley; loving sister of Dawn (Chris) Lissner and the late Dennis, Gregory and Mark; fond aunt of many. Deborah graduated from Quincy College and was an executive for Little Friends, Catholic Charities (Joliet Diocese), and the DuPage Co. Housing Authority. In lieu of flowers donations to the San Damiano Monastery, 6029 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 would be appreciated. Visitation Friday, 5-9pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago and Saturday at St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park from 10:30am until time of Mass at 11am. Interment Queen of Heaven. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Deb's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Davis, Joann I

Joann I Davis age 86 of Sauk Village, IL passed away October 1, 2018. Funeral services will be held Saturday October 6, 2018 6:00PM at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home 8178 Clive Ave Crown Point, IN. Visitation from 2:00PM to 6:00PM Saturday October 6, 2018 at funeral home. 219-365-9554

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Di Vito, Anthony C.

Anthony C. Di Vito. Age 88 of Golf, IL. Beloved husband of Darlene. Loving father of JoBeth (Vince) Pacini, Rick (Mary) Di Vito and Cyndi (Jim) Baumhart. Devoted grandfather of Anthony and Alyssa Pacini, Dominique, Ricky and Allie Di Vito, Anthony (Melissa) and Nicholas (Lizzy) Baumhart. Great-grandfather of Aria and Mick Baumhart. Fond brother

of Eugene Di Vito and Anne Ranieri. Dear uncle to many. Visitation Friday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. until time of funeral mass, 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 N. Greenwood, Niles. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org, appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com or (847) 823-1171.



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Doherty, Brady

Sadly on October 2nd our precious son passed away. Brady Doherty, age 7. Beloved son of Colleen and Dan Doherty. Loving brother of Sean Doherty. Cherished grandson of Jim and Nancy Dan and Dan and Caryn Doherty. Caring nephew of many aunts and uncles. Visitation will be at the Parish Life Center at St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn on Friday, October 5th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Celebration of life will be at St. Petronille Church in Glen Ellyn at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday October 6th. Arrangements entrusted to Belmont Funeral Home 773.286.2500

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Dragas, John Raymond

John Raymond Dragas Age 78 passed away Friday September 28, 2018 at his residence in the Carillon Lakes Community of Crest Hill due to pancreatic cancer. Formerly of Western Springs. Alumni and graduate of St. Rita High School 1957 and Lewis University 1961. John, a lifelong Chicago White Sox and Blackhawks, fan whose favorite athletes were his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara; children David (Paula) Dragas, Kenneth Dragas, Janet (Jon) Dobosenski, Carla (John) Palczynski, John (Cindy) Dragas, Maribeth (Dan) Tischler, Tim (Jorie) Dragas and Carrie (Jim) Salamone, sister-in-law Priscilla (the late Richard) Dragas and 19 wonderful grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents John and Helen Dragas. Visitation Friday from 3 to 8 pm at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403. Funeral Saturday October 6, 2018, 9 am Rosary at funeral home followed by Mass 10 am at the Church of St. Jude in Joliet. Services conclude at the church, cremation rites to be accorded. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory for Masses or St. Jude Building Fund (www.stjudejoliet.org) appreciated. (www.andersonmemorialhomes.com) (815) 577-5250

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Gaynor, Nancy J.

Nancy J. Gaynor, nee Hoban; Devoted wife of William, for 64 years; Loving mother of Kathleen (Kevin) Slocum, William (Angela), and Michael (Jennifer); Proud grandma of Spencer, Bridget, William (Nicole), Jean (Jason), Patrick (Elizabeth), Theresa, Maria, and Kristen; Cherished "GG" of Jonas, Jaelyn, Silas, Charlotte, Sloane, and Liam; Beloved sister of Maureen Arndt, and John McDonagh; Dear sister-in-law of Maureen (Gene) Sherry, late Patricia (late Jack) Casey, Thomas Gaynor, and Margie Gaynor; Visitation Friday 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park; Interment Private; Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home; For Funeral info, 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Genna Sr., Joseph

Joseph M. Genna Sr. passed away suddenly Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Beloved Husband of the Late Linda nee Vestuto. Devoted Father of Joseph (Lauren) Jr. and the Late Johnny. Loving Son of the Late Nicholas and the Late Anna Benigno. Fond Grandfather of Joey and Brianna. Dear Brother of Vera Marino, Anthony (Kathaleen) Genna. Dear Uncle of many. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Friday, October 5, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral to follow Saturday, October 6, 2018 from Russo's Hillside Chapels at 10:00 a.m. proceeding to St. Barbara Parish, 4008 Prairie, Brookfield, Illinois. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 11:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Joseph's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook.



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Geyer, Sandra M.

Sandra M. Geyer, nee Zavakos, 80, passed away surrounded by family on Sept. 30, 2018. Loving wife for 60 years to Robert H.; caring mother of Robert K.; grandmother of two, proud great-grandmother of three; sister of Judy, Karen, Niki, the late James, and the late Stephen. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, from 2-4pm, at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



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Glienke, Albert J.

Albert James Glienke, 80, born and raised in Oak Park and resident of Bailey, CO and Sun City West, AZ passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018. Beloved by family and friends, husband to Joann (Tresselt); father of Kirk (Laura Selby), Kent, and Karen (Gregori Viens); grandfather of Miles Albert; brother to Phyllis (Richard) Tresselt, and Kathleen (Paul)

Buturusis; uncle to Rick (Jennifer), Jeffrey, Susan (Bill Clark), and Scott (Dina) Tresselt and David (Danielle) Gould, Sara (Jeff) Kovich, and Elizabeth Gould. Al graduated from OPRFHS in 1956 and served as Master of Ceremonies at his class reunions, delighting with his well-known sense of humor. Al worked for the Village of Oak Park for over 35 years, retiring in 1995. Included in his extensive community service, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund from 1976-95, incl. four terms as President; as Campaign Chair and President of the OPRF Community Chest, and as Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop 16. Al was an award-winning landscape photographer and loved jazz music, cooking, golfing, fishing, camping, road trips around the country, and travels abroad. He was also loved by many cats over the years, and will be missed terribly by Boo Boo.

A Memorial Service will be held at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church (744 Fair Oaks Ave, Oak Park) on Saturday, October 6 at 2 pm.

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ILLINOIS
Oct. 3
Powerball **41 53 59 63 66 / 03**
Powerball jackpot: \$229M
Lotto jackpot: \$16.25M
Pick 3 midday **553 / 4**
Pick 4 midday **3018 / 0**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **21 23 37 43 44**
Pick 3 evening **830 / 8**
Pick 4 evening **6463 / 1**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **12 17 28 38 44**

Oct. 5 Mega Millions: \$405M

WISCONSIN
Oct. 3
Megabucks **01 12 15 18 22 46**
Pick 3 **729**
Pick 4 **0761**
Badger 5 **13 16 18 21 31**
SuperCash **03 04 05 13 20 24**

INDIANA
Oct. 3
Lotto **15 24 29 34 44 45**
Daily 3 midday **544 / 1**
Daily 4 midday **6323 / 1**
Daily 3 evening **852 / 9**
Daily 4 evening **9108 / 9**
Cash 5 **09 15 27 28 42**

MICHIGAN
Oct. 3
Lotto **08 10 14 21 23 27**
Daily 3 midday **434**
Daily 4 midday **9307**
Daily 3 evening **246**
Daily 4 evening **7609**
Fantasy 5 **03 12 16 20 32**
Keno **03 11 14 15 17 19**
..... **22 24 26 31 34 38 40 47**
..... **49 53 56 57 73 77 79 80**

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Hartmann, Marilyn

Marilyn Hartmann passed away peacefully with her family and friends by her side on September 27, 2018. She was born on July 8, 1925 in Madison, Wisconsin to her parents Ralph and Ethel Todd. Marilyn was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was also a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She worked at the college Registrar's office prior to her wedding to Jerry Hartmann on August 26, 1949. She has been a resident of South Holland, Illinois since 1970. She enjoyed cooking for her family, embroidery, gardening and traveling with her loving husband Jerry. They attended many Elderhostels around the country which gave them much happiness and enjoyment. She had a special love for animals and birds. Hummingbirds were a favorite and she enjoyed watching for them at their feeder. She is survived by her husband of sixty nine years Jerry and her three loving children: Alan (Sue) Hartmann, Dennis (Judy) Hartmann, and Kristina (Paul) Coccaro. She also leaves her grandchildren: Jeff, Jennifer, Valerie, Stephanie and Jessica. Memorial Visitation Saturday, October 6, from 11 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 1 p.m. at **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton/South Holland. (708) 841-2300 or www.thornridgefuneralhomes.com.

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Hible, Ronald Wayne 'Ron'

Ron Hible, 84, of Carol Stream, IL, passed away Sunday, October 23, 2018, at his home. He was born July 11, 1934 in Westville, IL, the son of William and Josephine (Rimshas) Hible. He married Carole Ann Nigra on June 4, 1955, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westville, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Ann Hible of Carol Stream, IL; two daughters, Ronda (Tom) Marquis of Princeton, IL and Lisa (Tim) Fagan of Glen Ellyn, IL; one son, Raymond Hible of Wheaton, IL; six grandchildren, Ben (Joanna) Marquis of Chillicothe, IL; Alex (Jordan) Marquis of Dunlap, IL; Zachary (Brooke) Marquis of Savoy, IL; Jenna Fagan of Medford, MA; and Elizabeth Fagan of Glen Ellyn, IL; ten great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bill Hible; one grandson, Kyle Fagan; and one great-grandson, Logan Marquis.

Ron graduated from Westville High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1957. He received his Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of English from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL in 1960 and his Masters of English Education from the University of Illinois in 1967. He taught Freshman Rhetoric at the University of Illinois; English I and College Preparatory English at Harvard High School, Harvard, IL; and Honors English III, English IV, and Film at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, IL. He was the advisor of the Glenbard West H.S. yearbook, The Pinnacle, from 1969 through 1985. He taught at Glenbard West for twenty-eight years, retiring in 1992.

Ron loved reading, writing, gardening, and listening to public radio. He enjoyed jazz, photography, and movies. He was devoted to his family.

A memorial graveside service for the family will take place at Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery in Westville, IL. Memorials may be directed to WBEZ public radio station in Chicago and WILL, public radio station in Urbana, IL.

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Hill, Elizabeth 'Libby'

Elizabeth Hill, age 62, of College Park, GA. Born in Evanston, IL, moved to Georgia to care for her parents; worked many years in the entertainment industry and business development. "Libby," beloved daughter of Lionel J. and Celestine T. Washington, youngest of eight children. Cherished sister of Cecile Smith (Charles), Diana Washington, Lenore Banks (Tom), Cheryl Butler (Ron), Lionel J. Washington II (P. Renee), Edwina Edwards and Emmaline Godwin. Visitation Wednesday, Oct. 10, 12 pm to 7 pm at **A.A. Rayner & Sons, 5911 W. Madison St.**, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, support the Susan B. Komen Foundation, www.komen.org.

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Koch, Glenn Roy

Glenn Roy Koch, age 79, passed away on Friday, September 28th. Glenn was born in Chicago, IL on March 5th, 1939, to Earl and Mildred Koch. Glenn was preceded in death by his wives Maureen Porth Koch and Ellen Pepe Koch and is survived by three stepchildren: Donald L. (Michelle) Porth III, Timothy J. (Lori) Porth, and Susan (Matthew) Kurland and eight step-grandchildren: Anna, Luke, Charles, Adam, and Erin Porth and Quinn, Riley, and Ella Kurland. Glenn was a veteran of the US Air Force and a proud 1961 graduate of Beloit College. He was an affiliate member of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Lions Club, an avid painter, and devoted Chicago sports fan. Visitation will be on Friday, October 5th from 12-3pm at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia at www.misericordia.com appreciated.

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LaPorte, Frances 'Pansy'

Frances LaPorte Frances "Pansy" LaPorte née Caringella Beloved wife of the late Victor Cosmo Jr. Loving mother of Victor (Betty) and Mary Ann Cherished grandmother of Jessica (Eric Baumgartner),Sara,Victor Jr. and Madalyn. Devoted daughter of the late Achilles and the late Angelina Caringella Dear sister of Mary(the late Dominick) Fiore,the late Josephine Rizzo,the late Michael (the late Anne) Caringella,the late Ralph (the late Rose Mary) Caringella , the late Elizabeth "Bella" (Philip) Casale and the late Rosalie DeMarte. Fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Frances carried herself with dignity and grace. She always saw the best in people and cared deeply for others. She worried about all of us all of the time. She was a peace-maker who put everyone ahead of her own self. Funeral Saturday 9:00 A.M. October 13th from Petersen Ryberg Funeral Home 435 N. York Rd. Elmhurst.To St. Charles Borromeo Church Mass 10:00A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Visitation Friday October 12th 3:00 until 8:00P.M. Info 630-834-1133

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Laughlin, Michael

Michael Laughlin, of Lake Bluff, IL died on October 2, 2018 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Martha nee Shonk. Loving father of Michael (Carolyn), Martin (Traci), Mary (Thomas) Hillstrom, George (Kristine), Anne (Peter) Maidment, and Karen (Thomas) Frawley. Grandfather of 18 and great-grandfather of 7. Brother of the late George (Wendy) and the late John (Charlene). Born in Chicago, IL on May 18, 1932. Graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1954. Career with IBM in Marketing, retired as National Account Manager. Mike enjoyed all athletics, especially playing basketball with his sons and their friends. He had many friends, loved to laugh, and believed strongly in his faith. He always did what was right, no matter the consequences. A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 6th, 2018 from 9:30 am until time of Memorial Mass, 11:00 am, at St. Patrick Church, 950 West Everett Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the charity of your choice. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com.

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Oehring, Thomas S.

Thomas S. Oehring, 90, passed away on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at his home in Lincolnshire. He was born May 19, 1928 in Detroit, MI and has been a Lincolnshire resident for the past 49 years. He was a graduate of Northwestern University and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois. Tom's career consisted of many years as a CPA/ Tax Attorney for Haskins and Sells and later for the Miami Corporation in Chicago. After retirement, Tom was a volunteer at the College of Lake County teaching English as a second language. He was a board member at Riverside Foundation in Mundelein and worked as a mediator for the Cook County Circuit Court. Tom was a former Deacon and member of the Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire for 48 years, was an avid sailor, hiker and bike rider. He and his wife, Jeanne, enjoyed many years of traveling through Europe together was a wonderful father and role model to his family.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Cheryl (Dave) Bell, Karin Oehring and Nanci (Michael) Zaur; 4 grandchildren, Jonathan (Crystal) Bell, Christina and Katherine Ahders-Oehring and Angela Zaur; 3 great grandchildren Jake, Jasmine and Jace; 2 brothers, Gerald and James Oehring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Lundberg Oehring, by his parents Sydney Oehring and Marjorie Cole Oehring and his grandchildren, Cristen Bell and Scott Zaur.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Okrzesik, Teofila M.

Teofila M. "Tammy" Okrzesik, nee Wolkiewicz. Oct. 1, 2018. Age 58. Devoted wife of Joseph M. Okrzesik. Loving mother of Joe(Stefanie) Okrzesik and Vicki(Kyle) Hobbs. Cherished grandmother of Janie and Joey. Beloved daughter of Sofia, nee Szczesna, and the late John Wolkiewicz. Dearest sister of Eva (Keith) Harrah, John (Tahani) Wolkiewicz, and Karen (Ronald) Rutkowski. Teofila is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. Funeral services Saturday 11:00 A.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave.,(at Derby Rd.), Lemont. Rev. John Kowalczyk, Officiating. Cremation rights to be accorded following services. Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Patula, Timothy T.

Timothy Todd Patula, resident of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on September 27, 2018 at the age of 60 years. Timothy was born in Berwyn, Illinois, and raised in Woodridge, Illinois. Timothy attended Purdue University (BS, Electrical Engineering-1980), Valparaiso University (JD-1983), and Oxford University/Oxford Brookes University/Oxford Institute of Legal Practice (QLTT-2009). Timothy was a preeminent intellectual property lawyer, an Arbitrator and Mediator with the American Arbitration Association, International Center for Dispute Resolution and had over 25 years of experience in Domestic and International disputes. Timothy was an Attorney with Patula & Associates, P.C. since 1990, and a Solicitor of the Senior Courts in England and Wales.

When Timothy was not working, he was an avid outdoorsman and was especially fond of fishing. He was a huge fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and rarely missed a game. He was a collector of many things and was always involved in a new project or adventure. Most endearing was that Tim was an exceptional and generous friend to those who knew him.

He will be sadly missed by his mother, Irene Patula; his partner, Gina Dillon; a brother, Rodney (Ariel) Patula, Mona (David) Crawford; and many friends and extended family. He was predeceased by his father, Henry Patula.

The visitation service will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 12:00 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church 312 Lincoln Avenue in Woodstock. Interment will follow in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Woodstock.

For more information, call the Schneider, Leucht, Mervin & Cooney Funeral Home at (815) 338-1710 or visit www.slmcfh.com

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Peck, Barbara R.

Barbara Regina Peck. Age 84 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of Joseph Peck (Pecenansky). Loving mother of Mark (Christina), Scott, and Dale (partner, David-Anthony Powell) Peck. Dear grandmother of Joseph Peck. Fond sister of the late Samuel Fuhrman. Barbara was inspired to teach and she wanted to change the world by becoming a public school teacher. During the 1960s, she was a substitute teacher with the Chicago Public School System. Teaching history, music and art, she was appointed to a full time position with Newton Bateman School in Chicago during the late 1960s and then throughout the 1970s. This grew in to a position as Assistant Principal in the 1980s. Peck was appointed as the Principal at Bateman in the 1990s with her tenure enduring well into the 2000s until her retirement. Her favorite hobby was cooking and she enjoyed cooking for others. She loved animals, her many dogs and her beloved Chihuahuas. She considered her greatest accomplishment to be raising her three sons: Mark, Scott and Dale. Visitation Friday, October 5, from 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 a.m. prayers from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Platt, Paul

Paul Platt, age 72, beloved husband of the late Karen Platt, nee Saval, cherished father of Jeffrey Platt, devoted son of the late Leon and Shirley, loving brother of Jack (Karen) Platt, David Platt, and Jay Platt dear brother-in-law of Alan Saval, fond uncle of Sharon (Mike) Scrofne, Michael Saval, Esther (Ralph) Chalouh, Yitzchak (Sarah) Platt and many great-nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday, 10:30 AM at Temple Chai of Long Grove, 1670 Checker Rd. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers contributions in Paul's name to Keshet (www.keshet.org) would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Ricketts, John C.

Age 86. U.S. Naval Veteran. Beloved husband of 63 years of Margaret (nee Forney). Devoted father of Deborah (Robert) King, Brian (Peggy) Ricketts, and Lisa (Ray) Dubiel. Proud grandfather of Christopher, Elizabeth, Melissa, Sean, Tom, and Megan. Adored great-grandfather of Andrew, Gabriel, Jamison, Emma, Katie, Aidan, Logan, Killian, and Rachael. Loving brother of the late Robert Ricketts. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Service Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Russell, Sandra L

Sandra L Russell, nee Wolff, beloved wife of Howard; loving mother of April (Aaron) Vigardt, Scott and the late Brain S. and Christina O'Morrow; dear grandmother of Agnes and Ella; fond sister of Katherine (Gerardo) Mijares; aunt of Tania, Gerard, Erika & Terrence. Visitation Friday 4-8 pm with a service starting at 8 pm at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 4300 N Winchester, Chicago. Interment private. Arrangements by **Grein Funeral Directors** 773-588-6336 or greinfuneraldirectors.com

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Shaffer, Cliff

Cliff Shaffer, 58 yrs. old, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 after a brave battle with ALS. Born in Evanston, IL, he was the son of Jacqueline and Herbert Shaffer. Cliff is survived by his wife, Wendy, of 25 years, and cherished boys Sam and Jason Shaffer. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Jan (Nick) Garcia, Susan Shaffer and 3 nieces, Danielle Garcia (Pat Sarsfield), Rachel Garcia (Blaine Lakin), Julia Reed and his uncle Myron Cholden (Harriet) as well as great nieces Lilliana, Beatriz and Kai. In lieu of flowers, send donations to Rabbi Muroff's discretionary fund in care of Chisuk Emuna, 3219 Green Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Please notate ALS assistance in memory of Cliff Shaffer. A memorial service to celebrate Cliff's life will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday October 7, 2018 at Am Shalom at 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe, IL.

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Stanton, James F.

James "Jim" F. Stanton, 79 of Forest Park, beloved husband of Sue nee Boyd. Dear brother of Margaret (Don) Wood and John (Kay) Stanton. Loving Uncle to Karen (Ed) Leisten, Janice (Matt) Grenning, Tom (Adrienne) Wood, great uncle to Becca and Bobby Grenning, Danny and Megan Leisten, and Jack Wood. Loving son of the late Kenneth and the late Mary Elizabeth nee Quigley. Visitation Saturday, October 6th, 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke Church, 7600 W. Lake St., River Forest. Please omit flowers. Donations to St. Jude appreciated <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Arrangements by Ahern Funeral and Cremation Services. 708-383-5700.

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Wagner, Gregory A.

Gregory A. Wagner, 82, of Rolling Meadows, died October 1, 2018. Born January 19, 1936 in Chicago. He was the husband of Joanne (nee Posch); father of Stephen (Lowell) and Daniel (Lynn) Wagner, Karen (Dale) Rathunde, Susan (Matt) Szybowicz and Judith (Gino) Bonanotte; grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of 3 and brother of the late Irene Turnes and Verona Quinlan. Visitation Friday 4 pm to 8 pm at the **Meadows Funeral Home**, 3615 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows. Funeral Saturday 10 am from chapel to St. Colette Church, Mass 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus. Info (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com

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Wesovoty, James J.

James J. Wesovoty, age 78. Gogfather of Clair and Richard. Cherished family member and friend to many. Lifetime resident of North Artesian Avenue neighborhood. Mr. Wesovoty will lie-in-state Friday 11:00a.m. till Mass of Christian Burial 11:30a.m. at Holy Rosary Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Belmont Funeral Home 773.286.2500

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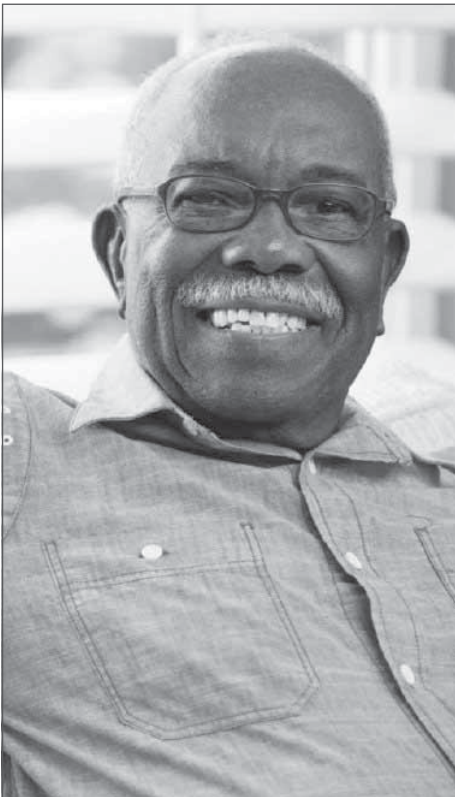


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Analysa Garcia

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tiffanie Haberland (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00005**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Richard Garcia (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 10, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/16/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Brian N Boler

A MINOR
NO. **2018JD01444**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Robert Floyd (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **August 31, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Cynthia Ramirez** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/16/2018** at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **52 COURTROOM 2**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
October 4, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
M. Walsh, S. Mohammed

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Chasity Thompson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Karen Thompson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00308**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antonio Martin (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 2, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/25/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **6 COURTROOM F**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Damian Lagunas Anthony Lagunas Raul Lagunas, Jr Veronica Lagunas Allanni Lagunas Melaney Lagunas Ethan Lagunas Destiny Lagunas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Guillermina Flores (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00950 18JA00951 18JA00952 18JA00953 18JA00954 18JA00955 18JA00956 18JA00957**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 25, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/26/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darion D Porter

A MINOR
NO. **2018JD01042**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **William Porter (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **June 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/18/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
October 4, 2018

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Hunter aka Elijah Ashen Lamont's Hunter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Veronica Hunter (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00571**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Veronica Hunter (Mother)**, **Hector Perez (Father) Any And All Unknown Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 24, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/22/2018**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **4 COURTROOM D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Bids will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Invitation For Bid (IFB) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

Project Name: Renovation of Vera Yates Homes

Specification Number: 2018-100-043

Pre-Bid Meeting and October 5, 2018 Time: 10:00 AM
Site Visits: Vera Yates Homes 1055 Berkeley Ford Heights, Illinois

Second Site Visit October 8, 2018 Time: 10:00 AM
Vera Yates Homes 1055 Berkeley Ford Heights, Illinois

Questions Deadline: October 10, 2018 Time: Noon
Bids Due Date: October 29, 2018 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725
E-mail Address: dodonnell@thehacc.org

The IFB Package may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC:

Bids that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Bids submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids if deemed the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio,
Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER AHMARR RIZKI, INTERIM CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Thursday, October 4, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Chemicals and Solvents

CONTRACT NO.: 1868-17592

MBE/WBE GOALS: 25% MBE, 10% WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/> litalibids.php

BID DUE DATE: October 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Matthew Bowman, Contract Negotiator
(312) 603-2389 (office)
matt.bowman@cookcountyl.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Marco Antonio Gamino Jessica Villa Gamino AKA Jessica Gamino Carina Gamino Venegas AKA Carina Venegas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Hortencia Gamino Venegas (Mother) AKA Hortencia Gamino**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00877 16JA00875 16JA00876**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antonio Villa (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/25/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
Marco Antonio Gamino Jessica Villa Gamino AKA Jessica Gamino Carina Gamino Venegas AKA Carina Venegas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Hortencia Gamino Venegas (Mother) AKA Hortencia Gamino**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00877 16JA00875 16JA00876**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Hortencia Gamino Venegas (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/25/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 4, 2018

IN THE INTEREST OF
Markell Grimes

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tameika Evans (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **13JA00126**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tameika Evans (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the

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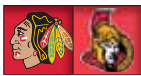
Bowman expects a bounce-back season

GM believes core will deliver playoff-caliber effort

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

Certain years will define Stan Bowman's tenure with the Blackhawks. In 2010 the Hawks won their first Stanley Cup in 49 seasons, shaking off ghosts of past playoff failures and allowing Chicago once again to believe it's a hockey town.

In 2013 came a 24-game unbeaten streak, Corey Crawford's playoff brilliance, "17 seconds" and another Cup that few could fathom was possible. In 2015 they won a third Cup in six seasons, becoming an unlikely dynasty in the salary-cap era. Reminders of that remarkable run of success are on display in the United Center rafters, ones future



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generations of Hawks fans will look back on with pride. But those are not the only years that matter to Bowman. He goes back to a bleak time in franchise history. "I've seen it the other way," said Bowman, who was named Hawks

general manager on July 14, 2009. "There was a stretch of years when we didn't have a competitive team and there wasn't passion for our team. I don't want to go back to those days by any means."

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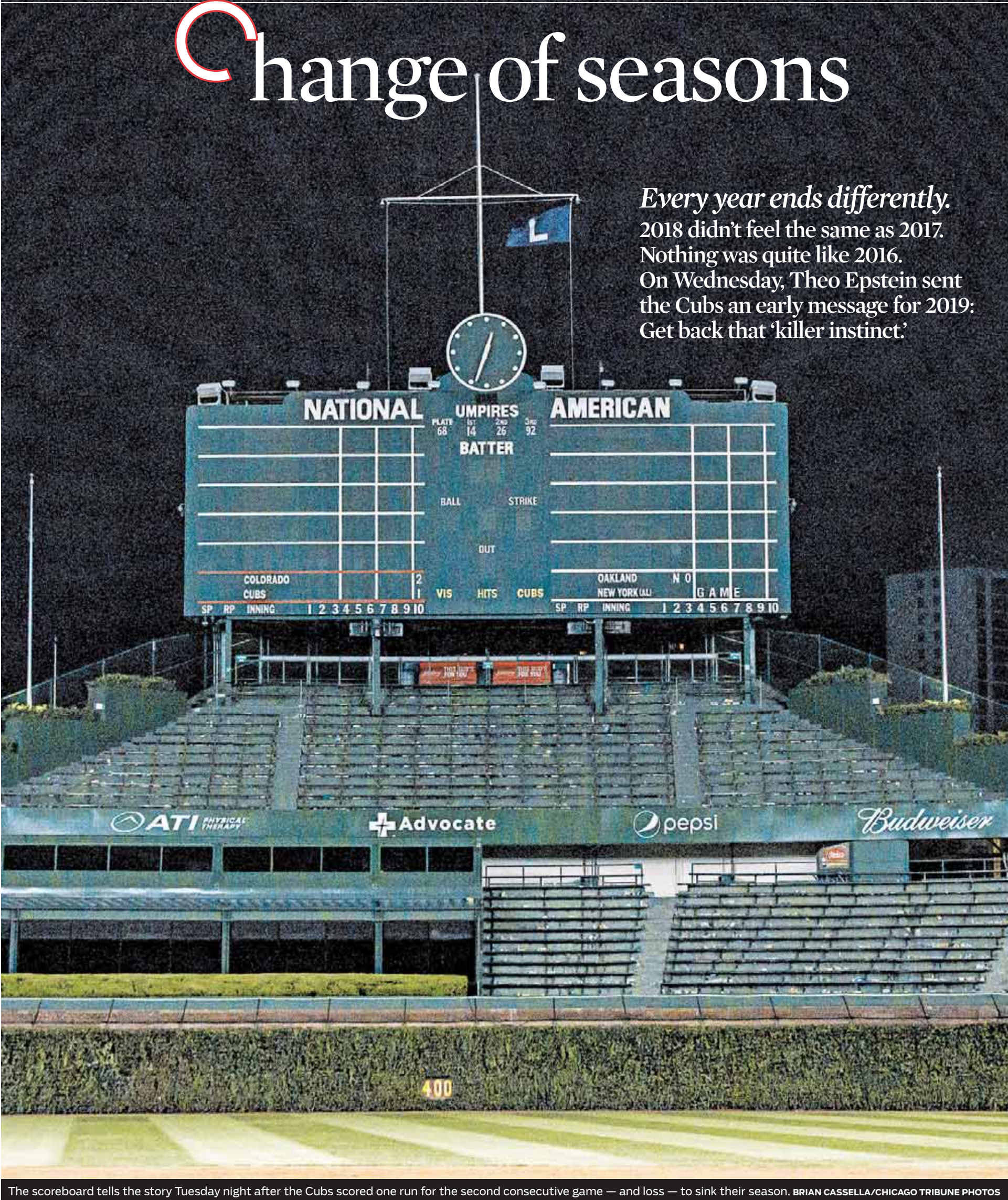
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General manager Stan Bowman has lived through the lean years and seen the Stanley Cup magic.

Chicago Tribune



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Every year ends differently. 2018 didn't feel the same as 2017. Nothing was quite like 2016. On Wednesday, Theo Epstein sent the Cubs an early message for 2019: Get back that 'killer instinct.'

The scoreboard tells the story Tuesday night after the Cubs scored one run for the second consecutive game — and loss — to sink their season. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Dazed and confused, Cubs begin search for answers



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Like everyone else, the Cubs were stunned to see their season end early Wednesday after spending most of the year planning for the postseason. "It's a very weird feeling, completely unexpected," Kyle Hendricks said after the 2-1, 13-inning loss to the Rockies in the National League wild-card game. "That's why guys are just hanging around, don't really know what to do. We definitely

weren't ready to be done this early. "Remember this feeling because it is hard to stay at the top year in and year out. Remember this feeling and use it as fuel next year maybe. It's going to take some time to process once we get away from this, for sure." There is a lot to process, and much debate will be made about what went wrong and who's to blame for the early exit. The fatigue factor, second-half injuries to two closers, Kris Bryant's left shoulder injury and the mysterious disappearing offense are high on the list. And this being Chicago, manager Joe Maddon will get blamed. But the Cubs made no excuses after a classic postseason game ended with a loss — and none was necessary.

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INSIDE Russell gets 40-game suspension

Theo Epstein, above, was mum on Addison Russell's future with the organization after MLB handed out its punishment. "We'll reach out to the victim, learn from it and give her support," Epstein said. "We'll talk to Addy and give Addy the necessary support so he can get the help he needs to make sure this never happens again."

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OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom

The further the Cubs get from the 2016 World Series title, the closer they get to the 1985 Bears. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



Epstein: Cubs will have to earn it once again

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The one extra victory they needed that eluded the Cubs likely occurred well before they scored only one run in each of their final three losses that kept them from advancing to the National League Championship Series. And it was more than just an offense that went on a siesta after the All-Star break that led to their shocking elimination and a likely shift of organization emphasis from evaluating talent to analyzing production. That seems to be the raw truth President Theo Epstein conveyed Wednesday during a 1 hour, 11-minute news conference in which he praised his players and staff for their 95 victories but questioned their ability to sustain intensity. That's something star infielder Javier Baez alluded to after their season-ending 2-1 loss to the Rockies in 13 innings of their NL wild-card game Tuesday night at Wrigley Field. "Sometimes division (titles aren't) lost on the final day of the season when you only score one run, or that last 1 1/2 weeks when the other team (the Brewers) go 8-0, and you go 4-3 and not 5-2," Epstein said. "Sometimes they're lost early in the season when you have an opportunity to push for that sweep but you already have won two out of three and are not quite there with killer instinct as a team."

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLROOM

In Choketober, who loses job?

Welcome to Choketober, when losing jobs is usually what follows losing playoff games.

It was supposed to be Cubtober. It has been Cubtober since 2015. It certainly was Cubtober in 2016.

But Cubtober became Choketober on Tuesday after the Cubs blew the National League wild-card game at home to the Rockies.

Actually, Cubtober became Choketober on Monday when the Cubs blew the NL Central tiebreaker at home to the Brewers.

Any other opponents want to celebrate in Wrigley Field? Hey, you never know, it might become a new revenue stream for the Cubs. Maybe they could buy some hitting.

That's because they need some. They couldn't hit down the stretch. They couldn't hit well enough to protect a five-game lead in September. They couldn't hit well enough to win a tiebreaker. They couldn't hit well enough to win the wild card against a team that was playing its third game in a third time zone on a third straight day.

The Cubs scored one run Monday. They scored one run Tuesday. They scored two runs in 22 innings at home in those games. The first cost them a division title. The second cost them their season. That's the kind of thing that costs someone a job, coaches and players.

When it mattered most, the team with a former MVP in Kris Bryant, a current MVP candidate in Javier Baez, a former World Series MVP in Ben Zobrist, a former NL Championship Series MVP in Daniel Murphy, a star in Anthony Rizzo, an All-Star catcher in Willson Contreras, a compelling World Series orator in Jason Heyward and a folk legend in Kyle Schwarber scored two runs in 22 innings.

Schwarber went 0-for-3 in the two games. Contreras and Heyward each went 0-for-6. Bryant and Murphy each went 1-for-8. Zobrist went 1-for-9. Rizzo and Baez were the hitting stars of this group, going 2-for-8 and 2-for-9 respectively.

That's a .123 batting average from eight guys who can't stink like that.

The two best things the Cubs did at the plate against the Rockies?

Baez's run-scoring single and Contreras' epic bat flips after walking twice.

Yes, bat flips after walks. Woo.

The Rockies got the biggest hit of the game from a .170 hitter, Tony Wolters, who singled up the middle in the 13th inning to score Trevor Story for a 2-1 lead that would stand up because the Cubs couldn't match a .170 hitter's approach and execution.

Wasn't that supposed to change this year under Chili Davis?



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Manager Joe Maddon removes reliever Randy Rosario during the wild-card playoff game.

Wasn't the new hitting coach hired precisely to teach and refine and demand more contact and smarter contact?

Wasn't Joe Maddon's choice to replace the hitting coach Maddon fired supposed to help this team move up runners by being more dangerous to all parts of the field?

And wasn't it stressed that Davis' teachings were all about winning in the postseason after the Dodgers vaporized Cubs hitters in last year's NLCS?

Maybe I'm wrong, but that's how I remember it, and the Cubs' first chance to show how much more dangerous they had become in their preparations for playing through the month lasted one playoff game into October.

Er, Choketober. And now it gets interesting. Does somebody pay for Choketober with his job? It won't be the manager, who will return for at least the one year remaining on his contract.

Arguably, this was Maddon's best managing job under the circumstances, coaxing a league-high 95 victories despite losing 40 percent of his rotation to bad pitching or injury or both and despite

losing the player formerly known as Bryant, not to mention the descent of Contreras' power.

But might it be Davis? Does a name player or two get traded? Would Schwarber bring a quality arm if they sign Bryce Harper? What would Albert Almora Jr. or Ian Happ fetch? How big would the Cubs go?

At his season postmortem Wednesday, President Theo Epstein indicated an organizational toward evaluating production instead of talent — hard evidence over educated predictions — perhaps an omen that some players could be changing uniforms.

This franchise is about winning World Series, or at least getting there. That's clear to everyone, as clear as the fact that the Cubs now are going on three years since they won a championship.

Changes will come. They have to. It's hard to imagine that nobody will get fingered for Choketober.

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ASK THE REPORTER K.C. JOHNSON

Extension for Portis likely a deadline deal



What's the latest on talks about a contract extension for Bobby Portis? *Daniel, Mundelein*

The sides are talking. In these cases, nothing typically gets serious until there's a deadline. In this case, that's Oct. 15. There are three recent examples of the Bulls going right down to the deadline on these talks. Kirk Hinrich and Taj Gibson agreed to extensions on the last day, with Gibson even changing his mind from pregame to postgame as his agent — who also happens to be Portis' agent — and Bulls management negotiated throughout. Jimmy Butler famously bet on himself, winning Most Improved Player en route to a maximum extension that was about \$50 million higher than the offer he rejected. I'd guess this goes down to deadline day as well.

If Jabari Parker proves to be a bad fit but also demonstrates he has fully recovered from his ACL tear, what are the chances the Bulls explore a trade with him near the deadline? His attractive contract with the team option was held up by management as a reason for the signing. And I'm sure other teams would be interested if he's healthy. *Nick, Glen Ellyn*

This is in the realm of possibility, though I'd place it in the long-shot category. It's important for the Bulls to build momentum in this rebuild. So if Parker is playing well, he could be helping them win. Management has said it's most interested in acquiring talent at this stage of the rebuild and will worry about fit later. Parker's contract is structured that way also as a more advantageous way to re-sign him if the Bulls choose that route. They could decline the option and have a deal in place to sign him for more than the second year.

Your Bulls win total seems low. How can a team with this many lottery picks fail to be above .500? The Bulls will win their division over the Pacers. *Dante, Naperville*

I'm terrible at sports predictions, but I'm sticking with it. The Bulls have nine projected rotation players who are 24 or younger. Teams like that don't win consistently. And they may be lottery picks, but not many of them are proven.

■ More questions and answers at chicagotribune.com/sports

BULLS

Defense a no-show in blowout

Bucks christen new arena by holding Parker to 2 points

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — Wednesday night didn't represent a normal preseason game.

For starters, it marked the first basketball game in the sparkling, \$524 million Fiserv Forum, the Bucks' new arena. It also represented the return of Jabari Parker, who spent his first four seasons here and, on Tuesday, called his departure "bitter."

Perhaps most noteworthy, it also featured a stretch of second-quarter defensive breakdowns so severe an exasperated Fred Hoiberg almost exhausted his supply of timeouts to address them.

The Bucks led by as many as 34 in a 116-82 romp, which Zach LaVine left early in the third quarter after suffering a right thigh contusion. Afterward, LaVine, who scored eight points on 3-for-10 shooting in 16 minutes, said the bruise isn't serious and he would have re-entered if it had been a regular-season game.

Hoiberg didn't say the defense was fine. "I was upset with everything," he said.

After one timeout because the Bulls allowed a wide-open 3-pointer, Hoiberg watched his defense surrender another wide-open 3-pointer and a dunk on the next two possessions. Ouch.

Giannis Antetokounmpo posted 19 points, 13 rebounds and five assists in 22 minutes to lead the Bucks, who shot 49.4 percent in what essentially proved to be a glorified layup drill.

The Bulls finished 28th in defensive rating last season and, with the additions of Parker, Wendell Carter Jr. and Chandler Hutchison, got younger. Young teams often struggle to guard consistently in the NBA.

"Defense is definitely something we all have to improve on," guard Kris Dunn said.

Following the leaguewide trend, the Bulls are implementing a system involving more switching. But Hoiberg said he hasn't introduced all its concepts yet. He added he had planned a light practice day on Thursday — the Bulls haven't had an off day



MORRY GASH/AP

Donte DiVincenzo of the Bucks tries to drive around Bulls rookie Wendell Carter Jr.

yet — but now plans a hard, physical practice.

Add in the fact Parker now is playing both forward positions with Lauri Markkanen out six to eight weeks with an elbow injury and both Parker and LaVine have been minus defenders most of their careers and defense could be a challenge this season.

"We do have to have switching as a weapon. We understand that. It's yet to be determined if that's our primary coverage," Hoiberg said. "But right now it has been about the basics and getting our rules in, getting back in transition, taking away easy baskets and building our foundation."

The Bulls did little of that against the Bucks.

"We all can play defense. Everybody in the NBA can play defense," LaVine insisted. "We're some of the most athletic people in the game. It's just that determination and that learning curve."

Parker, introduced to mostly cheers after investing deeply in this community, sank his first shot and then missed his next 11, scoring two points in 18-plus minutes.

"I played like doo-doo," Parker said.

For the second straight game, the Bulls misfired from 3-point range. They shot 7-for-41 and are now 11-for-59 in the first two preseason games. That's 18.6 percent.

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BULLS NOTES

'Chill guy' Portis featured in 'The Grind'

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The digital media platform LeBron James founded with his business partner Maverick Carter called UNINTERRUPTED, released its latest episodes of "The Grind," a series about athletes' workouts.

They star Bulls forward Bobby Portis, former Bull Tony Snell and none other than trainer Travelle Gaines.

Yes, the same Travelle Gaines who viciously blasted general manager Gar Forman on the June 2017 night the Bulls traded Jimmy Butler. Upset over the trade, Gaines, who used to train Butler, tweeted that he had "met drug dealers with better morals than their GM" and called Forman "a liar."

Portis said the Bulls said nothing to him about his choice to work out with Gaines, whom he first met through Butler and Taj Gibson.

"I don't get into confrontation. I'm just a chill guy," Portis said. "I knew the history, but I liked Travelle's work. I trusted him a lot this summer with my body. He and the Bulls staff are both great."

"I liked the work he did with (Butler and Gibson). I went back and forth from our training staff and his strength and conditioning program. I feel like it helped me a lot this summer. I feel more explosive, bouncier, quicker."

Survey says: NBA.com released its annual survey of general managers on a wide variety of topics.

Jabari Parker tied for second behind the Pacers' Tyreke Evans for most underrated acquisition. Wendell Carter Jr. tied for second with former Duke teammate Marvin Bagley III, now with the Kings, for most likely to win Rookie of the Year — behind the Mavericks' Luka Doncic. And Lauri Markkanen tied for fourth behind the Nuggets' Jamal Murray for most likely to have a breakout season.

Former Bulls assistant coach Ron Adams, now with Steve Kerr's Warriors, maintained his stranglehold on best assistant coach.

CUBS



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A Brewers flag flies over Wrigley Field on Wednesday, the day after the Cubs lost to Rockies in the National League wild-card game.

Five tough questions heading into offseason

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

After a sudden and stunning playoff exit, the Cubs must address several issues in the offseason. Here are five questions they face:

1 Is Joe Maddon the right manager? After winning 95 games despite injuries to key players — including Kris Bryant for nearly one-third of the season and closer Brandon Morrow for half — and no substantial contributions from free-agent starting pitchers Yu Darvish and Tyler Chatwood, Maddon deserves a discussion regarding an extension after President Theo Epstein said Maddon would return for the final year of his contract in 2019.

But the Cubs haven't been content with simply making the playoffs since turning the corner in 2015 — Maddon's first season with the team. Epstein and a few players cited a lack of urgency from start to finish. Maddon likes to say, "I like Meatloaf," in reference to the artist's 1970's hit song "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad." But winning 95 games wasn't good enough in 2018, and Maddon might have to push his players a tad harder.

2 Who takes the blame for the late-season hitting woes?

The Cubs fired hitting coach John Mallee after the 2017 season despite scoring 822 runs and hitting 223 home runs. Under Chili Davis, they emphasized hitting to all fields and taking a better approach with two outs. The Cubs led the National League with a .258 batting average but hit only 167 homers while struggling down the stretch.

It would be easy to make another coaching change, but the evaluations of the young hitters could fall short of the organization's high projections for them.

3 Will starters Cole Hamels and Jose Quintana return?

The multiyear contracts to Darvish and Chatwood are immovable at this point. But given the pair's uncertain contributions for 2019, Hamels is likely to return, although the Cubs will have to commit \$20 million if they pick up his option for 2019.

The Cubs stress starting pitching depth. Jon Lester, Drew Smyly and Quintana are under contract, Kyle Hendricks and Mike Montgomery are under team control and Alec Mills and Adbert Alzolay provide back-end depth.

Quintana finished strong after a choppy start, and the Cubs will need more consistency from him unless others step up and make him expendable to teams seeking starting pitching.

Epstein won't say if Russell will be back after suspension

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

President Theo Epstein wouldn't say whether Addison Russell will play for the Cubs again after he was suspended for 40 games without pay Wednesday for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-abuse policy.

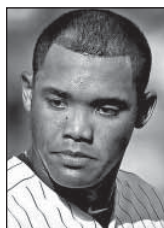
But Epstein said the Cubs wouldn't turn their back on Russell as he participates in a comprehensive evaluation and treatment program supervised by the Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Policy Board. Epstein also said the Cubs would reach out and assist Melisa Reidy-Russell, who two weeks ago accused her ex-husband of physical and mental abuse and provided details in a subsequent investigation by MLB.

"I think it's our obligation as a club and my obligation to see what we can do better going forward, to see what we can do to prevent this from happening again," Epstein said less than an hour after MLB announced the penalty, which is retroactive to Sept. 21.

"We'll reach out to the victim, learn from it and give her support. We'll talk to Addy and give Addy the necessary support so he can get the help he needs to make sure this never happens again."

Given that Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts tells his players each spring to be responsible citizens as well as responsible players, it seems unlikely that Russell will play for the Cubs again.

Allegations against Russell, 24, origi-



Russell

nally surfaced in June of 2017 from a third party on social media. Russell's ex-wife declined to talk to investigators then, but MLB never closed the case. Reidy-Russell chose to cooperate after writing on a blog linked to her Instagram account that she was physically and mentally abused.

Russell agreed to not appeal the ruling less than two weeks after issuing a statement declaring his innocence.

Epstein said he supported MLB's decision, emphasizing the suspension "is part of the solution going forward."

"But prevention is a big part of the solution and maybe a more important part of the solution," Epstein said.

Epstein added that the Cubs' involvement would send "messages to our fans."

"I personally think the most important thing is being part of the solution going forward. ... We want to make sure it doesn't happen on our watch."

The Cubs faced a tough decision regarding Russell's future even before the allegations surfaced. He batted .250 with only five home runs and 38 RBIs in 130 games while dealing with a sore right shoulder and a swollen left middle finger.

Russell is projected as a second-year arbitration-eligible player who was set to earn \$3.2 million this season before missing the final 10 days of pay because of his suspension.

Javier Baez filled in for Russell at shortstop in the final 10 games and could play there full time if Russell doesn't return.

A-Rod lecture on the rules was ironic



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"The rules are the rules," Alex Rodriguez said without a detectable trace of irony.

And here's hoping the memory of that moment from ESPN's telecast Tuesday night was enough to bring a smile, if not a chuckle, to Cubs fans cranky from lack of sleep after their team's 13-inning wild-card loss and early ouster from the postseason.

Puzzling over why runner's interference wasn't called on Javier Baez for hugging Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado, the ESPN analyst who bent the rules like origami during his own playing career actually said, "The rules are the rules."

Come on. A-Rod lecturing Baez or anyone else on rules? That's hilarious.

Baez's tie-up did indeed prevent the possibility of a double play on sore-legged Willson Contreras' grounder in the 11th that sent Daniel Murphy to second. It did seem curious the umpires didn't see it that way.

But A-Rod's rap sheet on the basepaths alone suggests the former Yankee is not the one who should be lecturing anyone over what he described as not simply a bear hug but "a Chicago Bears tackle."

Rodriguez is the guy who was called out for slapping the ball out of Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo's mitt en route to first during Game 6 of the 2004 American League Championship Series.

A-Rod also is the guy the Blue Jays in 2007 accused of yelling "Mine!" as he ran past third baseman Howie Clark, causing Jorge Posada's pop-up to fall and a Yankees run to score.

The umpires let that one slide. Rodriguez claimed he only yelled, "Ha," but shortstop John McDonald wanted a piece of him just the same.

The point is Rodriguez wasn't exactly a paragon of baseball virtue on the basepaths and elsewhere. So maybe he isn't the best person to be a stickler for adherence to the letter of any MLB law.

And it's also funny — though not ha-ha funny — neither fellow analyst Jessica Mendoza nor play-by-play man Matt Vasgersian called him on it.

Given his own shenanigans, "The rules are the rules" should have come out, "I can't believe I didn't think of that."

Still learning: Rodriguez, who now will be part of Fox's postseason team, remains a work in progress as an analyst. Even when he seems to be saying something profound, it's sometimes less so on closer examination.

After the Cubs' light-hitting Terrance Gore went after a bad pitch from Scott Oberg to strike out in the bottom of the 13th, Rodriguez said: "We talk about 3-2 being the money pitch and the most important pitch to dominate in October. It's usually a chase pitch. The reason why, it's called anxiety, and in October, it rises like the summer heat."

The kernel of value there is that nerves lead batters to chase pitches on 3-2 counts in big games. Period.

Oh, say, can you see? Weirdly, the ESPN "Sunday Night Baseball" crew of Vasgersian, Rodriguez and Mendoza seemed to be more on top of the game they called earlier this season from the bleachers at Wrigley Field than from the press box Tuesday night.

They were slow to acknowledge defensive changes. They made little of pitches called strikes despite graphics showing them outside the zone. They too often seemed caught off guard by umpire calls such as Drew Butera's catcher's interference that enabled the Cubs' Tommy La Stella to reach in the seventh despite the fact La Stella's swing knocked off Butera's mitt.

Sometimes they missed stuff or gave it short shrift simply because they were otherwise engaged.

By the time Vasgersian thanked Rockies manager Bud Black for their midgame interview at the start of the fourth, Trevor Story had lined out, Matt Holliday had doubled and Ian Desmond was behind in the count.

What's your cosine? White Sox announcer Jason Benetti did a splendid job on play-by-play on the Statcast-infused alternative telecast on ESPN2.

If only the dizzying array of numbers, stats and probabilities didn't remind 73 percent of viewers of Algebra 2, there would have been a better than 7 percent chance of not switching back to Vasgersian, Rodriguez and Mendoza.

Pictures better than 1,000 words:

The most effective moments in the entire telecast were Cubs dugout shots.

One was manager Joe Maddon trying to explain to starter Jon Lester that he was pulling him in favor of pinch hitter Happ to lead off the bottom of the sixth. Lester's posture as he grabbed his jacket and went to the clubhouse said all that needed to be said.

The other was after the game, as the Rockies celebrated, and Contreras sat alone clutching his bats with his head down in despair.

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CUBS

Dazed and confused, Cubs begin looking for answers

Sullivan, from Page 1

The Cubs were a very good team, but their competition has passed them. “We lost,” Anthony Rizzo said. “We lost to teams that are better than us. That’s all you can say. We just fell short.”

Jon Lester said it might be better in the long run that the Cubs had it handed to them in the end, even as painful as it was. “Sometimes you need to get your (expletive) knocked in the dirt to see where you’re at,” Lester said. “Maybe we needed to get knocked down a peg or two and realize nothing is going to be given to us.”

That was as honest an assessment as you will hear from an athlete, though Javier Baez’s analysis also was blunt. Baez harped on the Cubs’ inability to ignore their competition and worry only about themselves.

“Everybody went down,” Baez said. “We fought because we have to come here the next day and play baseball. It was tough without the bullpen, without KB, without (Yu) Darvish. But at the end of the day, we still tied (for most NL wins until the tiebreaker).

“We struggled the whole year — the whole year! Tony (Rizzo) struggled all April. We just kept going (and said), ‘We’re going to get it back, we’re going to be together.’ But it never came to us. We were never in a rhythm of winning games, and I think it was because we were paying attention to other teams because we were going down. We lost so many people from our lineup that we were just paying attention to what other teams were doing, and that’s not how it works.

“Next year we’re going to try again and we’re going to make an adjustment about that. I’m going to make sure because I don’t want to hear anything about other teams. We know what we have.”

The core will remain in 2019: Baez, Bryant, Rizzo, Hendricks, Lester, Jason Heyward, Jose Quintana, Willson Contreras and Brandon Morrow.

Addison Russell is likely gone, and Kyle Schwarber, Ian Happ and Albert Almora probably will hear their names in trade rumors again.

When teams don’t do what they’re expected to do, they make changes.

“We won a lot of games, we just didn’t win the most important game,” Bryant said. “This is the best time for this organization. The fans and the organization have suffered a long time. It’s important for us to be proud of what we have been able to accomplish.

“Maybe we needed to get knocked down a peg or two.”

— Cubs left-hander Jon Lester

“Obviously we didn’t accomplish what we wanted to this year, but there is still a lot to be proud of.”

The players almost unanimously backed Maddon, who seems to bear the brunt of the criticism when things go wrong — as they did in the final two games when the offense fizzled.

“I just don’t see where he’s going to get heat from,” Rizzo said. “He has managed his ass off this year with what we have been dealt, as far as losing Yu, as far as losing Morrow, as far as (Pedro) Strop going down and KB not being healthy all year. And we still figured out a way to win.

“It’s all a credit to him. Without his leadership, guys are not playing the way they play. David Bote is not coming up here and playing the way he plays without (Maddon’s) leadership and the leadership in the clubhouse.

“I think Joe’s best year was this year as far as managing all the moving parts.”

The offense will be a sore point all winter, and hitting coach Chili Davis will wear some of it because that’s what hitting coaches get paid to do.

Rizzo said he thought the team’s hitting approach was of the “right mindset” and that the problem was “more (lack of) execution” than anything else.

“As an offense we need to mature a little more and develop a little more,” Rizzo said. “At times we did this year as a unit. And at times, not so much.”

Bryant agreed.

“We’d love to go out there and hit better with runners in scoring position, square the ball up more,” he said. “But we just didn’t do that. It’s frustrating and I don’t have an answer.

“It’s making me more motivated to figure it out. That’s how I’ve always been my whole life, whether it has been baseball or school or Monopoly or whatever, I’m always going to try to find a way to get better.”

Tuesday’s game was a microcosm of the 2018 season, which was tough to figure out from the start.

“It has been a roller coaster for this team, a roller coaster for the fans, for Chicago,” Rizzo said. “But they’ve stayed behind us.”

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Theo Epstein, Cubs president of baseball operations, speaks to reporters Wednesday.

Epstein: Cubs will have to relocate killer instinct

Cubs, from Page 1

“You know what that makes us? Human. But that’s something in 2016 we had. And the guys who have been here that whole time acknowledge that.”

Manager Joe Maddon will return for the final season of his contract, but Epstein’s observation of the occasional lack of urgency would seem to put to task Maddon’s slogan of “I like Meatloaf,” a reference to the singer’s hit single “Two Out Of Three Ain’t Bad.”

Epstein had high praise for the intensity of the 2016 World Series championship team that didn’t let up from start to finish and carried that through the whole postseason. Then, in 2017, the team “didn’t show up for the first half of the season.”

The grind of overcoming that hole last season and winning the division made the Cubs “fried by October and exhausted, and we didn’t accomplish our goal.”

In the case of correcting the flaws of the 2018 team that failed to protect the five-game lead it had on Sept. 3, Epstein said he and his staff will look closely at an offense that went from leading the NL in runs and OPS while cutting down on strikeouts while not sacrificing too much power to a feeble attack that scored two runs or fewer in 50 games in the second half.

“The responsibility ends with me,” said Epstein, who also accepted accountability for offseason signings that haven’t panned out. “It’s my responsibility to fix it.

The offense, according to Epstein, produced a 49.5 percent ground ball rate in the second half that made them among the worst in homers, walk rate, OPS and runs.

“I’ve never been a part of something like this offensively, and I never want to be a

part of this again,” Epstein said.

Epstein said he had completed only two-thirds of his exit interviews with players before meeting reporters, and he plans to talk to the coaching staff Friday.

Hitting coach Chili Davis fell under scrutiny in his first season, but Epstein isn’t ready to jump to conclusions.

“Even if we end up making a coaching change or two, I’m not sure there’s going to be,” said Epstein, again crediting the staff for aiding a 95-victory team. “I think continuity is important as well, and you don’t want to be constantly changing coaches for the sake of changing coaches.”

Epstein didn’t mention names, but Ian Happ and perhaps Kyle Schwarber could be expendable after auspicious starts to their careers have been tempered by uneven progress.

“We have to be an offensive force,” Epstein said. “We should be with the talent on the roster. It’s probably time to stop evaluating this in terms of talent and start evaluating in terms of production and do everything we can to produce offense.”

Epstein would like to keep much of the pitching intact, which includes left-hander Cole Hamels (\$20 million option), and reliever Pedro Strop (\$6.25 million team option).

Another consideration is the need for depth. Yu Darvish and closer Brandon Morrow are expected to make full recoveries from their arm injuries, but Epstein emphasized the Cubs will “recommit” to using Morrow in a structured role after he missed the second half because of a bone bruise on his forearm.

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- 65 __ attention to; heed

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- 42 Scapula or clavicle
- 44 Adequate; good enough
- 45 Passengers
- 47 Prepared for a selfie
- 48 Cut up
- 49 Rappelling essential
- 50 Wallet items
- 52 Internal spy
- 53 Apple pie à la __
- 54 Catch in a snare
- 55 Meditative exercise
- 59 Certain vote

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

NLDS BREWERS VS. ROCKIES

Pencil in a start for pen

Brewers will lead with their strength, open with reliever

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The bullpen day has come to October.

The Brewers plan to open their first postseason series in seven years with a reliever. Manager Craig Counsell hadn't decided who would go first when the Brewers host the Rockies in Game 1 of the NL Division Series on Thursday.

The Brewers led the majors with a 1.98 bullpen ERA in September, so why not go straight to a great strength?

"We're going to share the outs a little bit more, but we really are confident with the days off in the series, the way we're coming into the series, that we'll certainly be able to do it," Counsell said.

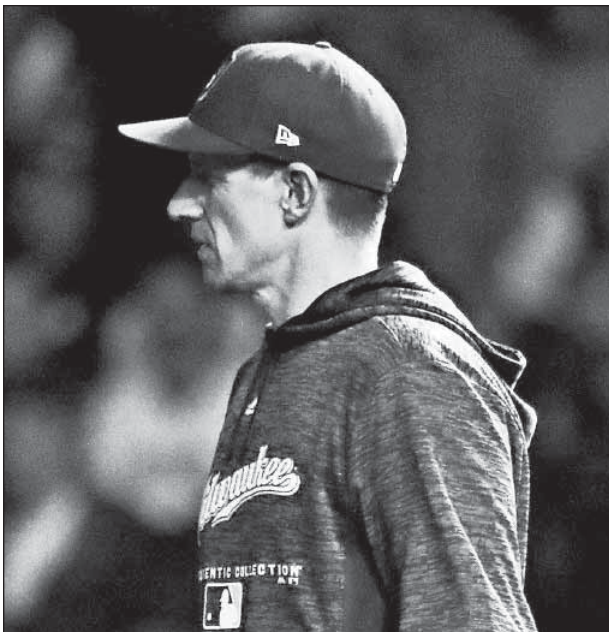
Those relievers will face a Rockies lineup that finally got a day off Wednesday after three games in three days in three different time zones.

The Rockies faced the Cubs' tough left-handed starter Jon Lester in the NL wild-card game Tuesday night, a 2-1 win in 13 innings. The Rockies managed just one hit in 6²/₃ innings off Dodgers righty Walker Buehler in a 5-2 loss in Los Angeles in the tiebreaking game for the NL West crown.

Now for something completely different.

"Well, I've never experienced that in the postseason, facing a bullpen, facing so many different guys," Rockies veteran outfielder Carlos Gonzalez said.

The Athletics started reliever Liam Hendriks against the Yankees in the AL wild-card game Wednesday night.



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Brewers manager Craig Counsell will use an opener in Game 1, but he hasn't decided which reliever will start.

THE SCHEDULE

G1: Rockies (Senzatela) at Brewers (TBD)
4:07 p.m. Thursday, FS1
G2: Rockies (TBD) at Brewers (Chacin)
3:15 p.m. Friday, FS1
G3: Brewers at Rockies
3:37 p.m. Sunday, MLBN
G4: Brewers at Rockies
TBD Monday, FS1
G5: Rockies at Brewers
TBD Wednesday, FS1
Games 4-5 if necessary

Facing a traditional starter, hitters hope to get a better read on pitches the second and third times through the lineups. Hitters may not have that luxury in a bullpen day.

Rockies manager Bud Black is adhering to a simple approach.

"Again, I think the ultimate challenge is just have good at-bats, play baseball, have a good approach against any pitcher that the Brewers throw out there," he said.

The Brewers' best starter, Jhoulys Chacin, started the tiebreaking game for

the NL Central title Monday, a win over the Cubs at Wrigley. He's going in Game 2 on Friday on three days' rest.

Otherwise, the Brewers have been going with a rotation the last few weeks that includes left-handers Wade Miley and Gio Gonzalez, along with right-hander Zach Davies. Miley and Davies would have been available on regular rest for Game 1.

The Rockies are sticking with a traditional starter for the opener. Right-hander Antonio Senzatela is 6-6 with a 4.38 ERA in 23 games, including 13 starts.

Senzatela made his big-league debut at Miller Park last year. He allowed two hits and struck out six over five shutout innings in a 2-1 win.

His biggest challenge in a formidable Brewers lineup will be to contain Christian Yelich, the MVP candidate who nearly won the Triple Crown.

"Just got to throw quality pitches and compete," Senzatela said.

AL WILD CARD YANKEES 7, ATHLETICS 2

Judge comes on strong

First-inning homer sets tone as Yanks advance to ALDS

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge got the party started with a two-run homer nine pitches in. Luis Severino let out a primal scream after escaping a bases-loaded jam with 100 mph heat. Giancarlo Stanton capped the mauling with a monstrous drive in his postseason debut.

From the first inning on, there was little doubt. Next stop for the Yankees: Fenway Park and the rival Red Sox.

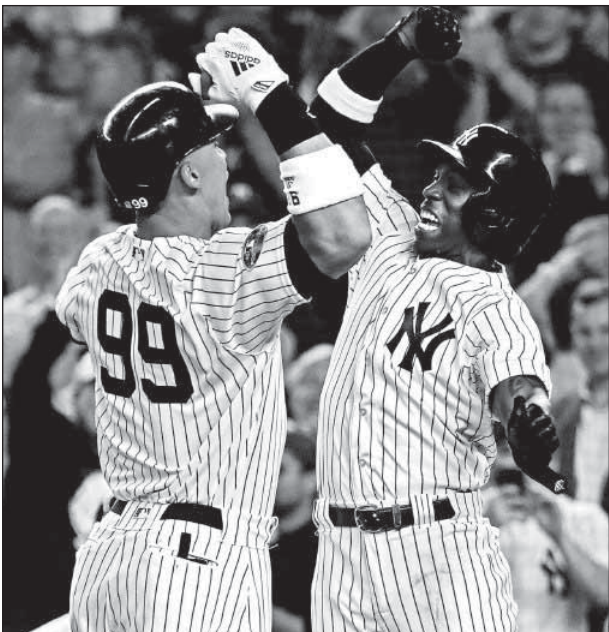
Going ahead quickly against reliever-turned-starter Liam Hendriks, the Yankees pounded the Athletics 7-2 Wednesday night to win their second straight AL wild-card game.

Severino atoned for flopping in his postseason debut last year, and late-season spark plug Luke Voit added a two-run triple off Blake Treinen in a four-run sixth, missing a home run by inches. Stanton added a 443-foot drive off the A's closer in the eighth that landed in left field's second deck, continuing a power show by the team that set a major-league record for most home runs in a season.

After one of those boisterous Bronx celebrations that used to be an October staple, the Yankees will take a train to Boston for a best-of-five division series starting Friday, a matchup of 100-win heavyweights. By the late innings, the sellout crowd was chanting "We want Boston!"

For the A's, it was the latest defeat in what has stretched into decades of disappointment.

They have lost eight straight winner-take-all



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Yankees slugger Aaron Judge, left, celebrates with Andrew McCutchen after hitting a two-run home run in the first.

postseason games since beating Willie Mays and the Mets in Game 7 of the 1973 World Series, and they have dropped all four of their playoff matchups against the Yankees.

Yankees fans fretted about an all-or-nothing knockout match, thinking back to last year when Severino fell behind the Twins 3-0 just 10 pitches in. The Yankees rallied for an 8-4 win, but the memory was still raw.

Severino was 14-2 at the All-Star break this year but slumped badly in the second half, and rookie manager Aaron Boone's decision to start the 24-year-old right-hander was intensely debated.

Severino made the move look like genius. He threw nine fastballs in a 10-pitch first inning, then relied on sliders and chaneups. He struck out seven his first time through the order.

Dellin Betances pitched a perfect sixth for the win, and David Robertson, Zach Britton and Aroldis Chapman finished the five-hitter.

THE BOX SCORE

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M.Chapman 3b	5	0	1	0	0	.200
Lowrie 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.000
Davis dh	4	1	2	2	.250	
Olson 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Piscotty rf	3	0	0	0	2	.000
Laureano cf	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Semien ss	3	0	1	0	1	.333
Lucroy c	4	0	1	0	2	.250
TOTALS	33	2	5	2	13	
NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	3	1	0	0	0	.000
Gardner lf	0	0	0	0	0	
Judge rf	3	2	2	2	1	.567
Hicks cf	4	2	1	1	0	.250
Stanton dh	3	2	1	1	1	.333
Voit 1b	3	2	1	2	.250	
Walker 1b	0	0	0	0	0	
Gregorius ss	3	0	1	1	.333	
Anchiar 3b	1	0	1	0	1	.000
Hechavarria 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.000
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a-struck out for Martini in the 9th. **E:** Anchiar (1). **LOB:** Oakland 9, NYY 3. **2B:** Judge (1), Hicks (1). **3B:** Voit (1). **HR:** Davis (1), off Britton; Judge (1), off Hendriks; Stanton (1), off Treinen. **RBIs:** Davis 2 (2), Judge 2 (2), Hicks (1), Stanton (1), Voit 2 (2), Gregorius (1). **SB:** Stanton (1). **SF:** Gregorius. **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 4 (M.Chapman, Davis, Semien 2; NYY 1 (Torres)). **RISP:** Oakland 0 for 6; NYY 2 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Sanchez, GIDP: Sanchez. **DP:** Oakland 1 (Semien, Lowrie, Olson); NYY 1 (Hechavarria, Torres, Voit). **OAKLAND** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
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Severino pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. Rodney pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Treinen to 1 batter in the 8th. **WP:** Rodney. **Time:** 3:25. A: 49,620 (47,309).

NLDS DODGERS VS. BRAVES

Ryu gets surprising call

Kershaw will get a rare Game 1 off to avoid short rest

Los Angeles Times

For five seasons, as the Dodgers dominated the National League West in the regular season, the team built its October blueprint around the left arm of Clayton Kershaw.

He was the ace of their staff and the anchor of their roster. He pitched whenever possible — during one series in 2016, he threw Game 4 on short rest and closed Game 5 two days later.

This year will be different.

On Tuesday, two days before Game 1 of the National League Division Series against the Braves, the Dodgers made a stunning announcement: Hyun-Jin Ryu, and not Kershaw, would start Game 1. Kershaw will start Game 2, with Walker Buehler and Rich Hill lined up for the next two games.

"He obviously wanted to pitch Game 1 and expected to," manager Dave Roberts said. "But after talking to him and explaining our thoughts, he accepted it and he just said he'll be ready to go for the second game."

The decision followed a troubling month for Kershaw (9-5, 2.73 ERA) and a tremendous one for Ryu (7-3, 1.97 ERA). The team altered its rotation in order to accommodate both. By swapping the two pitchers, Ryu will be able to pitch on five days of rest, rather than six, while Kershaw will receive a fifth day of rest before his outing.

"I'm obviously kind of nervous, but I think it's a good thing," Ryu said through an interpreter.

Both pitchers will be available for a potential Game 5 next Wednesday. The Dodgers would not have made this move if the Game 2 starter couldn't



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Hyun-Jin Ryu will get the call in Game 1 for the Dodgers after going 7-3 with a 1.97 ERA this season in 15 starts.

THE SCHEDULE

G1: Braves (Foltynewicz) at Dodgers (Ryu)
7:37 p.m. Thursday, MLBN
G2: Braves (TBD) at Dodgers (Kershaw)
8:37 p.m. Friday, FS1
G3: Dodgers at Braves
7:07 p.m. Sunday, FS1
G4: Dodgers at Braves
TBD Monday, FS1
G5: Braves at Dodgers
TBD Wednesday, FS1
Games 4-5 if necessary

start Game 5, according to people close to the team. With Buehler unavailable for the start of this series after pitching Game 163 against the Rockies on Monday, team officials still view Kershaw as the best option for an elimination game.

On the eve of potentially reaching free agency, Kershaw stumbled through the final month of the regular season. In six outings, he yielded 18 runs, 16 of them earned. His 3.89 ERA was his highest in a single

month since his 3.97 ERA in May 2015. Ryu countered with only nine runs allowed, four of them unearned, in five starts.

As the Dodgers competed for a division title last month, Kershaw faced tougher competition than Ryu. The team set its rotation so Kershaw and Buehler would pitch in crucial series against contenders like the Rockies, Diamondbacks and Cardinals. Ryu faced feeble opponents like the Mets, Padres and Reds.

Yet the final weekend of the regular season presented an instructive contrast. Ryu spun six innings of one-run baseball against a popgun Giants lineup. A day later, Kershaw gave up five runs in five innings, one of his worst regular-season outings in recent memory, while facing the same toothless offense.

"I think it's pick your poison between the two of them," starter-turned-reliever Alex Wood said.

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Optimistic Bowman says Hawks will turn it around

Blackhawks, from Page 1

Bowman might not have a choice. The Hawks are coming off a season in which they failed to make the playoffs for the first time in 10 years and have not improved noticeably. Another season without playoff hockey is a distinct possibility, and the likelihood the Stanley Cup banners hanging in the United Center soon will get company seems remote.

Could dramatic changes be on the way if the Hawks endure another losing season?

“Anything’s possible as far as hypotheticals,” Bowman, 45, said. “That’s why I try not to play the “what if” game. We have too many things in the near term we have to focus on. I’m not looking at it that way. I’m hopeful the changes we made, in addition to the players who have been here (who) are looking to have bounce-back years, (will be successful).”

“There’s no question we didn’t play to the level we wanted to last year. The players all acknowledged that they need to get their games back to the highest level.”

Bowman didn’t single out anybody, but the Hawks will need better production from mainstays Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith, Brandon Saad and Brent Seabrook, who have 11 Stanley Cups among them but last season played beneath their historical norms.

“I thought Johnny had his best camp in a long time,” Bowman said. “He looks rejuvenated and quicker. He scored some goals (during preseason) so he has some confidence putting the puck in the net. When you add it all up there’s a lot to be optimistic about.”

Bowman took heat during the summer after failing to make the type of free-agent signings that could transform the franchise. The players he did sign — goalie Cam Ward, defenseman Brandon Manning and forward Chris Kunitz — aren’t widely considered transformative.

Except to Bowman.

Those additions — plus veteran defenseman Brandon Davidson, who was in camp on a professional-tryout contract and made the team — are high-character players who should bring value to the locker room. Bowman targeted them in part to help nurture a team with impressionable young talent. And he believes they can play some hockey, of course.

“Obviously with Chris Kunitz, he has won four Stanley Cups but he’s a real positive guy,” Bowman said. “He has some intensity to him. It’s not just about playing hard when the game starts, it’s about intensity during practice. Guys have been around winning organizations. We have a lot of them here but (want to have) someone from the outside come in as well.

“(These players) have a little bit of a presence. They bring something to the table, and we want to foster some more of that with our younger players and take that next step.”

Training camp was remarkably drama-free. Even the biggest storyline — Corey Crawford’s attempt to return from a concussion he suffered last season — is moving toward a favorable conclusion: The 33-year-old goalie could make his season debut this month.

Bowman was part of the front office when the Hawks drafted Crawford in 2003 and witnessed his long road to becoming their starting goalie during the 2010-11 season. Watching Crawford deal with the concussion has not been easy.

“There’s Corey the hockey player and Corey the person,” Bowman said. “For a long time he wasn’t feeling right, he wasn’t himself. That’s probably the most encour-

Confident Jokiharju ready for NHL debut

At least one member of the Blackhawks will be nervous before Thursday’s season opener, but it isn’t the one you think.

Joel Quenneville, who played in 803 NHL games and has been behind the bench for 1,621 more, still gets butterflies.

“First game and first playoff game, I usually get excited to the next level,” he said.

On that point, Quenneville is different from 19-year-old Henri Jokiharju, who will be making his NHL debut yet doesn’t think he’ll be nervous.

“It’s going to be a huge game, but I’m not going to make it any bigger than what it’s going to be,” Jokiharju said. “I’m not going to try to think too much. It’s one game. Obviously, this is the best time of my life right now, so I’m just going to enjoy it.”

Jokiharju’s confidence is one reason the Hawks are hopeful the defenseman will get off to a strong start and avoid too many rookie mistakes. He will be partnered with Duncan Keith, a two-time Norris Trophy winner, who should help provide some protection.

At 19, there will be room to improve, and if he needs more seasoning, the Hawks have options when Connor Murphy (back) and Gustav Forsling (wrist surgery) are healthy.

“We’ll see how he handles the day-to-day, whether it’s physical battles, how he’s handling ice time, how he’s playing,” Quenneville said.

— Jimmy Greenfield

aging thing for me ... to see that Corey the person is back. He has a smile on his face, he has his usual interaction and banter. For a while there it wasn’t that way.”

Trading Marian Hossa and his contract to the Coyotes during the offseason cost the Hawks a couple of decent players in Vinnie Hinostroza and Jordan Oesterle but freed up salary-cap room. The Hawks have roughly \$4 million in cap space, according to capfriendly.com, and Bowman said they have the most flexibility they have had in years. But that does not mean he will make a move.

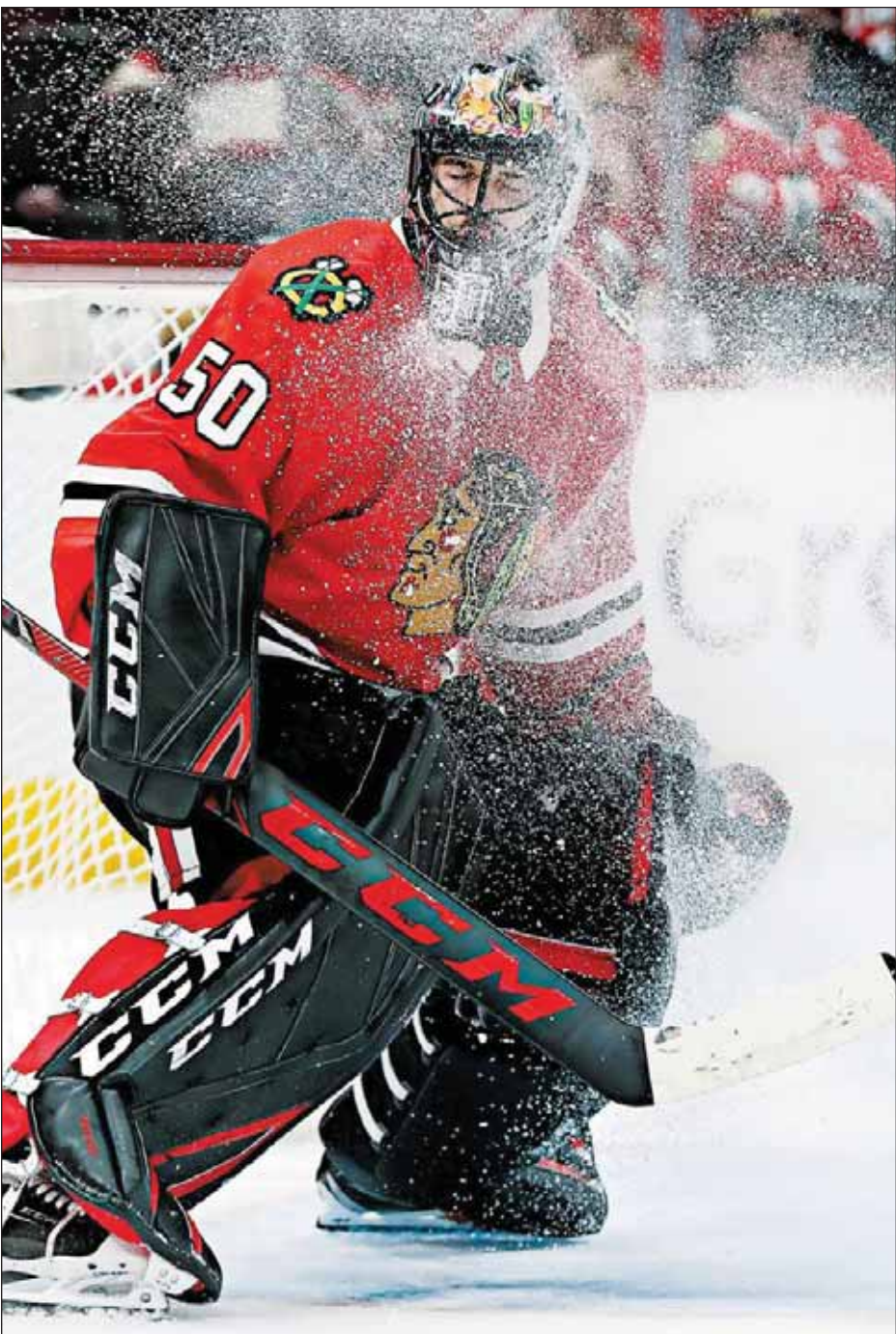
“That’s good because it presents opportunities that weren’t there before,” Bowman said. “Look, we’d love if our system was different. We’d love to go spend money on free agents every summer like other sports. The challenge in our sport is if you do something now you need to be looking three to four years down the road because it has implications.”

For now, the focus is on the season — which opens Thursday night against the Senators in Ottawa, Ontario — and trying to right a wobbly ship.

“We have a number of guys (who) know what that feeling is like when you’re able to raise the Stanley Cup,” Bowman said. “And they know what that feeling was like last year when we didn’t make the playoffs. There’s quite a dichotomy there.

“We’re looking for those players to recapture that feeling. There’s a lot of motivation and determination to get back there.”

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Goatender Corey Crawford gets a spray of ice at the United Center on Dec. 17, 2017.

5-on-5 hockey, Blackhawks style

After missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 years, the Blackhawks begin the 2018-19 season with more questions than answers. We put five of those questions to a panel of five Tribune experts: reporters Jimmy Greenfield and Shannon Ryan, columnists Steve Rosenbloom and David Haugh and editor Joe Knowles.

Should the Hawks go full rebuild?

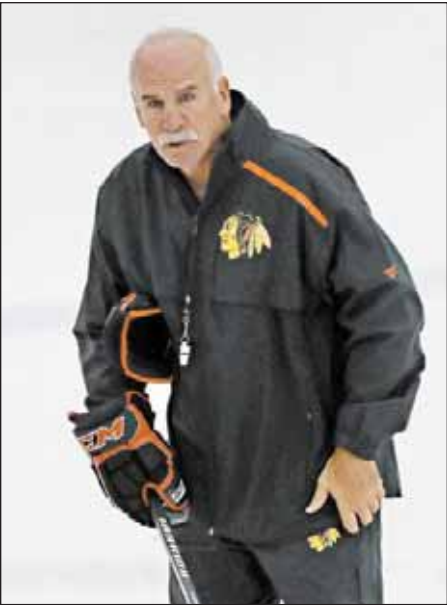
Greenfield: Even if they could move contracts that require player permission they can’t risk a return to total irrelevancy.

Knowles: They should but probably can’t. Too many immovable contracts. They’ll have to do a “rolling” rebuild, and those usually aren’t pretty.

Rosenbloom: They can’t. They have too many core players with no-movement clauses. Might as well ride what’s left of the guys who will have their numbers retired someday.

Haugh: When you examine how many young players they have added in the past year or so, they quietly already have begun the process. But with so many inflexible long-term contracts and proud veterans, the Hawks really can’t simply hit reset.

Ryan: Should and will are two different questions. It would be a nice luxury to be able to rebuild an aging roster but the Hawks aren’t ready for that just yet.



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Joel Quenneville hasn’t forgotten how to coach. But the players need to produce.

How many games will Corey Crawford play?

Greenfield: If Crawford can play one game he can play a lot. Fifty games sounds right especially if they’re in contention for a playoff spot.

Knowles: Given his age and health issues, 40 games would seem to be the limit for him this season.

Rosenbloom: He will debut in October, then alternate starts over 16 games before Alexander Ovechkin buzzes the tower, so my answer is eight.

Haugh: Concussions are tricky, so he will deal with the effects all season and be limited to 35 starts in net.

Ryan: Crawford’s health issues and the long secrecy around his recovery don’t encourage much optimism. He’ll play 35 games.

This year’s most surprising player will be ...

Greenfield: Dominik Kahun. Not exactly Artemi Panarin but another good find by Stan Bowman and staff.

Knowles: Collin Delia, who could be the No. 1 goalie by the end of the season.

Rosenbloom: Jonathan Toews. He will get back to being the point-producing Jonathan Toews that was missing last season.

Haugh: German winger Dominik Kahun, who skated in the preseason alongside Jonathan Toews on the top line, will have Hawks fans Googling his name as soon as opening night. Kahun plays a solid two-way game and is smart and tough with skill.

Ryan: Henri Jokiharju has performed well enough to elicit compliments from coach Joel Quenneville and earn a starting day roster spot. The first-round pick will get his shot and if he continues to impress could help bolster the blue line.

Should Joel Quenneville’s job be in jeopardy?

Greenfield: Only if he wants it to be. Any coach who wins three Stanley Cups with one team should get a no-fire clause with that team.

Knowles: Not unless Stan Bowman’s is, too. Q hasn’t forgotten how to coach, and he only can coach the players he has.

Rosenbloom: No. He’s not going to have a goalie who can win games, and I have reservations about the defensemen in front of him.

Haugh: When Chairman Rocky Wirtz hinted at changes if the Hawks start slow, my sense was Quenneville wasn’t the employee whose face popped into Wirtz’s head. That would be general manager Stan Bowman, whose inactivity guaranteed the Hawks will struggle again on the blue line.

Ryan: The man won three Cups here. He deserves a pass for last year because of the goalie issue. He certainly will be under more scrutiny, but, no he’s not in jeopardy. Again, the man won three Cups.

Predict the Hawks’ point total and playoff destiny.

Greenfield: Eighty-six based on a lot of things going right but it still won’t be enough for a playoff spot.

Knowles: Let’s say 82, which is more than last year but won’t be enough. There have to be at least four teams better than the Hawks in the Central alone this year.

Rosenbloom: Sixth in the Central Division with 83 points.

Haugh: Let’s say 82 and missing the playoffs will precipitate significant change that will be a year overdue.

Ryan: They will get to 80 points. It still won’t be good enough to reach the playoffs but if Crawford is healthy, they will be closer than last year.

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2018-19 Blackhawks roster

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FORWARDS		GP	G	A	PTS	COMMENT
8	Nick Schmaltz 6-0, 177 / Shoots: Right / Age: 22 Hometown: Madison, Wis.	78	21	31	52	Breakout season last year but has potential to be an even greater offensive force.
12	Alex DeBrincat 5-7, 165 / Shoots: Right / Age: 20 Hometown: Farmington Hills, Mich.	82	28	24	52	Won't surprise anyone this year after leading Hawks in goals as a rookie.
14	Chris Kunitz 6-0, 195 / Shoots: Left / Age: 39 Hometown: Regina, Saskatchewan	82	13	16	29	Free-agent pickup who can play on any line but most likely a bottom-6 winger.
15	Artem Anisimov 6-4, 198 / Shoots: Left / Age: 30 Hometown: Yaroslavl, Russia	72	20	11	31	Center seeking fourth straight 20-goal campaign since joining Hawks.
16	Marcus Kruger 6-0, 186 / Shoots: Left / Age: 28 Hometown: Stockholm, Sweden	48	1	5	6	Wants to get back on track with Hawks after rough season that landed him in AHL for a stretch.
19	Jonathan Toews 6-2, 201 / Shoots: Left / Age: 30 Hometown: Winnipeg, Manitoba	74	20	32	52	Captain coming off worst season of career, needs rebound year for Hawks to have a chance.
20	Brandon Saad 6-1, 206 / Shoots: Left / Age: 25 Hometown: Pittsburgh	82	18	17	35	Potentially dominant two-way forward got off to slow start in second stint with Hawks.
24	Dominik Kahun 5-11, 175 / Shoots: Left / Age: 23 Hometown: Plana, Czech Republic	42	12	29	41	Exciting newcomer signed out of Germany's top league earned spot on top line.
29	Andreas Martinsen 6-3, 229 / Shoots: Left / Age: 28 Hometown: Baerum, Norway	9	1	0	1	Depth forward had a nice camp but could be among first headed to Rockford if reinforcements needed.
40	John Hayden 6-3, 223 / Shoots: Right / Age: 23 Hometown: Chicago	47	4	9	13	Big, energetic winger should fit in well on checking line.
62	Luke Johnson 5-11, 179 / Shoots: Right / Age: 23 Hometown: Grand Forks, S.D.	73	13	17	30	One of camp's biggest surprises made his first NHL roster, can play wing or center.
64	David Kampf 6-2, 195 / Shoots: Left / Age: 23 Hometown: Chomutov, Czech Rep.	46	4	7	11	Likely starting at wing but won 53 percent of faceoffs playing center last season.
88	Patrick Kane 5-11, 177 / Shoots: Left / Age: 29 Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.	82	27	49	76	One of NHL's top players still seeking right combination of linemates since Artemi Parandin trade.
DEFENSEMEN		GP	G	A	PTS	COMMENT
2	Duncan Keith 6-1, 192 / Shoots: Left / Age: 35 Hometown: Winnipeg, Manitoba	82	2	30	32	Beginning to show signs of slowing down but remains one of league's top defensemen.
5	Connor Murphy 6-4, 212 / Shoots: Right / Age: 25 Hometown: Dublin, Ohio	76	2	12	14	Top 4 defenseman when healthy, back ailment will keep Murphy out until at least mid-November.
7	Brent Seabrook 6-3, 220 / Shoots: Right / Age: 33 Hometown: Richmond, B.C.	81	7	19	26	Hawks need the former All-Star with six years left on his contract to stave off decline.
22	Brandon Davidson 6-2, 209 / Shoots: Left / Age: 27 Hometown: Taber, Alberta	51	4	3	7	Steady player who came into camp on a tryout and earned a one-year contract.
23	Brandon Manning 6-1, 205 / Shoots: Left / Age: 28 Hometown: Prince George, B.C.	65	7	12	19	Free agent pickup brings smart, physical play but inexperienced as top 4 defenseman.
28	Henri Jokiharju 6-0, 193 / Shoots: Right / Age: 19 Hometown: Oulu, Finland	63	12	59	71	Offensive skills are there but teenager has to prove he can play some defense as well.
42	Gustav Forsling 6-0, 186 / Shoots: Left / Age: 22 Hometown: Linkoping, Sweden	41	3	10	13	Wrist surgery will keep him out until November, likely to claim a roster spot when he returns.
44	Jan Rutta 6-3, 200 / Shoots: Right / Age: 28 Hometown: Pisek, Czech Republic	57	6	14	20	Final year of contract should provide incentive to cement spot on defense.
56	Erik Gustafsson 6-0, 197 / Shoots: Left / Age: 26 Hometown: Nynashamn, Sweden	35	5	11	16	Hoping to stick with Hawks a full season for first time in his career.
GOALTENDERS		RECORD		GAA	COMMENT	
30	Cam Ward 6-1, 185 / Catches: Left / Age: 34 Hometown: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	23-14-4		2.73	13-year veteran brought in to stabilize goaltending position until Corey Crawford returns.	
31	Anton Forsberg 6-3, 192 / Catches: Left / Age: 25 Hometown: Harnosand, Sweden	10-16-4		2.97	Needs to be more consistent especially if asked to step in as the starter like last season.	
50	Corey Crawford 6-2, 215 / Catches: Left / Age: 33 Hometown: Montreal	16-9-2		2.27	Need him to contend for playoff spot but won't be rushed back from post-concussion symptoms.	

Note: Murphy, Forsling and Crawford will begin the season on the injured list.

2018-19 Blackhawks schedule

The Blackhawks will be the “home” team when they play the Bruins in the Winter Classic on Jan. 1 at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend.

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Central casting

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

All roads to the Central Division title this season go through Winnipeg, Or Nashville. Or maybe even St. Louis, given how much the Blues appear to have improved. It's difficult to say who will end up on top but the battle will be fierce, and the Blackhawks will have their work cut out for them to take one of the Central's three automatic playoff spots. A look at the division, in predicted order of finish:



1 | Jets

2017-18: 52-20-10, 114 points.
Lost in conference final.

Key acquisitions: G Laurent Brossoit.
Key losses: F Joel Armia, F Paul Stastny, D Toby Enstrom.
Outlook: Nothing less than a Stanley Cup will satisfy the Jets, led by forwards Blake Wheeler and 20-year-old goal-scoring machine Patrik Laine, who had 44 last season. Dustin Byfuglien anchors a strong defense, and Connor Hellebuyck is one of the NHL's top goalies.



2 | Predators

2017-18: 53-18-11, 117 points.
Lost in second round.

Key acquisitions: F Dan Hamhuis.
Key losses: F Scott Hartnell, D Alexei Emelin.
Outlook: Last year's Presidents' Trophy winner has an embarrassment of riches at all positions, from a deep set of defensemen, beginning with P.K. Subban and Roman Josi, to dynamic forwards Filip Forsberg and Viktor Arvidsson. The main question will be whether Pekka Rinne can rebound in the playoffs after he flamed out last year.



3 | Blues

2017-18: 44-32-6, 94 points.
Missed playoffs.

Key acquisitions: F Tyler Bozak, F Patrick Maroon, F Ryan O'Reilly, F David Perron.
Key losses: F Kyle Brodziak, F Patrik Berglund, G Carter Hutton, F Vladimir Sobotka, F Scottie Upshall.
Outlook: The Blues missed the playoffs by one point and decided they didn't want that to happen again. General manager Doug Armstrong traded for center O'Reilly and signed Maroon, Bozak and Perron to give Blues great offensive depth alongside Vladimir Tarasenko and Brayden Schenn. Their chances once again could hinge on goalie Jake Allen, whose inconsistency has to be resolved for the Blues to contend.



4 | Avalanche

2017-18: 43-30-9, 95 points.
Lost in first round.

Key acquisitions: F Matt Calvert, D Ian Cole, G Philipp Grubauer.
Key losses: G Jonathan Bernier, F Blake Comeau, F Nail Yakupov.
Outlook: Last year's surprise team has young offensive firepower in MVP candidate Nathan MacKinnon, Mikko Rantanen and Gabriel Landeskog. The defense is OK, and free-agent signee Ian Cole should help. Goalies Semyon Varlamov and Grubauer, acquired from the Capitals, will battle for the starting role.



5 | Wild

2017-18: 45-26-11, 101 points.
Lost in first round.

Key acquisitions: F J.T. Brown, F Matt Hendricks.
Key losses: F Matt Cullen, F Tyler Ennis, F Daniel Winnik.
Outlook: The Wild have lost in the first round of the playoffs three straight years but their worry this season will be getting to the postseason. Their defense should remain stellar with Ryan Suter and Mathew Dumba leading the way. Zach Parise missed half of last season to a back injury and will help Eric Staal, Mikael Granlund and Jason Zucker shoulder the scoring load.



6 | Blackhawks

2017-18: 33-39-10, 76 points.
Missed playoffs.

Key acquisitions: F Dominik Kahun, F Chris Kunitz, D Brandon Manning, G Cam Ward.
Key losses: F Vinnie Hinostroza, D Jordan Oesterle, F Patrick Sharp.
Outlook: Not much went right last season for the Hawks, but they also didn't make many changes. A healthy Corey Crawford is necessary to return to contention, but that's far from certain. Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith need to play like the future Hall of Famers they are.



7 | Stars

2017-18: 42-32-8, 92 points.
Missed playoffs.

Key acquisitions: F Blake Comeau, F Valeri Nichushkin, D Roman Polak.
Key losses: D Dan Hamhuis, F Antoine Roussel.
Outlook: Not much has changed from last season, when the Stars narrowly missed the playoffs. Tyler Seguin, Jamie Benn and Alexander Radulov provide good scoring punch, and John Klingberg leads an otherwise pedestrian defense. Goalie Ben Bishop was decent last season, but his 2.49 goals-against average paled compared with his career-best 2.06 with the Lightning in 2015-16.

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BEARS AT THE BREAK THE DEFENSE

Mack's play elevates suddenly special unit

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

After Sunday's 48-10 destruction of the Buccaneers, the Bears may have wanted to play again as soon as possible rather than needing to take a breather for the team's earliest open date since 2009. But coach Matt Nagy hopes the Week 5 break will allow the positive energy of the team's three-game winning streak to last even longer.

With three-quarters of the season remaining, the Bears are establishing themselves as a surprise playoff contender. And Nagy certainly feels good about the direction of the defense. After four games, here's a snapshot review of that side of the ball.

Most Valuable Player

Khalil Mack made his first big play in the first half of his first game as a Bear. At Lambeau Field in Week 1, Mack blew past Packers right tackle Bryan Bulaga, sacked DeShone Kizer and ripped the football out of the quarterback's hands. One series later, Mack intercepted a Kizer screen pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown.

Just a week after a landmark trade brought Mack to the Bears, the All-Pro outside linebacker had given Chicago a quick taste of what he's all about. Maximum effort. Big-time production. And the impact plays haven't stopped.

Through four games, Mack has 5½ sacks, just a half-sack behind NFL leader Demarcus Lawrence. He has also forced four fumbles and been a consistently disruptive force against the run. Furthermore, Mack's presence on the field continues creating opportunities for others. Danny Trevathan's interception on Sunday against the Bucs, for example, came after Mack drilled Jameis Winston and turned his pass over the middle into an easy-to-catch pop-up.

After Mack's strip-sack on Cardinals quarterback Sam Bradford in Week 3 helped the Bears rally for a 16-14 win, Trevathan likened Mack to another Chicago sports superstar from a bygone era.

"Jordan, man," Trevathan said. "For real. You're happy to have him on your side. He's affecting the game every time he's out there. And it's creating plays for other people."

Bears outside linebackers coach Brandon Staley, meanwhile, continues to marvel at just how Mack's composure and confidence has affected the entire defense.

"For me, it's that phrase, 'Calm is contagious,'" Staley said. "That fits him perfectly. The guy is so steady no matter what the situation is. Practice. Game. Just around the building. He just has a great way about him. Extremely composed. And that helps everybody immensely. Because I think everybody feels like something good is going to happen when they're around him."

So, yes, Mack is an easy choice as the Bears' defensive MVP after four games. But is it crazy to think he could also become the first defensive player to win league MVP honors since Lawrence Taylor in 1986? That's still a significant long shot. But with the way Mack is playing, it's not out of the question.



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Biggest surprise

Six interceptions the last two weeks? Eight picks for the season? This from a defense that had only eight interceptions for an entire season last year. And in 2016. And in 2015.

It's fair to say the defense has turned a corner in the takeaway department and that the Bears are finding ways to capitalize on their opportunities. Four of those eight interceptions have been aided by pressure on the quarterback. Seven players have joined in the fun.

Mack and Prince Amukamara returned their interceptions for touchdowns. And safety Eddie Jackson had a pick-six of his own against the Cardinals that was called back because of an offsides penalty.

Jackson has two other interceptions this season, the most recent coming Sunday when he darted in front of Bucs receiver Mike Evans to pick off a Winston pass.

"We were in a nice call," Jackson said. "I was playing at the sticks. I saw (Evans) kind of stop. I hesitated. But when I saw the quarterback throw the ball, I just broke and made a nice catch."

Biggest disappointment

Third-year outside linebacker Leonard Floyd hasn't played poorly necessarily. And defensive coaches continue voicing their approval of Floyd's hustle, his reliability in pass coverage and his improved play against the run.

But for a defense that led the NFL in sacks in September with 18, it's a bit surprising that Floyd still has none.

Floyd came up with a key fumble recovery in the Bears' Week 2 win over the Seahawks. On Sunday, he dropped into coverage and made an impressive leaping pass deflection on a ball over the middle. In flashes, his athleticism is obvious.

And eventually, Floyd's surgically repaired right hand will be back to full strength, allowing him to ditch the protective brace. The Bears are hoping that will free the outside linebacker to have a much bigger impact down the stretch.

Ultimately, though, Floyd needs to produce like a top-10 pick. A month into his third season, he hasn't emerged as an every-week playmaker.



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Khalil Mack (52) and Prince Amukamara (20) have contributed while Leonard Floyd (94) is still waiting for his first sack.

Compelling storyline ahead

The Bears haven't had a defensive player named to the Pro Bowl since 2013, when cornerback Tim Jennings got the nod. That drought is likely to end this winter with Mack's invitation to Orlando already in its envelope and just awaiting the stamp. But the Bears' best player could have company at the league's all-star showcase.

Defensive end Akiem Hicks remains a major force up front. Trevathan will merit consideration if he continues to fly around the football. Jackson is playing at a high level on the back end. It has been a while since the Bears have had this many difference-makers.

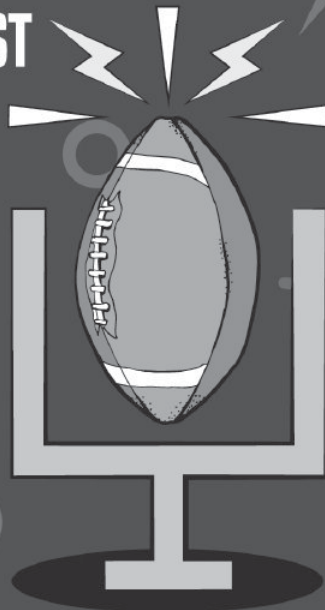
But remember, the Pro Bowl isn't the top of their game these players have at the top of their goal list. A return to the playoffs for the first time in eight seasons suddenly looks more realistic. And the defense seems capable of carrying this team there.

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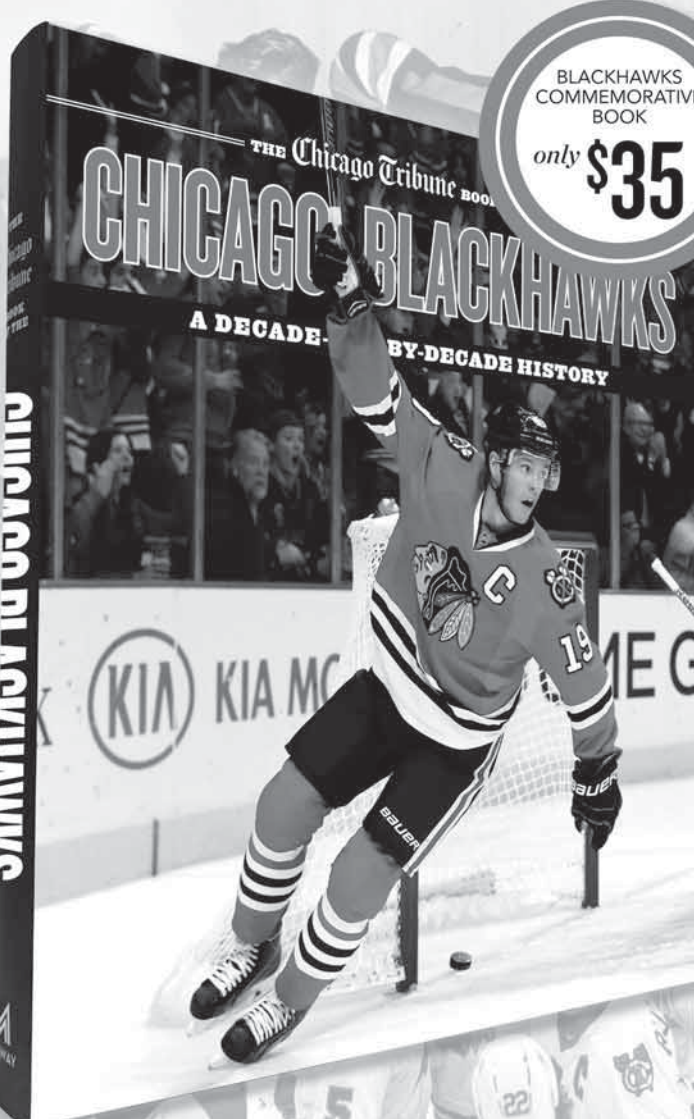
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	@OTT 6:30 WGN-9 AM-720		@STL 7 NBCSCH AM-720	TOR 6 NBCSCH AM-720			
				@DC Noon ESPN AM-1200			

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	
3 p.m. NLDS: Rockies at Brewers	FS1, WMVP-AM 1000
7:30 p.m. NLDS: Braves at Dodgers	FS1, WMVP-AM 1000
NBA PRESEASON	
7 p.m. Pacers at Rockets	NBA Network
9:30 p.m. Kings at Lakers	NBA Network
BOXING	
9:30 p.m. Oscar Negrete vs. Joshua Franco, NABF bantamweight title	ESPN2
NFL	
7:20 p.m. Colts at Patriots	FOX-32, NFL Network
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
6:30 p.m. Georgia State at Troy	ESPNU
7 p.m. Tulsa at Houston	ESPN
GOLF	
7 a.m. Affred Dunhill Links Championship	Golf Channel
4:30 p.m. Safeway Open	Golf Channel
8 p.m. UL International Crown	Golf Channel
NHL	
6:30 p.m. Blackhawks at Senators	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
7:20 p.m. Predators at Rangers	NBCSN
9 p.m. Flyers at Golden Knights	NBCSN
CONCACAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER	
4 p.m. Group stage: Trinidad & Tobago vs. Panama	FS2
6:30 p.m. Group stage: United States vs. Mexico	FS2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER	
5 p.m. Illinois at Maryland	BTN
7 p.m. Northwestern at Rutgers	BTN

TRANSACTIONS	
BASEBALL	
Commissioner's Office: Announced Cubs INF Addison Russell accepted a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Policy, retroactive to Sept. 21.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
White Sox: Assigned C Dustin Garneau outright to Charlotte (L).	
NBA PRESEASON	
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	
Milwaukee 116, Bulls 82	
New York 107, Brooklyn 102	
Detroit 97, Oklahoma City 91	
Phoenix 91, New Zealand Breakers 86	
L.A. Clippers 128, Minnesota 101	
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Indiana at Houston, 7	
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30	
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Dallas vs. Philadelphia	
at Shanghai, 6:30 a.m.	
Flamengo Flamengo at Orlando, 6	
Melbourne United at Toronto, 6	
Miami at Washington, 6	
New Orleans at New York, 6:30	
Atlanta at Memphis, 7	
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7	
Detroit at San Antonio, 7:30	
Adelaide 36ers at Utah, 8	
Perth Wildcats at Denver, 8	
Portland at Phoenix, 9	
Sacramento vs. Golden State	
at Seattle, Wash., 9:30	

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Cubs: Recalled RHP Oscar De La Cruz from Tennessee (SL).	
FOOTBALL	
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Detroit: Signed OL Andrew Donnal. Signed S Rolan Miligan to the practice squad.	
HOCKEY	
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	
NHL: Suspended Washington F Tom Wilson 20 games for a blindside hit to the head during a preseason game.	
TENNIS	

CHINA OPEN	
R2 at The National Tennis Center, Beijing; hard-outdoor	
Men	
#1 Juan Martin del Potro d. Karen Khachanov, 6-4, 7-6 (4).	
Dusan Lajovic d. #3 Grigor Dimitrov, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.	
#5 Kyle Edmund d. Matteo Berrettini, 7-5, 6-7 (2), 7-5.	
Filip Krajinovic d. Feliciano Lopez, 7-6 (5), 6-3.	
Women	
#2 Caroline Wozniacki d. Petra Martic, 7-5, 6-3.	
#7 Karolina Pliskova d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-3, 6-4.	
Dominika Cibulkova d. Sloane Stephens, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.	
Zhang Shuai d. Timea Babos, 6-1, 6-2.	

NFL	
NFC NORTH	
BEARS 3 1 0 .750 111 65	
Green Bay 2 1 1 .625 92 83	
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Detroit 1 3 0 .250 94 114	
NFC EAST	
Washington 2 1 0 .667 64 44	
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Washington 2 1 0 .667 64 44	
Dallas 2 2 0 .500 67 77	
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N.Y. Giants 1 3 0 .250 73 95	
NFC WEST	
L.A. Rams 4 0 0 1.000 140 67	
Seattle 2 2 0 .500 85 81	
San Francisco 1 3 0 .250 100 118	
Arizona 0 4 0 .000 37 94	
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Baltimore 3 1 0 .750 123 65	
Cleveland 1 2 1 .375 102 104	
Pittsburgh 1 2 1 .375 102 116	
AFC EAST	
Miami 3 1 0 .750 82 90	
New England 2 2 0 .500 95 84	
Buffalo 1 3 0 .250 50 106	
N.Y. Jets 1 3 0 .250 89 89	
AFC SOUTH	
Tennessee 3 1 0 .750 75 73	
Jacksonville 3 1 0 .750 88 56	
Houston 1 3 0 .250 96 108	
Indianapolis 1 3 0 .250 94 100	
AFC WEST	
Kansas City 4 0 0 1.000 145 115	
Denver 2 2 0 .500 84 97	
L.A. Chargers 2 2 0 .500 111 120	
Oakland 1 3 0 .250 97 123	

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Indianapolis at New Eng., 7:20 (FOX-32)	
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Miami at Cincinnati, noon	
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, noon	
Denver at N.Y. Jets, noon	
Jacksonville at Kansas City, noon (CBS-2)	
Green Bay at Detroit, noon (FOX-32)	
Baltimore at Cleveland, noon	
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, noon	
Tennessee at Buffalo, noon	
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05	
Minnesota at Phila., 3:25 (FOX-32)	
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25	
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 3:25	
Dallas at Houston, 7:20 (NBC-2)	
Open: Tampa Bay, Bears	
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Washington at New Orleans, 7:15 (ESPN)	

ANASTASIYA SEVASTOVA D.	
Donna Vekic, 6-3, 6-2.	
RAKUTEN JAPAN OPEN	
R2 at Musashino Forest Sport Plaza, Tokyo; hard-outdoor	
#2 Kevin Anderson d. Matthew Ebden, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-2.	
#3 Kei Nishikori d. Benoit Paire, 6-3, 7-5.	
#6 Milos Raonic d. Yosuke Watanuki, 6-3, 7-6 (2).	
Nick Kyrgios d. Yoshihito Nishioka, 7-5, 7-6 (3).	
Alex de Minaur d. Gilles Simon, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-2.	
Daniil Medvedev d. Martin Kilzan, 6-4, 6-3.	
Denis Shapovalov d. Stan Wawrinka, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.	

LATEST LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
at Milwaukee off Colorado	THURSDAY off
at Los Angeles -170 Atlanta	+158
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at Houston -137 Cleveland	+127
NHL	
Blackhawks -118 at Ottawa	+108
at Pittsburgh off Washington	off
at Carolina -138 N.Y. Islanders	+128
Boston -117 at Buffalo	+107
Columbus -130 at Detroit	+120
Nashville -129 at N.Y. Rangers	+129
at St. Louis -114 Winnipeg	+104
at Dallas -185 Arizona	+170
at Colorado -133 Minnesota	+123
at Las Vegas -160 Philadelphia	+150

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
WEEK 6	
at Houston 17½	THURSDAY Tulsa
at Troy 14½	Georgia St
FRIDAY	
at Marshall 6	Mid. Tenn.
Georgia Tech 4½	at Louisville
at BYU 2½	Utah St
SATURDAY	
at Ga. Southern 13½	S. Alabama
South Florida 14½	at UMass
Clemson 18	at Wake Forest
at Temple 10½	East Carolina
N Illinois 2½	at Ball St
Syracuse 3½	at Pittsburgh
at UCF 24	SMU
at FAU 14½	Old Dominion
at Ohio State 45	Indiana
at NC State 4½	Boston Coll.
LSU 2½	at Florida
Missouri 1	at S. Carolina
at Michigan 17	Maryland
at Cincinnati 7	Tulane
Ohio 13½	at Kent St
at W. Michigan 4½	E. Michigan
Buffalo 7½	at Cent. Mich.
at UConn 4½	at Rutgers
Notre Dame 6½	at Virginia Tech
Illinois 5	at Boise St
at Boise St 14	San Diego St
at Colorado 3	Arid. St.
Liberty 4½	at New Mexico St
North Texas 27	at UTEP
Washington 20	at UCLA
Seattle 5	at Stanford
Fresno 13	at Nevada
Wash. St 17	at Oregon St
California 2½	at Arizona
at UNLV 7½	New Mexico
at Michigan St 10	Northwestern
at W. Virginia 29½	Kansas
Alabama 35	at Arkansas
at Louisiana Tech 3	UAB
at Baylor 4½	Kentucky
at Oklahoma St 11	d-Schwarber ph
at Georgia 26	Vanderbilt
Iowa 14	f-Caratini ph
at Toledo 21½	Bowling Green
Auburn 3½	at Miss. St
N.Y. Jets 3	at Air Force
at Mississippi 22½	La.-Monroe
at Kansas City 3	UConn
at Memphis 35	at Texas
at L.A. Ramphs 3½	UTSA
at Rice 2½	at UTSA
at Baylor 4½	Kansas St
at Wisconsin 13½	Florida St
at Wiscinson 18	Nebraska
Colorado St 2½	at San Jose St
at Hawaii 3½	Wyoming

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LeMahieu 2b	6 0 1 0 1 .167
Arenado 3b	5 0 1 1 1 .200
Story ss	6 1 3 0 1 .500
Holliday lf	3 0 1 0 2 .333
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Gonzalez rf	2 0 1 0 0 .500
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Bryant lf-3b	6 0 1 0 3 .167
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Almora cf	5 0 2 0 2 .400
Murphy 2b-1b	4 0 0 0 1 .000
Contreras c	3 0 0 0 0 .000
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SOCCER	
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Columbus at Montreal, 2	
New England at Atlanta, 2:30	
Vancouver at Toronto FC, 4	
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30	
Orlando City at FC Dallas, 7	
LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, 7:30	
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 8	
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 8:30	
N.Y. Red Bulls at San Jose, 9:30	
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Fire at D.C. United, noon	
ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	
FRIDAY: Brighton vs. West Ham, 2	
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Watford vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.	
Burnley vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.	
Tottenham vs. Cardiff, 9 a.m.	
Leicester vs. Everton, 9 a.m.	
Crystal Palace vs. Wolverhampton, 9 a.m.	
Man United vs. Newcastle, 11:30 a.m.	

MLB PLAYOFFS

AL WILD CARD	
Wednesday: N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 2	
DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x-if nec.)	
American League (TBS)	
Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees/Oakland	
Friday: at Boston (Price 16-7), 7:15	
Saturday: at Boston (Price 16-7), 7:15	
Monday: Boston (Porcello 17-7)	
at NYY/Oakland	
x-Oct. 9: at NY Yankees/Oakland	
x-Oct. 11: at Boston	
Houston vs. Cleveland	
Friday: Cleveland (Kluber 20-7) at Houston (Verlander 16-9), 1:05	
Sat: Cleveland (Carrasco 17-10) at Houston (Cole 15-5), 3:37	
Monday: Houston (Keuchel 12-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 13-8)	
x-Oct. 9: at Cleveland	
x-Oct. 11: at Houston	
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a-walked for Lester in the 6th. b-advanced on catcher interference for Bote in the 7th. c-struck out Chavez in the 7th. d-struck out for Strop in the 9th. e-grounded out for Davis in the 10th. f-grounded out for Hamels in the 11th. l-ran for Rizzo in the 8th. **E:** Butera (1). **LOB:** Colorado 11, CUBS 10. **BB:** LeMahieu (1), Heyward (1), Desmond (2). **RISP:** Colorado 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th. **CS:** Baez (1), Gore (1). **SF:** Arenado, S. **Alma. Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 9 (Holliday 2, Desmond 2, Dahl) 5; CUBS 4 (Alma, Heyward 2, Carstensen 1). **RISP:** Colorado 1 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th. **CS:** Baez (1), Gore (1). **GIDP:** LeMahieu, Rizzo. **DP:** Colorado 1 (LeMahieu, Story, Desmond); CUBS 2 (Bryant, Murphy). (Murphy, Baez,

INHERITED RUNNERS-SCHEDULE: Ottavino 1-0, Davis 1-0, Rusin 2-0, Cishek 1-0, De La Rosa 2-0. HBP: Oberg (Gore). WP: Ottavino, De La Rosa. Umpires: H. Chris Guccione; 1B, Mark Wegner; 2B, Bill Miller; 3B, James Hoyer; Right, Gabe Morales; Left, Tripp Gibson. Time: 4:55. A: 40,151 (41,649).	
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THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS	
NL DIV. SERIES	
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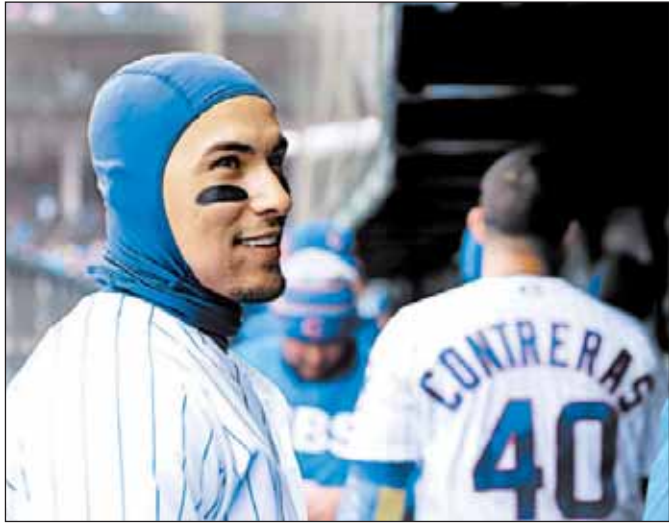
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CUBS 14, BRAVES 10

With a game-time wind chill of 28 degrees, the Cubs took a while to get warmed up, spotting the Braves an early 9-1 lead. But they eventually overcame the eight-run deficit thanks to a nine-run 8th inning, highlighted by a bases-clearing double by Javier Baez (left). All nine runs scored after the Cubs had made two outs. Ben Zobrist (above left) reached base in all five of his plate appearances with two singles, a triple and three walks.



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12 ct. Select Varieties

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Select Varieties

2/\$5



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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Mayfield, Mahomes and a night of mayhem

BY ADAM KILGORE
Washington Post

The numbers in the box score looked fake, the clock ticked close to midnight and the tortillas flying through the Jones AT&T Stadium air were frozen. On Oct. 24, 2016, Oklahoma and Texas Tech played a football game that tested limits and expanded imagination. In an era of boundless offense, it set a new standard. It included nearly a mile of total offense. It could take forever to describe, but only a few words to explain.

“Honestly, it was pretty simple,” OU offensive tackle Orlando Brown Jr. said. “It was Baker vs. Pat.”

Through a quarter of the NFL season, few players, if any, have proved more compelling than quarterbacks Baker Mayfield and Patrick Mahomes. Mayfield, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner and first overall pick of this year’s draft, led the Browns to their first win in more than 600 days in his first appearance and, on Sunday, helped his team produce 42 points in a losing effort in his first start. Mahomes, after engineering an electrifying, game-winning touchdown drive late Monday night, has emerged as the MVP front-runner in his first season as a starter for the undefeated Chiefs, one year after they traded up to pick him 10th overall.

Mayfield and Mahomes have combined to light up the NFL. Two years ago, they combined for one of the looniest college football games in recent memory.

Mayfield’s Sooners defeated Mahomes’ Red Raiders 66-59 as Oklahoma and Texas Tech totaled 1,708 yards, which broke the previous record by more than 60 yards. Mayfield passed for 545 yards and seven touchdowns. Mahomes threw 88 times for 734 yards, which tied a record. He also ran 12 times for 85 yards, which gave him a record 819 total yards. And he lost.

Joe Mixon, now on the Bengals, gained 374 yards from scrimmage and scored five touchdowns. Four receivers — led by current NFLers Dede Westbrook and Keke Coutee — gained at least 100 yards receiving. Oklahoma became the first team in history with a 500-yard passer, 200-yard receiver and 200-yard rusher in a single game and scored touchdowns on its final six possessions — and still needed to recover an onside kick to hold off Mahomes.

“It’s the most unique game I’ve ever been in,” said Oklahoma tight end Mark Andrews, now a Ravens rookie. “I remember being on the sideline, and I had absolutely zero fear we were going to score. Everybody knew that we were going to score. Everybody knew that they were going to score. I’ve never been part of a game where you touch the field, and there’s no doubt in your mind you’re going the whole length, you’re getting seven — and if you don’t, you’re going to lose the game.”

At the time, the NFL viewed both quarterbacks with skepticism. The high-powered versions of the spread run in the Big 12, which sprung from Texas Tech’s famed Air Raid offense, were seen as unfit incubators for professional talent — a view that has flipped in the small amount of time since. Mayfield’s small stature and Mahomes’ perceived rawness marked both as prospects headed for draft positions outside the first round, and so the crazy box score in that game was viewed in the immediate aftermath more as an extreme example of Big 12 scoring run amok than a foreshadowing of two future NFL rising stars.

The night began with menace in the air. Mayfield had started his career at Texas Tech, transferring after he won Big 12 Freshman of the Year following a dispute with Red Raiders Coach Kliff Kingsbury. He squabbled with Texas Tech over gaining an extra year of eligibility under transfer rules, and animosity built on both sides. In 2014, when he returned to campus for an Oklahoma game, a Lubbock restaurant kicked Mayfield out as he ate tacos.

Now, he had returned as the quarterback of a powerhouse conference rival. Students wore T-shirts emblazoned with the word, “Traitor.” The crowd chanted, “(Bleep) you, Ba-ker!” Oklahoma players said fans hurled batteries

at Mayfield and threw frozen tortillas at players, coaches and cheerleaders. As he walked onto the field, Brown saw a tortilla fly past him and thwack his offensive line teammate Ben Powers in the face.

“To start the game, literally the whole stadium is filled,” said Andrews, who roomed with Mayfield at OU. “They’re throwing stuff at Bake, chanting stuff at Bake. It was 100 percent about Baker. He knew that. It brought a little more edge, and he feeds off negativity and people screaming at him.”

While Mayfield attracted the crowd’s ire, the atmosphere affected both quarterbacks. Kingsbury never thought the game would unfold as it did, but he sensed Mahomes would feed off the same energy as Mayfield.

“Baker wanted to win here with the history here, and Pat wanted to protect his home-field advantage,” Kingsbury said. “Those two were going to go down swinging, and they were going to cut it loose with everything they’ve got. It made for an offensive explosion the likes of which had never been seen before.”

It took Oklahoma four plays to score the game’s first touchdown. Mayfield tossed a pass to Mixon out of the backfield, and he trotted into the end zone for a 56-yard score. Texas Tech fumbled on its third play, and given the ball back

immediately, Mayfield fired a 49-yard touchdown to Westbrook. Less than four minutes in, even with a missed extra point, the Sooners had taken a 13-0 lead.

“We expected to go in there and blow them out,” Mixon said. “But Pat Mahomes, when you put the ball in his hands, you don’t know what they’re capable of.”

Oklahoma’s only two punts came on their next two possessions, and the game shifted. Mahomes hit wide receiver Jonathan Giles — who has since transferred to LSU — in the corner of the end zone and gave Texas Tech a brief lead. Oklahoma got the ball back with 28 seconds left in the half. In two plays — a 52-yard heave to Westbrook and a 23-yard strike to Nick Basquine — the Sooners had retaken a 30-24 edge.

In the Oklahoma locker room at halftime, Mayfield stood in front of his teammates and said, “If you’re scared and you don’t want to score every drive, then stay in here.”

By then, the Sooners had realized the full extent of the force they faced in Mahomes.

“Pat Mahomes was making

throws that just didn’t make

sense,” Brown said.

Late in the third quarter, near midfield, Oklahoma’s pass rush flushed Mahomes to his left. As he drifted toward the sideline with his foot on the 50, Mahomes spun

to square his shoulders, leaped and rifled the ball into the end zone, hitting Giles for a touchdown to bring Texas Tech to within a touchdown, again.

“That game was definitely one of the games that showed what he could do,” said Tech wide receiver Cameron Batson, now a member of the Tennessee Titans. “He has one of the best no-look passes I’ve ever seen. He even tricks the receivers sometimes.”

As a Big 12 coach, then-OU offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley has been involved in too many shootouts to remember. “That one was a little different,” Riley said. “You could tell there wasn’t any people playing the position at a higher level than those two.”

The sheer length of the game also made it feel different. Texas Tech ran more than 100 plays. Both teams had to play with the pedal down all game, constantly passing, never even trying to drain the clock. When a reporter told Fox analyst Brady Quinn he wanted to ask him about Texas Tech-Oklahoma from 2016, Quinn replied, “The one that’s still going on, you mean?”

“That was the longest football game I ever played in,” Mixon said.

Oklahoma stopped Mahomes once in the second half, and Texas Tech never once halted Mayfield and Mixon and Westbrook. Mahomes refused to go away, hitting

Batson for the game’s final touchdown with less than two minutes left, but after an onside kick, the Red Raiders ran out of time.

“I’ve never seen anything like that,” Quinn said. “As much as you can chalk it up to the brilliance of both quarterbacks, I also think it was lack of any defense being played.”

“Both defenses after got a lot of flack,” said Riley, who became the head coach before 2017. “But I told people after the game, there wasn’t any defense that was going to stop those two teams that night. You could tell the two trigger guys were pretty special. It was a heck of a duel. Both guys just didn’t make mistakes, continued to make play after play.”

Afterward, the Sooners walked back to the locker room dodging full water bottles flung by fans. The Red Raiders had to reckon with gaining nearly 900 yards, but not a win. Asked what he remembers, Batson said: “Losing.”

Mahomes and Mayfield had known each other years before the game — Mayfield hosted Mahomes on a Texas Tech recruiting visit before he transferred. They’ll see each other again when the Chiefs play in Cleveland on Nov. 1. It is early in both their careers, but they may be linked for years to come as two of the NFL’s most thrilling passers. Even if not, they will always have a crazy night in Lubbock.



ALONZO ADAMS/AP

Former Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield will get an NFL rematch with Patrick Mahomes when the Browns meet the Chiefs in November.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Hosmer’s move to Padres nothing like he imagined

By KEVIN ACEE
San Diego Union-Tribune

Time after time, month after month, in ballparks across the country, Eric Hosmer answered questions about his substantially subpar 2018 season.

Amidst the swing thoughts and talk about discipline and mechanics, as he worked toward what he believed would be the next hot streak, never did he acknowledge the effect of change or the burden of being “the man.”

Right through the final day of the season, he was resolute.

“I know I’m going to go back and be the player I know I can be,” Hosmer said before the final game of one of his worst major-league seasons. “This isn’t the impression I wanted to make the first year, but there’s nothing I can say to make it any better. Just, I’ll be ready to go next year.”

It’s what he has been thinking about for a while — getting back to South Florida and clearing his mind, pressing reset, getting to work.

But in one brief moment Sunday, before catching himself, he allowed just a hint that last offseason not being normal might have had a little to do with his not achieving at his usual level this season.

“I don’t have to be a lawyer this year or an agent,” Hosmer said. “I can be a baseball player. Not to make any excuse on anything, but I’m excited to go home and really do nothing for about a week and get right back to work. Just have a clear mind this offseason, knowing where I’m going to be next year, knowing where I’m going to be for a while.”

After seven seasons with the Royals, Hosmer signed an eight-year, \$144 million contract, the richest in Padres history, the day before the full squad was due to report to spring training.

Immediately, he became his new franchise’s face and the beacon of experience in a young clubhouse.

How young? Of the 12 Padres who had more than 200 plate appearances in 2018, Hosmer was the oldest. He will turn 29 later this month.

Hosmer poured himself into the role of leader, mentor and friend. Coaches who have been around the majors for years remarked at various times this season they had rarely (if ever) seen anything like the positivity and passion Hosmer brought to the park each day and the effect it had on teammates.

There were times Hosmer was everything the Padres hoped he would be on the field as well.

Even enduring some profound slumps in the season’s first couple months, on June 13 he was hitting .290/.370/.480. Those were all top-20 numbers in the National League at the time. His 19 doubles ranked third in the NL, his nine home runs ranked second on the team behind Christian Villanueva’s 15, and he ranked 10th in the league in total bases.

He had six game-winning RBIs and 10 go-ahead RBIs for a team that wasn’t scoring a lot of runs those first 70 games. At that point, in fact, the Padres were 17-9 when Hosmer had multiple hits in a game and 16-28 when he didn’t. Between May 15 and June 4, they went 9-0 when Hosmer had multiple hits and 3-7 when he had one or no hits in a game.

“The first two months — that was the player we feel like we signed,” Padres general manager A.J. Preller said Sunday. “That was the player we feel like he’s going to be.”

Hosmer ended up leading the Padres in runs (72), hits (155) and RBIs (69). He tied Freddy Galvis for the team lead with 31 doubles and was third with 18 homers. By reaching base nine times in his final 15 plate appearances, Hosmer also finished with a .253 average and .322 on-base percentage.

The average was his lowest since 2012 and 39 points below his average over the five seasons from 2013-17. His on-base percentage and slugging percentage (.398) were his lowest since 2014. The OBP was 20 points below his average over his first seven major-league seasons, and the slugging percentage was 41 points lower than his average in Kansas City. (His OPS, which was .850 on June



GREGORY BULL/AP

First baseman Eric Hosmer had a frustrating first season with the Padres after signing an eight-year, \$144 million free-agent contract.

13, was .628 after that date.)

Perhaps the greatest thing Hosmer demonstrated for his young teammates this season was how to handle failure.

Even in his worst stretches, the only thing Hosmer did more than work was smile. Teammates marveled and coaches raved about his ability to remain upbeat and attend to the team’s needs no matter what was happening personally.

“It has (been disappointing),” Hosmer said. “But a lot of these guys, it helps them. Because these guys are going through their first- or second-year struggles and they see that’s how real this league is. It doesn’t matter if you’re in your first year, your eighth year, your 15th year. You’ve got to be ready to go. You’ve got to learn each day is each day. You learn that through

experience.”

Hosmer spent the season tinkering and will continue in the offseason to work on, in particular, getting the ball in the air after leading the majors with 245 groundouts and ranking second with a 61 percent ground ball rate.

“I realize now, especially the older I get, I think I have the power that if I get the ball in the air to the opposite field consistently, the way this ballpark plays, I feel like I can put up some good power numbers,” he said. “I think that’s what I really want to focus on.”

He knows, too, he has to get back to being more disciplined — not chasing as much but also swinging at the right pitches. He struck out a career high 142 times and was bogged down by an inability to lay off many inside pitches.

His 33.1 percent chase rate on pitches outside the zone was just the fourth-highest of his career, but his percentage of swings put in play (37.9) was the lowest in his career, and his percentage of swings that missed (27.6) was the highest. His percentage of pitches taken (51.5) was virtually tied for the lowest in his career.

Hitting coach Matt Stairs, manager Andy Green and others have repeatedly proffered that Hosmer was pressing at times.

Said Preller: “The biggest thing with Eric, which our group expected a little bit, first year here in San Diego, a big change, signing the big contract — as much as you tell him, ‘Be yourself, relax,’ I think it’s pretty natural a guy is going to want to come out and impress. I think that played a little bit into the whole year with him. The

biggest thing we got out of the year is the player we signed who wants to work. ... We have a lot of faith we’re going to look up next year and it’s going to be an All-Star caliber season for him. Just because of the type of person he is. That’s what gave us the comfort in signing him.”

Hosmer agrees with the last part.

“That’s who I am,” he said. “I don’t (have concern about that). That’s who I will be.”

Getting back there, he said, is on him and what he’ll set out to rectify.

“Whatever that is, that’s something I have to figure out this offseason — whether it’s a mental approach or it’s a physical drill to help me hit the ball the way I want to hit the ball,” he said. “Whatever that is, I’ve got to figure it out.”



ALMA CURIEL PHOTO

“Mendoza” by Mexico City’s Los Colochos Teatro at the Goodman Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE
‘Mendoza’ ★★★ 1/2

‘Macbeth’ gets a powerful reimagining — with a hen

By **CHRIS JONES**
Chicago Tribune

On Tuesday night, the Chicago Cubs learned a tough lesson from “Macbeth”: “Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more.”

Or, as William Shakespeare used to say to his friends at the bar, you never can trust a wild card.

But even as the Thanes of Wrigleyville were wrestling in the muck with the Rockies of Colorado, merely one day after the Milwaukee Brewers became Cubs manager Joe Maddon’s personal incarnation of Birnam Wood, around a hundred of us were trapped for two hours in the rehearsal room at the Goodman Theatre, cellphones agonizingly off, experiencing a rather remarkable piece of theater from Los Colochos Teatro of Mexico City.

“Mendoza,” which the Goodman is presenting as part of the ongoing “Des-

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Snow Patrol frontman Gary Lightbody

An emergence to hope, light for Snow Patrol

By **JANINE SCHAULTS**
Chicago Tribune

Snow Patrol didn’t exactly disappear from the spotlight — radio will never turn its back on the “Grey’s Anatomy”-approved anthem “Chasing Cars.” But the Northern Irish/Scottish band has kept a low profile since releasing “Fallen Empires” in 2011. The reason? Frontman Gary Lightbody’s struggle with depression and alcoholism.

We know that because the 41-year-old has been very open about the darkness that enveloped him in those intervening years in interviews to promote the five-piece’s latest release, the stunningly upbeat “Wildness.”

Thoughts of suicide and “not existing.” Linking his teenage anxiety and “self loathing” to growing up in Bangor, Northern Ireland, during the “troubles.” How finding himself diagnosed with a wicked sinus infection, induced by alcohol and drug use, caused him to get sober. Lightbody bares all in the months preceding a supporting jaunt with old pal Ed Sheeran in stadiums across the U.S.

So when we talk over the phone while the band (including Johnny McDaid, Paul Wilson, Nathan Connolly and Jonny Quinn) is in Boston with the Sheeran team on a day off, he’s not totally thrilled to regurgitate it all again

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WTTW PHOTO

The first episode of the four-part “If You Build It ...” focuses on Lorado Taft, superintendent of sculpture for the Chicago World’s Fair.

ARTISTRY TELEVISED

‘Art and Design in Chicago’ brings a vast world of visual creatives to WTTW

By **STEVE JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

Contrary to much of the Chicago art world, as it has developed, “Art and Design in Chicago” leans south.

Titled “If You Build It ...,” the first episode of the four-part WTTW-Ch. 11 series (8:30 p.m. Friday) takes viewers to the World’s Columbian Exposition and Lorado Taft’s work there as superintendent of sculpture.

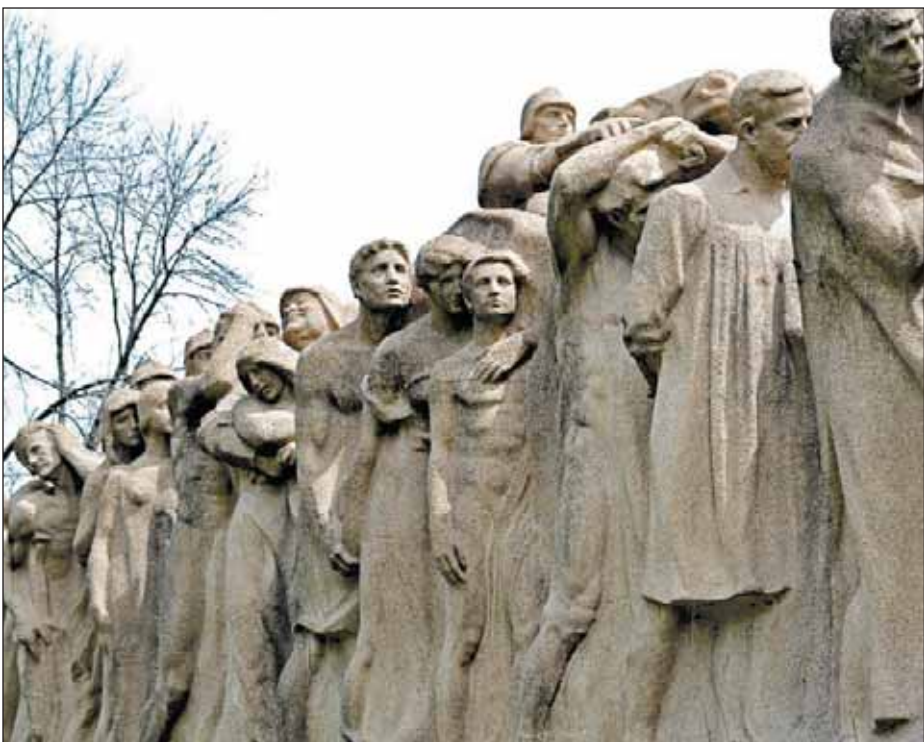
It also stops at the South Side Community Art Center, where Charles White, Gordon Parks, Elizabeth Catlett and Margaret Burroughs all did early work. And it goes to Laszlo Moholy-Nagy’s Institute of Design (now part of IIT), so influential in photography through the second half of the 20th century, and to the Hyde Park Art Center, where the young-buck Chicago painters who branded themselves the Hairy Who first showed.

And that’s even before next week’s Episode 2, which focuses more explicitly on African-American artists, from Archibald Motley, roughly speaking, to Kerry James Marshall.

The series, brought to life as part of the yearlong Art Design Chicago initiative and backed by the Terra and Driehaus foundations, does not try to be comprehensive. How could you hope to tell so broad a story in two TV hours?

But what it does do is cover a wide range, mixing in enough familiar names to bring comfort with others whose monikers you may have heard but whose work you maybe haven’t seen, along with some outright newcomers to your field of vision.

There’s a clip of Studs Terkel interviewing Richard Hunt in his studio, when the star sculptor was still a young man. There’s a posterlike work by Barbara Jones-Hogu, a founder of the AfriCOBRA artist collective. And there’s a lingering look at Fountain of Time, Taft’s monu-



DANIEL ANDRIES PHOTO

Taft’s “Fountain of Time” was part of a beautification project for the Midway Plaisance on the South Side of Chicago. The sculpture was finished in 1920.

mental sculpture in Hyde Park, one that will make you look again at this 125-foot-long grouping of more than 100 figures.

“It’s unbelievably ambitious,” said Mark Pohlard, of DePaul, one of the scholars the series brings in. “I think the only other sculpture group in America that’s larger is Mount Rushmore.”

Rather than try to force some narrative about the meaning of working in the Midwest, or perhaps the way the city’s industrial past fueled its creative class, the series is wisely content to be episodic. At one point in Friday’s opener, we even get six significant graduates of the relentlessly influential School of the Art Institute “in four minutes,” says the first episode’s host, Museum of Contemporary Art senior curator Naomi Beckwith.

They range from William Edouard

Scott, an African-American painter from the beginning of the 20th century, who worked in a traditional vein, to Nancy Spero, identified as one of the midcentury “Monster Roster” artists playing with notions of the grotesque, to Dread Scott, whose controversial 1980s installation encouraged visitors to stand on a U.S. flag in order to write in a comment book their thoughts on the flag being displayed on the floor.

And that kind of quick-hit approach is what keeps this engaging. If you’re not interested in Sculptor A, fear not, you’ll soon enough move on to Abstract Painter B.

“I could use a larger dose of ‘don’t go there.’ I don’t have enough of that,” said

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Tina Turner promotes the launch of “Tina” in London in 2017. The musical is coming to New York next year.

Tina Turner musical coming to Broadway

The Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll wants to make Broadway part of her kingdom.

“Tina,” a new musical based on the life and career of Tina Turner, will debut in New York City in fall 2019. A number of elements still have to come together, including casting, performance dates and show location, but it looks as though the “Proud Mary” singer will become the latest performer to have a jukebox musical based on her catalog. It’s a competitive genre. “Girl From North Country,” a musical with songs from Bob Dylan, just opened to strong reviews at the Public Theater and is eyeing a Broadway engagement. “The Cher Show,” a look at the pop icon, has a Broadway engagement beginning in December. And “Ain’t Too Proud,” a show based on the Temptations’ R&B anthems, is also looking to debut on the Great White Way. That’s to say nothing of longtime favorites such as “Jersey Boys” and “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical,” which continue to draw crowds. “Tina” is already showing in London.

“Bringing this musical to life on stage and working with this team has meant so much to me, I feel that it is in many ways a culmination of my career,” Turner said in a statement.

Turner’s life and tumultuous and abusive marriage to Ike Turner inspired the 1993 film “What’s Love Got to Do With It.”

— Variety



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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mac Miller benefit: Chance the Rapper, above, John Mayer and SZA are set to perform at a benefit concert for the late rapper Mac Miller, who died Sept. 7 at age 26. Live Nation announced Tuesday that Travis Scott, Miguel and Ty Dolla \$ign will also perform at the “Mac Miller: A Celebration of Life” concert Oct. 31 at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. The concert will benefit the Mac Miller Circles Fund.

‘Roseanne’ cast talks ‘Conners’: Cast members of the “Roseanne” revival are looking forward to their spinoff, “The Conners.” Sara Gilbert, John Goodman and Laurie Metcalf told People magazine they are grateful to Roseanne Barr for agreeing to have no ties to the new show, created after ABC fired her from “Roseanne” for posting a racist tweet.

Little Richard’s boyhood home: Little Richard’s hometown in Georgia has committed \$90,000 to help open a community resource center at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee’s boyhood home. The Macon-Bibb County Commission approved the funding Tuesday. The money will go to a local authority to operate the Pleasant Hill Resource Center out of the cottage where the “Tutti Frutti” singer was raised as Richard Wayne Penniman.

Oct. 4 birthdays: Author Anne Rice is 77. Actress Susan Sarandon is 72. Actor Liev Schreiber is 51. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 42. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 39. Basketball player Derrick Rose is 30.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Feeling pressured about family secret

Dear Amy: A man just messaged me on Facebook, telling me he’s been trying to contact my mother. He says he is her half brother and is trying to get information about his father (my grandfather), who died over 10 years ago. He asked me to pass along the message.

I think he’s telling the truth. His photo shows a strong family resemblance.

Also, my grandmother (who is still living) recently confessed to me that she believed my grandfather had been unfaithful to her. I don’t believe my mother and her brother are aware of their father’s infidelity. And I don’t think anyone besides me is aware of this half brother’s existence.

I understand his desire to find out about his family, but I also think that what he’s asking of me is completely inappropriate. I may no longer be a child (I’m in my mid-20s), but he’s left me to deal with a moral quandary that will shake the foundations of my family, with possible legal ramifications (possible contested will or family trust).

I don’t know who else to talk to about this. Any other adult who knows my family would face the same moral dilemma I’m facing.

— A Daughter’s Dilemma

Dear Daughter: You seem to feel that this situation has put you in the position of being a secret-holder for your family. But what gives you the right to hold onto this information, on behalf of previous generations?

And do you actually imagine that in this era of DNA testing, data sharing and social media that this man won’t eventually

locate and contact your mother (or your uncle, or your grandmother) without your help?

I don’t mean to diminish the shock of this, but my informal study of this issue is that family members being contacted by unknown siblings often fear that this contact will lead to trouble of some kind, but in actuality it seems to lead to a neutral result or, in many cases, a good one.

Your grandmother has already told you about this suspected infidelity.

Share this message with your mother. Tell her, “Mom, this is hard for me to discuss with you, but ...” and pass along the man’s message. Understand that she’ll want time to absorb this and decide what to do.

Do not feel rushed to respond to the man. You will say either: “I’m sorry, but I’m not willing to be a go-between” or “I passed along your message, and my mother will contact you when she is ready.”

Dear Amy: My wife is an outdoor enthusiast who loves to hike. I enjoy hiking as well but have some health issues that limit me to shorter hikes.

Recently, she has reconnected with an old college friend. I’ve met him and his wife a few times. They’ve stayed with us, and we’ve stayed with them. When we’ve gotten together, the other three always go for an extended hike that is too difficult for me, so I’m left to sit at home by myself.

I feel this is incredibly rude. My wife says that just because I can’t join in is no reason for the rest of them to not do what they want to do.

When you are with a group, you should find activities that all can do without excluding someone. There are lots of things we could do instead of hiking.

I don’t really know her friends well, and what would be a good opportunity to get to know them better is wasted while I sit at home alone.

What do you and your readers think?

— Feeling Left Out

Dear Feeling: Of course, you should all compromise on some activities when you’re together, but I do believe that the avid hikers should also be free to engage in their pursuit.

You can be generous toward them, or you can sit home and sulk. You choose.

You could go partway with the group and then return to wherever you are staying to prepare a good meal for the rest of the hikers when they get back.

Dear Amy: The way to handle rude questions is to reply pointedly, “And your interest would be ...?”

If the person persists, say, “I’m sorry, I wasn’t served with the subpoena,” and walk away or turn your attention to another person.

— Grace in Chicago

Dear Grace: Answering a rude question with a rude answer doesn’t exactly advance humanity, but if this works for you, then go for it.

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‘Mendoza’ moves ‘Macbeth’ to the Mexican Revolution

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tinios — the 2nd Chicago International Latino Theater Festival,” is a re-imagining of the Scottish play set during the Mexican Revolution, as conceived by Antonio Zuniga and Juan Carrillo and directed by Carrillo. That’s not itself so radical an idea — it’s hardly unusual to set a Shakespearean tragedy during an era of conflict subsequent to the 11th century. What makes “Mendoza” so worth seeing (especially for just \$25) is its populist orientation, its insistence on two-way communication, its relentless focus on the effect of violent political change on ordinary, rural Mexicans. The style is akin to what you’ll find in the short stories of Juan Rulfo, he who understood the “pure murmuring” of village life.

As if to punctuate that point, the cast includes a hen. Fine performance too.

Scene-stealing fowl aside, more of a minimalist staging would be hard to conceive: The nine-actor company works in the round and merely uses folding chairs, bearing the faded logo of Corona and



ALMA CURIEL PHOTO

“Mendoza” adapts Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” in Spanish with minimalist staging.

the word “cerveza.” (I should note here that the night concludes with cervezas for everyone, by which point I suspect you will need one.) The audi-

ence is such a part of the construction of the show that time was spent Tuesday ensuring that every seat of the front row was filled.

In Shakespeare’s day, the

audience didn’t clock scenes based on space as we do now. They accepted that the actors carried the action on their backs, which is the approach

taken by the fine thespians of Los Colochos Teatro. The show is performed in Spanish, but you can easily follow the work in translation (there are screens on all sides) and the text is strikingly visceral — the character based on Lady Macbeth, for example, claims to see ambition in the saliva glistening at the corner of her husband’s mouth. At which point, I licked my lips.

“We are living in a pigsty,” you hear at one telling moment. “And all pigs are always the same. At least let’s change the pigs.”

The most striking parts of the piece, though, are the most violent.

“What does it cost to really murder someone?” I wrote in my notes more than once, reacting to the show’s frequent use of an especially textured kind of stage blood, and for gooeey props that resemble extricated organs. This is not even remotely campy; the show is not interested in that, anymore than in the usual self-reflexive contemplation you find in Shakespearean tragedy. This is theater invested in the application and consequences of primal pain.

When: Through Oct. 7

Where: Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes

Tickets: \$25 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org

By the end of the two intermissionless hours, you’ll have felt Birnam Wood on the move, a kinetic sensation coaxed merely by rhythm banged out on a chair. You’ll have heard Marco Vidal (as Mendoza) howl with anguish — especially when the aforementioned hen pecks seed from his naked body. You may have worn a mask (“Mendoza” is far closer to the Greek tragic aesthetic than most of the Shakespeare we see in Chicago). And you might have wondered hard about whether the horrors that await us in life are, in fact, much less than the horrors conjured by the mind. Jury’s out, there.

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TV series arises out of Terra’s initiative

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Dan Andries, the veteran WTTW producer who guided this project.

Andries said he and his team spent two years pulling the project together, working with a group of cultural advisers.

Like live music, art is a medium that’s meant to be seen in person. But what television can do is try to “find the stories, the people, in many cases the relationships, that bring this (work) to life,” said Andries, who guided WTTW’s former series “Artbeat Chicago.”

And, he added, “I’m doing a little bit less of: Zoom into the details on the artwork and move the camera around. There’s a little bit more respect for the full artwork in this piece than I’ve done in prior work.”

The third weekly episode, he said, looks at designers, which could be defined as people working for clients as graphic designers, ad-makers, even industrial designers. And the fourth is about the city’s DIY tradition, which might mean janitor Henry Darger toiling away at his mega-



Left, Maséqua Myers, South Side Community Art Center executive director, with Faheem Majeed, former art center executive director and host of the series’ second episode. Right, gallerists Jim Dempsey and John Corbett.

fantasy novel and accompanying drawings, or it might mean midcentury surrealist Gertrude Abercrombie, much more a part of the art world but in intense pursuit of her

idiosyncratic vision.

Across the city and into some of the suburbs this year, Art Design Chicago has been probing the city’s visual arts legacy. There have been dozens of muse-

um shows, oodles of new research, a big, ambitious survey book (“Art in Chicago,” just published).

All of this has been worth seeking out as part of a crash course in the city

we inhabit. But it helps to have the story brought directly into our living rooms too.

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Carlson was fired by CNN and MSNBC, but his Fox News program now ranks third among cable news shows.

Tucker Carlson's ship has come in as Fox News host

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO
Los Angeles Times

Tucker Carlson has been a successful journalist for nearly 30 years. But in the world of cable news, he is the definition of a late bloomer.

Before his slow build to prime-time prominence on Fox News Channel, the 49-year-old conservative commentator was fired from stints at CNN and MSNBC.

There were insults along the way. Comedian Jon Stewart ridiculed Carlson on CNN's "Crossfire," saying his debate program was "hurting America." One of Carlson's network bosses told him he was too fat.

Second chances happen all the time in the TV business. Getting a third shot is rare, and Carlson has taken advantage of it. He is prospering in the heated partisan atmosphere surrounding the Trump White House, an era in which cable news audiences have demonstrated tribal allegiances to their sides.

As the Trump-friendly alternative to CNN and MSNBC, "Tucker Carlson Tonight" has ranked first among cable news audiences in its 8 p.m. Eastern time period every night since its premiere in April 2017. The program averaged 2.8 million viewers in the third quarter of 2018, according to Nielsen data, making it the third-most-watched cable news show, behind Fox News Channel's "Hannity" and MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show."

Advertiser demand for Carlson's program is strong. According to Standard Media Index data, the average price for a 30-second spot is \$12,363 this year, the most expensive of any prime-time cable news show. The show has taken in more than \$50 million through the first eight months of 2018.

Carlson — who calls his program the "sworn enemy of lying, pomposity, smugness, and group think" — is less of a Trump defender than a true believer in the issues that energize the president's supporters, such as stricter immigration policies, anger over political correctness, and skepticism of military intervention abroad.

The host does not always adhere to the Republican party line. He is not a big fan of the Trump administration's tax cuts, which he believes the Republicans in Congress used to placate their rich donors. After years of being a libertarian, he now rails more about the power of tech companies than the government.

"Who knows more about you, the Social Security Administration or Google?" Carlson said during a long conversation over a recent lunch at a Washington, D.C., restaurant near the Fox News bureau. "It's not even close."

Carlson expands on his nightly talking points in his new book, "Ship of Fools:

How a Selfish Ruling Class Is Bringing America to the Brink of Revolution," published by Simon & Schuster. (Another benefit of being a Fox News host is having a nightly TV platform to promote your latest tome onto the best-seller list.)

Carlson's political bent clearly makes him a better fit at Fox News than at the previous outlets where he toiled. But he believes it was arrogance that kept him from ascending sooner as a TV host.

"I didn't take it seriously," Carlson said. "I had a bad attitude about TV people. I thought that they were shallow, and I thought it was really easy. I thought, 'These people don't read books, and they don't understand language, and they're not interested in history, and I'm really smart and they're not.' And then after failing a number of times I realized actually that I'm not that good at it, and I'm not trying that hard."

The son of onetime Los Angeles TV anchor Dick Carlson, Tucker Carlson established himself as a writer for the Weekly Standard, New York magazine and other publications while in his 20s and early 30s. Voluble and witty, he became a sought-after cable news talking head during the Clinton-Lewinsky sex scandal in the late 1990s.

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His TV career faltered when MSNBC took a political left turn in prime time and cut him loose in 2008. It was at the height of the financial crisis, and he had no savings as his four children were in private school and approaching college age.

"I didn't have to borrow money from anybody," he said. "But I did wind up sweating for a number of years and thinking about what I had done wrong."

He signed on as a contributor to Fox News in 2009, the start of a slow road back to prime time. As a weekend co-host for the network's freewheeling morning show "Fox & Friends," Carlson fell asleep on the air, a moment that lives in infamy on YouTube.

But Carlson had a supporter in Rupert Murdoch, the executive chairman of Fox News parent 21st Century Fox. In November 2016, he gave Carlson the daily hour held by former Fox News longtimer Greta Van Susteren. After the channel's top-rated star, Bill O'Reilly, was fired over sexual harassment allegations, Carlson took over the high-profile 8 p.m. time period.

Whereas O'Reilly used a tough-guy tone in discussing issues as if he were sitting on a bar stool, Carlson has a more sophisticated on-air presence that reflects his time at prep schools, political journals and a Washington think tank. (He also has a thicker skin than the tem-

peramental O'Reilly.) Nielsen data show the approach is bringing an upscale audience to Fox News. His viewers have a median annual income of \$70,000, which in cable news is second only to \$71,000 for Maddow's audience.

Carlson welcomes opposing viewpoints on his program. But guests who come on the show risk being verbally smacked down by the highly caffeinated host (he drinks eight cups of coffee a day). Although Carlson is nicer than he was when his program first launched (early on he provoked Teen Vogue writer Lauren Duca into calling him a partisan hack), he won't hide his distaste for some visitors, such as Michael Avenatti, the attorney for adult film star Stormy Daniels, who was paid by the president's lawyer to remain silent about an alleged 2006 tryst she had with Trump.

When Avenatti accepted an offer to come on Carlson's program Sept. 13, the host agreed not to call him a "creepy porn lawyer," the pejorative moniker he often used when covering the Daniels story. But it turned up on the screen during their testy exchange, which led Avenatti to later call Carlson a liar on Twitter.

Carlson said he went back on his word to Avenatti because he was going for a laugh, which he admits can be a weakness on his part. "I've made a number of questionable decisions because I thought they were funny," Carlson said.

The same could be said of Carlson's recent use of a clip of the movie of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" when he opined on Palo Alto professor Christine Blasey Ford's sexual assault allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. After the clip, Carlson said he was kidding. Although he believes Kavanaugh has been treated unfairly by Democrats and other media outlets, he does not consider the investigation into the matter a witch hunt.

To some observers, Carlson epitomizes how cable news outlets are exploiting the political divide to drive up ratings.

"I do think Tucker's getting swept up in the rhetoric sometimes," said Rick Kaplan, a veteran news producer who hired Carlson at CNN and MSNBC and remains a fan. "There are times he says things and I just shake my head because he's a level-headed guy and he doesn't always come off that way."

Carlson does engage in productive debates, such as those with former Bill and Hillary Clinton campaign advisor Richard Goodstein, a frequent guest. Goodstein believes it's worthwhile to reach Carlson's large audience, even if it means serving as a foil to reinforce the views of the Fox News prime-time audience members who believe the political left is misguided and often

wrong.

"I feel like I'm the Washington Generals playing the Harlem Globetrotters," he said. "They need a second team to make it a game but it's not on the up and up. Every time I can walk off the set and keep my dignity, I feel like I've done OK."

Carlson maintains that Fox News management never dictates editorial content, and that what his viewers are seeing each night is authentic. "Falseness of any kind is too obvious," he said. "And it destroys your soul too. I only have one show, and that's the show I'm doing."

Success as a cable news provocateur has its drawbacks. Since emerging as a prime-time star, Carlson frequently receives threats, requiring Fox News to provide him with security. "You can't really go anywhere," he said. His social circle is largely limited to family members who live in his neighborhood and share a summer home with him in Maine.

Like other Fox News commentators, Carlson has drawn the wrath of liberal watchdog groups such as Media Matters, which recently criticized his description of a land redistribution policy in South Africa as the race-based seizing of property from white farmers (prompting a tweet from Trump, an avid Fox viewer, to ask the State Department to investigate it).

The ever-facile Carlson has managed to walk the high wire of drawing viewers and attention without alienating sponsors who at times have pulled out of other Fox News programs such as "Hannity" and "The Ingraham Angle." But he knows better than most how fragile success on television can be.

"There's a reason that people on TV go crazy," Carlson said. "It's very intense."

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Snow Patrol will perform an opening slot ahead of Ed Sheeran at Soldier Field on Thursday.

Snow Patrol is back, supporting Ed Sheeran

Snow Patrol, from Page 1

in the name of publicity. It almost seems cruel to make him repeat the particulars. Yet he doesn't shy away from the truth.

"Part of the problem I had for so many years, especially with depression in my teenage years and onwards — it was something that was always unspoken. I never really talked about it. So now that I've opened that box, it's really important that I don't close the lid on it again. I'm always up for answering questions. I just tend not to bring it up myself anymore," he acknowledges.

"Wildness," produced by old standby Garret "Jack-nife" Lee, digs deep, grapples with the "big" questions keeping us all up at night and manages to simultaneously sound stadium-ready and confessional. Sidestepping clichés isn't Snow Patrol's strong suit, but Lightbody, along with Courteney Cox fiancée and Pink collaborator McDaid, concoct enough genuine moments to welcome the band's return. The rallying cry of "Don't Give Up" rises to match its title while piano-driven "Soon" addresses Lightbody's father's dementia so directly, the lump in your throat won't dissipate anytime soon.

Contrary to the terrifying concept laid out in the title, "What If This Is All the Love You Ever Get?" offers respite from personal tragedy without egging people on to bust out their lighters in unison. Whether it's divorce or a medical disaster, Lightbody says, "Don't be alone in it. That's the time to not be alone." The chorus delivers the message succinctly: "Come on over" is the most important three words in that song," he says.

Despite the turbulent circumstances of the album's creation, it's also a living testament to Lightbody finding his way out of that period.

"The album is infused, it's bolstered by joy, by hope, by revelation — sorry, I'll just cancel that word, it's too religious — by optimism. I think I would find it harder to talk about if the album was a depressing album to listen to. I think it is a joy, to me anyway. It ended up in a place of hope and light," he asserts.

A severe bout with writer's block became an additional barrier to the creative process. At first, Lightbody's newfound sobriety hindered his ability to tap into the instinctual magic that once allowed him to

When: 7 p.m. Thursday with Ed Sheeran

Where: Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus Drive

Tickets: \$64-\$115; www.ticketmaster.com

compose lyrics in the space of time it takes to sing them.

"I thought sobriety would be like, I gave up drinking today, so tomorrow by lunchtime I'll be able to write. I'll be able to clear my head," he explains. "But that doesn't happen at all. In fact, it's worse for such a long time."

It's one of the reasons Lightbody thinks those in the throes of addiction regress back to drinking, because it's just easier than the alternative.

"You have nothing to protect you from your demons in those times, and that time after you quit drinking all the reasons why you're drinking — the demons that you're drowning in alcohol — they then come up and they're punching you in the face and you have no defense and you just have to stand there and take it, cower in the corner or whatever, until you develop the skills to stand up and say, 'Oh, you guys. Calm the (expletive) down,' and that took me a long time to do," he reveals.

"You have to eventually become friends with those demons because some of them aren't going anywhere. It's just a matter of realizing that they're a part of you and they're nothing to be ashamed of. It's just our darkness and it's really not something to run away from. Sometimes there's certain types of it that need to be embraced rather than destroyed."

The 10 songs on "Wildness" stand as the work Lightbody is most proud of, and he points out that Irish people find it extremely difficult to give themselves any sort of compliment. So there.

The opening track, "Life On Earth" holds a special place in his heart. "It was a labor of love, pain, hate, anger, distrust, fatigue, everything wrapped into one. That song took me to the brink of madness," he professes.

Maybe that's why he repeats this phrase in the chorus like a mantra: "It's just life on earth/ It doesn't need to be the end of you, or me."

A good reminder for us all.

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BOOK REVIEW

Bringing the fury back to feminism

2 new required reads for the #MeToo era — for women *and* men

By **CARLOS LOZADA**
The Washington Post

My wife looked at me with arched eyebrows as I read aloud several passages from the two books late one night. “You didn’t know that?” she asked quietly.

No, I didn’t. Even now, a year since the Harvey Weinstein revelations and nearly two years since the “Access Hollywood” video, after hearing so many #MeToo stories and reading books on the structures of misogyny, there was still so much I didn’t know about the depths of anger that these accounts draw from — so much, I suppose, I had the luxury of not knowing.

I didn’t know that, by the time they are preschoolers, children learn that boys can express their anger but that girls must suppress theirs. I didn’t know how much physical pain women endure in their lives, simply because they are women, and how frequently that pain is discounted, deemed “emotional.” I didn’t fully grasp how throughout our political history, principled rage has been lionized when emanating from men, but pathologized when coming from women, acceptable when it upholds women’s roles as nurturers, not when it serves their personal ambitions or collective aspirations.

And I didn’t quite realize that the #MeToo movement is not solely about revealing the pervasiveness of rape, assault and harassment, though it is accomplishing that. It’s also, as Rebecca Traister writes in her new book, a broader insurrection against gender inequality driven by “the righteous fury of the unrepresented” and, as Soraya Chemaly writes, an attack on “the injustice of having one’s social experience

denied and hidden from communal understanding.”

Traister’s “Good and Mad” and Chemaly’s “Rage Becomes Her” are two urgent, enlightening books well timed for this moment even as they transcend it, the kind of accounts often reviewed and discussed by women but that should certainly be read by men. Traister, whose columns on gender and power earned her a National Magazine Award this year, focuses on the political history of female anger. She spans the suffrage movement to the 2016 election to, of course, the #MeToo wrath now upending the casting couch, the anchor chair, the editor’s desk and American politics. Chemaly, an activist with the Women’s Media Center, emphasizes the psychology and culture of female anger, mixing personal experience with reporting and academic research to show how that anger is deemed a transgression of gender norms, and how the pressure to dial it back — and not be labeled shrill — only enrages women further.

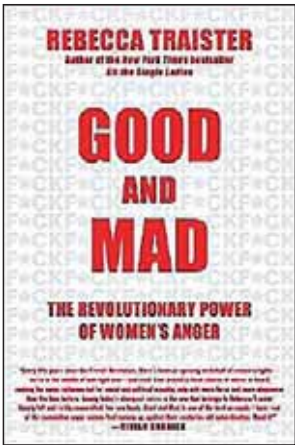
But more than anything, these two writers have come to praise female anger, as an emotion and a tool. Anger is a catalytic force for activism, they argue, a demand for accountability, a statement of rights and assertion of worth. It is also a vital form of communication, Traister explains. “The expression of primal, agonizing anger that followed Trump’s election meant that for the first time, some women — even those who’d been living in proximity to one another for years — could hear one another.” Or as Chemaly puts it, “Anger isn’t what gets in our way — it is our way.”

With “Rage Becomes Her,” Chemaly offers a



VICTORIA STEVENS

Rebecca Traister, author of “Good and Mad.”



‘Good and Mad’

By Rebecca Traister, Simon & Schuster, 284 pages, \$27

relentless catalog of the sources of female anger and the efforts to repress it. “As girls, we are not taught to acknowledge or manage our anger so much as fear, ignore, hide, and transform it,” she writes, and that lesson promotes accommodation and deference. Structural burdens such as the “caring mandate” — women’s enduring responsibilities for household chores and caregiving,



‘Rage Becomes Her’

By Soraya Chemaly, Atria, 392 pages, \$27

regardless of whether they also work for pay — are “stressing us out and making us angry, sick and tired.” The daily risks women navigate are just a cost of living while female. “Sexual harassment and violence are so normalized among girls and women,” Chemaly writes, “that they don’t often consciously register them as abusive behaviors.”



KAREN SAYRE

Soraya Chemaly, author of “Rage Becomes Her.”

Until, of course, they do. With The New York Times and New Yorker coverage of Weinstein’s pattern of predation and violence, “a Harvey-sized hole was blown in the American news cycle, and there was suddenly space and air for women to talk — to yell and scream and rage.”

That rage, both authors argue, is not only healthy but rational and productive. “We envision our emotions battling our reason because, after all, that’s what we are usually taught,” Chemaly writes. “The entire setup makes it easier for what you say to be portrayed as unreasonable.”

Traister remains outraged by the “brutal masculinity” that prevailed in the 2016 election. She decries the “shrugging condescension” with which many dismissed the women’s marches following President Donald Trump’s inauguration. And though her book was completed too early to discuss Christine Blasey Ford’s accusation of sexual assault against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Traister is incensed at the late Sen. Ted Kennedy for staying quiet during the 1991 confirmation hearing of Clarence Thomas —

when an all-male Senate Judiciary Committee heard Anita Hill’s testimony — in part because of Kennedy’s own history with women.

Traister eloquently highlights the challenge of blaming not just forces and systems, but individuals. “We must confront the fact that the bad guys are, in many cases, also our good guys: the men in our beds, our hearts, our families,” Traister writes. “They are our brothers and fathers and uncles and friends and lovers and husbands and roommates and sons.” She is tired of male acquaintances and colleagues coming to her for “feminist absolution” and describes others, including her husband, who had just never realized things were this bad. One night during the peak of the #MeToo onslaught, he asked her, “How can you even want to have sex with me at this point?”

I’ve not posed that question to my wife, at least not yet. After my enthusiasm for these books betrayed ignorance about various aspects of female life, she assured me that she didn’t think I was an idiot, resignation and sympathy mingling on her face.

If there was anger there, too, she knew how to hide it.

BOOK REVIEW

Author’s illness informed final novel

By **KATHLEEN ROONEY**
Chicago Tribune

“The death of the author” is a concept put forth in a 1967 essay by Roland Barthes in which he argues that approaching a work with the author’s intentions or biography in mind is not the best way to understand its meaning. Better, he says, to act as though the author is dead, thereby separating the creator from the text and treating the creation on its own terms.

Whether a reader agrees with that method, one must acknowledge that sometimes the author is literally and not just metaphorically dead. Moreover, sometimes where the creator’s life and the material in his creation intersect is actually one of the most illuminating ways to consider a book.

Such is arguably the case with Samuel Park, whose second novel, “The Caregiver,” has just been published posthumously. The book, though an absorbing and well-crafted work of fiction capable of standing on its own, is almost impossible to consider independently of the knowledge of where its author’s life overlaps with his art.

Born in Brazil and raised in Los Angeles, Park taught creative writing at Columbia College in Chicago and wrote the 2006 novella “Shakespeare’s Sonnets” and the 2012 novel “This Burns My Heart.” Diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2014, Park completed “The Caregiver” just before dying in 2017 at age 41.

Set in Brazil and Southern California, “The Caregiver” tells the story of a struggling single mother, Ana, who works as a voice-over actress in Rio de Janeiro, and her devoted



‘The Caregiver’

By Samuel Park, Simon & Schuster, 288 pages, \$26

daughter, Mara — who is forced to flee the country to escape the fallout from Ana’s involvement in a plot against one of Rio’s corrupt and brutal police chiefs. Mara arrives in LA and finds work as a caregiver; her primary patient is a wealthy young divorcee named Kathryn who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.

“People think that when you’re sick, you want pity,” Kathryn tells Mara. “But it’s not pity, it’s love. It’s the only thing that makes it more bearable.” The story that Park tells here, fittingly, is free of pity but full of compassion. And while it is not essential that a reader know that Park’s own background involves both distinct settings and that he himself met an early end from the same disease that he gives to one of his main characters, that knowledge undeniably adds an extra layer of interest and pathos to an already-moving novel.

The patterns of caretaking between Ana and Mara feel intense and authentic, as does the isolation that their dyad creates, which causes Mara, at 8, to observe of her mother, “She was a river, and I was just the boat careening from side to side.”

Less convincing are some of the splashy, soap operatic plot twists that Park puts in as the book goes on, sacrificing characterization and plausibility



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SIMON & SCHUSTER

Samuel Park died at age 41.

in favor of utilitarian occasions for secrets to be revealed. In fairness, these decisions do keep the pages turning, but at times they feel rushed and make the reader long for more quiet moments, as when Nelson, Kathryn’s ex-husband, tells Mara of her mother, “don’t make a god out of her. It’s hard to forgive God, but you can forgive a person.”

Park published a heartbreaking essay about his impending death called “I Had a 9 Percent Chance. Plus Hope” in The New York Times in January 2017, and his publisher has included the piece at the end of this novel. In it, Park writes that “Cancer is a promissory note, and the spaces for ‘when’ and even ‘if,’ for those in earlier stages are left blank.” In a sense, the novel reminds us everyone’s blanks get filled in sooner or later, and all anyone can do is try to come to terms with that.

In reply to one of Mara’s periodic reassurances that she’ll be fine, Kathryn replies, “No, I won’t. But the ultimate goal is not to convince myself that nothing bad’s going to happen. The goal is to know something bad will happen, but still be okay with it.” Park’s book leaves readers with a chance to think seriously and directly about some of the worst things that can happen, a chance that feels even more rare and grave now that the author is permanently gone.

Kathleen Rooney is the author, most recently, of the novel “Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk.”

BOOK REVIEW

Kate Atkinson returns with a classic take on the spy novel

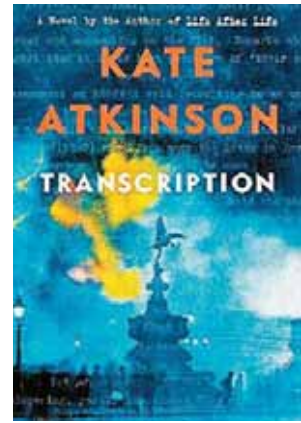
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It may be just my impression, but the Brits and Irish seem to worry less about keeping up appearances than American writers do. I’m thinking of novelists like Kazuo Ishiguro and John Banville, who blithely bounce from literary fiction to fantasy to detective stories with little worry that their reputation as “serious writers” will be damaged. (Ishiguro’s win of the Nobel Prize in literature last year is reassuring in that regard.) Certainly, it’s not that literary novelists of other nationalities don’t experiment with genre fiction — Jennifer Egan and Margaret Atwood come to mind — but the Brits don’t seem to fret as much about categories.

Kate Atkinson is one of the most prolific of those British literary shape-shifters. Her non-mystery novels, like the award-winning 1995 book “Behind the Scenes at the Museum,” stands shoulder-to-shoulder alongside her suspense series starring private eye Jackson Brodie. Atkinson’s two most recent novels, “Life After Life” and “A God in Ruins,” span the two World Wars and owe a lot to the conventions of historical fiction.

Now, in “Transcription,” Atkinson has wandered out from the preserves of “high art” once again by writing a traditional spy story. And I do mean traditional, as in double agents, disappearing ink, corpses spirited away in rugs, recording devices hidden in walls and a plucky young heroine who knows how to use a pistol — and even a sharp knitting needle — when backed into a tight corner.

Juliet Armstrong is an 18-year-old file clerk in 1940 when the British Security Service, otherwise



By Kate Atkinson, Little, Brown, 339 pages, \$28

‘Transcription’

known as MI5, throws her into the dodgy world of “counter-subversion.” Juliet spends days crouched over listening devices in a London flat, eavesdropping on conversations that her boss, Godfrey Toby, conducts next door with his visitors, all British Nazi sympathizers. Since Juliet’s job is to transcribe these conversations, some of the humor derives from her frustrations in trying to make sense of what’s often a mass of mumbles. She’s a bit concerned that the outcome of the war may well turn on whether one of Toby’s guests is “thinking of taking a train ... or cleaning the drains.”

Atkinson’s fans know better than to expect a straightforward chronological narrative; she prefers to jump around, intensifying the poignancy of her characters’ lives by giving readers godlike glimpses of how they will eventually turn out. The first page of “Transcription” opens on Juliet’s death in 1981 — a death we witness with different emotions when we return to the scene briefly at the end of the novel. Scattered in between are sections of

the story set in 1950, when Juliet is employed by BBC radio as a producer of educational programs. But all is not well in Juliet’s placid postwar world. She senses she is being followed. Adding to the weirdness are anonymous notes that warn that “you will pay for what you did.”

What Juliet “did” during the war — and beyond — makes for suspenseful reading, and Atkinson has fun resuscitating classic white-knuckle moments from old espionage novels and films. As in the best spy stories, no one and nothing are as they seem.

Espionage is a grim business, but Atkinson’s wry style imbues the world of “Transcription” with moments of brisk cheer, as if Ian Fleming had been cross-pollinated with Barbara Pym. Take this description of Juliet eating her lunch outside in the chill London spring: “The sandwich was no comfort, it was a pale limp thing. ... Recently she had bought a new book, by Elizabeth David — *A Book of Mediterranean Food*. A hopeful purchase. The only olive oil she could find was sold in her local chemist in a small bottle. ‘For softening earwax?’ he asked when she handed over her money. There was a better life somewhere, Juliet supposed, if only she could be bothered to find it.”

Juliet does indeed find a kind of “better life somewhere,” but it’s one that readers would never wish on her. That ultimate paradox is a testament to Atkinson’s inventiveness as a storyteller, as well as to her powers for creating characters too real for comfort.

Maureen Corrigan, who teaches literature at Georgetown University, is the book critic for the NPR program “Fresh Air.”

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



“Superstore” (7 p.m., NBC): As fans remember, Season 3 ended as will-they-or-won’t-they couple Amy and Jonah (America Ferrera, Ben Feldman) finally did — give in to their passions, that is — not realizing their hook-up was captured by the store’s cameras. The Season 4 premiere, “Back to School,” opens on their first day back at work after the inevitable suspension that followed, which means they have to prepare themselves for brutal teasing.

“Grey’s Anatomy” (7 p.m., ABC): Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) finds herself treating a patent who claims to specialize in matchmaking in a new episode called “Gut Feeling.” Meanwhile, another patient, who appears to be drunk, really gets a rise out of Richard (James Pickens Jr.), but also presents him with a legitimate medical puzzle to solve. Elsewhere, Maggie (Kelly McCreary) feels completely overwhelmed by personal issues, so she tries to contact Teddy (Kim Raver).

“Young Sheldon” (7:31 p.m., CBS): Pretty early in its run, “The Big Bang Theory” established that Dr. Sheldon Cooper’s mother was a woman of deep religious convictions, a trait that also has been part of this spinoff and prequel. That aspect of Mary Cooper’s (Zoe Perry) personality comes to the fore in tonight’s new episode “A Crisis of Faith and Octopus Aliens,” which finds Mary’s trust in God badly shaken by a community tragedy.

“The Coroner: I Speak for the Dead” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): After Juan Vives, a well-liked jockey, is found fatally stabbed in the local woods just a few days before Christmas, the case leads Dauphin County, Pa., Coroner Graham Hetrick and a team of investigators to explore the racing circuit to determine if the killer was a jealous rival or — so to speak — more of a “dark horse” suspect.

“Mom” (8:01 p.m., CBS): Is a relapse — one that has nothing to do with alcohol and drugs — looming in Christy’s (Anna Faris) future? That’s definitely Bonnie’s (Allison Janney) biggest fear when her daughter declares that she feels confident she’s got her past gambling issues under control, so she wants to discontinue her participation in Gamblers Anonymous.

“Station 19” (8:01 p.m., ABC): Season 2 of this “Grey’s Anatomy” spinoff picks up the action pretty much where the Season 1 finale left off, with the firefighters battling the raging skyscraper inferno in the premiere, “No Recovery.” Meanwhile, as Pruitt’s (Miguel Sandoval) health continues to be a matter of grave concern at the hospital, a firefighting veteran with a shadowy past arrives at the station, raising several questions for the team.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Ted Alexandro.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Billy Crystal; model Gisele Bündchen; Quavo performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Singer Lady Gaga.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Lena Dunham; actor Frank Grillo; Young the Giant performs.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 4								MOVIES			
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00		
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T.: “Gasoline Drum.” (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC	5	Superstore (Season Premiere) (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (Season Premiere) (N) ©	I Feel Bad (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC	7	Grey’s Anatomy: “Gut Feeling.” (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: “No Recovery.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©		How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN	9	♦ (6:30) NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Ottawa Senators. (N) (Live) ©				WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)		
	Antenna 9.2		Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy		
	This TV 9.3		Undercover Blues (PG-13,’93) ♦ ♦ Kathleen Turner.				What Planet Are You From? (’00) ♦ ♦				
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Stephen Fry in Central America © (Part 4 of 4)		Rock ‘n’ Roll Guns for Hire -- The Story of the Sidemen (N) ©				
	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 Cincinnati.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett		
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: “Spock’s Brain.”		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦		
Bounce	26.5	One on One	One on One	Family Time	Mann &	Lethal Weapon 3 (R,’92) ♦ ♦ ♦					
FOX	32	NFL Football: Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots. (N) (Live)									
Ion	38	CSI: Crime Scene			CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ♦		
TeleM	44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)			Falsa identidad (N) ©		El recluso (N) ©		Chicago (N)		
CW	50	Supernatural ©			The Originals ©		The Good Wife: “Home.”		Chicago ♦		
UniMas	60	♦ (6) Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema (N)					La jefa del campeón (N)		Velvet ♦		
WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument			
Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Mi marido (N)		La piloto (N)		Noticias (N)			
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©			The First 48 (N) ©		Nightwatch Nation (N) ©		Nation ♦		
	AMC	♦ (6:25) The Walking Dead			(7:46) The Walking Dead		(8:50) The Walking Dead		Walk:Dead ♦		
	ANIM	Northwest Law ©			Northwest Law (N) ©		Northwest Law (N)		Northwest ♦		
	BBCA	Doctor Who ©			Doctor Who ©		Doctor Who ©		Dr. Who ♦		
	BET	♦ (6:31) Jumping the Broom (PG-13,’11) ♦ ♦					The Grand Hustle (Season Finale) (N)			Grand ♦	
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Soccer: Northwestern at Rutgers. (N)					B1G Football & Beyond			Big Ten	
	BRAVO	♦ Madea’s Family Reunion			Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Flipping Out ©		Watch (N)		
	CLTV	Chic.Best	Weekend	S.E.E. Chi	Liv. Healthy	SportsFeed ©		Politics			
	CNBC	Undercover Boss: “Orkin.”			Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦		
	COM	The Office		The Office	The Office		The Office		Daily (N) ♦		
	DISC	Gold Rush: “Game Changing Gold.” (N) ©							Gold Rush ♦		
	DISN	Raven	Raven	Stuck	Stuck	Bunk’d ©		Bunk’d ©			
	E!	Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ♦			
	ESPN	College Football: Tulsa at Houston. From TDECU Stadium in Houston. (N) (Live)							SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©			Formula 1 Racing (N)			Boxing (N) ♦			
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)			Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
	FOOD	Chopped ©			Bite Club (N) ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		
	FREE	♦ (6) Monster House ♦ ♦ ♦					The Addams Family (PG-13,’91) ♦ ♦ Anjelica Huston.				700 Club ♦
	FX	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13,’13) ♦ ♦ Chris Hemsworth. ©							Thor: The Dark World ♦		
	HALL	Pumpkin Pie Wars (NR,’16)			Julie Gonzalo. ©		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hot Prop. (N)	Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)		Desert Flip	
	HIST	Mountain Men ©			Mountain Men: “Conquer the Mountain; Milestones.” (N)					Forged ♦	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
	IFC	♦ (5:30) The Green Hornet			The Mask (PG-13,’94) ♦ ♦ ♦ Jim Carrey. ©					Green Hrn ♦	
	LIFE	The Help (PG-13,’11) ♦ ♦ ♦			Viola Davis, Emma Stone. ©		24 to Life ♦				
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes			Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour ♦		
	MTV	Jersey Shore (N)			Jersey Shore--Vacation		(9:01) Floribama Shore				Jersey ♦
	NBCSCH	Premier League Soccer (Tape)					Postgame		Poker Night	Patrick ♦	
	NICK	I Am Frankie SpongeBob			Movie © ♦						
Ovation	Leap Year (PG,’10) ♦ Amy Adams, Matthew Goode.					Rachel (N)	Rachel (N)	Oceans 12 ♦			
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©			20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ♦			
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦			
PARMT	Friends ©		Friends ©	Pitch Perfect (PG-13,’12) ♦ ♦ ♦ Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin. ©							
SYFY	♦ Insidious		(7:45) Jeepers Creepers 3 (NR,’17) Jonathan Breck. ©					The Purge ♦			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) ♦			
TCM	No Angel (NR,’92) Domenic Cuzzocrea.				(8:45) Dinner at Eight (NR,’33) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦						
TLC	Long Island Medium: “Theresa on Tour.” ©					Long Island Medium: “Living Apart.” ♦					
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Valorie Burton’s		Life Today		Like You	Humanit ♦			
TNT	London Has Fallen (R,’16) ♦ ♦			Gerard Butler. ©		Olympus Has Fallen (R,’13) ♦ ♦ ♦					
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy				
TRAV	A Haunting (N) ©			A Haunting: “Masks of Ghost.” ©					Haunted ♦		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Two Men	Two Men	King ♦				
USA	NCIS ©			NCIS: “Sight Unseen.”					NCIS: “Two Steps Back.”	The Purge ♦	
VH1	Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married Too? (PG-13,’10) ♦ ♦ Tyler Perry. ©							TLC ♦			
WE	Braxton Family Values			Braxton Family Values: “Truth & Consequences.” (Season Finale) (N)						Braxton ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man			
PREMIUM	HBO	Phantom Thread (R,’17) ♦ ♦ ♦ Daniel Day-Lewis.				Insecure ©	(9:45) The Deuce © ♦				
	HBO2	Animals ©	Animals ©	Animals ©	Animals ©	Animals ©	Ballers ©	Last Week			
	MAX	Splice (R,’09) ♦ ♦ ♦ Adrien Brody.			(8:45) Insidious: The Last Key (PG-13,’18) ♦ ♦						
	SHO	♦ Shameless Patch Adams (PG-13,’98) ♦ ♦ Robin Williams.					Kidding ©	SNCTM			
	STARZ	♦ (6:09) The Wrestler ♦ ♦ ♦			Warriors of Liberty City		Warriors of Liberty City		Warriors ♦		
STZENC	♦ (6:17) Legion (R,’10) ♦			Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13,’05) ♦ ♦		(9:33) Phantoms (R) ♦ ♦ ♦					



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WONDERY

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 4): Harvest abundant resources this year. Discipline serves satisfying results. Find unexpected gifts. Winter family fun leads to changes with a group project. Make a professional leap this summer before reaching a new domestic phase.

It's all for home and family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Your fun could get disrupted. Don't fall for a trick or rely on a false assumption. Avoid arguments. Relax close to home and family.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. An obstacle or a barrier blocks an intended domestic outcome. Rather than take on heavy lifting or an expense, ponder possibilities instead. Imagine and plan.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 5. Edit and revise work done before. Launch, publish or promote another day. Polish and beautify your presentation before going public. Resolve rough spots.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Estimate and create budgets. Revise numbers carefully to avoid a dispute. Take future appreciation into account. Guard against impulsive behavior. Keep spending low and rest.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Discover a road block with a personal project. Don't present unfinished work. Slow to take time for yourself. Avoid unnecessary quarrels. Wait for developments.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Pay attention to dreams and visions. Stay home rather than going out. Let your mind wander. Something that doesn't work now will later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Develop and refine your team strategy. Create a solid backup plan. Wait for an obstacle to clear. Avoid risky business. Stick to reliable routines.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Review and plan before advancing. Competition may be fierce. A professional challenge deserves thorough study. Consider options and possible consequences. Breathe deeply.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Confusion and delays could disrupt your travels. Find somewhere comfortable to wait. Monitor conditions to anticipate changes. Complications could arise. Allow extra time for transfers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Balance shared accounts, and pay bills. Financial tangles could cause delays and frustration. Slow down and step back when needed. Avoid gambles.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. You and a partner don't agree on everything. Let the small stuff go. Avoid silly arguments. Prioritize love over money. Keep your sense of humor.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Guard against breakage, technical glitches or mechanical failure. Don't force things; stop when you reach the limit. Prioritize health and wellness. Nature revitalizes your spirit.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ A 7	♥ Q 6 4 3 2	♠ 8 4 3	♥ K J 10 8 7
♦ K 3 2	♣ Q J 6	♦ J 10 9 6 5	♣ Void
West		South	
♠ Q J 10 9 6 2	♥ A 9 5	♠ K 5	♥ Void
♦ Void	♣ 9 7 4 2	♦ A Q 8 7 4	♣ A K 10 8 5 3

South's final bid to slam was a bit optimistic, but he caught a great dummy. Seven clubs would not have been a bad contract, needing only a 3-2 split in diamonds.

South saw that he was in a great contract and he wanted to play safely for 12 tricks. The only problem would be a

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1♣	2♣	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

hand, preserving dummy's ace of spades as a late entry.

South drew trumps in four rounds, discarding a heart from dummy as East shed two spades and two hearts. A low diamond to dummy's king revealed the bad news, but South was prepared. He led a low diamond from the table. East was forced to play the nine or South would have won with his seven. South won with the queen and crossed back to dummy with the ace of spades. Another diamond from dummy and East couldn't prevent South from getting four diamond tricks and his contract. Nicely played!

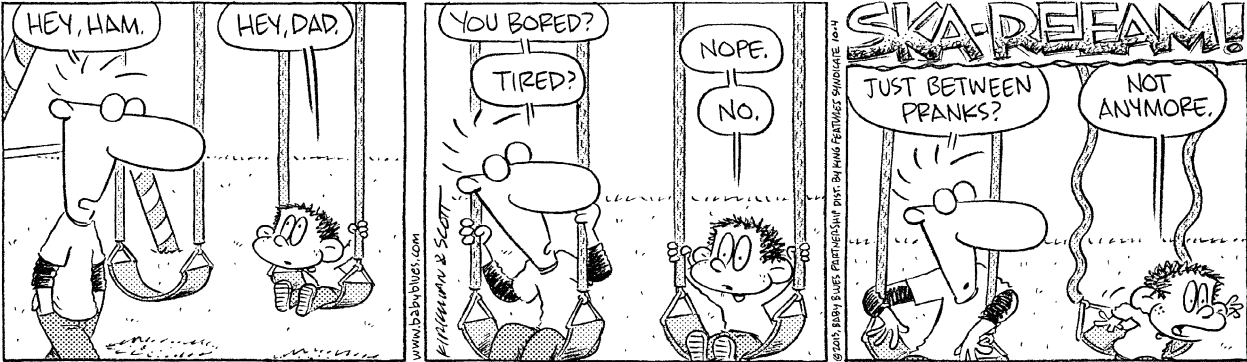
Note that the contract would have failed had South won the opening lead in dummy. The late entry was essential for his success.

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Baby Blues



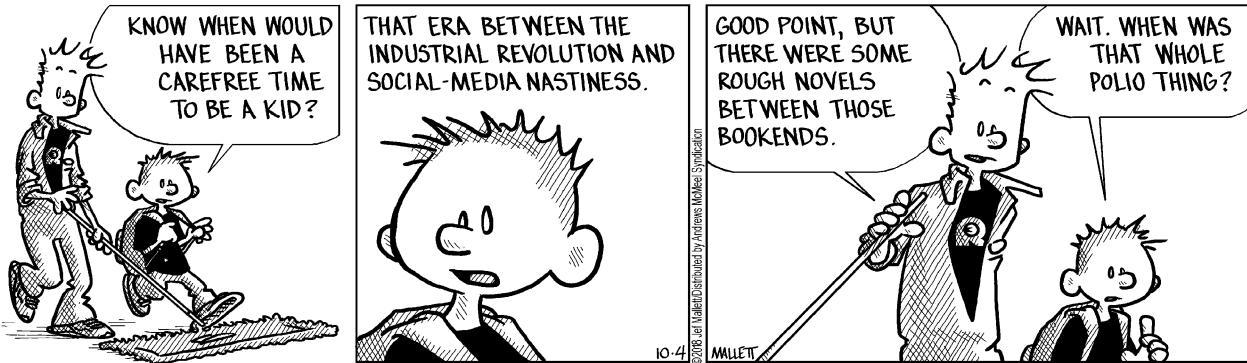
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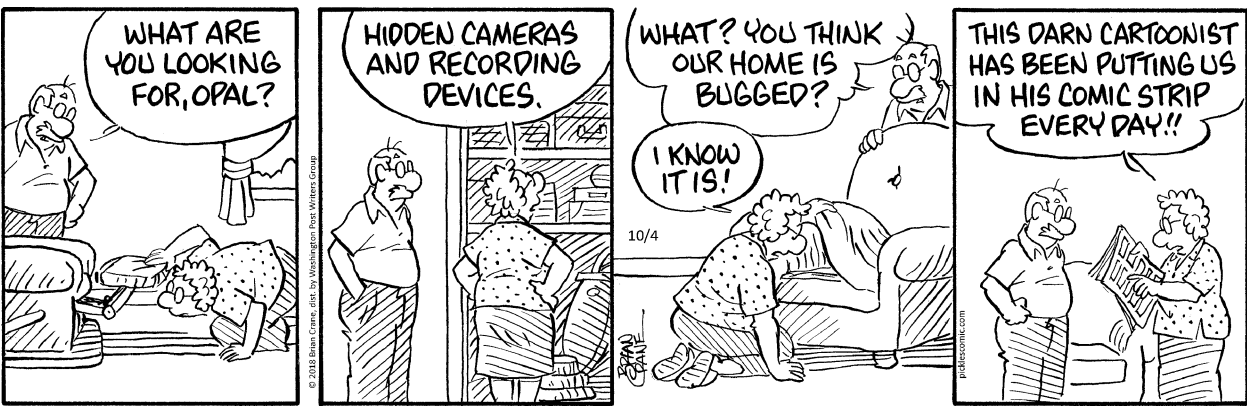
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Classic Peanuts



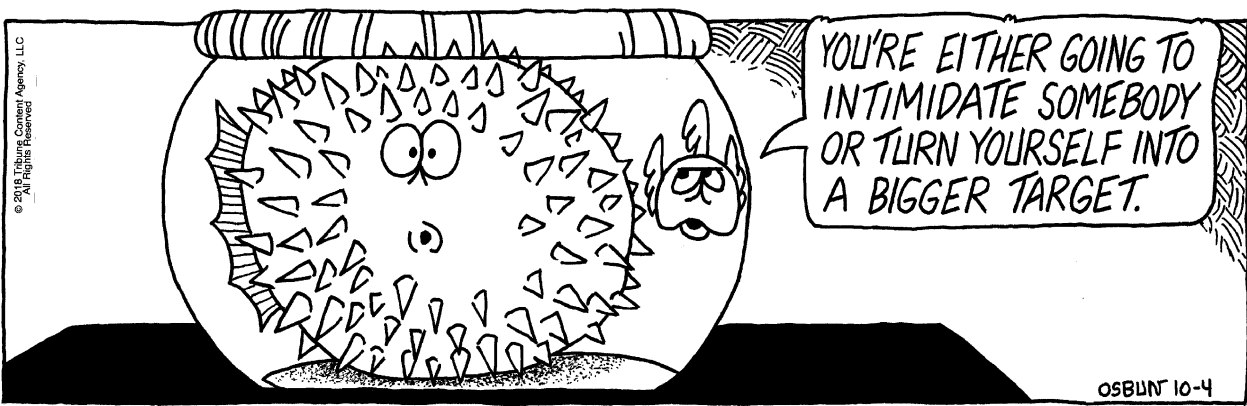
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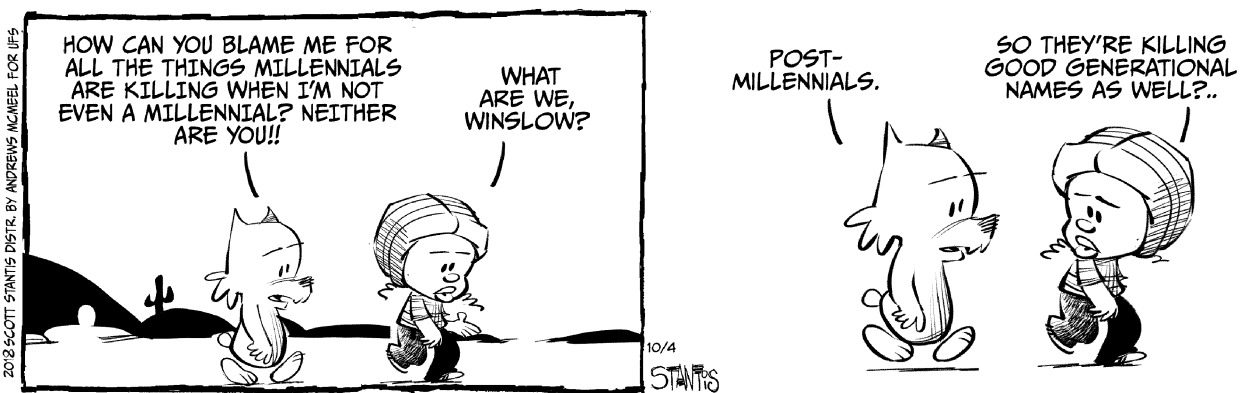
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Animal Crackers



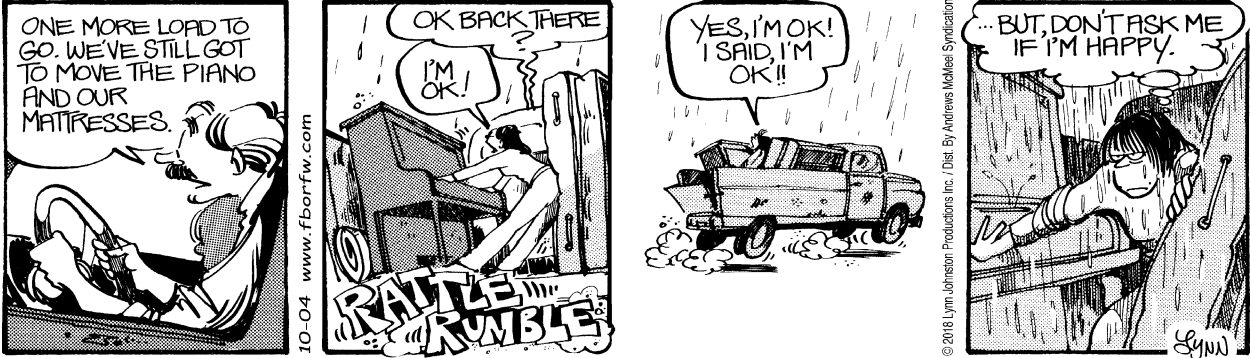
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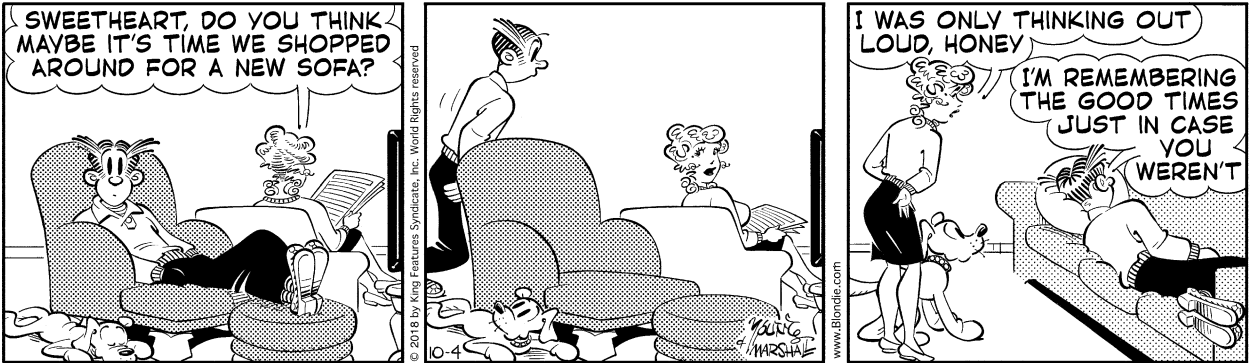
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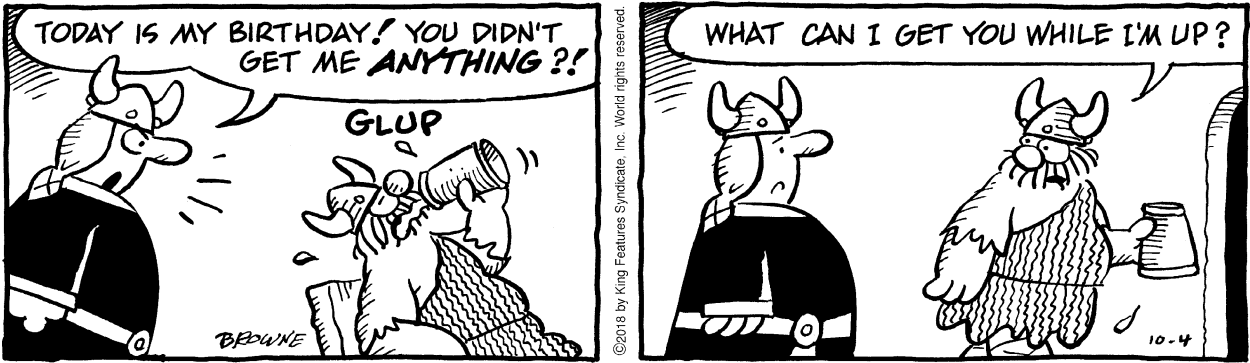
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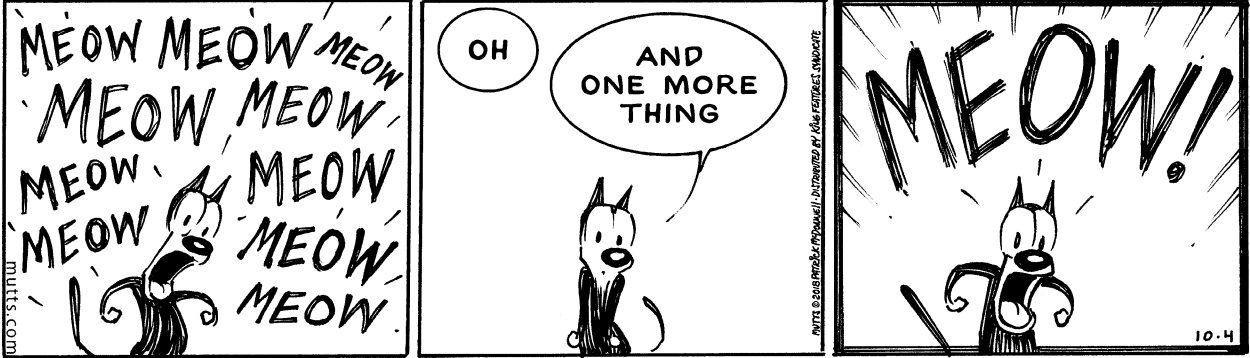
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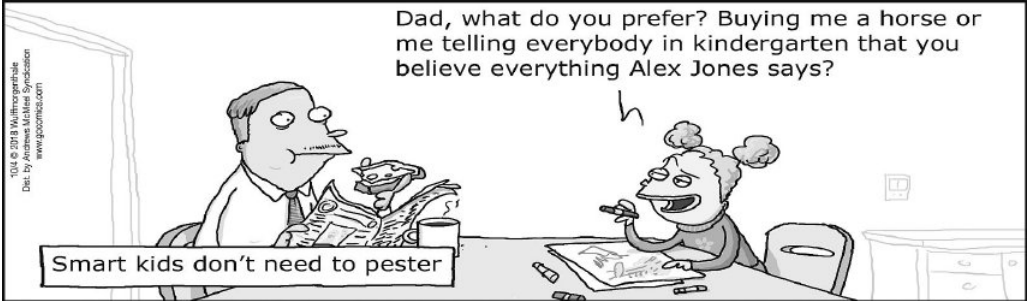
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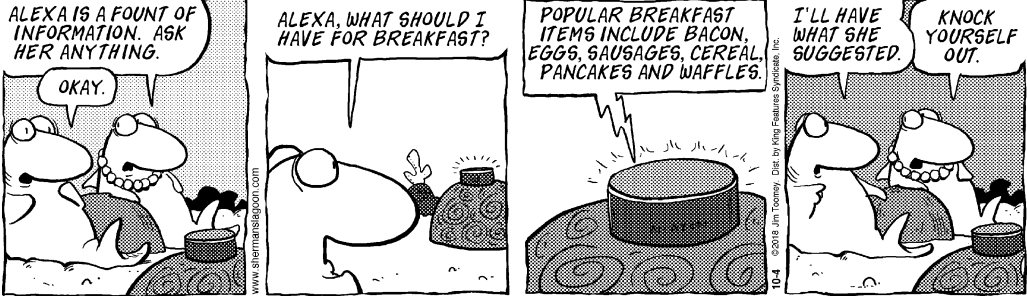
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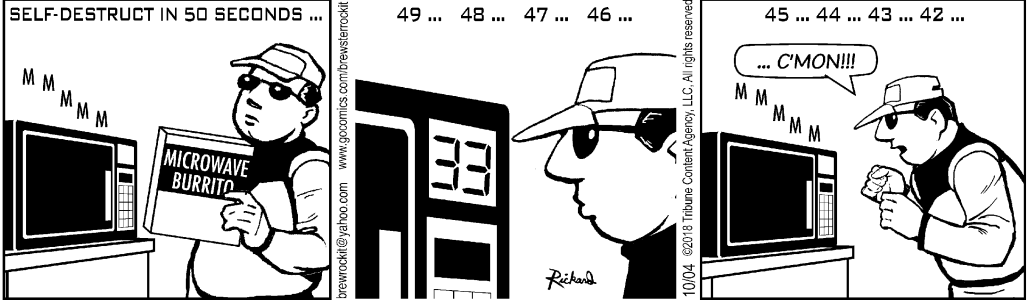
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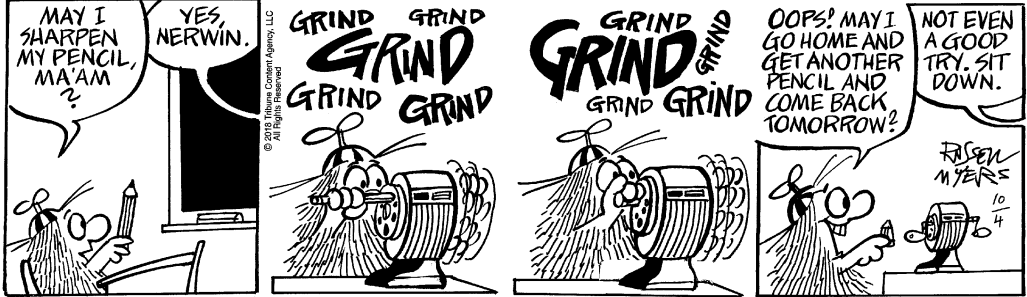
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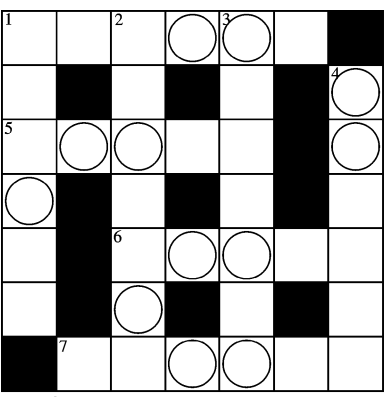
Trivia Bits

Siri began as a research and development project funded by what government entity?

- A) Department of Defense
B) Department of Education
C) Federal Communications Commission
D) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Wednesday's answer: King Arthur.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: This person said, "Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise."

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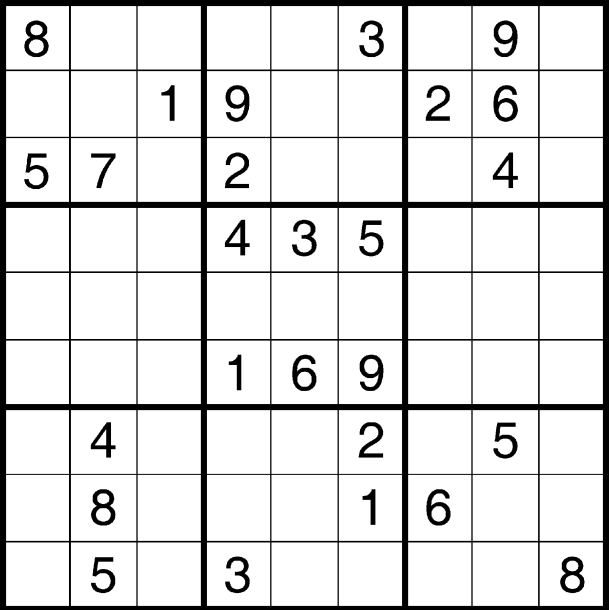
- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER
1. Injury RMAUTA
5. Brawl HTFGI
6. China neighbor NIAD
7. ___ steeple CRCHHU
CLUE DOWN ANSWER
1. Low stool FSTFTU
2. Heartache HSNGAIU
3. Bullfighter AAROMDT
4. Cut off CDEHTA

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Trauma 5-A-Flight 6-A-India 7-A-Right 8-A-Right 9-A-Trauma 10-A-Right 11-Right 12-Right 13-Right 14-Right 15-Right 16-Right 17-Right 18-Right 19-Right 20-Right 21-Right 22-Right 23-Right 24-Right 25-Right 26-Right 27-Right 28-Right 29-Right 30-Right 31-Right 32-Right 33-Right 34-Right 35-Right 36-Right 37-Right 38-Right 39-Right 40-Right 41-Right 42-Right 43-Right 44-Right 45-Right 46-Right 47-Right 48-Right 49-Right 50-Right 51-Right 52-Right 53-Right 54-Right 55-Right 56-Right 57-Right 58-Right 59-Right 60-Right 61-Right 62-Right 63-Right 64-Right 65-Right 66-Right 67-Right 68-Right

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

10/4



7	2	8	1	6	3	4	9	5
6	4	5	8	2	9	7	1	3
9	3	1	5	7	4	6	2	8
3	8	4	6	9	5	1	7	2
1	6	2	7	3	8	9	5	4
5	7	9	2	4	1	3	8	6
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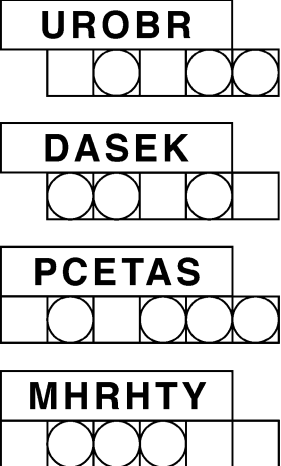
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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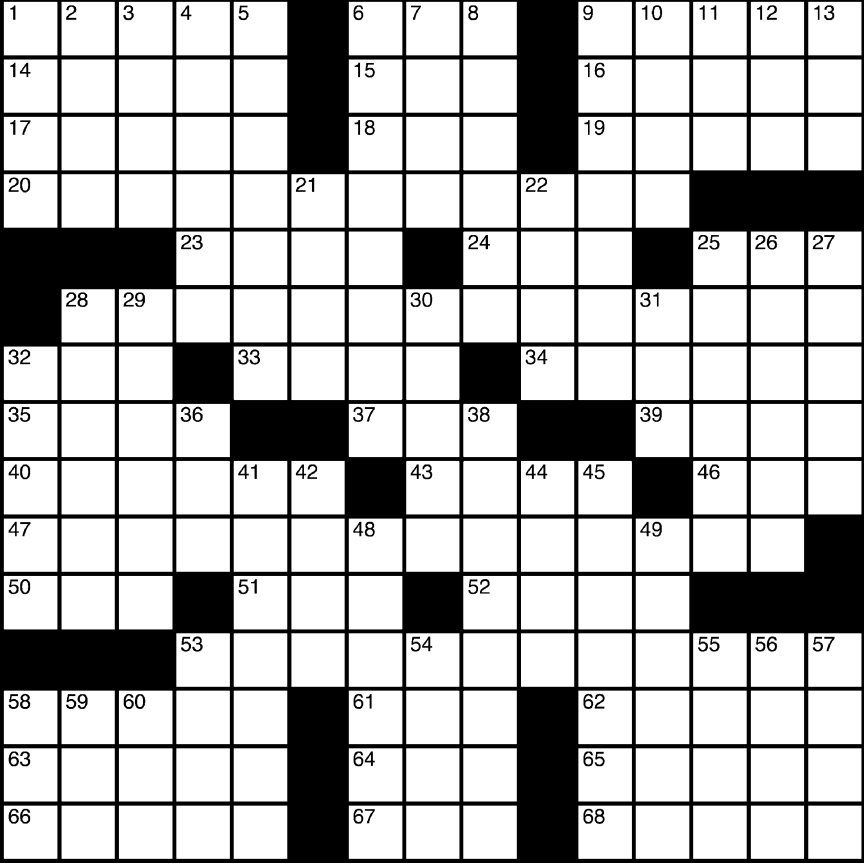
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: HASTY BEGUN INFLUX TRIVIA
Answer: After a nasty divorce, she started referring to her ex-husband as her — "BITTER" HALF

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Crossword

10/4



Across

- 1 Abruptly end a relationship with by ignoring texts, calls and such
6 European airline
9 Uninspiring
14 Pizazz
15 Flightless bird
16 Not in the dark
17 Prickly shrub
18 Prefix with match or fire
19 One with no hope
20 Spotify category for courageous Motown lovers?
23 Alpine lake
24 Fair-hiring initials
25 "The Waste Land" monogram
28 One hiking in a Maine national park?
32 Org. for the Williams sisters

Wednesday's solution



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- 33 Blood fluids
34 Damascus native
35 Says 22-Down, perhaps
37 Octane Booster brand
39 Loan figs.
40 "Field of Dreams" actor
43 Cy Young stats
46 Final: Abbr.
47 Weekend in the Hamptons, say?
50 Pinafore letters
51 Hebrew for "day"
52 Small fruit pie
53 Like a delivery truck blocking your car, maybe ... and a hint to 20-, 28- and 47-Across
58 Gulf States inlet
61 Bagel go-with
62 Flower child's greeting
63 Track meet part
64 Cooperstown winter hrs.
65 Legally bar
66 Sees regularly
67 Rehab issue
68 Angioplasty implant

Down

- 1 Mongolian desert
2 Traffic sound
3 Jump over
4 Ancient Peloponnesian state
5 Winds (one's way) through
6 Some advanced college courses

- 7 Surrounded by
8 Prince Harry's dukedom
9 Without much detail
10 MPs' concern
11 Bad review
12 Steam
13 German article
21 ___-dieu
22 Unwelcome word from a barber
25 Catch in a lie, say
26 NutraSweet developer
27 Accounting giant ___ & Young
28 Courtyard that may feature glass elevators
29 Pod-bearing trees
30 Consumed
31 60 minuti
32 ___ corgi
36 R-V link
38 Excuses
41 Casting calls
42 ___ Ben Adhem"
44 "Stat!"
45 Skins, as a knee
48 Strolled
49 Taking it easy
53 Finished
54 In need of guidance
55 "This Is Us" role for Chrissy Metz
56 Micro or macro subj.
57 Cabinet div.
58 ___ Bath & Beyond
59 "Selma" director DuVernay
60 Nevertheless

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THURSDAY, OCT. 4

NORMAL HIGH: 67°


NORMAL LOW: 46°

RECORD HIGH: 90° (1951)

RECORD LOW: 32° (1989)

Much cooler air to spread over Chicago area

LOCAL FORECAST



HIGH	LOW
60	51

■ **Showers and thunderstorms move off to the south and east with high pressure building in behind the departing cold front.**

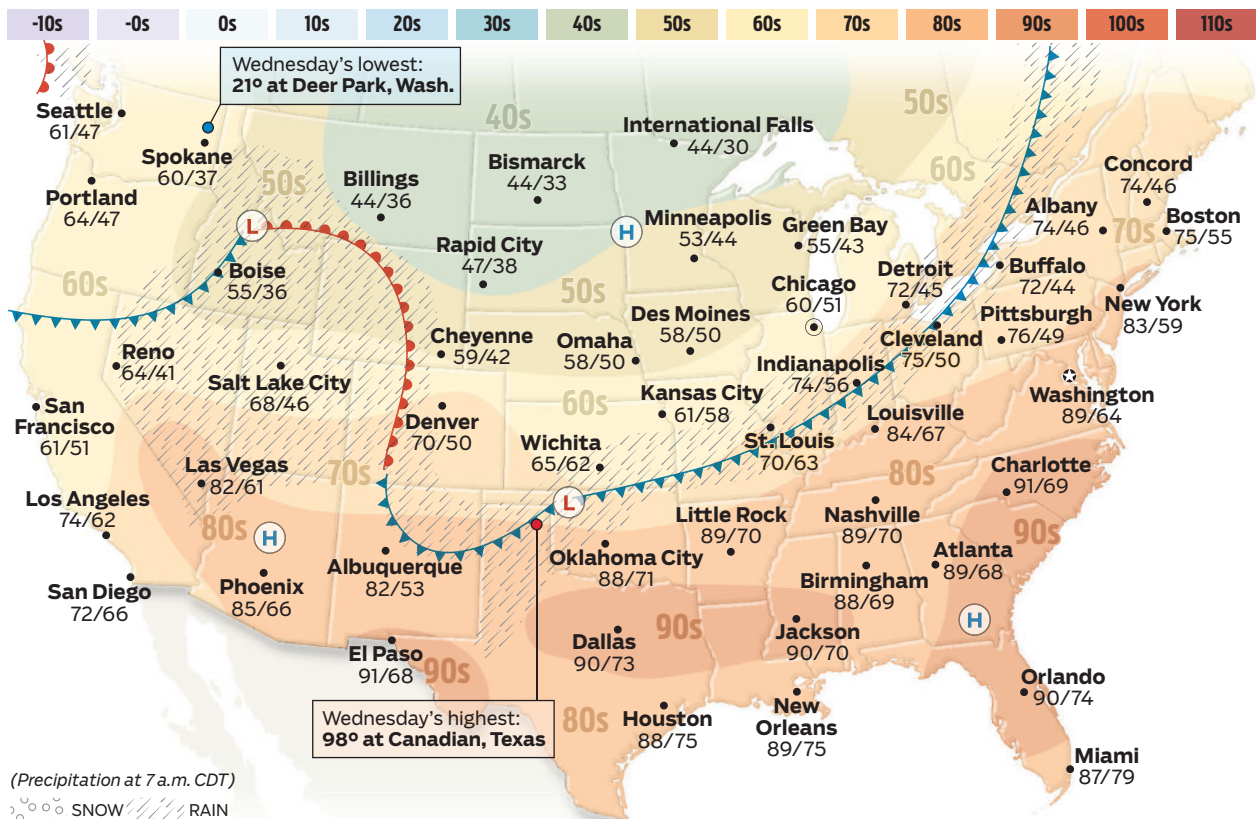
■ Linger showers possible southeast of the city around daybreak, otherwise mostly sunny, breezy, and much cooler.

■ Highs in upper 50s north to mid 60s south – some 25° cooler than highs Wednesday afternoon.

■ Brisk NE winds 10-20 mph off the cool lake waters hold readings in the 50s along the lakefront.

■ Clouding over at night; a good chance of showers and t-storms by morning.


NATIONAL FORECAST



The cold front that threatened strong thunderstorms overnight will move off to the south and east early Thursday. Following the front, there will be a brief incursion of cool Canadian high pressure with highest temperatures some 25 to 30 degrees lower than Wednesday's upper 80s. The 88 degrees recorded at Chicago's official O'Hare airport observing site fell just 3 degrees short of the all-time Oct. 3 record high of 91 set in 1954.

With a brisk wind off the cooling waters of Lake Michigan, temperatures will struggle to rise much higher than 60 degrees Thursday with lakefront locations likely holding in the 50s. Then another low pressure system moving out of the Plains will spread showers and thunderstorms over the Chicago area from the west Friday, continuing into Saturday with frequent downpours.


FRIDAY, OCT. 5



HIGH	LOW
71	65

Another round of scattered showers and thunderstorms with some brief heavy downpours likely. Mild with highs in the lower 70s although SE winds will keep readings cooler along the lakefront. T-storms overnight.


SATURDAY, OCT. 6



HIGH	LOW
73	58

Not an all day rain, but periods of showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s. A continued chance of showers and thunderstorms overnight. Southwest winds during the day shift NE at night.


SUNDAY, OCT. 7



HIGH	LOW
67	62

Chicago Marathon could have relatively mild temps with clouds and possible showers as a warm front moves north over our area. Highs in the mid 60s north to upper 70s far south. Cooler for the marathoners along the lake due to southeast winds.


MONDAY, OCT. 8



HIGH	LOW
80	68

Columbus Day. Area sits in the warm sector of a deepening Plains storm system. South to southwest winds of 15-25 mph help raise afternoon temperatures to around 80 degrees area-wide.


TUESDAY, OCT. 9



HIGH	LOW
83	67

Partly cloudy, warm and more humid with an increasing chance of showers and thunderstorms by afternoon into the overnight hours. High temperatures 80-85. Gusty southwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10



HIGH	LOW
80	59

Mostly cloudy, warm and humid with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Chance of storms overnight. SW winds shift to the north late.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Why do Minnesota and Wisconsin experience so many damaging thunderstorms, considering how far north they are?
— Margaret Robertson, Chicago

Dear Margaret,
Severe thunderstorms can occur anywhere, given the necessary conditions of warmth, moisture, instability, converging low-level winds and diverging winds aloft. The upper Midwest gets its fair share of severe weather, with the time of highest incidence from midsummer through early fall. The region is prone to derechos, a high wind event in which downburst winds, at times in excess of 100 mph, plow out of a line of fast-moving thunderstorms, producing swaths of damage that extend for hundreds or even thousands of miles. Iowa meteorologist Gustavus Hinrichs coined the term "derecho" in the 1880s, a Spanish word meaning "straight ahead."

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A warm, windy Wednesday; flash-flood potential Friday

WEDNESDAY'S WARMTH & WIND GUSTS

CHICAGO AREA HIGH TEMPS		
O'Hare	Midway	Lakefront
88°	88°	87°
One of only 6 temps as warm so late in the season		
Chicago's Warmest late-season temps for Oct. 3 or later:		
1997 88° (Oct. 8)		
1975 89° (Oct. 14)		
1963 94° (Oct. 6)		
1954 91° (Oct. 3)		
1951 90° (Oct. 4)		
1947 88° (Oct. 15)		

PEAK WIND GUSTS

O'Hare	Midway
46 mph	45 mph
Glenview 44 mph	
Lane-Tech Chi 44 mph	
Geneva 42 mph	
Harvard 42 mph	
Aurora 41 mph	
Orland Park 40 mph	
Naperville 39 mph	
Crystal Lake 38 mph	

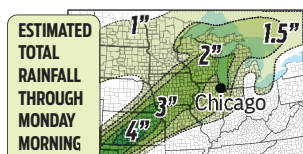
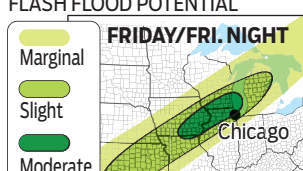
CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
31%	85%	60%	50%	17%
THUR. NIGHT	FRI. NIGHT	SAT. NIGHT	SUN. NIGHT	MON. NIGHT
45%	70%	35%	35%	21%

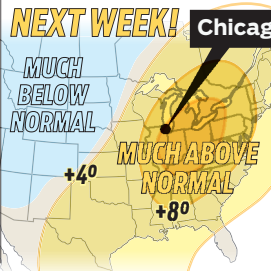
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WET LATE-WEEK SYSTEM

Excessive Rainfall Risk



WARMTH RETURNS NEXT WEEK!



CHICAGO MARATHON

Cloudy, cool and drizzly

TEMPERATURES		
7 A.M.	10 A.M.	1 P.M.
60°	62°	64°
SUSTAINED WINDS:		
9 mph	9 mph	10 mph
PEAK GUSTS: 10-20 MPH		

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CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES							
LOCATION		HI	LO	LOCATION		HI	LO
Aurora		88	59	Midway		88	60
Gary		88	60	O'Hare		86	57
Kankakee		89	59	Romeoville		88	59
Lakefront		87	59	Valparaiso		90	59
Lansing		87	59	Waukegan		86	59

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION			
PERIOD	2018	NORMAL	
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.11"	
October to date	1.57"	0.30"	
Year to date	39.45"	28.64"	

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST			
TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS			
7 a.m.	3 hours, 54 minutes		
1 p.m.*	38 minutes		
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely		

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS			
THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Wind	N 14-26 kts.	SE/S 7-17 kts.	
Waves	4-7 feet	3-6 feet	
Wed. shore/crib water temps 68°/67°			

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL			
POLLEN	LEVEL		
Tree	0		
Grass	0		
Mold	Low		
Ragweed	Low		
Weed	Low		

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY			
Wednesday's reading	Moderate		
Thursday's forecast	Good		
Critical pollutant	Particulates		

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES			
Sun	6:51 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	
Moon	1:19 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	

3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q	FULL
Oct. 2	Oct. 8	Oct. 16	Oct. 24

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH			
PLANET	RISE	SET	
Mercury	7:43 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	
Venus	9:42 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	
Mars	4:01 p.m.	1:20 a.m.	
Jupiter	10:22 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	
Saturn	1:35 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME			
	TIME	DIRECTION	
Mercury	Not visible		
Venus	Not visible		
Mars	8:45 p.m.	25.5° S	
Jupiter	7:30 p.m.	10° WSW	
Saturn	7:30 p.m.	24° SSW	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

Chicago Tribune

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Hot water tanks need regular maintenance **PAGE 5**

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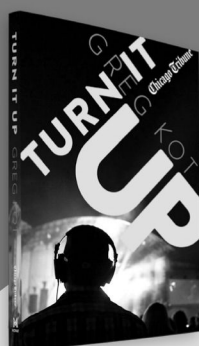
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BY DAN DiCLERICO
HomeAdvisor

Did you hear? Bathrooms are having a moment.

HomeAdvisor's latest True Cost Report found that it's the most remodeled room in the house, taking over the top spot from the kitchen. Manufacturers have responded with a slew of products aimed at making bathrooms more functional, stylish and efficient. Designers and architects, meanwhile, are coming up with new design schemes for the spaces.

If you're planning a bathroom remodel of your own, here's a trio of trends to consider.

Wood flooring is popular throughout the home, but it's not ideal for wet locations, including the bathroom. That's what makes new wood-look porcelain-tile planks so alluring. They're the spitting image of real wood, whether cherry, ash, oak, or redwood, and they're totally water-resistant, so you don't have to towel off before stepping out of the shower. The textured grain of the material also means added slip-resistance, minimizing the risk of slips and falls.

Looking for a low-maintenance vanity countertop

Bathroom makeovers



KATARZYNA BIALASIEWICZ/DREAMSTIME

Water-resistant faux wood floors and high-tech, water-efficient fixtures are in demand.

to go with your porcelain floors? Consider quartz, which was tapped by 91 percent of kitchen designers in the latest trends report by the National Kitchen & Bath Association. Granite and marble followed, at 61 percent and 45 percent, respectively.

The bathroom has been the last frontier for smart home technology, but that's starting to change. More homeowners are used to controlling cameras and doorbells and appliances on their phones. The expectation is they can now do the same with the

shower, turning the water on and setting the temperature from an app on their phone, or even through the voice-controlled smart speaker on the bedside table.

Smart toilets, with their built-in bidets, embedded speakers and other high-

tech conveniences, are another hot bathroom trend, especially with older Americans, who are embracing the technology as an aging-in-place upgrade. If you're remodeling, remember to put a GFCI outlet near the toilet location to power your smart

toilet.

With water costs on the rise, this trend is as good for your household budget as it is for the planet. Better still, you don't have to sacrifice performance when choosing water-efficient bathroom fixtures. For example, toilets that meet the strictest 1.28 gallons per flush deliver superb flushing power. Likewise, you can get an invigorating spray from a showerhead that uses a miserly 2.0 gallons of water per minute.

Proper planning is critical to a successful bathroom renovation. Ideally, you should spend about three months in the planning phase, setting the budget, assembling your team of pros, and shopping around for products and materials.

On average, homeowners report spending around \$9,742 to complete a bathroom remodel. Of course, lower-end projects with a focus on cosmetic changes average \$2,500, while higher-end jobs run closer to \$24,000. Ultimately, the cost of your bathroom remodeling project will depend on the materials you choose and whether you decide to move plumbing and fixtures. That's one task that will add significant dollars to your remodeling budget.

FINDS

A turntable for the vinyl enthusiast

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

A few years ago at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Crosley gave me a booth tour and education about the resurgence of vinyl and of course included some of its latest turntables.

The surge is still going and Crosley is producing some great turntables. The latest I tried was the C6

two-speed manual.

Easy is an understatement for setup. I used the RCA outputs for a direct connection to my receiver.

I set the turntable's manually adjustable belt for 33 1/3 rpm because that's all I own. To play 45s, just move the belt to change the speed. Other aspects of the setup are the tonearm counterweight and clicking on the dust cover. An Audio Technica Cartridge comes

preinstalled.

Since it's a manual turntable, use a cueing lever to drop the needle to start the music, and when your record is done playing, manually lift and return the needle to its base. The bottom has vibration control feet. Easy setup and great sound, but the C6 also looks great in a walnut-colored veneer shell, with an acrylic folding lid. Other choices are black or red.

At first glance, the C6 might be considered an entry-level turntable, which it can be, but it can also be for any vinyl enthusiast. You can always get bigger and better, but if it does what you want, why change? That brings me back to my booth tour — there sure are a lot of cool things to choose from in the Crosley catalog.

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Airbnb was inspired by '80s culture

Texas couple made statement without spending a fortune

BY MICHAEL MERSCHER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — They set out to build an Airbnb — and ended up striking a chord.

Jeremy and Kelsey Turner's Lower Greenville property, dubbed the McFly, is styled in what they advertise as a "Back to the '80s" theme. With a few carefully selected pieces and a whole lot of pastel paint, they turned part of their 1934 Tudor duplex into a space where the characters of "Pee-wee's Playhouse" would feel right at home.

The Turners didn't have to spend a ton of money to make a design statement. OK, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles arcade game was not cheap. But the wall-mounted pay phone enclosure was free.

And whatever assembling the pieces cost, they add up to viral success. Images from the McFly, which opened in early July, have been catnip for sites such as Travel + Leisure, msn.com, liketotally80s.com and, well, you're reading this now, aren't you?

Their work offers lessons not only in how to have fun with a home project but a peek into how design works in the social media age.

The Turners already were operating a successful, traditional Airbnb space. Jeremy says the idea for the McFly (the name is a nod to "Back to the Future") came the day he visited a vintage toy store and watched "Ready Player One." It got him thinking about creating

a space that evoked his own childhood.

"I wanted it to be light and playful," he says as he leads a reporter through the living room. "So that's why I really wanted there to be video games and the sweet cereal buffet. I ate so much of that stuff when I was a kid, you know?"

He's talking about the vintage cereal in the kitchen — fresh cereal, in vintage boxes. Now marked Do Not Throw Away, because someone, tragically, did that to their Cap'n Crunch. The kitchen also stocks Pop-Tarts.

If the Turners' memories of the 1980s seem somewhat youthful, it's because they are youthful too. He was born in 1986. She was born in 1984. Which explains why their space is not exactly a literal representation of life during that decade. You'll find no mention of the era's horrors, such as news clippings about Chernobyl or cassette tapes from Night Ranger.

You will find a working Nintendo — "Duck Hunt," anyone? You'll also see Michael Jackson. On a poster, at least.

It took about three months to assemble it all, Jeremy says. He wouldn't give the exact budget but indicates it wasn't extravagant. (The space currently rents for \$79 to \$150 a night.)

"We would find things in thrift stores. We would find things on eBay, Craigslist." Lula B's of Dallas was a good source, as was First Monday Trade Days of Canton.

"I just kind of trusted my gut," Jeremy says. "I'm definitely not like an interior designer. But I knew



BRIAN ELLEDGE/DALLAS MORNING NEWS PHOTOS

These '80s-style couches are featured in the living room, where a Trapper Keeper holds the Airbnb's guest information.



Owners Jeremy and Kelsey Turner sit at the dining table in the McFly house listed on Airbnb. They were both born in the '80s. The home rents for \$79 to \$150 a night.

what I was going for."

One particular item he singled out: that Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles game. "That was definitely in my original vision for the place," he says. "And I really focused and fixated on that."

Tracking one down was a challenge. The game is "considered a unicorn

because they're so rare and a lot of arcade people want them," he says. But after putting "wanted" ads on Craigslist nationwide, he found one in San Antonio.

The wall-mounted pay phone box was serendipity: While helping a friend move, they spotted it in the trash at a gas station.

"Kids today have never

used a phone booth," he says, admiring the installation.

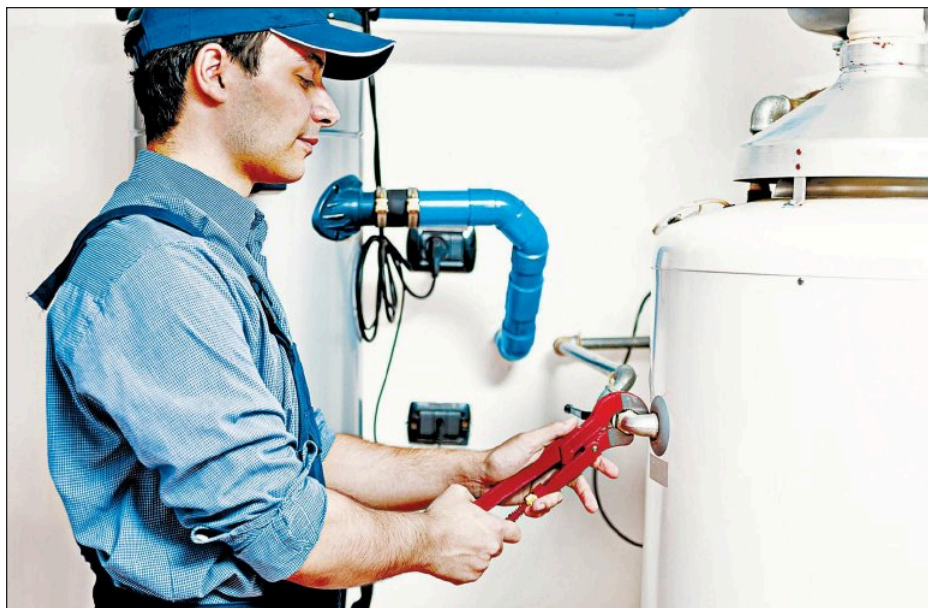
The space's signature visual comes from the wall in the dining room, behind the old McDonald's booth that Jeremy found on Facebook Marketplace. The mural there was painted by Kelsey, who does freelance design work.

Jeremy says the room was inspired by the Max — the diner in "Saved by the Bell" — and by the work of the Memphis Design Group, the Italians who conceived that look. Kelsey says the color palette came from a vintage Trapper Keeper, a device familiar to anyone of the era who ever had loose-leaf paper to bind. (It now holds the Airbnb's guest information.)

Kelsey, who spoke by phone, says the hunt for items was fun, but it took discretion. "There's a lot of stuff that you wouldn't dare put in an Airbnb," she says. "People would try to offer us really ugly things. And we were like, 'No! Not that! Thank you!'"

Kelsey also had to serve as a check on certain plans, such as Jeremy's unrealized (so far) dream of putting an Officer Big Mac jail from a McDonald's playground on the property. Somehow.

"I feel like he just sees the final product — the vision in his head," she says. "He doesn't think of all the steps of getting it there. I think I'm a little more practical."



DREAMSTIME/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Regular flushing is an essential element of water heater maintenance.

HOME REMEDIES

How to flush a water heater

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Much like changing your car's oil, a water heater needs regular maintenance for top performance. A water heater flush clears out sediment and minerals such as calcium and lime, which could impede your heater's performance.

Whether you have a gas or electric heater, sediment buildup represents a serious problem. Experts recommend that you drain and flush the tank once a year to keep it in good condition and extend its life. Fall is a good time to flush the tank if you haven't done so already.

You can expect to pay between \$100 and \$200 if you hire a professional.

Tankless water heaters also benefit from cleaning and flushing. Although they don't carry the same large amount of water as traditional tanks, scaling and sediment can build up in the pipes. This does take a bit longer than on a traditional tank, so you'll be paying closer to the \$200 end of the scale.

What happens if I don't flush my water heater?

The sediment buildup

insulates the water from the heat source on the bottom of the tank, which forces the heater to work harder. As a result, the heater requires more time and energy to heat the same amount of water.

If you leave sediment buildup untouched, it can create worse problems in the long term. Water pressure will drop, and pipes can burst. If sediment builds up high enough, it can shut down the tank entirely.

A noisy water heater is a sure sign of sediment buildup.

How can I flush my water heater?

You can drain your water heater yourself with no more tools than a garden hose, screwdriver and protective gloves. Take great care when coming in contact with the heater, pipes, and water — it will all be very hot!

1. Turn off the gas or electricity. The manufacturer's instructions should explain this. Turn the gas control knob to the "pilot" position on a gas heater. For an electric heater, turn off the circuit breaker and disconnect the power supply.

2. Turn off the water supply valve.

3. Turn on the hot water faucet on a nearby sink, and keep it running while you work. This will prevent a vacuum from forming in the lines.

4. Attach your hose to the drain valve. Run it to a drain, driveway or empty bucket. You might need a manual pump if the water heater is in the basement.

5. Open the drain valve with a screwdriver. Allow the water to flow until it stops. If you're using a bucket, be prepared to empty it frequently.

6. Open and close the water supply valve several times to stir up and flush the lingering sediment. The water will flow quickly, so be ready!

7. Disconnect the hose and close the drain valve tightly.

8. Open the water supply valve. Turn on hot water faucets on all your fixtures to remove air bubbles.

9. Follow manufacturer's instructions to restart your heater. Make sure the tank is full, or else you may damage the heating element.

If you run into trouble, contact a licensed plumber.

Southern blight rare here but can cause plant death

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I have an avid gardening friend who thought some of my hostas might be suffering from southern blight, which I have never heard of. How can I identify this and what can I do to protect my garden?

— Austin Jefferson,
Evanston

Southern blight (*Pellicularia rolfsii*, *Sclerotium delphinii* and *Sclerotium rolfsii*), commonly called crown rot, was first found at the Chicago Botanic Garden three years ago, and the staff has been taking steps to learn more about the disease and how to control it.

As the name implies, it is a disease that is common in the Southern states and said to be rare in Illinois. It is a fungal disease that affects herbaceous plants (and some woody plants) and results in plant collapse and death. Southern blight is favored by very hot (upper 80s to 90s Fahrenheit) and humid, wet weather. The pathogen can remain viable in soil for three to five years. It affects many host plants and seems to favor hostas here.

It is relatively easy to identify this disease in the late stages — look for wilting plants with yellowing leaves that collapse and die.

The key identifying characteristics are the presence of white, fuzzy mycelium (the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a network of fine white filaments) at the center of the plant's crown near the soil line along with sclerotia. Sclerotia are small, round "seedlike" growths that are white, reddish tan or brown. If you see the sclerotia at the base of your hostas, then you most likely have southern blight



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Southern blight is a fungal disease that affects herbaceous plants and results in plant collapse and death. One characteristic is sclerotia — small, round seedlike growths.

affecting them.

Plants in the vicinity and downslope from these plants could be infected but not yet showing symptoms so will need to be monitored going forward. Moving water will spread this disease, along with contaminated tools, plants, soil, gloves and shoes.

Promptly remove any infected plants along with the soil around them. Try to remove the soil to a depth of 8 inches and 6 inches away from the plant. Place the plants and soil into a heavy-duty trash bag and put in the garbage. This debris should not be placed in your compost pile. Do not do this work during wet conditions and be careful to contain the soil and plant debris, which can spread the disease. It is important to sanitize any garden equipment used to do this work. Bring in fresh soil to fill any resulting low spots.

Other good practices to help contain this disease include the following:

avoid or minimize walking through the area that may have southern blight; do not mulch, as the mulch helps create favorable conditions for the disease; avoid watering or minimize watering to avoid runoff; and do not transplant plants from the area that may be infected with southern blight to other parts of your garden. There are also fungicides that can be applied to help protect your plants.

If you are able to eradicate the disease from your hosta bed, then divide the remaining plants or purchase new plants to fill the holes. If the disease persists, then you may need to replace all the hostas with a plant such as goatsbeard, maidenhair fern, royal fern or hellebore that shows resistance to southern blight.

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'Ask the Builder' column turning 25

Technology among many changes in field

BY TIM CARTER
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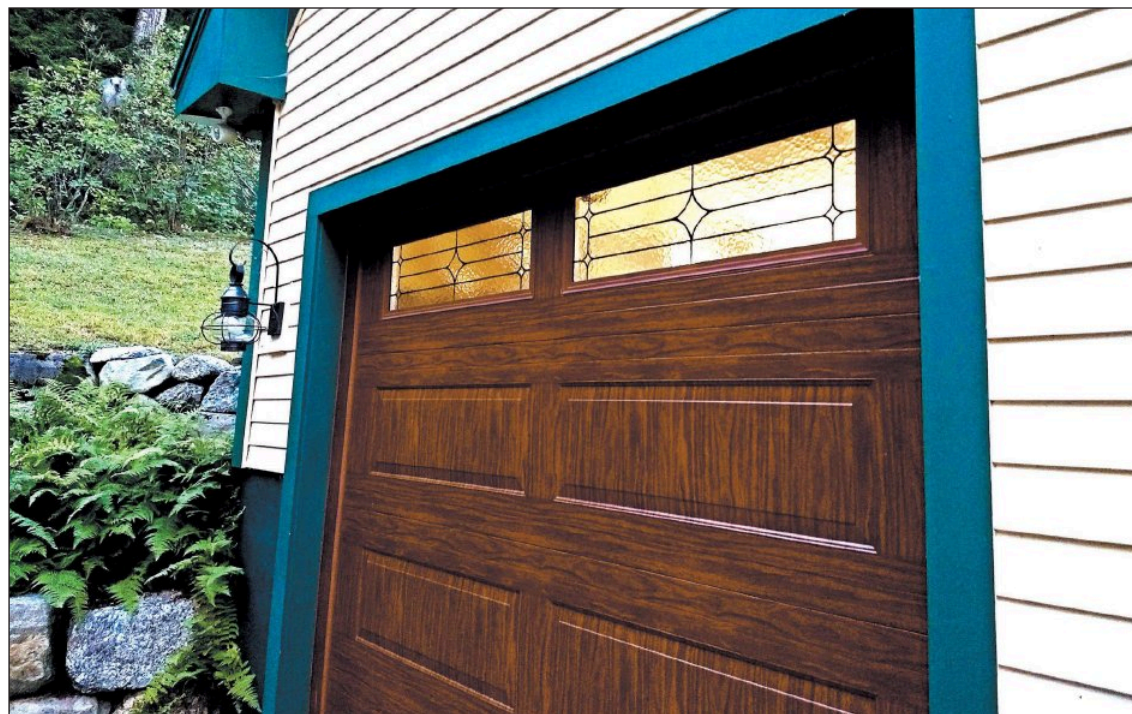
Oct. 2, 2018, is the 25th anniversary of my "Ask the Builder" syndicated newspaper column. I'm very proud of surviving this long as a writer and publisher, and I thought I'd share some of the good and the bad I've seen since that morning I waited outside in the dark for the newspaper carrier to hand me a copy of the Cincinnati Enquirer with my column in it.

It's funny, but it doesn't seem that long ago that I made the transition from a full-time custom home builder and remodeler to writer and then publisher. I'm often asked by readers and subscribers to my newsletter how I made the successful transition.

The simple answer is I took failure off the table. I was determined to make this new career blossom because I knew that if I continued to work with my hands, back and knees as I loved to do, I'd be crippled or fully disabled by now. As it turns out, I'm still building, but using electrons instead of concrete, wood and steel.

I've seen many good things happen over the past 25 years with respect to building products, and I've seen disturbing trends emerge with respect to product longevity and the quality produced by tradespeople who build new homes and additions, and who install new roofs.

One thing I've discovered is that it sometimes pays to wait before you buy a brand new product that hits the marketplace. An example is composite decking. I'll never forget when this product made its debut. Homeowners



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Building product improvements over the past 25 years include these bidirectional, wood-grain, insulated steel garage doors.

swooned over it. However, it took nearly 20 years for the composite deck industry to finally figure out how to make a fantastic product that will last and looks great.

I witnessed the painful growing pains of low-flush toilets. Government regulations forced manufacturers to create toilets that used far less water than ones that had worked so well for decades and decades. Most of the new toilets wouldn't flush right. It took years for some engineers in the industry to finally figure out how to get less than two gallons of water to create a powerful flush.

Technology has also overtaken the home building and remodeling industry like an army of steamrollers. Some argue the changes are for the better, and

some (like my wife) despise them. I constantly test new products around my own home, and Kathy hates the recessed LED light over our kitchen island that has a speaker in it. The speaker can play music from my smartphone via Bluetooth. Kathy feels the speaker is also snooping in our conversations.

She also wishes she could take a hammer to my doorbell and floodlight. I can see and hear what's happening around my home from anywhere in the world with these devices as long as they're connected to the internet. Kathy hates that I can spy on her as she walks around the yard enjoying her flowers and plants.

I'm upset at the alarming and growing trend of lower quality in

some building products. Hybridized framing lumber engineered to grow faster has vast amounts of less-dense spring wood growth in it. This makes the lumber more susceptible to rot, bowing and twisting.

Fiber cement siding, a product that's been around for over 100 years, has wood fiber in it now instead of waterproof fibers. Old fiber cement sided houses look as good as the day they were built, while my newer fiber cement siding is crumbling. Why the manufacturers don't incorporate inexpensive fiberglass fibers as we do in concrete baffles me.

The straws that broke the camel's back at my house were asphalt shingles. My 30-year-warranty asphalt shingles started to go bad

in just 10 years, and I had to replace them a few years later. I was so upset I wrote an expose book, "Roofing Ripoff," that explains why your roof and mine are falling apart long before they should — and, most importantly, how to avoid premature shingle failure. It's my opinion that ethics seem to be in short supply, or missing, in the boardrooms of certain manufacturers.

Perhaps the most disturbing trend of all is workmanship quality. One could write a book on all the possible causes, but first and foremost is the removal of the incentive in high school for young people to choose a trade as a rewarding career path. That's a grave mistake, in my opinion, and you and millions of others are paying for it by dealing with more and more inept, uninspired tradespeople, who seemingly are the new normal.

If I could wave a magic wand right now, I'd make two things happen. I'd bring back and expand all of the vocational school programs. Home building, as well as all trades, would be encouraged as a career as early as grade school.

I'd also make ethics a mandatory course in high school and college, and a core topic at all business schools. The quest for higher and higher profits seems to put far too much pressure on the ethical aspects of business.

I want you to know that you're responsible for the overall success of Ask the Builder. You continue to read my column and write letters to your papers' editors sharing how I've helped you. You visit my website each day to find all of my past columns and videos that are filled with money-saving and time-saving tips. I say we keep on going for another 25 years!

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Builders offer quick move-in homes | Buyers can enjoy new home for the holidays

With beautiful autumn weather and leaves staging their annual color show, it is a great time to visit new home communities and purchase a home ready to move into and enjoy for the holidays.

Builders throughout the Chicagoland area have quick move-in homes available in all of their new home communities, so buyers can choose from a variety of locations and prices. The completed homes ready for move-in are outstanding values.

"Buying a quick move-in home is a great opportunity for a buyer looking for a 'designer selected' home with many of our most popular features," says Richard Bridges, Midwest Director of Sales and Marketing, Chicago Division for William Ryan Homes. "We have a rigorous process for selecting what home style we will build and the interior features that buyers most want. Buyers have all of the benefits of buying a brand new home without having to wait for the home to be built. With the holidays coming, quick move-in homes are especially attractive for those who are expecting out-of-town guests or just want a new home for the enjoyment of the family."

William Ryan Homes has single-family home communities at Bartlett Ridge, Hampshire Highlands, Renwick Place in Romeoville, Stonebridge in Hawthorn Woods, The Coves in Algonquin, Walnut Glen in Island Lake and White Ash Farm in Plainfield.

An impressive example of the quick move-in offerings from William Ryan Homes is the Jericho II at Bartlett Ridge, a

3,034-square-foot home with four bedrooms, 2½ baths, three-car tandem garage and basement. The Jericho II has a covered porch, open concept living area, formal dining room, first-floor flex room and mud room. The master bedroom includes his and hers walk-in closets and a deluxe bath with freestanding tub, shower and double vanities. The Jericho II is priced at \$494,990, and is available within 30 days.

Luxury home buyers have outstanding opportunities at Toll Brothers communities. Quick move-in homes are available at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin, Tanglewood Hills in Batavia, and The Woods of South Barrington.

"Fall is a perfect time to find your ultimate home, and to get acquainted with the wooded country charm and excellent schools of South Barrington," says Alison Keifer, Division Senior Sales Manager. "Our featured home for quick move-in offers five or optional six bedrooms, five baths and plenty of space for overnight guests and holiday parties."

The Stansbury Heritage in the Estate Collection at The Woods of South Barrington is an opulent home with 4,200 square feet of living space, full basement and three-car sideload garage, priced at \$929,995.

Among the highlights of this elegant



Outstanding opportunities are now offered on homes for quick move-in, ideal for holiday entertaining.

residence is a dramatic two-story foyer accented with a graceful winding staircase. An open concept floor plan is emphasized by a gourmet kitchen and breakfast area opening to the family room with fireplace, perfect for entertaining. Also included are 9-foot ceilings throughout, a first-floor guest bedroom or study with adjacent full bath, and spacious bedroom suites with walk-in closets and private baths.

Shodeen Homes is offering a generous October promotion on homes for quick move-ins.

"The savings we are offering on more than 20 homes throughout our new home communities range from \$12,500 to \$20,000 and are the largest incentives we have offered in 2018," says Jeremy Lund, Sales Manager for Shodeen Homes. "This is in addition to our current value pricing, so this is definitely the time to buy."

Shodeen Homes has new home communities in Elburn at Blackberry Creek and Elburn Station, Mill Creek in Geneva, Heron Creek and Reston Ponds in Sycamore, Norton Lake in Campton Hills, and Squire's Crossing in Maple Park. In addition,

Shodeen Homes offers new homes in southern Wisconsin at Geneva National in Lake Geneva, Prairie View in Williams Bay, the Row Homes of Fontana in Fontana, and South Shore Estates on Lake Delavan in Delavan.

With sales at Blackberry Creek winding down and the sales center moving to Elburn Station across the street, final opportunities are available at this well-established community.

The home for quick move-in at 1445 Beed Ave. features the Donovan floor plan, a home with 2,750 square feet, a first-floor master bedroom, five bedrooms, 3½ baths, basement and three-car garage, priced at \$417,841.

The Donovan features a covered porch and two-story foyer, expansive open concept living area with two-story great room with fireplace, gourmet kitchen and breakfast area, study or fifth bedroom. The first-floor master bedroom features a sitting room, walk-in closet and deluxe bath.

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The Donovan floor plan by Shodeen Homes features a gourmet kitchen and breakfast area.

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Shodeen Homes offers special close-out incentive offers

Times running out to own a new home at Blackberry Creek community in Elburn, where only 10 homes remain for sale by Shodeen Homes, including homes for quick delivery and the decorated model.

Located five miles west of Randall Road off Keslinger Road, Blackberry Creek is an established 625-acre master-planned community, featuring an on-site elementary school as well as lakes, walking trails, parks and playgrounds. Shodeen Homes offers a collection of ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans with prices starting from the \$320s.

"Blackberry Creek has been popular with first-time, move-up and 'right-size' buyers who not only appreciate our open concept floor plans and quality-craftsmanship but the neighborhood amenities as well," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "With only 10 homes remaining and the model home for sale, we are anticipating a rapid close-out. However, buyers who want to be settled in by the holidays can enjoy homes for quick delivery with savings of \$11,000 and 1 percent down."

Homes for quick delivery include:

- The 2,296-square-foot Norway model is available now and includes five bedrooms, 3½ baths, finished basement and three-car garage. Located at 1430 Souders Ave., this home is priced at \$388,872 with a Prairie-style elevation, hardwood flooring throughout the first floor, gourmet island kitchen with stainless-steel appliances, master bedroom suite with luxury bath and much more.

- The 2,750-square-foot Donovan at



Celebrate fall in a new move-in ready home at Blackberry Creek in Elburn.

1445 Beed Ave. is a two-story plan with first-floor master bedroom suite as well as a first-floor guest suite and is priced at \$417,841. Extras included in this home are hardwood flooring throughout the first floor, kitchen with white cabinets, dark wood accent island, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, two-story great room open to the kitchen, two-staircases with white spindles, full basement and three-car garage.

- The 2,575-square-foot, two-story Peachtree design at 1588 Fairfield Drive is under construction with completion expected later this fall. Priced at \$414,734, this four bedroom, 2½ bath home is nestled on a large corner homesite and features large plank wood flooring throughout the first floor, gourmet island kitchen with upgraded cabinets and countertops open to the family room with fireplace, formal dining room, flex room, master bedroom suite with luxury bath and two walk-in closets, full basement and three-car garage.

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Airhart Construction will be featured this fall on the Home Channel TV series "Behind the Walls." The "Behind the Walls" web series is new for HomeChannelTV.com and debuted the last week of September. Follow the Home Channel TV series online as it chronicles the building of a new, custom Airhart Construction home at Stafford Place in Warrenville.

"Behind the Walls" is an opportunity for a first-hand view of the home construction process by local home builder Airhart, plus an exciting chance to see many of the products that are integral to the building of these homes. The "Behind the Walls" web series featuring Airhart will run seven episodes, with a new episode posted every Friday on HomeChannelTV.com.

Spotlight on Chestnut Hill home

Airhart's Chestnut Hill model home includes a first-floor master bedroom and great entertaining spaces made for easy living. It features a Craftsman exterior and large front porch that leads into the home's welcoming foyer with oak flooring and two coat closets. From the foyer, step into the open-concept design of the Chestnut Hill home. The Great Room boasts expansive Pella windows that overlook the front porch. This is a great space for entertaining or a family gathering and has sight-lines into the dining room and kitchen.

The elegantly classic kitchen offers everything needed for preparing grand holiday dinners, weekend brunch, or just a quiet dinner after a busy day. It features a large island, custom cabinets, granite countertops, and stainless-steel appliances. Adjacent to the kitchen is the

cozy Gathering Room, which includes a fireplace, that looks out to the backyard. A laundry room and back hall lead to the two-car attached garage.

The main floor Master suite includes a spacious walk-in closet, while its bathroom shines with a double-sink vanity, custom shower, and extra linen closet. The home has a second full bath on the main level that's near the office/flex-space room that features a wall bed perfect for a guest that needs to be on the main floor.

Stafford Place in Warrenville

The Stafford Place community offers a variety of homes by Airhart Construction, including the Chestnut Hill model. It's perfectly situated near parks and preserves, next door to the Warrenville Library, and only one block from the city's park district recreation center. Residents are also literally steps away from the Illinois Prairie Path, a popular route for bikers, runners and walkers. The Illinois Prairie Path provides easy access to public parks and Forest Preserves like Blackwell and Herrick Lake. For golf enthusiasts, nearby courses include Arrowhead and Cantigny. In all, the community location is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts.

Don't forget to tune into the Home Channel TV's six-episode web series "Behind the Walls" featuring the building process of the Chestnut Hill home model by Airhart Construction. New episodes will be available on Fridays. Episodes started on Sept. 28.

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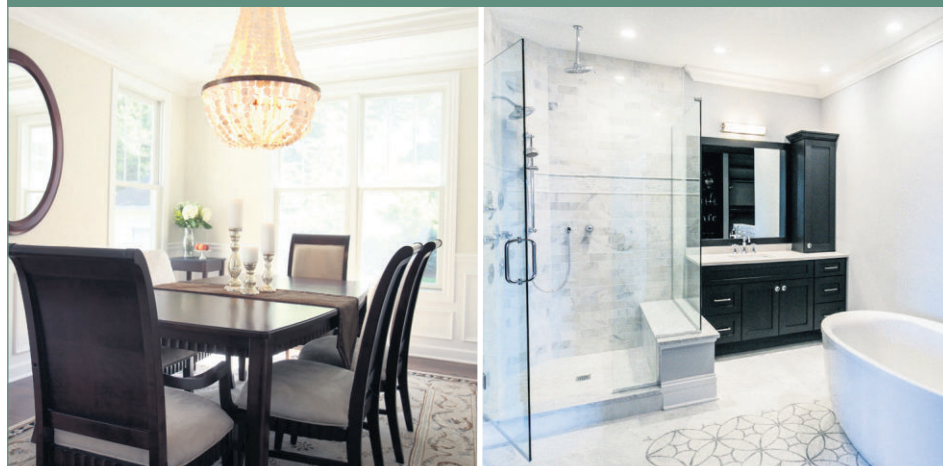
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