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Lawmakers poised to pass changes following CPS sex abuse scandal

BY JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND DAVID JACKSON
Chicago Tribune

State lawmakers appear poised to vote on a sweeping bill they say will protect Illinois students from sexual abuse and assault at school following nearly a year of negotiations on the issue.

The strongest provisions aim to protect students from repeated interrogations by school officials when they report sexual abuse at school, allow them to avoid testifying in person against their alleged abusers at disciplinary hearings and permit school districts to

warn prospective employers about educators' past misconduct.

The bill dials back more robust proposals following opposition by powerful teacher unions and a civil liberties group. For example, lawmakers dropped a provision that would make it a crime for school employees to have sexual contact with a student regardless of the student's age.

"I think it's a very strong approach to handle kids who have been abused. The question now is can we stop it?" House Assistant Majority Leader Fred Crespo,

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The Chicago Public Schools legislation could be voted on this week at the state Capitol in Springfield.

House vote puts graduated income proposal before Ill. voters in 2020

BY RICK PEARSON, JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — In a historic vote, the Illinois House on Monday agreed to ask voters to change the 1970 state constitution by authorizing a graduated-rate tax based on the size of income and repealing the currently mandated flat-rate income tax.

The move came on a 73-44 party-line vote, two votes more than the bare minimum needed for approval. It represented a significant victory for first-term Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who campaigned for election on the concept of taxing wealthier

incomes at a higher rate as part of an overall plan to deal with Illinois' ailing finances. Pritzker hailed the vote as "a giant leap forward for the middle class."

The proposed amendment won't go before voters for ratification until the general election in November 2020. It would require approval from 60% of those voting on the issue, or a majority of those voting in the election, to be adopted.

The action by the Democratic-led House, joining with a Senate vote May 1 that was approved by all 40 Democrats in the chamber, sets the stage for a lengthy and

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A day to reflect

At two Memorial Day services in Chicago on Monday, one in Rosehill Cemetery in Edgewater (with a family watching from a distance) and another at a wreath-laying ceremony in Grant Park, thoughts of many were with veterans whose needs have not been fully met by the nation. But Chicago also had a violent side to the holiday weekend, with at least 37 people shot since Friday afternoon.

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EPA backs off Foxconn, Ind. mills smog breaks

Trump administration, facing suits, distances itself from Pruitt move

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

When the Trump administration exempted parts of the Chicago area last year from federal limits on lung-damaging smog, it delivered a huge financial break to steel mills, chemical plants and other industries that are some of the region's biggest polluters.

Scott Pruitt, who at the time headed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, also freed the Foxconn Technology Group from spending millions of dollars on pollution-control equipment as it builds a new electronics plant in southern Wisconsin, just north of the Illinois border, in an area with some of the region's dirtiest air.

But faced with a legal challenge from environmental groups and a coalition of cities and states, including Chicago and Illinois, federal lawyers are having second



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Then-Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, from left, President Donald Trump, Foxconn Chairman Terry Gou and then-House Speaker Paul Ryan at a groundbreaking for the Foxconn plant last year in Mount Pleasant, Wis.

thoughts about Pruitt's controversial decision.

In a few dense worded paragraphs buried at the end of a 63-page document, attorneys for the EPA and Justice Department asked a federal appeals court this month for what, in legal terms, amounts to a do-over.

Administration officials aren't

admitting they did anything wrong, the lawyers contend. But they can see EPA data showing the region's smog problems are getting worse, not better, and that polluters in four counties singled out by Pruitt for special treatment are contributing to chronically dirty air breathed by millions of people.

The court shouldn't rule against the Trump administration, the lawyers pleaded. Rather, they said, it "could benefit from additional explanations" and the EPA could end up revising its designations.

"These federal attorneys

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Cop fired for soliciting sex from teen

He had been on desk duty since 2012 impound incident

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

A veteran Chicago police officer has been fired over allegations he solicited sexual favors from a teenage girl in return for offering his help to get her mother's impounded car released from the city pound.

The Chicago Police Board voted 9-0 to dismiss Officer Darius Alexander while sharply criticizing the Police Department for its delay of more than six years in bringing the disciplinary charges.

In backing police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's recommendation that the officer be fired, the Police Board said it found the victim "particularly compelling" because of her "credible and detailed" testimony as well as recordings she secretly made of Alexander allegedly soliciting her for sex. She is identified only as "Jane Doe" because she was 17 at the time.

Alexander, who had arrested two male passengers in the car on drug charges, claimed he met with the girl the next day — his day off — in a bid to learn the identity of the dealers who had sold the drugs to the two males.

Even Alexander's partner, however, cast doubt on that claim, testifying he had never pursued a police matter on his day off and would not undertake his own investigation of a drug dealer, especially without first notifying his sergeant.

The Police Board's 12-page decision earlier this month highlighted one of the long-standing failures of the city's police accountability system — the years it often takes to investigate and discipline officers.

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Greta Young and her daughter Lyric Stovall, 8, walk to school together in Chicago Heights last week.

'They are totally overlooked'

Young black girls viewed as less innocent, study finds. To that, I cry foul.

By DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune

COMMENTARY

If you were to write a letter to your childhood self, knowing everything you know now, what would it say?

If you're black and female, you would likely use the word "adversity" a lot.

A new report from the Georgetown Law Center on Poverty and Inequality reaffirms that being a black girl isn't easy.

A survey of 325 adults found that compared with young white girls, people think young black girls need less nurturing, protection, support and comfort. They're seen as more independent, and participants think they know more about mature topics, such as sex. Dubbed "adultification," it's the notion that girls of color, especially those 5-14, are less childlike and, as a result, more likely to be assigned greater culpability for their actions.

The survey is small, but the results are mighty — hard evidence that black girls are seen as less innocent.

I cry foul at the participants' mindsets.

I'm tired of seeing my brethren either overlooked or looked upon with biased eyes. I'm tired of seeing my sisters categorized within boundaries the rest of the world deems digestible: angry, black woman; hypersexualized; loving Mammy. Or to channel singer/songwriter Nina Simone: Peaches, Sweet Thing or Aunt Sarah.

Survey participants were 74% predominantly white, 62% female and 69% held more than a high school

diploma.

Surely some of these people are mothers, or present and future caregivers. What mother thinks a child needs less nurturing, support and comfort? If the world believes young black girls don't need a foundation in which they're cared for and learn what good care looks like, what chance do they have? How can they be expected to succeed?

"The statistics in that report were mind-blowing. This is how society views us?" said Greta Young, 40, of Chicago Heights. "We have to educate other people to get rid of this stigma. You don't just come in the world mature and adultlike. Your situation makes you this way. If anything, our young black girls need more nurturing than anybody else." As a mother of two girls — Lyric, 8, and Michaela, 19 — the hair salon owner expressed anger about the toll adultification has taken on black youth.

"I do see a lot of it: younger girls having to grow up so soon. A lot of it has to do with the household that they're in, what they're experiencing in the household, like becoming caretakers at a very young age. Young black girls are treated as nonfactors in society," she said. "They are totally overlooked."

Biologically, humans are 99.9 percent genetically identical, yet African Americans are still seen as "other." Recent studies on health deserts and residential segregation reveal that systemic racism shortens lives. University of Chicago

researchers found that living in an area with heavy exposure to violent crime can lead to elevated blood pressure and obesity. According to the CDC, the risk of pregnancy-related deaths is 3 to 4 times higher for black women.

The new report's authors say their findings reveal a potential contributing factor to the disproportionate rates of punitive treatment in the education and juvenile justice systems for this population.

"I think that it is nice that the report is trying to put extra special focus on the plight of African American girls, and that they are circulating a call for action," said Alvin Tillery Jr., director of Northwestern University's Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy. "In some ways, it seems like they are trying to match the special emphasis that some think tanks and foundations have put on the plight of African American boys, and that is a good thing."

"This report draws powerful connections between the ways gender and race-based bias negatively impact the opportunities available to young Black girls," Felicia Davis, President and CEO of Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW), said.

Aria Halliday, assistant professor of Women's Studies at the University of New Hampshire, applauds the new research for connecting the dots between implicit bias and the way black girls are criminalized in public systems.

"We know things have been happening in the news and in the media, but

to have Georgetown Law stamp this idea and say, 'Yes, this is something that we studied and we know it to be true?' Unpacking that is important because the policy becomes ammunition when you walk into a room," she said.

Black and Latinx boys have been in the educational spotlight as of late, Halliday pointed out, but she believes its time for girls to get some attention. After all, their plights are similar.

Jessica Davenport-Williams, co-founder of Black Girls Break Bread, a Chicago-based organization focused on social/emotional wellness programming for black women and girls, agrees.

"We always see the boys and the gun violence and the killings that we see taking place in Chicago, but there's this underlying epidemic that is happening for black women and girls," she said. "We're either hyper-visible or invisible — there really is no in between." She and her fellow co-founders hope to change that narrative and show that the mental and physical well-being of black females, no matter what the age, needs to be nurtured.

"We need to have some attention," she said. "We need to understand the gravity of what's happening to our young girls."

To that I say, amen. A strong childhood foundation provides a leg up, and adolescent support and nurturing helps meld society's future nurturers. Less is never more.

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Hatred strikes too close to home with an arson attempt at Chicago synagogue



RON GROSSMAN

I am no stranger to anti-Semitism, having experienced it as a child and written about it as a reporter. But last week's local episode hit doubly hard for hearing about it in the tease-and-pause delivery of television news.

"Arson attempt on Chicago synagogue." Then other headlines. Then a photo of the target.

I had memory flashes even before it was identified as Ashe Sholom Bnai Israel.

My mind's eye saw the stained-glass windows rescued from a now-vanished Albany Park synagogue where I accompanied my father on the High Holidays.

Ashe Sholom is, as Christians say, my home church. On a wall, there is a photograph of a former rabbi who was a Chicago Fire Department chaplain. His wife was my children's kindergarten teacher.

I'm hardly a *minyán* man, a regular who helps make the quorum of 10 required for saying *kaddish*, a mourner's prayer. But I remember congregants now deceased.

I visualized the names next to memorial lights in the sanctuary, and I was angry. Angry at whoever would aim a Molotov cocktail at a house of worship. Angry, too, at Donald Trump.

Anti-Semitism was with us for centuries before he became president. But it vacillates between seasons when it is and isn't openly expressed. This is one of the latter, and that is no accident.

It don't think he himself is anti-Semitic. He seems comfortable with a daughter who converted to Judaism, and a Jewish son-in-law.

But Trump has made hatred a winning political strategy. I say that not because I differ from his policies. I'd feel the same way if he were a liberal. I say it because hate is the alpha and omega of his presidency. Subtract it, and there is not much left. But because it is there, he has given others a li-



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A painted rock is part of a makeshift memorial outside the Tree of Life synagogue in of Pittsburgh on Oct. 31, 2018, in honor of the those killed during worship services there. Eleven people were killed in the attack.

cense to express their hatreds. Americans look to their president for clues. That's why we speak of a president's bully pulpit.

And standing at his, Trump is rarely anything but a bully.

Recall that before entering electoral politics Trump was known for claiming that his predecessor was not entitled to be president.

He held fast to his theory that Barack Obama was born abroad long after others abandoned it as false.

Trump gave up the theory with nary an apology only when it seemed a drag on his own presidential ambition. Still, anything connected with Obama remains anathema to Trump. He has repeatedly called for repealing Obamacare, even as Republican

Party leaders have wished aloud that he'd stop.

Currently Trump has brought us to the brink of war with Iran. The showdown began when he withdrew the U.S. from a multinational denuclearization pact. Trump denounced it as a terrible deal.

But what was wrong with it, except that Obama was for it? No other nation that signed it followed Trump's exit.

And as if to make sure that we understand his beef with Obama, he called African countries "shit-holes." The way he sees it, Mexicans are rapists and drug dealers. Arabs and other Muslims are terrorists. After a devastating hurricane hit Puerto Rico, he proclaimed its survivors "lazy."

On the campaign trail and now,

he has basked in audiences shouting about Hillary Clinton: "Lock her up!" Politics is a body contact sport. But advocating jailing someone because she had the temerity to oppose Trump is beyond the pale. Or it used to be.

The politics of hate is contagious, which is why the attempted arson at a Chicago synagogue is, in a sense, one dot on a connected line.

The recent iteration may have been fueled by Trump, but anti-Semitism is also being white-washed by the Democratic Party's leadership. Ilhan Omar, a fire-brand first-term congresswoman from Minnesota, has recycled stereotypes about moneyed Jews pulling the strings of other members of Congress. She has denounced "people who push for

allegiance to a foreign country" — American Jews who support Israel. That eerily echoes "restless cosmopolitans" — a putdown Jews once heard in the Soviet Union.

After each incident Democrats have offered resolutions condemning anti-Semitism in general, omitting Omar's name. But there is a danger in not naming names or responding to other groups' names. Pastor Martin Niemoller reported its effect in Germany in the 1930s.

He noted he hadn't spoken out when the Nazis came for the socialists, the trade unionists and the Jews, adding: "Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me."

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Paul Klazura, from left, Herschel Nelson, Mark DePue and Carlmac Falk, all Army veterans, lay a wreath at the John Alexander Logan Monument in Grant Park on Monday.



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Police secure the scene where four people were hospitalized, including one CPD officer, after a man was shot and crashed into a CPD vehicle in Englewood on Sunday.

Chicago holiday: Like night, day

For Memorial Day, thoughts turn to the needs of veterans

By JOHN KEILMAN
AND TODD LIGHTY
Chicago Tribune

Memorial Day is meant to honor America's fallen warriors, but at two Chicago services Monday, the thoughts of many were also with the living — veterans of conflicts old and new, whose needs, some said, have not been fully met by their countrymen.

"We need to be taking care of veterans better, a whole lot better," said Daniel Burch, who worked in the boiler room of a Navy vessel during the Vietnam War. "Brothers are killing themselves every day. Going (from the military) to the outside, they're not getting set up."

He spoke just after a service at Rosehill Cemetery on the North Side, where among the 190,000 interments are veterans of conflicts from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan. The cemetery is the host of an annual ceremony that begins with a parade in the nearby Andersonville neighborhood, and ends with a wreath laying at a memorial garden.

Hundreds of people lined a nearby hillside during Monday's service, which included a roll call for members of local veterans' organizations who have died; the assembly of a symbolic "battle cross," made up of boots, a rifle and a helmet; and renditions of taps and "Amazing Grace."

Brent Webb, an Air Force veteran of the Afghanistan War who leads American Legion Tattler Post 973, which organized the service, said later that some Americans seem to have forgotten the recent conflicts in which the nation has engaged.

"No one thinks about our involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said. "There's this idea that military veterans can sometimes be expendable, and there's not necessarily a sense that we have to be there to bring those people back into our communities once they leave (the service)."

Peter Kukurba, who was twice wounded while serving with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, said war fighters from his generation were fortunate in some ways. Troops back then generally served a single hitch in combat, he said,

unlike troops today who can be re-deployed numerous times — in some cases amassing severe mental health issues.

"A lot of veterans get a real bad taste with the (Veterans Administration)," he said. "They're getting pushed, put on wait lists. They should be No. 1 for everything. They're suffering mentally and physically."

Tim O'Mahony, who was an Army military police officer and now serves as the Tattler Post's chaplain, also worried about the toll of endless combat.

"The Second World War, people are called the Greatest Generation, but the generation that's out there now, their troubles are different but just as great," he said. "In World War II, you had the hope of coming home sometime, but this (war on terror) doesn't seem to be going away."

Meanwhile, at a wreath-laying ceremony in Grant Park, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle shared their thoughts on fallen service members and their surviving comrades.

Both made brief remarks to a gathering of about 150 veterans, community leaders and others during the ceremony at the John Alexander Logan Monument. Logan, an Illinois resident and Civil War general, is the founder of Decoration Day, which later became known as Memorial Day.

Preckwinkle recalled the service of her father and uncle in World War II, the deadliest military conflict in history.

"Both of them fortunately came back whole, for which I am grateful, and of course, many did not, many did not survive, many did not come back whole," she said. "I am grateful today for all of those who have served in our armed forces in the past, and who serve today, for their service to our country and their sacrifice."

Lightfoot called attention to the struggles of some of the city's veterans.

"I want to make sure that the city of Chicago does everything that it can to support our veterans, from making sure they get access to medical care, (to ensuring) that they are supported in any mental health needs that they have, and also in housing," she said.

"We cannot have our veterans out on the streets at night. We must do everything we can to support them."

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With 1,200 extra cops on the street, at least 37 people shot

By ALICE YIN
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Chicago Tribune

At least 37 people were shot, five fatally, throughout Chicago on Memorial Day weekend as severe storms kept people indoors for the holiday and 1,200 officers were added to patrol the streets.

Nearly a quarter of the victims were shot within five hours on Sunday at a Near West Side housing community, police said.

One person died and two others were injured at the ABLA Homes around 1:30 a.m., but it wouldn't be the last time that morning officers would respond to gunfire in the 1300 block of West Hastings Street. Around 6 a.m., five more people were shot on the same block, and this time two of them died of their wounds in what investigators said was a possible retaliatory shooting.

While many Chicagoans celebrated the holiday weekend with barbecues, family get-togethers and other special events, the extended weekend is typically one of the busiest of the year for the Chicago Police Department, where many officers had their days off canceled.

In addition to extra patrols, Chicago police leading up to the weekend made numerous narcotic-related arrests in targeted raids in different parts of the city.

Following a Monday ceremony at a Grant Park monument to commemorate the nation's war dead, Mayor Lori Lightfoot told reporters that she rode with officers Saturday night and responded with them to a shooting on the South Side. She also spoke of the frequency in which she receives emailed notifications on shootings.

"That is just an unacceptable state of affairs," the new mayor said. "I think there's many causes to it. I certainly knew that before but to see it graphically depicted is quite shocking and says that we've got a long way to go as a city."

Since 3 p.m. Friday, the shootings stretched as far south as Roseland and as far north as West Rogers Park. But much of the violence was concentrated in parts of the South and West sides that have long struggled with poverty,

gang activity, illegal drug sales and other social ills.

On Saturday, 13 people were shot, with two dead: 43-year-old Tito Wade, who was shot in the 400 block of West 77th Street in the South Side's Greater Grand Crossing community, and 31-year-old Michael Brown, shot in the 100 block of West 109th Place in the Roseland community on the Far South Side.

Sunday saw the largest spate of violence with 18 people shot. Eight of those victims were from the two shootings on Hastings Street. The first shooting there about 1:30 a.m. claimed the life of John Benford, 27, before two more people — Antonio Green, 28, and Martez Cox, 27 — were killed in the later shooting. Charges were expected against one or two people in connection with one of those shootings, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Monday.

During last year's Memorial Day weekend, 39 people were shot, seven fatally, according to shooting data kept by the Tribune. In 2017, 45 people were shot, seven of them killed, the data show. And 2016 was one of the most violent Memorial Day weekends in years with 71 people shot, six of them fatally.

In other weekend mayhem, a man exchanged gunfire with police Saturday night in the 1100 block of South Whipple Street, just north of Douglas Park on the West Side, authorities said. The man was reported in critical condition at an area hospital, a gun was recovered at the shooting scene and no officers were hurt, according to authorities.

Verona Gunn, who was in her 80s, died in a traffic crash involving two Chicago police vehicles Saturday night in the Austin community on the West Side. About a dozen other people were injured in the collision, including 10 Chicago police officers.

On Monday, Lightfoot said a critical part of the city's overall strategy was getting illegal guns off the streets by focusing on gun traffickers, convicted felons carrying guns and on those who have their firearm ownership cards revoked.

Tribune reporters Todd Lighty, Rosemary Sobol and Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas contributed.

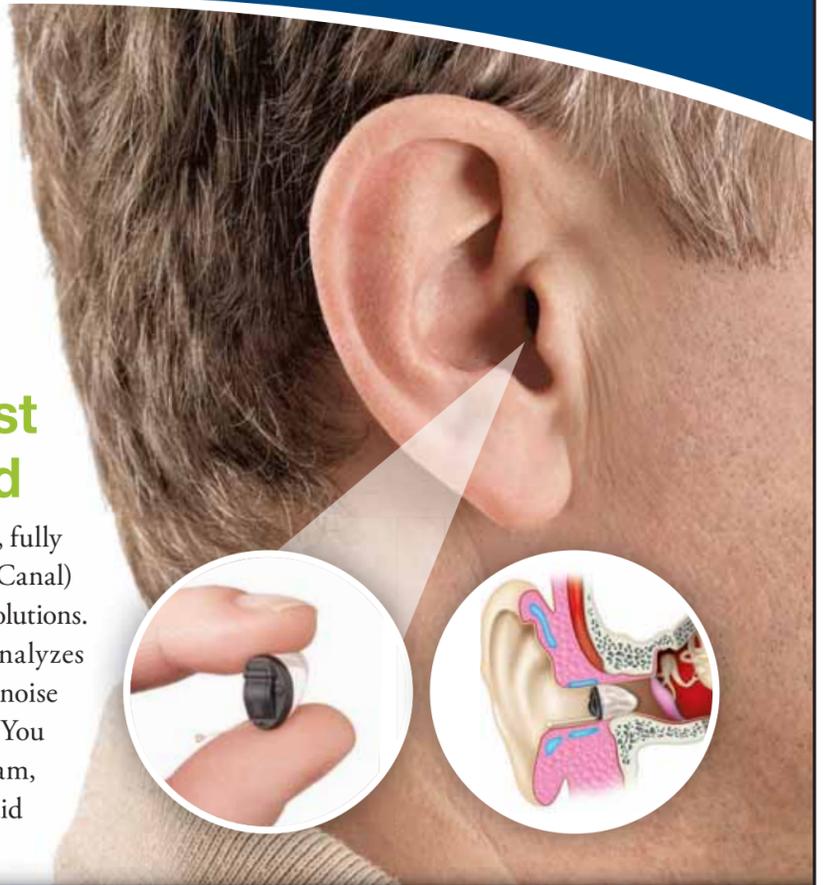
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Alexander was placed on paid desk duty in June 2012, the month after the girl's mother notified authorities, yet it wasn't until August 2018 that the disciplinary charges were brought before the Police Board. Alexander was then suspended without pay.

As a result, Alexander was on paid desk duty for nearly half of his almost 13 years with the department. Records show he was paid about \$87,000 a year most recently.

Even Anthony Guglielmi, Johnson's spokesman, called the delay "inexcusable and indefensible," but he did not answer questions on why the investigation took so long.

The department's Bureau of Internal Affairs investigated the incident. Before the charges go before the Police Board, the city's Law Department also must be consulted. That process can take additional months.

In an emailed response, Guglielmi said a comprehensive electronic case management system now in place will allow supervisors to monitor such investigations in real time. He also said internal affairs now holds weekly meetings to keep on top of investigations and added staff with background in complex investigations.

In its scathing 2017 report on Chicago Police Department's myriad failures, the U.S. Department of Justice cited how lengthy delays in officer investigations hamper the work of investigators as well as the Police Department's ability to fend off court appeals by disciplined officers.

The Justice Department noted its review of Chicago police files showed that accused officers often weren't even interviewed for months if not years.

The Police Board criticized the delay in Alexander's firing as "excessive" and said it was "deeply troubled by cases such as this."

"In this case, the impact was particularly serious on the victim, who had been deeply affected by the actions of Officer Alexander and had left the state, was enrolled in higher education, and was reluctant to return to testify because she wanted to put the troubling incident behind her," the board wrote.

Alexander could not be reached for comment for this story. He has the option of challenging his firing by suing the police superintendent in Cook County Circuit Court.

Alexander and his partner, both working the Austin police district on the city's West Side, pulled over a car containing Jane Doe and three others in May 2012 after saying they observed two male occupants engage in a hand-to-hand drug buy in the 600 block of South Laramie Avenue, an area just off the Eisenhower Expressway known for illegal narcotics sales.

The two males were charged with drug offenses, though court records show the charges against both were dismissed weeks later.

The officers impounded the car and took Jane Doe and an 18-year-old female to the police station as well.

Doe later told the Police Board that Alexander approached her in the station and offered to help get the car — her mother's — released from the pound.

Alexander then allegedly put his phone number in Doe's cellphone so they could later communicate.

Doe said she told Alexander that she was only 17, and the Police Board noted he had access to her ID showing her age.

Alexander told the two young women to wait for him at a nearby McDonald's. A photo from a security camera at McDonald's shows the two waiting at that time in the restaurant, the board said in its decision. Alexander never showed but

started texting Doe as she waited there.

The two exchanged 47 texts as well as phone calls that night, the Police Board said, and Alexander "came on to Ms. Doe in a sexual fashion."

The Police Board said Alexander intentionally failed to make a record of his contact with either young woman. Neither was mentioned in police reports or on contact cards meant to document each individual stopped by an officer.

That was not inadvertent on Alexander's part, the Police Board concluded, but part of his "larger plan" to "eliminate any paper trail" so no one would know "about his interaction with these young women," its decision said.

In testifying at a hearing in February before a Police Board officer, Alexander contended he was trying to determine the identity of the dealers who sold the drugs to Doe's two male friends.

He alleged he had "played" Doe by falsely promising to help get the car out of the pound.

The next day, his day off, Alexander reached out to Doe to set up a meeting.

Alexander continued to insist he was still trying to investigate the alleged drug deal.

The Police Board scoffed at the explanation, pointing out that Alexander had never alerted anyone else with the department — including his partner — about working on a day off and that he never put in for overtime.

Even his partner, Officer Edgar Brown, testified that he had never done anything similar on his own days off and would have first informed his sergeant both for safety reasons and because "you can't trust ... everybody."

At their meeting that day, Doe testified, Alexander took her phone and deleted all their text exchanges from the previous day, "confirming the damning nature of the texts," the Police Board said.

That prompted Doe, she said, to secretly record Alexander with her cellphone.

Those recordings, offered as exhibits at the Police Board hearing, confirm "without question" that Alexander was soliciting not only Doe but also her 18-year-old female friend for sex, the board said in its decision.

The recordings — made public by the Police Board at the Chicago Tribune's request — captured Alexander "plainly seeking sexual favors in exchange for help with her car and includes no mention of drug dealers or transactions," the decision said.

Transcripts of the recordings of two brief conversations on that day showed Jane Doe trying to pin down Alexander on what he wanted in return for his help.

But Alexander tried to get her to say first what she was willing to do.

In the second recording, Doe declared she would not perform a certain sexual act.

"ok see then ok that's what I'm talking about how do I know?" the transcript quoted Alexander as responding. He then queried her on why she didn't want to do that sex act, the transcript showed.

Doe's mother discovered the recorded conversations on Doe's cellphone and reported the officer's conduct to the far northwest suburban police department where the family lived.

Police there notified Chicago authorities.

In unanimously firing Alexander, the Police Board found the officer had brought discredit on the department and used his official position for personal gain, calling his misconduct "incompatible with continued service as a police officer."

"He exhibited a significant lack of integrity and brought discredit upon the Chicago Police Department, thereby undermining public confidence in the judgment of its officers," the decision said.

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New organizers promise a clean slate for Puerto Rican festival after upheaval

BY MORGAN GREENE
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After a year of turmoil for the Puerto Rican Parade Committee, community leaders say it's a new day in Humboldt Park.

Next month, the beloved Puerto Rican festival and parade will return with a new producer.

As Memorial Day approached, a few weeks before the festival, kids played ball and couples sauntered throughout the blooming and bustling park. Janet Rodriguez, of Humboldt Park, said she was looking forward to celebrating her birthday at the neighborhood fest.

"It's special because it brings everybody together," she said. "This thing has been going on for many, many, many years and we just want everybody to enjoy themselves."

"It's all laughter, joy, music," she added.

This year the fest will be put on by the Daniel Ramos Puerto Rican Festival Committee — an organization that will be watched by an oversight board to deter fraudulent behavior. The Puerto Rican Parade Committee, the previous producer, is no longer associated with the fest after a year marked by bankrupt court hearings, investigations into the committee by police and the Illinois attorney general's office and the loss of the committee's home building. The building is expected to be demolished and replaced with affordable housing that will include a space for the new committee.

Dozens gathered at the Humboldt Park boathouse last month, speaking over a biting wind coming from the lagoon to announce the return of the festival.

"We wanted to ensure that we sustain our cultural festival in this community as we undergo gentrification," said Jessie Fuentes, a



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A man sports a Puerto Rican flag in his sock at the Puerto Rican festival and parade in Chicago in 2018.

co-chair of the Puerto Rican Agenda and member of the oversight committee. "We understand that the festival in this community is extremely important to community activists, organizations, families across the community. And this festival is meant to be here long-term."

The festival is set to take place June 13-16 in Humboldt Park, with a parade organized by the Puerto Rican Cultural Center planned for June 15. This year the festival also will feature a college fair, a children's area, a blood drive and DJ spotlights, according to a news release.

The new committee, which takes its name from longtime community mentor Daniel Ramos, will be watched by a board made up of representatives from a dozen community organizations, including the Puerto Rican Agenda of Chicago, the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, the Puerto Rican Bar Association and the Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

State Sen. Iris Martinez, who was a vocal supporter of the attorney general's investigation into the committee, and Ald. Roberto Maldonado, 26th, who moved to down-zone the committee's home building to keep condo developers away, said the festival would

finally have a fresh start.

"I think that for the first time in many years, this festival is going to be run by a group of stakeholders with the highest sense of integrity," Maldonado said.

Martinez spoke about the credibility of the new committee and said no one from the past administration is involved.

"It's going to be a brand-new day here in Humboldt Park, and I'm very excited," she said.

Police investigations into the committee's misuse of funds and theft have fizzled, but the investigation by the attorney general's office is ongoing, said spokeswoman Annie Thompson. Last summer the office issued several subpoenas, and it takes "very seriously the allegations that the Parade Committee, and more specifically the former president, have violated the law that governs charitable trusts in the state of Illinois," according to an August letter from the office.

In the committee's ongoing bankruptcy court saga, it filed an adversary complaint claiming it owed nothing to Carmen Martinez, who claimed more than \$500,000 in mortgages on the committee's property and is the partner of the former committee president Angel "Tito" Medina.

The attorney general's

office then filed an intervenor's complaint in late March that claimed Martinez and Medina "engaged in multiple questionable transactions" related to the committee's assets, including more than \$100,000 withdrawn by Medina by check and cash payments made to himself, Martinez and his daughter from March 2017 through June 2018, according to bank records obtained by the attorney general's office. In addition to those funds, Medina was accused by the committee of misappropriating \$80,000 from the 2018 Puerto Rican Festival, according to the complaint.

Medina asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination when questioned by the Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Trust Bureau about payments to himself, Martinez and his daughter, according to the complaint.

The complaint also says Martinez's mortgages were not legally authorized by the committee's board and the 2013 mortgage is based on "questionable transactions" — including \$63,000 of concert tickets, restaurant meals and interest on Martinez's personal credit card — and it's unclear how it "could possibly be justified."

The office recommends assessing punitive damages and fines against Martinez if she is found to have intentionally misused charitable assets.

In Martinez's responses to the complaints filed by her lawyers, she stood by the validity of the mortgages, denied allegations of misuse of funds and argued that claims against her based on the Illinois Charitable Trust Act must be dismissed.

Reached for comment, Martinez said the documents speak for themselves.

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EPA

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looked at the record, relied on their professional judgment and realized there isn't any evidence to justify Pruitt's last-minute switcheroo," said Howard Learner, executive director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, one of the nonprofit groups that sued to overturn the EPA's smog designations in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

By dramatically reducing the size of areas required to crack down on dirty air, Pruitt overruled the agency's career scientists, a move that saved Foxconn and other polluters from either installing more effective pollution-control equipment, scaling back production to reduce emissions or brokering costly trading agreements with cleaner industries.

Other beneficiaries included then-Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican who made Foxconn the centerpiece of his 2018 re-election campaign. Walker already had wooed the company to Racine County with \$3 billion in financial incentives, promises to relax state environmental laws and access to Lake Michigan water.

Walker, who ended up losing to Democrat Tony Evers in November, blamed Chicago for making the air unhealthy to breathe in Wisconsin. But an EPA staff analysis concluded Wisconsin is at least partially responsible for its own smog problems, and documents filed with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources show Foxconn will be a major new source of smog-forming pollution.

Newly released emails show EPA scientists strongly objected to Pruitt's decision, which they said could not be supported with data despite political pressure from Trump administration officials and then-House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican. The emails were obtained Friday by the Sierra Club and Clean Wisconsin as part of a federal public records request.

"I do not see a sound



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President Donald Trump waves alongside SoftBank CEO Masayoshi Son and Foxconn chairman Terry Gou in June 2018.

technical basis for the areas we are being directed to finalize in Wisconsin," Jennifer Liljegren, an EPA scientist, wrote to colleagues in an April 11, 2018, email. "I will need the wordsmithing of the legal and policy experts if we are really going to do this — I am still in disbelief."

One of the recipients of that email, EPA scientist Lars Perlmutter, replied, "I have a background in air pollution health effects and more specifically on acute exposures, so for me personally, this is hard to digest and support."

Another email from Liljegren concluded that Wisconsin polluters are responsible for up to 15 percent of the smog detected by air quality monitors — enough to register violations in all of the areas exempted by Pruitt.

Smog, also known as ground-level ozone, is formed by a reaction between sunlight and pollution from car tailpipes, power plants and factories, fumes from volatile solvents and gasoline vapors. After a scientific review required every five years by the federal Clean Air Act, the Obama EPA tightened the national smog standard in 2015 to 70 parts per billion, down from the 75 ppb limit set during the Bush administration.

Average smog concentrations in the counties at issue exceeded the new federal limit during the past three years, according to monitoring data. In Racine County,

for instance, smog levels peaked at 90 ppb last year and averaged 78 ppb between 2016 and 2018, even without Foxconn operating.

More perplexing is Pruitt's reversal of the EPA staff designation for northwest suburban McHenry County.

Unlike Wisconsin officials, who under Walker insisted the state's air was clean enough to pass muster, the Illinois EPA had repeatedly included McHenry in its lists of areas required to take additional smog-fighting measures. Monitoring data supports that decision: Smog concentrations in McHenry averaged 72 ppb between 2016 and 2018 and peaked at 77 ppb last year.

But Alec Messina, a former industry lobbyist who headed the state agency under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, abruptly reversed course after phone conversations with Clint Woods, a top Pruitt aide.

"Just wanted to check to see if you might have a free 5 min today or tmrw for a quick call about ozone. The administrator asked me to reach out with 2 quick questions," Woods wrote to Messina in an April 25, 2018, email obtained by the Chicago Tribune through a public records request.

While the content of subsequent phone conversations wasn't documented, Messina sent Pruitt a one-paragraph letter two days later agreeing that McHenry County should be exempted from the new

smog standard.

Pruitt, in turn, relied on the Messina letter as the only evidence supporting his decision.

The former EPA administrator also tweaked the agency's final calculations for northwest Indiana by including years with fewer bad air days. Lake and Porter counties recorded average levels just below the new smog standard when 2014 monitoring data was included. That gave Pruitt a rationale for exempting part of Lake and all of Porter, including the ArcelorMittal steel mill in Burns Harbor, the largest source of smog-forming pollution in the region.

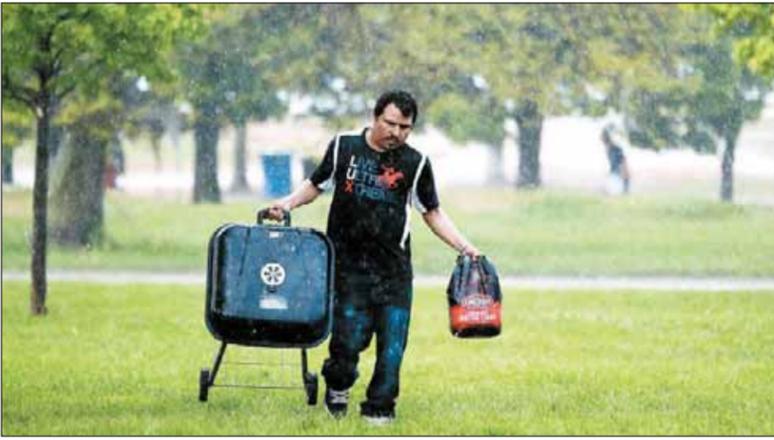
However, the EPA staff report concluded that pollution from the two counties contributes to air quality problems in the larger Chicago metropolitan area. During the most recent three-year period, smog concentrations in Porter County averaged 73 parts per billion and peaked last year at 85 ppb.

"Our final (metropolitan) area designation for Chicago is not the result of an analysis with any technical support," Eric Svingen, an engineer in the EPA's Chicago office, wrote in an April 24, 2018, email to colleagues who were attempting to draft a report that reflected Pruitt's wishes.

It remains to be seen if the federal appeals court will give Trump administration officials another chance to revise the Chicago-area smog designations. During President Donald Trump's first two years in office, his administration prevailed only 6 percent of the time when its anti-regulatory decisions were challenged in the courts, according to a Brookings Institution study.

"I've never seen an administration with a record this atrocious," said John Walke, an attorney at the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council who works on air quality issues. "That's good for the environment and public health, but we shouldn't be forced to defend clean air and water in the first place."

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Cookout rained out

Mario Reyes of Bensenville carries his grill to the car after the family Memorial Day cookout at Montrose Beach was cut short after a rainstorm arrived in Chicago on Monday.

Scandal

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D-Streamwood, told the Tribune. He said he believes the measure that puts sensitive interviews of sexually abused children in the hands of Children's Advocacy Centers will make a significant impact on Illinois students.

The legislation, which could be voted on this week, comes after lawmakers last June heard tearful testimony from Chicago students about their abuse by teachers and vowed to take action.

Since then, about a dozen student protection bills have been in the mix, and the single bill that has emerged addresses several of the failures highlighted in "Betrayed," a Chicago Tribune investigation that uncovered 523 times when police investigated a case of sexual assault or abuse of a child inside a Chicago public school in the last decade. It exposed child protection failures that extended from the city's neighborhood schools to the district's downtown offices. A lack of oversight in Springfield also contributed to those failings, which affect all Illinois public school students.

The investigation found that weak background checks by CPS had exposed students to employees with criminal convictions and arrests for sex crimes against children. The pending bill would require school districts statewide to check employee names against sex offender and violent offender registries every five years, in addition to full background checks when they're hired. It does not require new fingerprint-based background checks of

current employees. Such a requirement could help districts discover employees who are arrested or convicted of crimes after being hired even if they aren't registered as sexual or violent offenders.

The bill, however, does empower the Illinois State Board of Education to immediately suspend the license of any educator charged with a sex crime or Class X felony instead of waiting for a conviction, as is currently the law.

In addition, the bill allows districts to fire employees who negligently or willfully fail to report suspected abuse of a student to child welfare authorities, but specifies that the employee must have personally witnessed the abuse to be considered negligent.

And while the legislation does not directly increase public access to the disciplinary records of school employees in sexual misconduct cases, it does offer more leeway to share information about workers with other school districts.

Many states require superintendents to disclose an educator's past misconduct to prospective employers regardless of when it happened. Those laws are commonly referred to as "pass the trash" measures because they're meant to prevent problem educators from slipping quietly to the next district after meeting trouble in the last one. Illinois law currently prohibits school districts from disclosing employee records after four years have passed, including ones that show sexual misconduct with students.

The pending bill changes the law to specify that the four-year look-back window does not apply to districts that are sharing

information about employee misconduct to potential employers.

CPS officials lauded the provisions last week but said they still hope for additional, stronger student protection measures.

"The district has strongly advocated for legislation that will protect students in Chicago and beyond by strengthening accountability, transparency and inter-governmental processes. We are grateful to our representatives in Springfield for spearheading this work and we are hopeful that comprehensive legislation will become law in the near future," the district said in a statement.

In response to the Tribune's findings last summer, Chicago school officials swiftly created new offices to investigate sexual misconduct by employees and students, hired a prominent law firm to assess its child protection weaknesses, passed new anti-grooming and digital communications policies, and began removing school employees immediately when an investigation is launched. The district also conducted fresh background checks on all of its 44,000 workers; hundreds were fired, barred from schools or left their jobs.

But while change came quickly in the district, it's been slower to come at the Capitol. In fact, some changes that were viewed as critical to preventing abuse of all Illinois students have been clipped from the recent proposals.

Facing opposition from the American Civil Liberties Union, for example, legislators dropped a provision that would make it a crime for school employees to have sexual contact with a student regardless of the

Murder charges filed in shooting of 15-year-old

By JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS
Chicago Tribune

A 29-year-old man was ordered held without bond Monday after being charged in the drive-by shooting death of a teenager on the Far South Side two weeks ago.

Antawan Smith faces a first-degree murder charge and a charge of being an armed habitual criminal in the May 14 killing in the Roseland neighborhood.

Police say Smith was a passenger in a Volkswagen SUV when he lowered the

window and fired seven or eight shots, killing 15-year-old Jaylin Ellzey and wounding 23-year-old Emma Clark in the chest. The two were standing in the 200 block of West 113th Street when they were shot, according to police.

Jaylin was a freshman at Fenger Academy High School, a family member has told the Tribune. Clark remains hospitalized, a prosecutor said.

During a Monday bond hearing before Judge Mary C. Marubio, prosecutors said that Clark and a witness to the afternoon shooting identified Smith

as the assailant and there was surveillance video that showed some detail about the shooting. The witness was on the porch at the home where several people, including Jaylin and Clark, were gathered on the day of the shooting, prosecutors said.

Smith was arrested Sunday after he was involved in a crash following a police chase that began as a traffic stop. Police said they found a loaded semi-automatic pistol in the crashed vehicle in which Smith was a passenger.

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student's age. Instead, sex with a student will remain legal in Illinois if the student is older than 17 and no force is involved; in many other states, having sex with a student is a crime regardless of age because the teacher has power over the student's future and is in a position of trust.

"We were concerned about criminalizing behavior that was otherwise lawful between two adults, carrying with it a lifetime sex offender registry, when there were other possible penalties, including the teacher losing his or her job or license," said ACLU of Illinois spokesman Ed Yohnka.

CPS said last week it wants "a provision to outlaw relationships between students and teachers regardless of age." Teacher-student relationships already are against school board policy, but CPS said it welcomes "the strengthened ramifications provided by a state law."

The pending bill in Springfield also doesn't give the public more access to information about educator misconduct. In Illinois, even if an educator was disciplined by the state for misconduct, the law prohibits the State Board of Education from releasing records related to their misdeeds unless the educator fought license sanctions in a hearing.

Powerful teacher union organizations opposed an earlier package of student sex abuse bills, though they have not spoken out publicly against the current bill. The Illinois Federation of Teachers noted in a March update to its members that the group as well as the affiliated Chicago Teachers Union testified before a House committee about ed-

ucator misconduct measures and "urged the legislature to enhance student safety while maintaining due process rights."

IFT spokeswoman Aviva Bowen said in an email that "the top priority of our teachers and school staff is student safety and well-being, and the bill includes a lot of protections to that end." She added that the labor group is working to include more training but wants legislation that "maintains due process as well."

CTU spokeswoman Christine Geovani said the union did not raise objections to the latest version of the bill and considers student safety a priority. "We all recognize that this is a huge challenge and one we must meet," she said.

Sources told the Tribune that advocates for unions and school administrators were concerned about false accusations of abuse following school employees.

The IFT is among the most powerful special interest groups at the Capitol because its campaign fund provides political contributions and volunteers in state House and Senate races.

Beyond that, the pending bill does not include a provision to require the state board to collect data about sexual abuse of students in schools, though districts have to report the rare instances in which a student sexually assaults a school employee.

A dozen bills proposed last year would have lifted the intense secrecy around disciplined teachers and made it a crime for a school employee to have sexual contact with a student regardless of age, among other fixes. The widest-ranging of those proposals

— a bill co-authored by Barrington Hills Republican Rep. David McSweeney and Villa Park Democratic Sen. Thomas Cullerton — enjoyed broad bipartisan support. But none of those bills made it to a floor vote last year as talks continued.

Then in April, Democratic leaders consolidated various proposals into a new bill sponsored by Senate Assistant Majority Leader Iris Y. Martinez, D-Chicago.

The latest version of the bill cleared a House committee on Monday, but still has to be approved by the full House and Senate to send it to the governor's desk. Time is running out as lawmakers are scheduled to finish the spring session on Friday.

John Patterson, spokesman for Senate President John Cullerton, expressed cautious optimism that the bill might pass even as lawmakers debate the session's most pressing priorities including Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposals on tax increases, cannabis legalization and a massive infrastructure plan. "They are hopeful things are coming together," Patterson said. "It is doable."

A Pritzker spokeswoman said the governor has been monitoring the bill's progress and believes all students should have access to a "safe environment" at school.

Two of the young women whose cases were featured in the Tribune series testified last year to the legislature's joint committee on elementary and secondary education. As they told their stories, some legislators shook their heads in disbelief and dabbed at tears.

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contentious battle between advocates and opponents of a graduated-rate tax system.

Pritzker has promised that lawmakers will adopt income tax rates that would provide some relief or at least remain the same for 97% of the state's wage earners, those who make \$250,000 a year or less. The Senate earlier this month approved legislation setting new graduated rates that fit Pritzker's outline, but the plan is still awaiting a House vote.

"The commitment is to vote for rates that do in fact protect the middle class and those striving to get there," Pritzker said at a news conference after Monday's vote. "That's what we all believe in, is protecting the middle class. That's what it is to be a Democrat, to stand up for the middle class and those striving to get to the middle class. That's what I ran my campaign on because That's why we won by 16 points. All of us, all of us, who stand up for the fair tax believe that it has been too long since we actually fought for the middle class in this state."

Commending Pritzker for his leadership, House Speaker Michael Madigan called Monday's vote "a major step toward a stronger Illinois."

"There is more work to be done, and House Democrats stand ready to continue our efforts to build a stronger middle class and build a stronger Illinois by making income taxes and

property taxes fairer for the middle class," Madigan said in a statement.

During a three-hour debate that preceded the vote, Republicans contended the graduated tax plan would make it easier for lawmakers to raise rates and warned that middle-class taxpayers will end up being taxed at rates higher than the current 4.95%. While Democrats said voters should be allowed to weigh in on the issue, GOP lawmakers countered that some voters already had their say by leaving Illinois.

Republican Rep. Margo McDermed of Mokena called the rate proposal awaiting a House vote "teaser rates, fake rates, lying rates."

"If you think that this doesn't hit you, you're wrong," McDermed warned middle-class taxpayers.

Rep. Avery Bourne, a Republican from downstate Raymond, added, "There simply aren't enough rich people in this state to pay for the insatiable appetite of spending that we see here in Springfield."

Democrats argued Pritzker's election over one-term Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner represented a mandate for the governor's campaign initiatives, including a change in the state income tax.

Supporters of the graduated tax said the state's current flat tax could also be changed at any time, and that any increase would be more onerous on lower incomes. They contended Republicans are largely trying to protect the wealthy from significantly higher taxes.

"We put too much of the

burden of funding our government on the backs of the people who can least afford to pay it," said Rep. Robert Martwick, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the proposed amendment.

Illinois has spent much of the past two decades trying to cut its way to a balanced budget, reducing funding for public schools and universities, state parks and child welfare, while its debt and pension payments continued to grow, Martwick said.

"This is reform. This is what we all come here to do: identify problems, find solutions. This is the solution for Illinois going forward," he said.

House GOP leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs laid the blame for the state's many financial problems at the feet of House Democrats, who've controlled the chamber for all but two of the past 36 years.

"Those woes, those troubles, those painful cuts, those were decisions made by the majority party. That's the truth," Durkin said during Monday's debate. "So here's my advice to the House Democrats today: Take responsibility for this mess before you ask more of its citizens."

In an acknowledgment that rising local property taxes are a top concern of voters, Pritzker and supporters vowed that ratification of a new income tax structure would be an initial step toward more comprehensive changes to Illinois' tax system.

They announced their support for a task force to consider long-term changes to alleviate property taxes,

the bulk of which provide a primary source for funding for local schools.

They also touted new legislation aimed at creating a property tax relief fund to provide an unspecified rebate on future real estate tax bills, though it was uncertain how much such a program would cost or where the funds would come from.

Some House Democrats had said that property tax relief had to be addressed to secure their votes for the income tax amendment.

"For the first time in my tenure, I know we finally have the momentum needed to provide property tax relief to our communities. Our current system does not work, and we all know that," Democratic Rep. Sam Yingling of Grayslake, one of the hold-outs, said during the debate. "The process of property tax restructuring will not be easy, but I submit that that process begins today."

In a precursor to the larger battle of trying to influence voters ahead of the graduated tax amendment vote in November 2020, ads on television and cable have been appearing for months on both sides. Think Big Illinois, which is backed by Pritzker, has aired ads urging public support, while a variety of groups, including Ideas Illinois, which is headed by the former president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, are opposing the plan.

Each side has adopted its own lexicon for the proposal. Pritzker and supporters dub it the "fair tax." Opponents allied with Republi-

can interests have called it the "jobs tax."

"Over the course of the next year-and-a-half Speaker Madigan and Governor Pritzker will spin this tax a million ways calling it 'fair' but not once will they call it what it really is: a blank check for the politicians in Springfield signed by Illinois families," Ideas Illinois Chairman Greg Baise said in a statement.

While the vote to put the amendment on the 2020 ballot is a major win for Pritzker, lawmakers are scrambling to approve other portions of the governor's ambitious agenda — including legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana and sports betting and creating a large-scale public works construction program — before Friday's scheduled end of their spring legislative session. The details of those plans are still being negotiated, as is a spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1.

Earlier Monday, Democratic Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island, who's sponsoring gambling expansion legislation, said he believes lawmakers will be able to reach a consensus on sports betting, new casino licenses and other issues by the end of the week.

Pritzker called on lawmakers to pass a stand-alone sports betting bill this spring to bring in \$200 million in licensing revenue to help balance his spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1. But it's now clear that getting enough votes will almost certainly require reaching an agreement on new casino licenses and other issues that

lawmakers have been unable to settle since 2013, when then-Gov. Pat Quinn vetoed the last gambling expansion bill approved in the General Assembly. Pritzker recently has said he supports a wider gambling expansion bill.

"The dynamic of having the executive office and the legislature working together to try to get something done is something we haven't had in the past," Rita said.

Republicans, in particular, are pushing hard for new casinos in areas including Rockford and Danville to help generate revenue to pay for building projects at public schools, state universities and other facilities as part of a capital construction plan. Meanwhile, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot sent emissaries to Springfield last week to advocate for a casino license for the city, among other issues.

Democrats want Republican votes to help approve a plan to fix buildings, roads and bridges, but the GOP is balking at a long list of tax increases Pritzker has proposed to pay for it.

"If gaming doesn't pass, capital won't pass," Republican Sen. Dave Syverson of Rockford said last week. "But we really need gaming. Chicago needs it; Chicago deserves it. Communities like Rockford definitely need (casino licenses). So we need this gaming bill passed, not just to be able to fund capital but to be able to fund those communities that are economically struggling."

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Pomp and tension in Japan

Trump, Abe play up friendship as tariffs, N.Korea overshadow ceremonial visit

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TOKYO — All the pomp and pageantry in the world couldn't paper over the tensions between President Donald Trump and Japan's Shinzo Abe on two of their most pressing issues: North Korea and trade.

The president and prime minister tried mightily to minimize their differences during Trump's four-day state visit to Tokyo, while playing up their close personal friendship and their countries' long-held ties. But tension abounded, with Trump on Monday brushing off the significance of North Korean short-range missile tests that have rattled Japan and reasserting his threats to hit Abe with potentially devastating auto import tariffs.

Asked if he was bothered by the missile tests, Trump said: "No, I'm not. I am personally not." Abe, in contrast, said the missile tests were "of great regret."

The conflict demonstrates the limits of Abe's long-term strategy of showering Trump with affection in hopes of extracting benefits. Trump appeared uninterested in concessions despite a program tailor-made for the president that included a showy visit with the new Japanese emperor, a round of golf and prime seats at a sumo tournament where Trump got to present a "President's Cup" to the winner.

Trump also demonstrated again that he is

willing turn his back on long-held norms as he assailed former Vice President Joe Biden, the 2020 Democratic hopeful whom North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently criticized as having a low IQ.

"I don't take sides as to who I'm in favor of or who I'm not," Trump said when asked whether he was favoring a violent dictator over the former vice president. "But I can tell you that Joe Biden was a disaster."

Indeed, Trump also sided with Kim on the question of whether the short-term missile launches violated U.N. Security Council resolutions, as both Abe and Trump's own national security adviser, John Bolton, had stated.

"My people think it could have been a violation," Trump said. "I view it differently. I view it as a man — perhaps he wants to get attention and perhaps not. Who knows?"

Trump's remarks came after Pyongyang released a statement Monday by an unidentified North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman that called Bolton called a "war monger" and "human defect," after he described recent tests of short-range missiles as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Japan has long voiced concern about short-range missiles because of the threat they pose to its security. Kim's decision to lift the pause in ballistic missile launches that began in late 2017 alarmed North Korea's neighbors.



President Donald Trump, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shake hands prior to their meeting Monday at Akasaka Palace guest house.

Most analysts believe the missiles were ballistic missiles, which are not allowed under U.N. resolutions.

Trump's visit to Japan was designed to highlight the U.S.-Japan alliance and showcase the warm relations between the two leaders. Trump said he and Abe deliberated over trade, Iran and more during hours of talks at Akasaka Palace.

Trump was invited to Japan to be the first world leader to meet the new emperor. But despite being far from Washington, Trump didn't hold back in his criticism of Biden,

telling the world he agreed with the North Korean leader's opinion and declaring himself "not a fan."

"Kim Jong Un made a statement that Joe Biden is a low-IQ individual," Trump said. "He probably is, based on his record. I think I agree with him on that."

Pressed on whether he was supporting a dictator over a former U.S. vice president, Trump recited a host of complaints about the Obama-Biden administration.

U.S. officeholders have in the past generally avoided

engaging in politics while on foreign soil, hewing to the adage that politics stops at the water's edge. But Trump's sharp attack on Biden, through his declaration of agreement with Kim, cast aside that tradition.

Biden, during a recent campaign event, accused Trump of cozying up to "dictators and tyrants" like Kim.

Trump continues to hold out hope of getting Kim to agree to give up his nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, even though the two summits he's had with the North Korean leader have

produced no concrete pledge to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula.

Trump nonetheless praised Kim, calling him a "smart man" who was intent on making his country better.

"All I know is there have been no nuclear tests, no ballistic missiles going out, no long-range missiles going out, and I think that someday we'll have a deal," Trump said, adding that he is in "no rush."

Trump is correct that North Korea has not recently tested a long-range missile that could reach the U.S. But this month, North Korea fired off a series of short-range missiles.

"This is violating the Security Council resolution," Abe said, adding that, as North Korea's neighbor, Japan feels threatened. "It is of great regret."

Trump also met families of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea, pledging to help solve an emotive decades-old issue that has been a major policy concern of Abe's government.

With Abe by his side, Trump said the two men were "working together to bring your relatives home." In recent weeks, Abe has floated the idea of a summit with Kim, saying he is ready to meet the North Korean leader without preconditions.

Trump's meeting with the Emperor Naruhito and his wife, Empress Masako, was preceded by a grand outdoor welcome ceremony at Japan's Imperial Palace.

Bloomberg News contributed.

Opposition looms over US Mideast peace plan

Palestinian Authority calling for boycott of Bahrain conference

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After numerous false starts, the Trump administration is preparing to unveil its Middle East peace plan in coming weeks, and initial indications suggest it is aimed at pleasing Israel while offering financial incentives to the Palestinians but no pathway to statehood, their primary demand.

The White House has said it will begin the rollout at a U.S.-led conference in Bahrain on June 25-26, where Trump administration officials will reveal economic parts of the plan. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the full plan will be released this summer.

"The White House has a vision for peace between Israel and the Palestinians," Pompeo said at a celebration in Washington this month marking the 71st anniversary of the founding of Israel. "It offers an opportunity, although no guarantee, that we hope we can have a brighter future for the Palestinian people."

But the Palestinian Au-

thority already has ruled out participating in the Bahrain conference and urged others to boycott it as well, a clear sign of the difficulty the White House will have in selling the plan. Prominent Palestinian business leaders, who were invited, are refusing to attend.

"The Palestinian cause is and always has been about a state and justice," said R. Nicholas Burns, a veteran former U.S. diplomat now at Harvard. "Money alone won't work."

After taking office, President Donald Trump vowed to try to make the "ultimate deal" to end generations of discord between Israelis and Palestinians. He appointed Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and senior adviser, to head the effort.

But Palestinians saw Trump as overtly pro-Israel when he declared the disputed city of Jerusalem as Israel's capital in 2017 and moved the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv. Palestinians claim part of the holy city as their capital, and previous peace plans considered the dispute part of a final political resolution to the conflict.

In response, Palestinian leaders broke off contact with Kushner and other U.S. envoys.

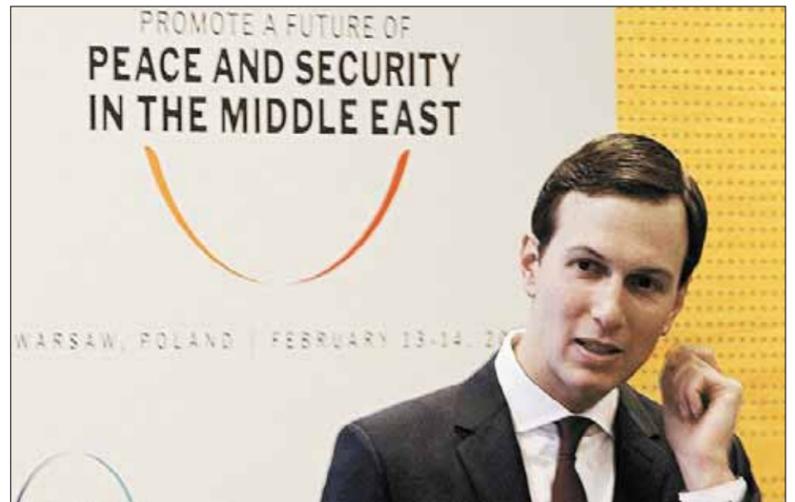
Trump then slashed millions of dollars in U.S. aid to the Palestinians, including to refugees and hospitals, and ordered the closing of the de facto Palestinian embassy in Washington.

In March, Trump defied international law and recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a fertile plateau that Israel seized from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Against that volatile backdrop, Kushner and his team continued trying to draft a plan and recently began to drop hints as to their approach.

In an interview with Time magazine, Kushner was asked whether his plan included a two-state solution, the internationally endorsed arrangement that would end Israeli occupation of the West Bank and allow the Palestinians to form an independent nation alongside Israel.

"If we focus on old, traditional talking points, we will never make progress," Kushner said.



President Trump's son-in-law and White House senior adviser Jared Kushner has made it clear that the administration's Mideast peace plan would not include a two-state solution.

In subsequent comments, he made clear that the plan would not include a two-state solution.

"If you say 'two states,' it means one thing to the Israelis, it means one thing to the Palestinians, and we said, 'Let's just not say it,'" he said at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a nonpartisan think tank.

Some Palestinians have denounced the U.S. plan as an attempt to buy them off, saying it appears similar to a proposal for "economic peace" that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Israeli right wing have floated as an alternative to

Palestinian statehood.

"This is not a real estate deal," Zahi Khouri, 81, chairman of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in the West Bank, said dismissively of Kushner's business background. "This is about human rights, freedom, creating a state."

Kushner's top aide, Jason Greenblatt, contended that critics were misjudging a plan they haven't seen.

"To those falsely claiming our vision is just economic peace: We've been clear that the economic vision we present can't exist without the political component, and the political component can't succeed without the

economic," he tweeted recently. "Don't believe rumors the plan is only economic. It's not."

Ehud Barak, a former Israeli prime minister who led peace talks that failed in 2000, said he believed Netanyahu and Trump were working together on a deal that Palestinians will be unable to accept.

"The idea they have, that economic benefits can bring a people to political agreements, is refuted by all known history," Barak said. "It just doesn't work that way. National aspirations and the desire for economic well-being don't operate on the same plane."

New auto giant? Fiat Chrysler wants to merge with Renault

BY ANGELA CHARLTON AND COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

PARIS — Fiat Chrysler on Monday proposed a merger with France's Renault to create the world's third-biggest automaker, worth \$40 billion, and combine forces in the race to make electric and autonomous vehicles.

The merged company would reshape the global industry: It would produce about 8.7 million vehicles a year, leapfrogging General

Motors and trailing only Volkswagen and Toyota.

Shares of both companies jumped on the news of the offer, which would see each side's shareholders split ownership in the new manufacturer.

Renault welcomed what it called a "friendly" offer. The company's board met Monday at its headquarters outside Paris and said afterward that Renault will study the proposal "with interest." In a statement, Renault said such a fusion could "improve Renault's

industrial footprint and be a generator of additional value for the Alliance" with Japan's Nissan and Mitsubishi.

Fiat Chrysler's offer comes at a key moment for Renault. The French manufacturer had wanted to merge fully with Nissan, but those plans were derailed by the arrest of boss Carlos Ghosn on financial misconduct charges in Japan.

Now, questions are growing over the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance, which together make more

passenger cars than any one company. While Fiat Chrysler says the merger with Renault would accommodate the alliance and lead to savings for it, it is unclear how the Japanese companies might react in the long term to being tied to a much larger partner.

Automakers have collaborated more in recent years to build their technological capabilities in developing electric cars, self-driving vehicles and in-car connectivity. Regulators, particularly in Europe and

China, are pushing automakers to produce electric vehicles and meet tougher climate change regulations, pressure that only grew after scandals over the amount of pollutants emitted by gas and diesel-powered engines.

A deal would save \$5.6 billion a year for the merged companies by sharing research, purchasing costs and other activities, Fiat Chrysler said. It promised the deal would involve no plant closures, but it didn't address potential job cuts.

The companies are largely complementary: Fiat Chrysler is stronger in the U.S. and SUV markets, while Renault is stronger in Europe and in developing electric vehicles. Analysts say both companies are weak in China, which is now the world's largest auto market.

Analysts at financial firm Jefferies said it was "hard to disagree with the logic" of the deal, as there is a strong fit in the markets each company covers and the brands they offer.



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The defendant's cage in an empty courtroom at one of two counterterrorism courts in Iraq where suspected IS militants and their associates are tried, in Tel Keif, Iraq.

Baghdad court sentences 4th French IS member to death

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The French former members of the Islamic State group were brought into the courtroom in Baghdad one after the other on Monday and made to sit inside a wooden cage in the middle. As they spoke in French, a government official typed up the translation into Arabic, which immediately appeared on a large screen behind the judge that the court could read.

Mustafa Mohammed Ibrahim became the fourth French citizen to be sentenced to death by a Baghdad court for joining the Islamic State group that once controlled large parts of Syria and Iraq before its defeat. His trial comes as questions swirl about the legal treatment of thousands of foreign nationals formerly with the extremist group.

Wearing a yellow uniform and plastic flip-flops, Ibrahim, 37, told the judge, "I don't understand the charges."

Judge Ahmad Mohamed responded: "Your charge is a terrorist crime."

The man who came from France to Syria to join the group in 2015, said he was

the victim of its propaganda. The self-proclaimed caliphate had promised him a good life including money, work and a house. Jobless in Europe, Ibrahim came to Syria via Turkey, where he took religious lessons and weapons training. He then married a Moroccan widow with four children who later gave birth to his child.

When the judge asked Ibrahim if he was guilty, his response was: "I am not guilty of carrying out any crimes. I am guilty because they brainwashed me. I am the victim of the Islamic State. I am not guilty."

"I am ready to help France in the fight against terrorism," Ibrahim added.

France said the Iraqi court has jurisdiction to rule in the cases, though a spokeswoman reiterated the French government's opposition to the death penalty.

The five Frenchmen on trial Monday — two were kept outside the courtroom — were among the 12 French IS fighters whom the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces handed over to Iraq in January. The Kurdish-led group spearheaded the fight against IS in Syria and has handed over to Iraq hundreds of suspected IS members in recent months.

IS "terrorists must answer for their crimes in court," said France's foreign ministry spokeswoman, Agnes von der Muhll.

As Monday's proceedings opened, the first to appear was Ibrahim, who is from the Mediterranean city of Nice and of Tunisian origin.

"I ask for forgiveness from the people of Iraq and Syria and the victims," Ibrahim said before the judge who ordered him to remove his top in order to see if there were any signs of torture on his body. None were visible.

"No matter what the sentence will be against me I want to go back to my country," said Ibrahim. He added that he worked as a driver in France before joining IS.

The judge sentenced Ibrahim to death. Asked later why the sentencing happened so quickly, Mohammed said the "case was complete and ready for a verdict." He added that regarding executions, Iraqi law sentences any member of the group to death whether the person "participates in fighting or not."

Three French IS fighters had already been sentenced to death Sunday. Those convicted can appeal within a month.

Salvini, Macron face off over future of European Union

BY LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — France's pro-EU president and the leader of Italy's euroskeptic, far-right movement jockeyed for the role of chief power broker on the continent Monday after elections to the European Parliament hollowed out the traditional political middle.

The four days of balloting that drew to a close Sunday across the European Union's 28 countries ended the domination of the main center-right and center-left parties in Parliament and established the anti-EU forces on the right and the environmentalists on the left as forces to be reckoned with.

Voters delivered the highest turnout in 20 years, rejecting mainstream politics in France, Germany, Britain and Italy.

The results could make the business of governing Europe even trickier, leaving the Parliament deadlocked over key issues to come, including immigration, a major trade agreement with the United States, global warming, regulation of the tech industry and, of course, Brexit.

The outcome of the election is already setting off a power struggle.

In France, President Emmanuel Macron's party narrowly lost to the French far-right, led by Marine Le Pen. Macron, whose party was poised to secure 21 seats to 22 for Le Pen's National Rally, spent Monday busily amassing allies, hoping to build a durable pro-EU coalition.

In Italy, Matteo Salvini's right-wing League party won a third of the country's vote and is poised to become one of the biggest parties in the European Parliament with 28 seats in the 751-seat legislature. But his ambitions reached higher.



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Matteo Salvini's right-wing party is poised to become one of the biggest parties in the European Parliament.



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Emmanuel Macron spent Monday amassing allies before a Tuesday summit.

By midday, he had already spoken to Le Pen, Hungary's hard line anti-immigrant prime minister, Viktor Orban, and Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage and was promising to single-handedly bring together a contradiction in terms — an international group of nationalists.

"We want to be a group that has at least 100 members and has the ambition to be at least 150, if everyone can overcome jealousies, sympathies, antipathies. To create an alternative, you play. You don't do it by turning up your nose," Salvini said.

The center-right European People's Party and the center-left Socialists & Democrats have dominated the parliament with a combined majority since direct elections were first held in 1979. With results still coming in, the EPP was on track to secure 180 seats, down from 217 five years ago. The

Socialists were slated to win 145, down from 187.

Riding what they called Europe's "green wave," environmentalist parties seeking action on climate change made strong gains, notably in Germany. Another mainstream formation, the free-market ALDE group backed by Macron, saw its stake in the Parliament rise to 109 seats, from 68 in 2014.

For the Parliament to choose a European Commission president and ultimately to pass legislation, new and uncomfortable alliances must be forged, and nearly all will require some combination of ALDE and the Greens.

Well aware of the far-right's potential to turn against itself, Macron launched a flurry of meetings ahead of the Tuesday summit in Brussels, where the EU countries' presidents and prime ministers will take stock of the election results.

He started with Spain and was due to hold talks with the leaders of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

"The future majority of the European Parliament goes through us, without question. There isn't one without us," said Pascal Canfin, a leading candidate from Macron's party.



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Activist Asa Khalif, left, demanded the manager of a Philadelphia Starbucks be fired.

New laws could outlaw racially motivated 911 calls

BY JAWEED KALEEM
Los Angeles Times

The hashtag "Living While Black" went viral on social media in the last two years as videos proliferated of incidents around the nation in which white people called police on black people going about their everyday activities.

The most well-publicized episodes came last year, including two black men confronted by Philadelphia police after asking to use a Starbucks bathroom without first having made a purchase; a black Yale graduate student questioned by cops for napping in a dorm common room; and a black man in Oakland, Calif., whose wife filmed his encounter with a woman who dialed 911 to say he was illegally barbecuing in a park.

A lesser known one took place in 2017 in Grand Rapids, Mich., on a June afternoon when squad cars showed up at a public park during a graduation party. The event was permitted, the attendees were mostly black, and they said a noise complaint against them was really about white residents who were uncomfortable with a large gathering of black people. That instance, and another last September in which police

handcuffed two unarmed black 11-year-old brothers after a phone call reported a teen with a gun, added to complaints about race and 911 calls.

Now, the city of 200,000 could be among the first in the country to make such calls illegal. A proposed ordinance would make it a "criminal misdemeanor to racially profile people of color for participating in their lives" and subject people behind those 911 calls to a \$500 fine.

"A policy like this makes it so people have to think about whether their decision to call 911 is grounded in something significant," said Senita Lenear, a Grand Rapids city commissioner who is the first black person in her position. "Our resources can't be wasted on police addressing nonissues. You can't ignore that people of color are the ones who have been victimized ... That is a part of a pattern."

The debate in Grand Rapids joins efforts to either outlaw or discourage similar calls introduced by elected officials in Oregon and New York.

In Oregon, state Rep. Janelle Bynum was going door to door in her district outside Portland to speak to constituents in July when a resident called police on

her because she looked "suspicious." Now, Bynum, the state's only black legislator, is backing a bill that would allow victims of racially biased 911 calls about noncrimes to sue the callers in small claims court for up to \$250.

"I thought my incident was isolated and odd, but as time went on I realized, no, it's not," said Bynum, a Democrat. "My goal has always been to spark a conversation on issues, especially in Oregon where people don't have a great understanding of civil rights history."

Bynum's proposal recently passed the state's House and a Senate committee. In Grand Rapids, the proposed ordinance has received a mix of support and criticism at City Commission meetings.

Ronal Serpas, a criminal justice professor at Loyola University New Orleans, questioned whether the potential laws would discourage people from calling police when there are real crimes.

"We don't want to thwart people from calling when they think there is something suspicious in their neighborhood," he said. "But we don't want it to be a racial proxy. We can do both. Whether we need new laws, I don't know."

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Ventolin*	90mcg	600	\$26	Pradaxa	150mg	180	\$149
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Japan officials: Man with knives attacks commuters at bus stop

TOKYO — A man swinging a knife attacked commuters waiting at a crowded bus stop just outside Tokyo during Tuesday morning's rush hour, wounding at least 19 people, including 13 children, Japanese authorities said. Media reports said that two people were killed, though the local fire department reported one death.

NHK national television, citing officials, said that a man with a knife

attacked people lined up at the bus stop in Kawasaki City.

The station, citing police, said a bus driver told officials that a man holding a knife in each hand walked toward the bus and started slashing.

NHK said a suspect was captured and two knives were found at the spot. The report said the suspect slashed his own neck and was in serious condition, but police wouldn't confirm those details.

3 churches reach agreement to restore holy site in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — The three churches in charge of Jerusalem's holiest Christian site say they have reached an agreement to begin renovation of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Leaders of the Greek Orthodox, Catholic and Armenian churches issued a statement Monday announcing the project to restore the foundations and flooring of the church, where many Christians

believe Jesus was crucified, entombed and resurrected.

A Greek team headed the 2016 restoration project to preserve the aedicule, a large structure inside the church housing the tomb. The upcoming second rehabilitation project will involve two Italian institutions.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is shared under a status quo management agreement.

Ousted by parliament, Austria's Kurz vows to win his job back

VIENNA — Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz was ousted by parliament in a no-confidence vote Monday, paving the way for a new election. The young leader, riding high in popular support, defiantly vowed that he and his center-right People's Party would return to power with increased strength.

The vote capped a week of turmoil at the top in Austria that started when

Kurz pulled the plug on his coalition with the far-right Freedom Party after a video emerged showing that party's leader appearing to be offering lucrative government contracts to a purported Russian investor.

A new election is already planned for September and President Alexander Van der Bellen needs to appoint a caretaker government to serve until then.



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Vice President Mike Pence, left, places a wreath Monday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Paying tribute to the fallen members of the armed forces, Pence acknowledged that for them, "every day is Memorial Day."

Texas lawmakers OK safe gun storage program despite NRA

AUSTIN, Texas — Lawmakers in gun-loving Texas have quietly gone around the National Rifle Association by slipping language into a massive spending bill that would fund a \$1 million public safety campaign on gun storage.

The last-minute move late Sunday sets up a political test rarely seen in Texas for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who must decide whether to veto the spending bill or ignore NRA opposition and approve the program.

An Abbott spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for

comment, and the Texas Legislature was set to adjourn Monday.

The campaign for safe home gun storage is a small item in the two-year, \$250 billion state budget, and it was fiercely opposed by the NRA and gun-rights activists. The measure failed to get a vote and appeared all but dead weeks ago.

Then budget negotiators — the majority of whom are Republicans — added the funding into a budget bill approved Sunday night.

Bills filed by Democrats to have the Texas state police agency create a safe storage campaign never

made it to votes in the House or Senate. The NRA lobbied against them, arguing that gun rights groups and gun manufacturers have similar campaigns that are widely distributed to gun stores and shooting ranges. In one public hearing, an NRA lobbyist warned lawmakers that a campaign designed by the Texas state police could easily be corrupted by anti-gun rhetoric.

Abbott has line-item veto power in the budget, meaning he could strip out the safe storage campaign without scuttling the entire spending bill.

Malawi's Mutharika reelected in tight race

BLANTYRE, Malawi — Malawi's President Peter Mutharika has narrowly won re-election with 38% of the votes in last week's polls, the electoral commission declared Monday.

Mutharika's victory was announced in Blantyre, Malawi's largest city, immediately after the High

Court in Lilongwe, the capital, threw out an injunction preventing the electoral commission from announcing the winner.

The ban was obtained on Saturday by opposition candidate Lazarus Chakwera, who came in a close second with 35% of the votes. Former Vice Presi-

dent Saulos Chilima came in third with 20% of the ballots. The other four candidates collected nearly 6% of the vote.

Chakwera had called for a recount in 10 of Malawi's 28 districts but the commission declined, saying that the results had been checked at several stages.

EU rejects US demand for agriculture in trade talks

BRUSSELS — The European Union's top trade official insists that the agricultural sector cannot be included in negotiations on a new trade agreement with the United States, as the U.S. has demanded.

After receiving the backing of EU ministers in Brussels on Monday, Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom told reporters that "there is absolutely no possibility to include agriculture in these discussions."

Malmstrom said Europeans are ready to start negotiations on industrial tariffs with the U.S. but that "they seem not to be, yet. We have conflicting mandates there."

The EU announced more than a month ago that it was ready to negotiate a trans-Atlantic deal focused exclusively on eliminating tariffs on industrial goods, but the U.S. wants talks to be broader.

In Libya: Heavy clashes have been slowly nearing the center of the capital, Tripoli, as forces loyal to the military commander Khalifa Hifter battle to seize power, an official and residents said Monday.

In recent weeks, the clashes had receded with the start of the holy month of Ramadan when Muslims abstain from food and drink from dawn to dusk.

But in the past couple of days, the siege on the capital has intensified. Hifter's forces have pushed ahead in Tripoli's eastern and southern suburbs. The media office for Hifter's militia said it has taken control of areas near the Tripoli airport, which was largely destroyed in the civil war after the overthrow of Muammar al-Qaddafi in 2011.

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MAYOR LIGHTFOOT AND THE MACHINE PART 3

Wednesday is showdown day

Newly elected officeholders often make a splash with their first official acts. For Rod Blagojevich, it was firing former Gov. George Ryan's onetime chief of staff, Scott Fawell. For Pat Quinn, who succeeded Blagojevich, it was stripping the former governor of his security detail. For Bruce Rauner, who came after Quinn, it was freezing state agency spending. And for Gov. J.B. Pritzker, one of his first acts as governor gave pay raises to the state's unionized workforce.

In each case, the idea was tone-setting. New sheriff.

And now, new mayor. For Chicago's Lori Lightfoot, her first act as mayor was to sign an executive order curbing aldermanic power. Wednesday's City Council meeting will be her first encounter with aldermen since then. How warm will her welcome be? Or should we bring sweaters?

For the first time in decades, meaningful reform is coming to the City Council. Even former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who rode to City Hall on a change wave, settled the whitecaps quickly by keeping the council's power structure in place. He didn't interfere with the mini-bosses who, through committee chairmanships, control everything from city zoning to workers' compensation to street paving. A new leader stood at the podium in council chambers. But the day-to-day swirl of council activity didn't change.

No more. Lightfoot is expected to win enough support from aldermen to overhaul the council's committee hierarchy and put in place new leadership. It's a big deal because the work of the council, and sometimes the embedded corruption of Chicago politics, unfolds through committees, their staffs and their clout.

Southwest Side voters sent their charged-and-soon-to-be-indicted alderman, Edward Burke, 14th, back to City Hall during February's election. But his power has been clipped. He no longer oversees the influential Finance Committee and its vast staff.

That job is expected to be transferred to reform-minded Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, Lightfoot's pick for the position and a voice against machine-style politics. In preparation, Waguespack has been cleaning out the Finance Committee's office space — an Irish-themed Burke domain of framed photographs, stuffed



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot at her office in City Hall on Friday.

furniture, green walls and matching carpeting.

"If the taxpayers don't mind, I'm probably going to paint it white and get rid of the green carpet that's been there for about 30 years," Waguespack says. Have at it, alderman. In with the new.

The tests will keep coming if Lightfoot pushes the council toward more oversight and transparency, as she promised on the campaign trail. Remember, this is a body that brazenly avoided filling the position of legislative inspector general, a post that was created to investigate complaints against City Council members. When aldermen finally settled on New York attorney Faisal Khan to fill the role, they swiftly discredited him, mocked him,

refused his requests for paperwork and ignored his demands.

This is a body that, historically, has bristled at any oversight, including budget help. A financial adviser hired to guide the council on budget matters was quickly neutered of authority.

Until recently, the ethics board assigned to keep aldermen honest has operated mostly in partnership with the aldermen, not as a watchdog. Clouted programs embedded in the council, including the city's workers' compensation program, has operated in an impenetrable silo. And when aldermen learned that former Ald. Danny Solis of the 25th Ward had recorded their conversations as part of a federal corruption probe, his former colleagues

reacted with disgust at the betrayal. How dare someone cooperate with law enforcement?

So Lightfoot, despite a voter mandate to upend the status quo, still has her work cut out. The first test starts with committee changes. Waguespack's nomination as Finance chair will be on Wednesday's agenda along with other shake-ups. The new chairmen are expected to be presented for a vote as a group, up or down.

Aldermen can pick transparency and progress by supporting the changes or they can cling to the machine and vote down Lightfoot's recommendations. What will they pick? New way or old way? White walls or green walls? Wednesday will be showdown day.

How the Illinois Supreme Court delivered a raw deal to Chicago food trucks

A cupcake business challenged Chicago's food truck law and lost in the Illinois Supreme Court on Thursday. That doesn't make the city's restrictions any smarter.

The law gives mobile purveyors of bibimbap, Belgian fries, BLTs or other fare few options for where to park and requires that they install GPS tracking devices on their trucks. This approach is less about food or traffic safety and more about protecting existing restaurants.

Laura Pekarik, who runs Cupcakes for Courage, filed the lawsuit in 2012, saying the law suppresses competition and taking

issue with a rule prohibiting food trucks from parking within 200 feet of any establishment that serves food, including convenience stores. That puts most of the Loop off-limits.

The city justified its position by arguing that restaurants are good for neighborhoods and should be supported. Sure, any business that provides a positive experience for customers, creates jobs and pays taxes contributes to a stable community. That doesn't mean nimble upstarts who are doing new things should be smothered. Food trucks offer a low-cost way for small businesses to

start up, try new ideas and maybe find their footing and grow. They attract attention and create a pleasant buzz of visible activity — the kind that, yes, benefits the city.

Pekarik also contended that making food trucks carry GPS devices so the city can monitor their whereabouts constituted an unconstitutional warrantless search. The court, affirming appellate court and circuit court decisions, disagreed.

Food trucks don't brim with natural advantages over restaurants. Their menus and hours of operation are sharply limited. Business is weather-sensitive. Customers

may not know where to find them on a given day. The price for a burrito or sandwich is typically no less than at a fast-casual restaurant, where you can settle into a chair to gobble your kebab with a nice glass of iced tea.

Restaurants should be able to draw on their competitive instincts and find plenty of ways to dunk on the dinky little truck outside. If they can't, the city shouldn't be shielding them. It's like we always say: Let the best chicken tinga taco or cupcake or business of any type win — as decided by customers, not government.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

University of Pennsylvania sociologists Daniel J. Hopkins and Samantha Washington set out to measure the effect of Donald Trump's election on anti-black and anti-Hispanic prejudice. ... The academics report that they had been expecting to measure a rise in racist opinions. ... There could, after all, hardly be anything more calculated to awaken an incipient racist than the president calling Mexicans a bunch of rapists.

Yet the study found exactly the opposite. Americans, claim Hopkins and Washington, have actually become less inclined to express racist opinions since Donald Trump was elected.

Anti-black prejudice, they found, declined by a statistically-insignificant degree between 2012 and 2016, when Trump was elected. But then after 2016 it took a sharp dive that was statistically significant.

Moreover, contrary to their expectations, the fall was as evident among Republican voters as it was among Democrats. There was also a general fall in anti-Hispanic prejudice, too, although this was more evident among Democrat voters. ...

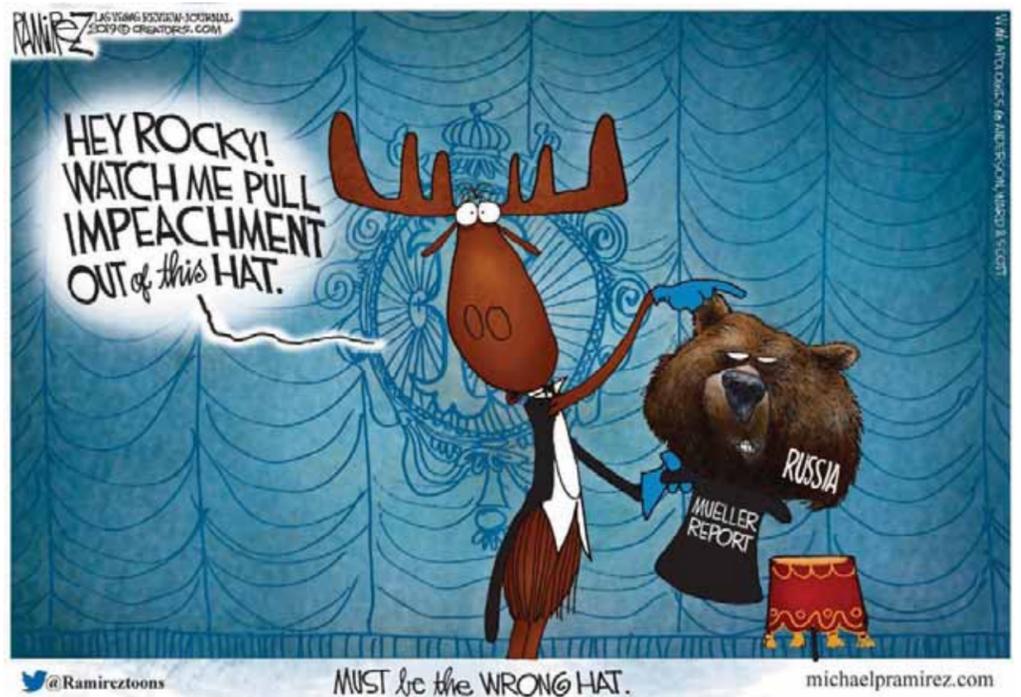
So has Trump actually been a good thing for race relations in the U.S., and if so, why?

The University of Pennsylvania study is a little shy on this point, but raises the theory that people have found Trump's pronouncements on migrants, Mexicans and so on to be so reprehensible that it has inspired them to think about their own attitudes.

It is possible, they write, "that it was not simply Trump's rhetoric but also his accession to the presidency that pushed public opinion in the opposite direction."

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Lin Brehmer's "Lin's Bin" on WXRT 93.1 is the very best storytelling in Chicago.

Chicago radio stations should showcase Chicago talent

By **KRISTEN MCQUEARY**
Chicago Tribune

As someone who writes on state and local politics, I depend on Chicago radio. I listen to and from work, stream at home and catch up on podcasts. I don't even walk the dog without grabbing earbuds and strategically avoiding dead zones on our route.

I used to despise the AM-dial buzz of my dad's paint-splattered radio, which he blared from the upstairs bathroom while he got ready for work. Now I seek it out. I prefer Newsradio 780, not the 105.9 FM alternative even though the signal is clearer. I want to hear Craig Dellimore, scratchy. I like a crackle of lightning scrambling my traffic report. I want White Sox games with squeaky AM-radio interruptions.

I listen to it all: WLS-AM 890, where my friend Lauren Cohn handles afternoon news and traffic; Chicago's Morning Answer 560 AM with Dan Proft and Amy Jacobson, where I occasionally co-host; and WVON-AM 1690 to catch Maze Jackson plopping a politician on the griddle. Also a regular guest in my car: the hosts of WGN Radio 720, who veer into local politics and sometimes get tipsy with canarble wagons. I'll even stop by Chicago's Progressive Talk 820 AM to hear what the opposition is up to. It's smart talk radio, even though I profoundly disagree with the policy positions of the hosts.

When I need a break from the gab, I tune into FM stations, from country to pop to classic rock, on one condition: It's got to be local. I want my cheesy, sophomoric radio stunts choreographed by Chicagoans who also can chat about the weather, an awkward date or the inhumanity of sleet in May.



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Chicago's Big 95.5 announced "The Bobby Bones Show" with fanfare, but nobody here had really heard of Bones before he landed on our morning commute.

I want Lin Brehmer's "Lin's Bin" on WXRT 93.1, the very best storytelling in Chicago. I want crosstown trash talk. I want someone to admit they actually like Navy Pier. I want hosts who know it's Vito & Nick's Pizzeria even though everyone calls it Nick & Vito's.

This is why I am still perplexed at the decision by the higher-ups at Chicago's Big 95.5, one of the city's two mainstream country music stations, to pick up a syndicated morning show out of Nashville. Can we please talk about this?

It's almost summer. We should be hearing morning contests for Country LakeShake or Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre tickets. Instead we've got "The Bobby Bones Show," where host Bones weaves his celebrity into nearly every bit. Yes, he was the winner of the television competition "Dancing with the Stars." Yes, he advises contestants on "American Idol." Yes, he's an influential and successful

force in country music.

But I hate to break it to him: Nobody here had really heard of Bones before he landed on our morning commute.

Big 95.5 station managers last August announced the Bones lineup with great fanfare. This was after a shake-up of local hosts who had produced mixed results. I get it. Bones and his co-hosts are talented and attractive. They're a "brand." They're glitter. They're welcome panache in a small Minnesota town or a rural Nebraska media market. But Chicago is the third-largest city in America — at least until Houston monster-trucks over us with its rising population figures. We should have a local lineup of morning show hosts who know Chicago, not jet past it on their way to L.A. The talent is here. Interest in country music is growing. And politics permeates everything. We should have morning radio that reflects it.

Chicago is a city of noncelebrity.

Popularity is unpopular. Men in hard hats who eat their lunches out of Playmate coolers in parking garages want a country music station where a radio host's fame might land him a live broadcast from a suburban Dunkin' Donuts. Or a dry cleaner. Or a car dealership. Not inside US Weekly.

Last week, the city welcomed a new mayor. It was national news. Other music stations in town chatted it up on air or included it in their social media feeds. Do Bones and Co. have any idea what's going on in Chicago? Can they name a popular dive bar or find Water Tower Place on a map or identify a member of the City Council? I'm no radio expert, but I do know an out-of-town morning team from Nashville sells listeners short.

"In Chicago you have to be local, you have to love this city and you have to know street names," says Ramblin' Ray Stevens, longtime radio host and country music authority who should be on the airwaves here. "People want to know that you care about them."

Which is exactly why the other country station in town, US 99.5 FM, where Stevens used to work, should be trying to capitalize on local, local, local. That station is in upheaval after ousting its morning-drive hosts. Maybe they weren't the best fit, but farming for Chicago talent should be a priority. This is a big city deserving of hosts who can weave local news, politics and sports into a country music format.

They also better know how to pronounce "Paulina."

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Move to an elected school board, Chicago — but get it right

By **ED BACHRACH**
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Chicago at long last appears to be moving toward an elected school board.

However, like all things in life, the devil is in the details. Get the details wrong and the city's schools could end up in worse shape than they would be under mayoral control. Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a proponent of an elected school board, rightly pumped the brakes on a poorly thought out proposal in Springfield last month.

But what should an elected school board in Chicago look like? And what questions must leaders ask to make sure the board can tackle the schools' biggest problems?

Let's start simple: the number of board members.

The bill Lightfoot nixed in Springfield would have Chicagoans elect 20 school board members by district and a board president at large. Among the top

20 school districts in the U.S. based on student population, the average number of board seats is fewer than nine. Lawmakers clearly didn't do their homework.

Beyond the number of board members, there are serious structural considerations regarding the school board that cannot and should not be decided by the board itself. These should be part of the package of state laws that accompany the creation of an elected body. Here are a few key questions lawmakers must answer:

When and how would the school board be elected?

Chicago's February municipal elections discourage democracy, with consistently abysmal turnout. There's little wonder why no other major city holds elections in that month. Lawmakers should consider letting Chicagoans vote for the school board in November, like we do for county offices.

Who runs and who funds? The state passed extensive campaign contribution and expenditure legislation in 2009. That law contained some significant flaws but was intended to keep special interests and individuals from unduly influencing campaigns. Whenever the idea of an elected school board is raised, the first question out of many mouths is, "How do you keep the teachers union from capturing the board?" Lawmakers must consider campaign finance rules, as well as eligibility rules for board members.

How should the board bargain? One problem that plagues Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Police Department and many other units of government in Illinois is the creation of law by collective bargaining agreement. The current agreement between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union places a moratorium on opening charter schools and closing district schools. This agreement between two people,

the union head and the mayor, contains provisions that should be subject to public deliberation and approval. When a recent teacher strike in Los Angeles was settled, the board merely agreed in a side letter to consider a cap on charter schools.

Should CPS be the primary authorizing entity for charter schools in Chicago? CPS is the chartering authority for Chicago charter schools. And now there is proposed legislation to kill the State Charter School Commission. In other states, it is a university or state board or even the mayor who authorizes charters. For CPS to be negotiating a collective bargaining agreement with the avowed enemy of charter schools puts an undue burden on an elected board that will have plenty of trouble from day one. Even if the city does not move to an elected school board, it should separate chartering authority from CPS.

These are just some of the issues that should be resolved

outside of elected school board meetings. There might be several other crucial issues that should be addressed by the state legislature, before it delivers an elected board to Chicago.

Lightfoot can bring order to the policymaking process in Springfield by appointing an "elected school board task force" to study all the issues involved, hold public hearings, find out how other big school districts operate and recommend a complete package of legislation. This effort would mimic what she did when she headed the Police Accountability Task Force. Armed with the resulting report on the school board, she can work with Springfield to get what's best for Chicago.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Mick Jagger, from left, Ronnie Wood and Keith Richards during a Rolling Stones concert in France in 2018.

The problem with the Rolling Stones' 'Brown Sugar'

BY IAN BRENNAN

Imagine everyone in a sold-out stadium singing along joyfully to a tune glorifying slavery, rape, torture and pedophilia, with the entire chorus led by a hyper-gesticulating 75-year-old white male, centimillionaire. It sounds like something out of a dystopian horror film or a tale of 19th century-era evil.

Sadly, this spectacle is coming to a major city near you — right here in our post-“Get Out” world and with audiences around the globe paying princely sums to participate in the privilege.

The violence and stereotypes depicted by the lyrics of the Rolling Stones' “Brown Sugar” are repulsive, yet the song continues to be broadcast without a peep by radio stations around the world and is blasted in cafes, airports, gyms, shopping centers and the ilk, even now well into the #MeToo and #TimesUp era.

Clearly, if the song's same words were recited publicly, they would incite outrage. Twitter would run amok, friendships would fray, careers would capsize, swal-

lowed whole by waves of shame. Somehow though, when set to music, the words are ignored. This is largely due to pop music being routinely dismissed as a triviality — a belittlement that belies pop culture's pervasiveness, and thereby the danger of its often hidden or mixed messages.

After an interruption so that lead singer Mick Jagger could deal with a health issue, the Rolling Stones will resume their international “No Filter” stadium tour June 21 at Soldier Field. “Brown Sugar,” far from some obscure B-side, is sure to be on the setlist. From the “Sticky Fingers” album, it was a No. 1 Billboard hit in 1971 that the band has continued to perform and repeatedly bring to life on stage.

Instead of being held to a higher standard as their stature should demand, those with celebrity and power are too often given a pass. A teenage barista would likely be fired for daring speak the line, “Brown Sugar, how come you taste so good? Brown Sugar, just like a young girl should,” to a customer or colleague. Yet, the Stones have brazenly gotten away with this jeering harassment for decades.

This is not a call for censorship or curtailing of artistic speech, but a plea for superstars to accept at least a fraction of accountability for their words as the rest of us. With compassion and respect for Jagger's health scare, his brush with mortality could not provide a more fitting moment for the band to acknowledge its error in judgment and retire the song permanently — as a voluntary effort to heal and educate their audience.

The issue today is not that they ever wrote the song. Nor that they have ever sung it. The fault is that they keep singing it. For anyone remaining an apologist for “the greatest rock ‘n’ roll band in the world,” I challenge you to speak the lyrics to “Brown Sugar” in its entirety aloud and irony-free before a diverse group of strangers. Go ahead, I dare you.

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For the Democratic candidates, winnowing is already at work



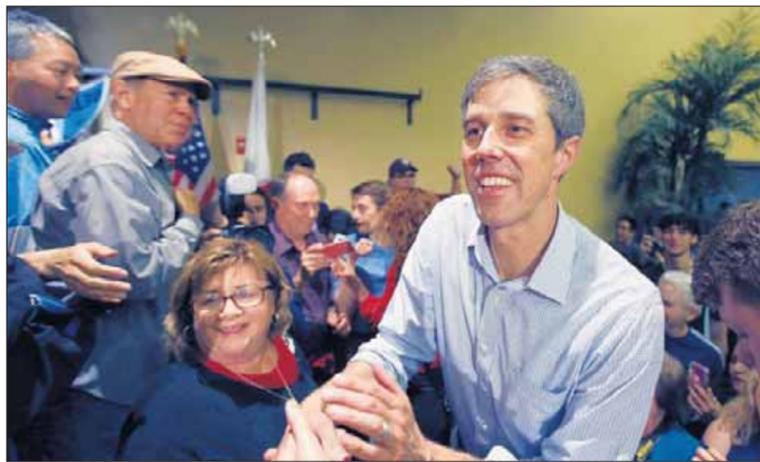
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“We're cutting out some of this ear hair that you get when you get older,” said the 46-year-old man-child who is auditioning to be skateboarder in chief. Livestreaming his visit to an El Paso barbershop, Beto O'Rourke continued: “It grows out of your ears, and if you don't get it cut, it can be nasty.” You might respond to this, as you perhaps did to O'Rourke's prior livestreaming of his dental-cleaning appointment, by thinking: TMI. This is, however, not too much information. It is exactly the sort of information we need about the Democrats seeking their party's presidential nomination. Markets are information-generating mechanisms, and the political market is working.

Before she is winnowed out, perhaps before Iowa's first frost, note New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's campaign slogan: “Brave Wins.” It pats her on the back for unspecified acts of bravery, but this strange conjunction of words is the most vacuous advertising noise this side of Miller Lite's current slogan: “Hold True.”

The first substantive sentence — this counts as substance nowadays — in New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's video announcing his candidacy is: “There's plenty of money in this world, there's plenty of money in this country, it's just in the wrong hands.” He is a socialist who means it: Redistribution and nothing but, because wealth creation is so 20th century, now that there is “plenty” of money sloshing around. His solutions to our national problems include banning Manhattan: “the glass and steel skyscrapers that have contributed so much to global warming” have “no place in our city or on our Earth anymore.” A thought experiment: If O'Rourke, de Blasio and some other presidential candidates were Republican moles insinuated into the Democratic scramble in order to make that party look absurd and the current president look thoughtful, how would they behave differently?

Pete Buttigieg, 37, is supposed to be one of the adults in the room, but he, like de Blasio, envisions national enlargement



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Presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke greets supporters in San Diego on April 30.

through subtraction. He has joined the progressive pile-on against the founders who, say their current despisers, are inferior to our enlightened selves. Radio host Hugh Hewitt asked Buttigieg whether the Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners should be renamed. Jackson's seriously disagreeable behaviors have already caused him to be tossed down the memory hole (see George Orwell's “1984” on erasing the past). But Buttigieg said “Jefferson is more problematic” because, although there is much to admire in Jefferson's thinking, “he knew slavery was wrong” and did not act accordingly. So, scrubbing Jefferson's name from things is “the right thing to do.” Well, then, what does Buttigieg propose for the Jefferson Memorial's prime real estate on Washington's Tidal Basin? Perhaps an annex for the expanded Supreme Court that he, the supposed moderate who is less than half as old as The Venerable Moderate, proposes to pack?

Speaking of Joe Biden, at a campaign rally in Philadelphia he said, “I believe Democrats want to unify this nation. That's what our party's always been about.” This is an interesting interpretation of the 1850s, but a significant portion of the nation does not turn its lonely eyes to Biden for history tutorials. Rather, it is looking for political insurance that it will have a 2020 choice that does not make them wince. A choice that will shuffle

sufficient electoral votes to strike the tent of today's White House circus.

In 2004, just three states gave their electoral votes to a different party than in 2000. In 2008, nine states changed from 2004. In 2012, two changed from 2008. In 2016, six changed from 2012. Are Democrats asking the sort of question Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., asked after Ronald Reagan trounced Jimmy Carter in 1980: “Even Herbert Hoover got more electoral votes (in 1932) than President Carter. We have to ask what happened and why?”

What happened in 2016 was that the Democratic Party's nominating process produced a candidate whom Donald Trump defeated by 17 points among the 18% of voters who had negative views of both him and her. And he won by 51 points among the 15% of the electorate who thought neither he nor she was qualified to be president.

By the time Mitt Romney had run the Republicans' nominating gantlet in 2012, he had the lowest positive rating and highest negative rating of any recent major-party nominee. Biden's Democratic rivals should ponder this as they sharpen their knives.

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Abortion and religious freedom

I have always thought that the abortion debate is about religious freedom because at the heart of it are questions of what is it to be human and what is a moral act. We turn to religion or philosophy for help in answering these questions.

Science deals only with understanding the biological processes, not with the significance of those processes. Science can detect a fetal heartbeat, but it cannot tell us what the existential meaning of that single fact is.

Most, if not all, of us believe there is something that separates humans from the rest of the animal kingdom. For the faithful, that thing is the presence of a soul. In her recent book “The Matriarch,” Susan Page revealed former first lady Barbara Bush's struggle with knowing that she would be asked about her stance on abortion.

After much reflection about the short life of her young daughter, Bush came to the conclusion that abortion was not murder due to her understanding of when the soul enters the body.

You often hear opponents of abortion rights say they are pro-life. That all life is sacred and that they are doing God's work. Many of your letter writers have pointed out the contradictions in the positions held by those who oppose abortion. But abortion opponents see themselves as being crusaders for innocent life — life that is unmarred by sin. These are religious ideals that are separate and apart from science or logic. Opponents of abortion are working to codify their religious beliefs into law because they see this as God's work. At least Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey sees it that way.

All of these laws are hurriedly being written now because these crusaders see that they have judges on the U.S. Supreme Court who have no problem allowing one group's religious beliefs to be imposed on others.

When legislators write laws based on their interpretation of their religious tradition, they are saying their laws are based on a higher authority than our founding documents. When those laws are upheld by the courts, we no longer have a democracy. We become a theocracy.

Even though our nation's founders were not particularly devout, they understood that religious freedom is important in a democracy. Without it, there is always the danger that some group will declare superiority over all others because they are ordained by God, and not by man, to create the laws.

— Janice Cody, Chicago

Resources for pregnancy

In response to Richard Nolan's letter “Pro-life hypocrisy” (May 21): His comments lack merit. He gives a blanket statement that those in the pro-life movement would be unwilling to adopt or support unwanted children. Mr. Nolan needs to look around his community: Catholic Charities is available to support and aid women in crisis. No one will be turned away; they will be supported through pregnancy and birth. The Women's Center has many locations throughout the city that will assist. The agency The Cradle will facilitate adoptions. Project Rachel is a support group for women who have been traumatized by having an abortion.

There is help through the continuum! Women will not be turned away at any point of crisis. I encourage those in need to seek support — it is there for you. Don't be afraid; there are nonjudgmental resources for you. You will be supported through it all.

— Mary Heinz, Chicago

Putting limits on humane feeling

I understand the position of those who believe that life starts at conception and who, in the process of outlawing abortion, will not include exceptions for rape or incest.

If only they would give the same consideration to the lives of those on death row, by eliminating capital punishment.

If only they would give the same consideration to the lives of those seeking asylum on our southern border, by providing easier methods to gain protection from death threats in their home countries.

If only they would give the same consideration to the lives of our children in schools and congregants in mosques and synagogues, by strengthening gun laws to keep weapons out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them.

If only they would give the same consideration to the lives of children already born who do not have enough to eat or access to health care by strengthening our safety net programs instead of enacting funding cuts for misdirected tax cuts.

— Jim Jolley, Bolingbrook

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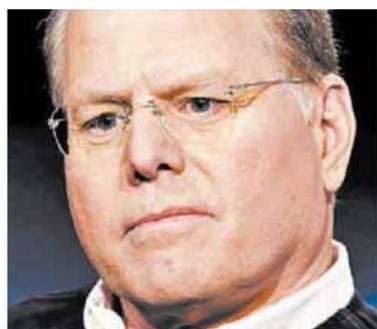
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Over the top

S&P 500 CEOs get median \$800,000 pay raise, leaving workers even further behind



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By **STAN CHOE** | Associated Press

Did you get a 7% raise last year? Congratulations, yours was in line with what CEOs at the biggest companies got. But for chief executives, that 7% was roughly \$800,000.

Pay for CEOs at S&P 500 companies rose to a median of \$12 million last year, including salary, stock and other compensation, according to data analyzed by Equilar for The Associated Press. The eight-figure packages continue to rise as companies tie more of their CEOs' pay to their stock prices, which are still near record levels, and as profits hit an all-time high last year due to lower tax bills and a still-growing economy.

Pay for typical workers at these companies isn't rising nearly as quickly. The median increase was 3% last year, less than half the growth for the top bosses. Median means half were larger, and half were smaller.

The survey showed that it would take 158 years for the typical worker at most big companies to make what their CEO did in 2018, seven years longer than if both were still at 2017 pay levels. And when top executives are already making so much more than their employees, the bigger percentage raises compound the widening financial gap.

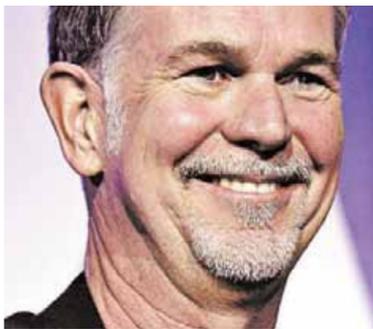
Anger about widening income inequality is rising around the world, from Capitol Hill to protests in streets. But it's only slowly seeping into the conference rooms where boards of directors set the pay for CEOs. Boards are often more concerned with what a competitor may pay to poach their CEO than how much more that person makes versus the rest of the workforce.

"It's a natural thing for a CEO and a

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JAMES DIMON
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COMCAST, \$35 MILLION



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CEO PAY

When investors give thumbs-down to soaring compensation packages

By **STAN CHOE** | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shareholders are still voting overwhelmingly in favor of big pay packages for CEOs, but there are more pockets of resistance eight years after "Say on Pay" became a mandatory exercise at annual meetings.

Median pay for CEOs at the biggest U.S. companies climbed 7% to \$12 million last year, according to data analyzed by Equilar for The Associated Press. The median increase for a typical worker at these companies was 3%. Median means half were larger, and half were smaller.

The stock market is in the midst of the longest bull run on record. Earnings per share for the companies in the S&P 500 surged 20% last year before cooling off in the first three months of 2019. Companies are repurchasing record amounts of their

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Tariffs could fizzle American holiday tradition

Threat to industry with 95% coming from China

By **TAYLOR TELFORD**
The Washington Post

The escalating trade clash between the United States and China has sent thousands of U.S. companies scrambling to determine whether they can import goods from other countries to escape higher tariffs. But when President Donald Trump threatened to tag large penalties on \$300 billion in Chinese imports earlier this month, a sense of panic settled over the fireworks industry. It had nowhere else to go.

"It's virtually impossible for our product to be made anywhere else but in China," said Bruce Zoldan, the chief executive of Phantom Fireworks in Youngstown, Ohio. "If these tariffs happen, it'll be the greatest threat to our industry."

Zoldan met with White

House officials on Wednesday to press his case, and he is working on a formal request to be delivered next month that he hopes would exempt the fireworks industry from the penalties. A final decision by the White House could come in late June, in the midst of the fireworks industry's busiest period.

After several months of negotiations between the White House and Beijing that left many believing a truce was within reach, a messy unraveling has left many business executives wondering how to avoid collateral damage.

Trump's showdown with Beijing has nothing to do with fireworks, but they have nonetheless been brought into the fray of the trade war and its headline issues: trade imbalances, government subsidies, intellectual property and global economic health. And while Trump has repeatedly suggested

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Although fireworks for this year's celebrations shouldn't be affected by tariff changes, prices may rise anyway.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Optometrist Daniel Nast, left, who is 100 years old, gives training and techniques to patient Matea Peric Thursday.

The 100-year-old doctor will see you

Northbrook optometrist has no plans to retire from visual therapy

By **LISA SCHENCKER**
Chicago Tribune

that he's a centenarian. "But everyone else does."

Matea Peric knew her optometrist was elderly. He walks slowly, and his face is grooved under salt-and-pepper gray hair.

She thought maybe he was 80 years old? 90? But she found out one day, while talking with the office's receptionists, that her estimate was a bit off. Dr. Daniel Nast turned 100 in February.

Yet, twice a week, his wife still drives him to and from the Mind-Eye Institute in Northbrook where he sees patients, continuing a career that started about 75 years ago. He works at another practice on Saturdays.

"I don't think it's unusual," Nast said of continuing to practice now

To be sure, optometrists tend to be an older group. Nearly 44 percent of licensed, practicing optometrists are age 50 or older, with about 5 percent age 70 or older, according to the American Optometric Association. Still, the association's president, Dr. Samuel Pierce, said he's never heard of another 100-year-old practicing optometrist.

In the medical profession, the question of at what age doctors should retire has been a controversial one in recent years.

But Pierce said he doesn't see why an optometrist shouldn't be able to keep practicing at any age, "as long as they stay cur-

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"Seventy years of experience is a wealth of knowledge. People come back and tell me how wonderful he is, that he understands them."

— Dr. Deborah Zelinsky, founder of the Mind-Eye Institute

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board to say, 'How are others who are doing similar work paid?' And there's a natural sense that if the board believes and supports their CEO, they don't expect their CEO to be paid less than the others in the industry," said Eric Hosken, a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners, a consulting firm that works with boards.

Investors — the ultimate corporate bosses who have the power to vote directors off the board — also continue to vote overwhelmingly in favor of executive pay packages at the biggest companies, though the margins have been decreasing.

"There's a belief that if we underpay our CEO, they can go work in private equity. They can go work for a competitor. They will find places to go," Hosken said.

The AP's CEO compensation study included pay data for 340 executives at S&P 500 companies who have served at least two full consecutive fiscal years at their companies, which filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30.

Some companies with highly paid CEOs did not fit these criteria and were excluded, such as Safra Catz and Mark Hurd, co-CEOs of Oracle. Each had compensation valued at \$108.3 million last fiscal year, but Oracle usually files its proxy statement in September due to its fiscal year ending in May.

Who's on top

Last year's top paid executive in the survey was David Zaslav of Discovery, the media giant behind HGTV and the Food Network. His total compensation was valued at \$129.5 million, up 207% from a year earlier. Like other executives at the top of the rankings, most of Zaslav's pay is not from cash but from stock awards or option grants that he will fully benefit from only if Discovery's share price rises in the future.

Nearly 80% of Zaslav's compensation last year came from stock options valued at \$102.1 million, most of which he received as part of a new employment contract that runs through 2023. Companies often grant big options packages when top executives renew their contracts. Discovery's stock returned 11% last year, beating the S&P 500's loss of 4%, including dividends, and it has also beat the market since its initial public offering in 2008.

Media CEOs tend to dominate the top of the rankings for compensa-

tion, corralling as much or more in compensation as the stars who work for them. But one commonly recurring name did not make this year's list: Leslie Moonves, whose ouster from CBS last year was one of the highest profile results of the #MeToo movement.

Disparity deepens

This is the second year that the government has required companies to show how pay for top bosses compares with the pay for their typical worker. The measure is far from perfect, mostly because companies have a lot of flexibility in how to calculate the numbers.

Comparisons between companies can also be meaningless when one has mostly part-time workers in developing countries while the other has office parks full of Ph.D.s in Silicon Valley. But now that companies have submitted two years of data, investors can see how the gap in pay is trending at individual companies.

At more than 40% of the companies in this year's survey, the CEO's pay rose by at least double the percentage of the median worker's pay gain.

Across the economy, pay is climbing at a faster rate for workers, but the gains are still below where they usually are when the economy is this healthy. Average hourly pay rose 3.4% in February from a year earlier, the largest annual gain in a decade. Companies find that they have to pay more to hold on to staff after the unemployment rate dropped to a nearly 50-year low.

But the last time the jobless rate was almost this low, in the late 1990s, hourly pay rose at a 4% to 4.5% rate. Economists say several trends are holding back wage gains, including businesses facing intense pressure from online and overseas competitors.

And with larger, multinational companies dominating more industries, workers have fewer alternatives to jump to in search of a raise.

"For the kind of numbers we're seeing on the unemployment rate, or the length of the recovery, all those numbers would tell us that we're in an incredibly good economy. But it's not as rosy as those statistics suggest," said Julia Coronado, an economist and president of Macro-Policy Perspectives.

A few outliers

In some industries, worker pay is closer to the CEO's. Some tech CEOs have famously low salaries, such as Lawrence Page of Google's parent, Alphabet,

and Jack Dorsey of Twitter. Both took home a \$1 salary last year, but both also own huge stakes of their companies as co-founders.

Tech companies also often pay high salaries to lure in programmers and data scientists. At Alphabet, for example, the median employee had compensation of \$246,804 last year, up 25% from the year before.

High salaries of more than \$100,000 are most typically found in a more staid area of the market: utilities. Most of the big utilities paid their median worker above \$110,000 last year, but that may not last for long. Compensation fell for the median worker at most utilities last year.

Women, meanwhile, still remain relatively rare in the corner offices for S&P 500 companies, even though they enter U.S. companies at roughly the same rate as men. Of the 340 CEOs in this year's survey, just 19 were women. Their median pay was \$12.7 million last year, versus \$11.2 million for men.

Most shareholders sign off on raises

For the most part, investors are OK with these big pay packages.

Last year, the median company in the survey received a 94% approval rate on its "Say on Pay" vote, where shareholders give a nonbinding up-or-down vote on executive compensation. That was down only slightly from 95% a year earlier.

But those high approval numbers belie increasing scrutiny of executive compensation by shareholders.

"It's accelerating a lot," said Rosanna Landis Weaver, researcher at As You Sow, a shareholder advocacy group. "You have scholarship showing how widening income inequality is bad for everyone, shareholders and democracy. And the myth of 'pay for performance' has taken a couple of blows, so people are re-examining pay."

In many cases, the dissenting voices are coming from shareholders outside the United States.

"I have the impression that here in the U.S., the culture is still — maybe rightly so — that if your CEO is successful, you are entitled to make basically as much money as you want," said Luca Paolini, chief strategist at Pictet Asset Management, which is based in Switzerland. "In Europe, we think slightly differently. And in Japan as well. They say, 'Ok, your company is great, you should give back something.'"

The AP's Chris Rugaber in Washington contributed.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Matea Peric, left, consults with optometrist Daniel Nast on ways to improve her eyesight during an appointment at the Mind-Eye Institute in Northbrook last Thursday.

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rent in technology and education and training." And if an optometrist can do all that, he said, "I think it's amazing and truly something to be proud of."

Nast still reads research articles voraciously, and while he's shunned email ("I suppose I should," he said, "but I don't feel like I want to at this point in my life") he works to keep up with his profession's technology. Much has changed since Nast first began in the field — soft contact lenses hadn't yet been invented when he began his career — but some things have remained the same.

At a recent appointment, Nast, clad in a crisp white jacket, sat next to the 20-year-old Peric, running through exercises designed to improve her visual processing and nearsightedness. He asked her to hold the end of a string, studded with colored beads, paying attention to different beads. He asked her to peer into a telebinocular, where two pictures merged into one.

And he had her sit in front of a large touchscreen, listening for words and then tapping them with her fingers. Though he spent most of the appointment sitting, he easily manipulated equipment and walked across the room, unassisted, when necessary. Nast himself uses reading glasses on occasion.

"I think he's absolutely nuts to be working," joked Nast's son, Richard Nast. But the younger Nast, who works as an optician in Glenview, understands why he does it. His dad always told her and his sister that "if you like what you do, you never go to work."

"He's passionate about what he does and that's why he's been doing it so long," Richard Nast said. "Being 100 years old, I think that's what's keeping him going, is working."

The elder Nast discovered optometry as a boy, growing up in the small town of Little Falls, N.Y., and youngest of three children.

As an 8- or 9-year-old, words would blur before his eyes, and he couldn't grasp their meaning. He met with an optometrist who did visual therapy with him, and he saw improvements.

"It left an impression on me, that here is something worthwhile," Nast said.

He held onto that thought as he searched for a career as a young man. Ultimately, he departed Little Falls, hungry for a faster pace of life. He sat up all night on the train ride to Chicago.

"I got to Chicago with a suitcase and \$7 and that was it," Nast said. "I was an 18-year-old kid and naïve as anybody could possibly be, didn't know anything about anything."

He got a job sweeping floors and eventually started attending school at night. He thought he'd be an accountant but found the work too mechanical. He remembered optometry and decided to study it instead.

He was just shy of graduating when, amid World War II, the Army came calling. To make sure he'd have enough time to finish his courses and take his exam, he joined the Army Air Forces. The Army wanted to make him a bombardier, a navigator or a mechanic, but Nast told them he'd be more useful as an optometrist for military men.

Nast introduced himself to the leaders of the base's eye clinic. Soon he was working as an optometrist on the base near Wichita Falls, Texas, where he stayed for three years.

Just before he was about to be discharged, he was transferred to serve as an eye doctor on the base at Los Alamos, New Mexico — the site where the atomic bomb was developed. He passed his evenings playing bridge with the scientists who were working on the history-making bomb.

"We would sit in the evenings because there was absolutely nothing to do, and you couldn't leave," Nast said.

After the war, he opened his practice in Melrose Park, got married, and started a family. His wife,

Phyllis Nast, died in 1985. He and his second wife, Dolly Howard-Nast, 90, have now been married for more than 30 years.

He continued to operate his practice in Melrose Park for about 50 years, until he sold it around 2000. Nast gave retirement a try. It didn't stick.

"I almost went crazy," he said.

Instead, he spent years "freelancing," as he calls it, working at various doctors' offices, pitching in when needed. About five years ago, Dr. Deborah Zelinsky, founder of the Mind-Eye Institute, an optometry office with an emphasis on visual rehabilitation and neurodevelopment, hired him as a permanent, if part-time, employee. These days, he mostly does visual therapy.

"Seventy years of experience is a wealth of knowledge," Zelinsky said. "People come back and tell me how wonderful he is, that he understands them, that he listens to them."

Patient Pamela Mimura, of Rogers Park, started seeing Nast in 2017 and said he was the first optometrist to truly address some of her underlying issues. Mimura, 63, has had vision problems her whole life. She struggled in school as a child because of those problems and wonders how her life might have been different had she met him earlier.

"I just said, 'Where were you when I was 2-and-a-half (years old)?' She said, 'He said, 'Melrose Park. Where were you?'"

For her, his age has meant he possessed the experience and knowledge to help her.

Patients like Mimura are a big part of the reason Nast continues to work — and he has no plans to try retirement a second time.

"I work because I feel I'm doing some good, No. 1. And, No. 2, I enjoy it. It's not work as far as I'm concerned," Nast said. "I hope to be able to work as long as I'm able to because this is what it's all about, is helping people."

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stock to return cash to investors. So, shareholders have had a lot to be happy about.

The median company in the survey received a 94% approval rate on its "Say on Pay" vote, where shareholders give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down on executive compensation. That was down only slightly from 95% a year earlier. While mandatory under the Dodd-Frank Act, the votes are nonbinding.

However, while the approval numbers remain high, executive compensation packages are receiving increased scrutiny from shareholders.

At Nuveen, the asset management arm of TIAA, the company voted "No" on 8% of "Say on Pay" votes last year, up from 4% the prior year.

It's still in the middle of voting in this year's annual meeting season, but the numbers will likely continue to trend upward, said Peter Reali, Nuveen's senior director of responsible investing.

"It's become very challenging for companies to convince shareholders that pay is really driving the shareholder returns that we expect," he said. Beyond the company's stock returns over the shorter and longer term, he also takes into consider-

ation other performance gauges specific to companies, such as profitability and other measures of returns.

When investors do vote against companies' executive compensation, boards often react quickly.

"If you're getting pressure on your 'Say on Pay' vote, you're going to be expected to make some changes," said Dan Laddin, partner at Compensation Advisory Partners. "Maybe that doesn't mean lowering CEO pay. But holding the CEO's feet to the fire in terms of how to earn that pay is one of the common outcomes."

Consider the No. 2 paid CEO in this year's survey, Robert Iger of Disney, who earned \$65.6 million. Disney shareholders were upset last year about his pay, and 52% of shares cast at the annual meeting voted against the compensation packages for top executives.

In response, the company toughened the performance goals Iger would need to meet to get the full bonus he would be due in 2021. The company subsequently cut his potential future annual earnings by \$13.5 million.

At this year's Disney meeting, held four days after Iger agreed to the pay changes, 57% of shares cast voted in favor of executives' pay packages.

"Mr. Iger's results-driven compensation reflects the exceptional value he

has created for the company, its shareholders and employees," a spokesperson for The Walt Disney Co. said.

Sometimes it takes more than a year to get back in shareholders' good graces.

At last year's Ameriprise Financial annual meeting, for example, more than 70% of the shares cast rejected executives' compensation packages. In the prior year, 81% voted in favor.

After the failed vote, the financial services company made several changes to its compensation program, based on feedback from investors.

It reduced the maximum bonus that executives can earn each year, among other changes.

CEO James Cracchiolo's compensation rose 11% to \$24.8 million last year. While Ameriprise stock fell in 2018 — it was hit particularly hard by the stock market's swoon at the end of the year — revenue rose 5% and earnings per share were up 18%. The stock's return since Cracchiolo took over in 2005 has more than doubled the S&P 500.

But when Ameriprise shareholders met in Minneapolis last month to vote on executive pay, the majority was clear again: 64% voted "No."

An Ameriprise spokesperson said the board "will consider this additional feedback as we continue to evolve our program."

Fireworks

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that companies can sidestep the tariffs by moving manufacturing to the U.S., that is not an option for domestic fireworks sellers.

It would take years to replicate the manufacturing base in another country, and fireworks executives are extremely wary about major changes that could upend safety protocols.

And though shipments for this year's Fourth of July celebrations theoretically shouldn't be affected by tariffs, vendors might raise prices anyway, to start making up for what they'll lose once the taxes kick in. And come next summer, after years of record-breaking sales, fireworks might suddenly be scarce.

Fireworks have typically been the province of small businesses in the United States, starting with Italian immigrants who brought the trade with them. But regulatory shifts in the 1970s and '80s all but smothered domestic manufacturing just as demand began to spike, and the businesses that had for generations passed down the craft of making pyrotechnics were forced to primarily become importers.

Today, of the 250 million pounds of fireworks that are imported to the U.S. each year, nearly 95 percent come from China, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association.

Trump has not yet imposed tariffs on fireworks, but it was recently added to a list of products that would face a 25 percent penalty if China doesn't reach a broader deal with the White House soon. And if fireworks aren't removed from that list, executives said they will not be able to absorb the costs.

And if the industry can't win an exemption before tariffs take effect this summer, the levy will cut deeply into the revenue streams of legions of small businesses, local economies, and the school group and nonprofits that rely on fireworks for fundraisers.

"The fireworks stands and tents you see in grocery store parking lots and on the roadsides serve as fundraising opportunities for organizations like school boosters, churches and veterans' organizations," the National Fireworks Association said in a news release after the tariffs were announced. "With an unfair tax that serves to raise the cost of firework devices so significantly, we're hurting the very organizations that

make up the fabric of America."

In recent years, as states have loosened the regulatory tethers and Chinese manufacturers have raised safety and production benchmarks, fireworks sales have swelled. Americans spent nearly \$900 million on sparklers, roman candles and other glowing bursts in 2018 — a more than 300 percent increase since 1998.

But ever since Trump slapped tariffs on \$50 billion in select Chinese goods last July, the fireworks industry has waited warily for the second act. Luck held until early May, when the president jolted the trade talks by imposing 25 percent tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods. Beijing retaliated with tariffs of its own, and Trump hit back by proposing tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports.

Steven Houser, secretary of the National Fireworks Association, said he's heard from many of the group's 1,200 members, who are frantically trying to understand what's happening.

"They listen to the news and hear them say tariffs and they think the sky is falling," said Houser, who also owns and operates a wholesale fireworks company called Red Rhino Fireworks in Missouri.

More tariffs, woes in store for buyers, stores

Smaller retailers most at risk in China trade war

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An escalating trade war between the U.S. and China could mean higher prices on a broad array of products from toys to clothing. But some retailers will be less equipped to handle the pain than others, leaving consumers to carry the load.

Analysts say big box giants like Target and Walmart, who marked their latest quarter with strong performance, are best positioned to absorb higher costs because of their clout with suppliers. They're also taking a judicious approach to price increases to lessen the impact.

The losers will be the ones that have been struggling all along — mall-based clothing stores and others that sell commoditized products like basic sweaters or that don't have the financial wherewithal to absorb extra costs.

Consumers and most retailers had been left largely unscathed by the first several rounds of tariffs that



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Big box retailers, like this Walmart in New Jersey, could absorb higher costs of goods from the US-China trade war.

the U.S. imposed on China because they mostly focused on industrial and agricultural products. But that began to change when items like furniture saw an increase in tariffs to 25% in early May.

Retailers will absorb the extra costs when those products arrive in U.S. ports in June. But now the Trump administration is preparing to extend the 25% tariffs to

practically all Chinese imports not already hit with levies, including toys, shirts, household goods and sneakers.

Cowen & Co. estimates shoppers could see as much as 10% to 15% in price increases across all goods imported from China, which would mean an incremental cost of \$100 billion or more.

Retail executives from a

wide array of stores from Walmart to Kohl's said on conference calls with analysts that they remain optimistic about the financial health of the consumer, citing low unemployment and a strong economy. But shoppers could balk at paying higher prices on things they don't need, especially those in the lower income bracket.

Analysts believe shop-

pers' habits will change if the trade wars escalate and the next round of hikes stay in place for a while.

"It will change behaviors and change how much people buy and where people do that buying," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

Greg Petro, CEO of First Insight, a technology firm that advises retailers and brands on pricing decisions, believes that if prices rise because of the new tariffs, they will be permanent but not all products will be hit the same way. For example, home decor is less sensitive to price increases than big furniture based on millions of data points his firm collects monthly. Women's clothing is more sensitive to price hikes than men's clothing. In children's shoes, which lost a big player in Payless ShoeSource, retailers will have more power to increase prices since the shoe supply has gone down, he said.

Meanwhile, UBS is offering a dire analysis of what the new tariffs could mean in terms of store closures. UBS was already forecasting that nearly 21,000 stores in the U.S. would shutter by 2026, but with the next round of tariffs,

more than 50% of those closures would occur within one year instead of four, it said.

Nearly 200 footwear retailers and brands including Adidas and Shoe Carnival wrote a letter to President Donald Trump last week calling for him not to slap tariffs on footwear imported from China.

The group, the Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America, estimates Trump's proposed actions will add \$7 billion in additional costs for customers every year.

Many retailers from Macy's to Walmart warned that even though the escalating trade wars would mean higher prices for shoppers, the situation is still fluid.

Walmart said it's been closely working with suppliers and says it will look at price increases on a case by case basis. Target's CEO Brian Cornell said it will be able to weather the storm better than others because it sells a variety of items instead of focusing on a single product.

Among department stores, the big concern is its private label clothing offerings, since much of it's sourced in China.

Recycling at residences needs retooling

Methods of collection and processing are key

BY KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

Changing markets and confusion over what can be thrown in recycling bins has forced some communities to rethink or suspend their recycling programs. But many more recycling programs are working well, experts say.

The difference is partly based on which methods are being used for collection and processing.

Are you sorting paper from plastic at the start or tossing it all in one bin? Are you certain the items going into the bin are the ones your recycler can accept? How up to date is the processing facility in your area?

"Some programs are hurting and need to adjust, particularly in the residential stream. But the majority of programs are working successfully and continuing to grow," says Robin Wiener, president of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. The nonprofit trade association represents more than 1,300 companies that make, process, sell or consume scrap commodities, including metals, paper, electronics, plastics, glass and textiles.

Success or failure seems partly linked to whether recyclables are going into one mixed curbside bin for pickup (single-stream recycling) or is divided by residents into separate bins (multi-stream recycling).

Single-stream was adopted by many communities and companies because it costs less to haul. But creating one big pool of recyclables creates more difficulty later, when they must be sorted out. In addition, experts say people tend to be sloppier about what they put in a single, combined bin. That produces a lower grade end product.

Multi-stream tends to produce a less-contaminated, thus more valuable,



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Some recycling systems face challenges, but experts believe those in which recyclables are separated first are thriving.

end product.

For the past two decades, it hasn't mattered so much because China and a few other countries were buying large quantities of low-grade, single-stream recyclables, which cost them less and could be sorted out using inexpensive labor there.

All that changed in January 2018, when China stopped accepting lower-grade recyclables. That left many communities in the U.S. without a market for the low-grade, mixed recy-

clables they were producing.

"A total of \$5.6 billion of scrap a year was going to China before the policy change," says Wiener. In 2018, that number dropped precipitously to \$3.5 billion, with most of the loss in low-grade materials. It takes time to find another home for that volume of materials, she says.

In some cases, says Dylan de Thomas of The Recycling Partnership, an industry-sponsored nonprofit dedicated to transforming

the recycling system in the United States, the problem is a combination of contamination and macroeconomics.

"In March of 2017, mixed paper was trading at almost \$90 a ton. Now it's worth roughly zero. Almost all the recycled paper on the West Coast was going to China," he says.

Despite the challenges of finding new markets, he says his organization has identified only 31 programs across the country that have suspended their recycling

programs. Its database includes 2,000 of the estimated 10,000 recycling programs across the country, he says.

Sorting recyclables at the front end turns out to make more sense for many communities, and the market for higher grade, presorted recyclables — both domestically and with big international players like China — remains strong, experts say.

Areas where single-stream recycling continues to thrive tend to be those with a series of good prac-

tices to help ensure a less contaminated recycling stream. They also tend to be areas with access to advanced sorting and processing technologies, Wiener says.

Of course, tweaking a recycling program is easier said than done. Some cities and towns have had to limit the types of recycled material they accept and accept cost increases.

A lot depends on educating the public, says Mitch Hedlund, executive director of Recycle Across America, a nonprofit that pushes for clear, standardized labels on recycling bins.

"There are certain materials that manufacturers want to reuse, but the public is confused about what is recyclable and which bin it should go in, so there's too much garbage ending up in recycling bins," she says.

Standardized labels, like those developed by Recycle Across America, are an important tool to help improve recycling, Wiener says.

But Heidi Herzberg, mayor of Deltona, Florida, which suspended its recycling program because it had become too expensive and ineffective, says it's more complicated. While part of the problem was that almost 40 percent of what people were putting in bins shouldn't have been there — like Christmas lights and greasy pizza boxes — there also turned out to be no market in her area for glass or certain types of plastics, she said.

"They say 'reduce, reuse, recycle,' but people have been skipping straight to recycling in order to feel better," she said. Her community was facing a \$25,000 a month increase, she said, and much of the collected material was ending up in landfills anyway.

"It's a reality check, and it's very emotional."

Environmentalists agree that producing less waste in the first place is preferable to even the best recycling programs.

"We need to figure out how to reduce and reuse, not just how to recycle," said Herzberg.



JOHN RAOUX/AP 2018

Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, hosted 20.8 million visitors in 2018.

Theme park attendance up, hits milestone

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Worldwide attendance at the 10 biggest operators of amusement parks increased 4% last year and crossed the half-billion-visitor mark for the first time, according to an industry report.

The report released last week by the Themed Entertainment Association and the Economics Practice at AECOM said global attendance at water parks in-

creased by 2.5%, and the top museums had relatively flat attendance last year.

The report said growth in North American parks was driven by the adaptation of strong intellectual properties into new attractions, such as a land based on the "Toy Story" franchise at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

"Overall, it's been an outstanding year," the report said.

Attendance growth through the addition of new attractions based on

movies or books is expected to continue this year with the opening of the "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge" lands at Disney parks in California and Florida and the debut of a new Harry Potter ride at Universal Orlando Resort, the report said.

Attendance at Walt Disney parks across the globe grew by almost 5% with more than 157 million visitors in 2018. The next-closest company, Merlin Entertainment Group, which owns Legoland parks and other attractions,

had 67 million visitors in 2018, an increase of 1.5%.

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment parks made comebacks after attendance struggles in recent years. SeaWorld parks, which include the SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place brands, increased their attendance by 8.6 percent in 2018, going from 20.9 million to 22.5 million visitors.

Magic Kingdom in Florida was the best-attended park in the world with 20.8 million visitors in 2018.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT BOYLE 1932-2019

New Trier English, drama and journalism teacher

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Robert Boyle was a gifted and demanding teacher of literature and journalism at New Trier High School who had a lasting impact on generations of students over his 34 years at the North Shore school.

"He kind of encouraged people to take risks — responsible risks — and he was there to support them," said James Marran, who taught social studies and headed the department during Boyle's time at New Trier.

Boyle, 86, died of cancer May 12 in Hartrey House, part of the Three Crowns Park retirement community in Evanston, according to his partner of 17 years, Lawrence "Mac" Detmer. He was a longtime Evanston resident.

Boyle was born in Iowa, went to high school in Michigan and went on to Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, where he received an undergraduate degree in journalism in 1953 and a master's degree in the field in 1954. He received a doctorate from New York Uni-

versity in 1979.

A student teaching assignment at New Trier turned into a full-time teaching post that lasted until his retirement from the English department in 1988. Boyle taught literature, drama and journalism, directed plays and was the adviser for the student newspaper, the New Trier News.

"He taught the only journalism course at the school (then)," said former student John Freed, who went on to a long career in journalism that included stints as an editor with the International Herald Tribune and the New York Times.

"He was one of the many people who pushed me to stay with journalism and reach a professional level," said Freed, now retired and living in Paris. "He was quite role model for me."

Freed said many of Boyle's lessons stayed with him, including how to put together a running story, in which developments are constantly added. Boyle had his students develop that skill by giving them bits and pieces of information over time, even holding a fake news conference. Freed

said the lesson came in handy as he worked with seasoned New York Times reporters on a national election night.

"They were used to big-picture deep-dive stories," Freed said. "I was channeling Bob Boyle. It was the echo of his teaching."

Boyle was involved in a number of student productions of Shakespeare's plays.

"He made kids like things they wouldn't ordinarily think they wanted to like — Shakespeare being one," Marran said. "And that was because of Bob — he made it real in their lives."

In retirement, he taught student teachers at Northwestern for several years in courses that included field experience and seminars focused on practical approaches to the challenges of teaching.

Survivors also include a sister, Patricia Boyle Savage; a stepdaughter, Allison Detmer and a stepson, Stuart Detmer;

There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. Friday in Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel Ave., Evanston.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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May 27
Lotto 08 10 33 35 47 49 / 03
Lotto jackpot: \$2.25M
Pick 3 midday 276 / 5
Pick 4 midday 2231 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday
10 18 30 39 40

Pick 3 evening 487 / 0
Pick 4 evening 1749 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening
06 18 38 39 45

May 28 Mega Millions: \$418M
May 29 Powerball: \$325M

WISCONSIN

May 27
Pick 3 141
Pick 4 1912
Badger 5 01 14 20 21 27
SuperCash 06 17 19 30 31 37

INDIANA

May 27
Daily 3 midday 615 / 9
Daily 4 midday 4305 / 9
Daily 3 evening 771 / 5
Daily 4 evening 7595 / 5
Cash 5 08 09 12 18 44

MICHIGAN

May 27
Daily 3 midday 461
Daily 4 midday 4905
Daily 3 evening 989
Daily 4 evening 3333
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Keno 02 05 08 12 13 16
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Daily Tribune

ON MAY 28 ...

In 1992, the House voted to lift the government's ban on using aborted fetuses for tissue transplantation research, but the tally fell short of a veto-proof majority.

In 2016, officials at the Cincinnati Zoo shot and killed a 17-year-old male gorilla named Harambe after the ape picked up a 4-year-old boy who had fallen into the enclosure.

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Edwards, Margaret M

Margaret M. Edwards nee McGovern, age 87, lifelong advocate of Right to Life, beloved wife of William. Loving mother of Anne (William) Cotter, Maureen (James) Murray, William, Jr. (Theresa), Joan (Anthony) Ebersole, Elaine (Dave) Kindt, Thomas (Sheila), and Jennie (A.J.) D'Apice. Dear grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of 4. Fond sister of Jack (Mary) McGovern, and the late Mary Silwinski. Also, many nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9:15 a.m. from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Queen of Heaven Cem. Visit Monday 3 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to Illinois Right to Life Action or Project Love. For funeral info (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Erickson, Carolyn J.

Carolyn J. Erickson, of Park Ridge, beloved wife of the late Lloyd A. Erickson; loving mother of Gregory (Patricia) and David Erickson; Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 pm at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Funeral Services Friday 11:00 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Susan B. Komen Rally for the Cure where Carolyn golfed yearly to raise funds for the cure. 847-966-7302 www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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FERENCE, Catherine Anne "Cathie"

Catherine Anne "Cathie" FERENCE, Age 77. Dearest sister of Patricia (Paul) Kalata, Sara (Thomas) Collins, the late Michael FERENCE. Cherished aunt of William (Maribel) Kalata, Jean (Christopher) Kalata Koppen, Kevin (Lisa) Collins, Norah (Geoff) Collins Pienta, and Katie (Marty) Collins Edwards. Devoted great aunt of Tommy, Paul, Abby, Andrew, Emily, Ian, Kevin, and Annabeth. Loving cousin to the McCarthy and Keenan families. Devoted daughter to the late William and Loretta FERENCE. Cathie loved travelling, tennis, bridge, volunteering, and lived life to its fullest. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge to St. Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society, 17060 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477 or Lake Katherine Nature Center, 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463 would be appreciated. For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Fiddelke, Arthur J. 'Art'

Arthur J. "Art" Fiddelke, Age 92, U.S. Navy Veteran W.W. II. Beloved husband of Eleanor Fiddelke. Loving father of James (Deborah), Cynthia (Michael) Gehant and Janet (James) Kirer. Proud grandpa of Steven (Mary Kate) Kirer, Christa Fiddelke, Patrick Gehant, Timothy Gehant, Robert Kirer, Kevin Fiddelke, Michael Gehant, Jessica Kirer, Matthew Fiddelke and John Gehant. Dear uncle of Richard (Kathy) Mastela and Judy (Steve) Schnitz. Loving brother of the late Dorothy (late Neal) Daubs. Funeral Thursday 9:30 A.M. from The Brady-Gill Funeral Home 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park to St. George Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 appreciated. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Gaspar, Whitney Erin

On Thursday, May 23, 2019, Whitney Gaspar, loving mother and wife, passed away at age 42. Whitney was born in Elk Grove Village, IL on February 9, 1977 to Lee Varese and Keith Wojtal and was loved dearly by her chosen father, Ron Schrack and her sister, Nicole Wojtal. In addition to her parents and

her sister, Whitney is survived by her beloved husband, Adolfo Gaspar Martinez; her cherished daughter, Shealee Veronica Decker; her fur baby "Rocky"; as well as countless good friends. She was preceded in death by her loving grandparents, Judy and Rich Wojtal and grandfather, John Varese; her stepmother, Sheila Siegel; and her cousin, Casey Collins. In honor of the way Whitney embraced everyone for who they are and celebrated diversity and genuineness, the family asks you to come as you are. Wear what you want to wear to honor Whitney's life and the influence she had on all those around her. Please bring stories and pictures of your time with Whitney for her family to view later. Flowers are welcome to be brought or sent in advance. Visitation will be Thursday, May 30, 6:00 until 9:00 PM at the Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. A celebration of Whitney's life will be Friday, May 31, 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment will be private. For information call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com for a complete obituary.

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Greene, Cecilia M.

Cecilia M. Greene, nee Gnidziejko, age 78, passed away May 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late William J. Greene. Loving mother of Sandy (Bryan) Johnston, Cindy (Greg) Ulbricht, Jean (Rob) Satmary and William G. Greene. Cherished Grandmother of Bryan Jr., Danny and Jimmy. Proud Great-Grandmother "Granny" of Lucas, Alex and Allison.

Sister of the late Richard (Carol) Gnidziejko, the late Donald Gnidziejko and the late Geraldine Ustaszewski. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Cecilia was a resident of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin at the time of passing. Visitation Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue (2 miles West of 79th & Harlem), Justice, IL. Prayer service at 12:30 p.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. (708) 496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

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Harris, Bonnie Levitt

Bonnie Levitt Harris, age 76, of Chicago, formerly of Dayton, OH; beloved wife and best friend for 50 years of Michael; loving mother of Jonathan (Jodi) Harris and Stacy (Daniel) Kaplan; adored grandma of Jenna, Samantha, Rachel, and Jared; devoted daughter of the late Maurice and the late Sylvia Levitt; cherished sister of the late Martin (Tobey) Levitt;

dear sister-in-law of Edward (Betty) Harris; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Service Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, link can be found at tiny.cc/BonnieHarrisMemorial Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Herguth, Robert J.

Robert J. Herguth was born April 4, 1926, in Chicago and died May 22, 2019, at the assisted living home he'd been living at in Portland, Ore., for the last year. He moved there from the Chicago area to be closer to his daughter Jeni and her family. Bob was a longtime reporter, feature writer and columnist at the Chicago Daily News and Chicago Sun-Times. He was known for an eternal optimism, a gentle demeanor and a sense of humor that carried a light touch, including many (sometimes too many) puns. That humor was often reflected in his writing. He was a genuinely kind and honest man. His beloved wife Margaret died in 2014. Bob is survived by three children, Amy (Sean), Robert (Sue) and Jeni (Brad), and grandchildren Mila, Annika, Eli, Matthew, Aidan, Luke, Lauren, Ava, Otto, nieces Jan and Jill, honorary daughter Coralie, and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Joan. Visitation will be at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 30. A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 9th/Linden in Wilmette. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the child literacy group SitStayRead, 2849 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60657; or to Our Lady of the Angels Mission, 3808 W. Iowa St., Chicago, IL 60651. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Koontz, John

John "Jack" Koontz, age 88, of Olympia Fields, IL, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2019. Beloved husband of Loretta Koontz, nee Hickey. Loving father of John (Janet) Koontz, Mike (Caroline) Koontz, Dan (Stacey) Koontz and Kevin (Colleen) Koontz. Cherished grandfather of Jacob, Elizabeth, Lauren, Matt, Ethan, Dillon, Madison, Wally, Nick and Lexi. Preceded in death by siblings Jane Metcalf and Thomas (Bonnie) Koontz. Jack is a Korean War Coast Guard Veteran. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Smits-Steger Memorial Chapel, 3045 Chicago Rd., Steger, IL. Interment Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:00 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery-Elwood, IL. For more information, please call 708-755-6100 or visit www.SMITSFH.com

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KRZEMIENSKI, VICTORIA G.

Victoria G. Krzemienski, 88, of the Chicagoland area. Beloved wife of the late Chester. Loving mother of Elizabeth (Leonard) Starzec, Robert (Linda) and William (Jean) Krzemienski. Devoted grandmother of 6. Cherished great-grandmother of 14. Fond sister of Geraldine (late Raymond) Drogos, the late Barbara (late Angelo) Boffa and the late Pauline Bobak. Dear aunt of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 301-75th St. (at Fairview Ave.), Downers Grove, IL 60516 where Funeral Service will be held at 11am on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Assn. appreciated. Victoria loved being around her family, and watching old movies. Funeral home phone 630/964-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Lawrence, Gladys

Visitation for Gladys "Carol" Lawrence (nee Britt), 92, resident of Schaumburg for 25 years, formerly of Chicago Wed., May 29 from 2:00-8:00pm at Michaels Funeral Home, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Funeral services Thurs., May 30 beginning with prayers at 9:45am at the funeral home to 10:30 am funeral mass at St. Matthew Church, Schaumburg. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Born Dec. 25, 1926 in Winter Garden, FL to Joseph and Josephine (nee Sheppard), she passed away peacefully May, 26, 2019 in Schaumburg. Adoring wife of 52 years to the late James; loving mother of Linda (David) Wcislo, the late Kathleen and the late Ronald (Patricia); fond grandmother of Amanda (Thomas) Bolan, Richard (Christina), Amy and Matthew; proud great grandmother of Jacob, Liam, Kathleen, Sophie and Mason; dear sister of the late Theodore Britt; beloved aunt and dear friend to many. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carol's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org and click "Donate". For information 847-891-2900 or for guestbook www.michaelsfh.com

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McHugh, Robert W.

Robert W. McHugh age 89, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, at rest May 25, 2019. Beloved husband of Peggy, nee Corbett, for 64 years. Dear brother of the late Donald McHugh and Cheryl (Tom) Dore. Dear uncle of Chance (Kathleen) Lange, Chris (Jennifer) Lange, and Kelly (Matthew) Liggett. Great uncle of 3 and many great friends. Retired 41 year employee of Commonwealth Edison. Visitation Wednesday May 29 from 4 PM to 8 PM and Thursday May 30 from 10 AM until time of funeral service 11 AM at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. (just West of Rt. 83) Oakbrook Terrace. Burial to follow at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Downers Grove or Aspired Living of Westmont would be appreciated. Info 630 941-5860.

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McNulty, Thomas P.

Thomas P. McNulty, age 89; beloved husband of Susan A. McNulty, (nee Garner); loving father of Thomas G. (Karen) McNulty and Margaret Mary (Thomas) Lillie; cherished grandfather of Isabelle Grace, John Thomas, and Patrick Michael; dear son of the late Michael B. and Mary Ellen McNulty (nee Durkin); dear brother of Eugene (Kathleen), Michael (Rose Haas), John (Kathleen), and the late Ted (Kathleen) McNulty, Catherine "Sis" (Herman) Truell, and Martin "Bud" (Shirley) McDonnell. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Army Veteran of the Korean War. Loyal lifelong fan of the Chicago White Sox and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Lover of Boston Terriers. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Thursday 9:30 AM from Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant Street, Hinsdale to St. Isaac Jogues Roman Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale. Funeral Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Adventist St Thomas Hospice P.O. Box 130, Hinsdale, Illinois, 60522-0130 or American Lung Association, 55 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 or Call 1 800 LUNGUSA Sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com or 630 323 0275

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Naprawnik, Louis

Beloved husband of Susan nee Kaupas Adoring and Devoted father of Amanda and Ken Loving son of the late Merritt, Sr. and Jean nee Edwards Cherished brother of Cheryl Karr-Appler (James Appler) and the late Brian Naprawnik Brother-in-law of Nancy Nirth and Thomas Karr. Loving uncle of Vanessa, Kristen, Arthur and Sara. Visitation Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 3:00-9:00pm at the Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home 8025 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714 Funeral Services 10:30am, Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Funeral Home. Interment private. Past owner of Ace Hardware for 40 years on Irving Park Rd. Louis was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and uncle. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Leukemia Research Foundation www.leukemiafoundation.org in Louis' name would be greatly appreciated. Information: 847 581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Peterman, Rosmaree E.

Rosmaree Elizabeth Peterman (nee Bacigalupi) 90, of Romeoville passed away Friday, May 24, 2019 at her home. Rosmaree was born in Chicago to the late William M. and Gertrude (nee Gottmer) Bacigalupi. Loving mother of James, Cheryl (Bob) Smith, Mike, Terry, and Randy (Kim Motta-Mitchell); cherished grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 9; dear sister of the late William Galupi. Rosmaree was a retired Sales Associate for Emmons Jewelry as well as Physicians Mutual Insurance. Also, she was the Owner of the Treasure Chest boutique shops in Wilmington, New Lenox and Joliet. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, New Lenox on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 3pm - 9pm. Funeral services Thursday, May 30, 2019 with 9:30 am prayers at the funeral home to St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox for mass at 10:00 am followed by interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL. www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700 for info.

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Romanowski, Helen A 'Cookie'

nee Vilcek, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Anthony J. Loving mother of Joan (Frank) Sagmeister, John (Joan), Jim, Jean Alicz, Janice Kazmierczak, Joyce, and the late Joe (Darlene).

Parkside Chapels 5948 Archer Ave Chicago Visitation May 28, 2 - 9 pm
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Rothstein, Sheldon H.

Sheldon H. Rothstein, age 85. Beloved and cherished husband of Terri (nee Friedlander). Loving and beloved father of Ilana (Joshua) Levine, Dina (Phillip Austern) Rothstein and Aliza (Jared) Matthew. Brother of the late Miriam Singerman (the late David) of Montreal, Quebec. Loving grandfather of Mia, Lucia, Julian, Siena and Tristan. Economist and longtime professor at Northeastern Illinois University, previously taught at Indiana University Northwest and Rutgers University. Member of Beth Hillel Bnai Emonah, former member of AG Beth Israel and North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Service Wednesday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. Memorials to ALS Association Greater Chicago Chapter, 220 W Huron St # 4003, Chicago, IL 60654, www.alsa.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Ruby, Martin G.

Martin G. Ruby, age 68, of Huntington Beach, CA; loving father of Lisa (Isaac) Herzberg; adored PopPop of Ruby Herzberg; former spouse and best friend of Teri Ruby; devoted son of Edward and the late Fay Ruby; cherished brother of Neal (Andee) Ruby and Marla (Roger) Inman; treasured uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Memorial service Thursday, 3:00 p.m. at B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim (BJBE), 1201 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015. The family will be receiving condolences immediately following the memorial service at BJBE until 8:00 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House, <https://www.classy.org/give/39773/#/donation/> checkout or Ronald McDonald House of Orange County, 383 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92668, www.rmhsc.org/orangecounty. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Serritella, Michael

Devoted and adoring husband of 52 years to Elizabeth A. Gregory Serritella. Liz says "the secret to their long marriage is that we managed not to kill each other." Loving son to the late Gerardo A. Serritella and Lolita Volini Serritella. Beloved brother of Gerard (Jerry) Linda and the late Virginia Barone. Dear brother-in-law of Anthony R. Barone, Sarah (Kenneth) May and Andrew Spencer Gregory. Fond uncle of Minerva (Minnie), Judith, Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) Serritella Zinser (Robert), Gregory (Brooke) May and Jillianne May Strus (Mark), and uncle and grand uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Dear friend of over 30 years to Steven Wilburn and the Wilburn family, Dr. David Smith Oyer, and to Matthew Clarke, Michael's spiritual advisor in later years and the Clarke family. Bosom friend to Nathan Humphrey Mead and his wife, Kerri, both of whom "extended Michael's prayer circle" and dotting surrogate grandfather to the four Mead children, Grace, Ella, Levi and Wesley, to whom Michael was "Papa Michael." Loving friend to Nurse Kathleen Ready, who was devoted to Michael, always fiercely protective and with her abundant mane of red hair was the embodiment of Michael's avenging angel, as she swooped down on anyone who appeared to be picking on Michael or threatening him. Loving friend to care givers Arthur Samson and MaryJane LeTran. Kathy, Arthur, and Mary Jane rounded out Michael's prayer circle and with Elizabeth and Steven formed the fabric of Michael's daily life toward the end. Visitation Wednesday May 29, 3:00-8:00pm at The Original **Rago Brothers** Funeral Home, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd. Family and friends to meet for the Funeral Mass Thursday, May 30, 10:30 am at St. Michael the Archangel Church 1633 N. Cleveland (corner of Cleveland and Eugenie) in Old Town, Chicago. Int. Private. For info 773-276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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Slovick, Rudolph F.

Rudolph F. Slovick, Army WWII Veteran, age 92, of Lisle. Beloved husband of Sophie (nee Bartkiewicz). Loving father of Joseph (Pauline) and Annette. Cherished grandfather of Anne and Catherine. Dear brother of the late Jane Gluch, Francis (the late Rose) and Pauline Pynarski. Also many nieces and nephews. Member of Western Electric and Experimental Aircraft Association. Rudy was an avid bowler, golfer and private pilot who built his own plane. In Rudy's memory donations to The Knights of Columbus appreciated. Services and interment were private. For information **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES** 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Solomon, Selma

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Tison, Robert L.

Robert L. Tison, age 86 of Yorkville, IL passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Hillside Rehab and Care Center in Yorkville, IL. He was born on April 27, 1933 in Hammond, IN the son of Leon and Margaret (Robert) Tison. Robert was united in marriage to Bonita Toppner and they spent the next many happy years together until her passing in 1988. He was then later united in marriage to Char Williams and they were happily together until her passing in 2015. Mr. Tison was a Veteran of The United States Navy. He was formerly employed for many years as a Meteorological Technician for the National Weather Service. Robert was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle who will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Kelli (Neil) Hogan; his grandchildren, Katie Hogan, Colleen (Rick) Camp, Neil Hogan, Jr. all of Geneva, IL, Cheryl (Bob) Dennin, Scot (Kym) Williams, Michael (Kristina) Williams and Preston Williams; his great-grandchildren, Brinley Hogan, Logan Williams and Tyler Williams; and his brother, James (Barbara) Tison of Augusta, GA; his nephew Christopher (Teresa) Tison and his niece, Jennifer Wolfgang. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Margaret Tison; his spouses, Bonnie Tison and Char Tison; also a brother, Glenn Tison. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL. Interment will be private. Friends may visit from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Nelson Funeral Home, 1617 North Bridge Street, Yorkville, IL. Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory, www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com or (630) 553-7611.

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Volberding, Phyllis

Phyllis Volberding 87 of Des Plaines was born on December 11, 1931 to the late Sidney and late Charlotte Powell and passed away May 24, 2019. Phyllis was the beloved wife of the late Herbert Volberding Sr.; loving mother of Laura (Lauren) Gillis, Julie (Frank) Staggs, Herbert (Debbie) Volberding Jr. and Steven Volberding; devoted grandmother of Franklin Herbert Staggs. Visitation Thursday from 3-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL. and Friday from 10am to time of service 11am at Christ Church 1492 Henry Ave. Des Plaines, IL. Interment private. In lieu of Flowers memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Walsh, Robert M., Ret. CPD

Our hero, Robert M. Walsh, Ret. Sgt. CPD, WWII U.S. Navy Veteran, Age 93, of Venice, FL, formerly of Beverly, Born into Eternal Life on May 23, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Janie J. Walsh. Adored and deeply loved father of Robert (Karen), Betty Murray (the late Michael) (Les Hopkins), Carolyn (Darrell Lawhorne), and Jim (Katie) Walsh. Admired and inspirational grandfather of Kelly (Shawn) McWilliams, Brian Walsh (Taryn McDowell), Dan Walsh (Ewa Glowacka), Liam Walsh, Michael Walsh, and Sydney Koon. Treasured great grandfather of Mackenzie, Callan, and Winslow Walsh. Loving brother of the late John Francis Walsh, the late James (the late Virginia) Walsh, the late Kathleen (the late Joseph) Giglio, and the late Thomas (Jeanne) Walsh. Fond brother-in-law of Bill (Krista) Lewis, Tom (Donna) Lewis, and the late Bette Rudman. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Bob was the proud son of Irish immigrants, John and Mary Walsh. Proud Member of Chicago Police Sergeants Assn., St. Jude League, and F.O.P. Visitation Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 2pm-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Wednesday, May 29th, for visitation 9:30am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Zanghi, Geraldine

Geraldine Zanghi, nee Scavone, age 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, beloved wife of the late Russell F.; loving mother of Joseph (Patricia), Kathryn (the late Charles) Simon, Joanne Duprey, Mary (Michael) Willingham, John (Jane), Rosemarie (the late John) Pollitz and Jean (Philip) Sullivan; proud grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 13; dear sister of Anna Marie (the late Edward) Janas and the late Michael Scavone, Mildred (the late Robert) Levand and Darlene (the late Edward) Luta; cherished daughter of the late Frank and the late Catherine, nee Tammona, Scavone. Visitation Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 30, 2019, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 28th day of May, 2019.

FRITZ KAEGI ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY 6302652 5/28/2019

COOK County Board of Review Office of the Secretary 118 North Clark Street Room 608 Chicago, Illinois 60602 312-603-6649; Fax: 312-603-3643

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF TRANSMITTAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS FROM THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW BACK TO THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 16-125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-125), the Board of Review of Cook County has, on this date, May 10, 2019 transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following township(s) in Cook County for the tax year 2018:

RAILROADS - Volume 605

Date at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 May 23, 2019.

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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 Akeasia Stacks

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Joanna Stacks (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00094

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 4, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge JOHN HUFF in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 S. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 06/17/2019 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS May 28, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Angelo Porter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Bernetta Porter (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00425

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Bernetta Porter (Mother) and Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on April 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge JOHN HUFF in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 S. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 06/17/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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BLOOM, WEST CHICAGO, NORTH CHICAGO, SOUTH CHICAGO

Date at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 May 23, 2019.

MICHAEL CABONARGI DAN PATLAK LARRY R. ROGERS, JR.

DAN PATLAK COMMISSIONER

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

NORTHFIELD

Identified also as Areal(s) 04, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is June 24, 2019.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 28th day of

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TO: BILLY PRUDE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BILLY PRUDE; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; AMERICAN CATASTROPHE RESTORATION INC., C/O CORY L. MEISTER (RA); CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF TRUST DEED RECORDED 10/8/93 AS DOCUMENT NO. 93810965, C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM (RA); ANDREW WRIGHT, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF BILLY PRUDE (17 P. 5676); MEGAN PRUDE; REGINALD STEVENS; TAYLOR STEVENS; NICKOLAS STONEWALL; ELIJAH HAMILTON; KURT BOOMS; PHILIP PRUDE; GREGORY SPATES; JASON URBANSKI; WALTER HODGES; OCCUPANT, 4849 W WABANSIA AVE, FL 1, CHICAGO, IL 60639; OCCUPANT, 4849 W WABANSIA AVE, FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60639; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001257 FILED: May 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0006717 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 4849 W. WABANSIA AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 13-33-420-011-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 20, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 20, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 20, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 21, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6298549

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TO: CELESTIAL MINISTRIES, C/O ANTOINETTE RATLIFF (RA); CELESTIAL MINISTRIES SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS; OCCUPANT, 2149 S DRAKE AVE, FL 1, CHICAGO, IL 60623; OCCUPANT, 2149 S DRAKE AVE, FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60623; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001224 FILED: May 16, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0010669 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2149 S. DRAKE AVE., CHICGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-23-416-071-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 15, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 15, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 17, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6294090

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TO: STEVE PUMA; JIAMIENE HSU; R. VARI & ASSOCIATES, LLC, C/O PETER J. FARACI (RA); OCCUPANT, 3213 S ARCHER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60608; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001221 FILED: May 16, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0009691 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3213 S. ARCHER AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 17-31-212-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 15, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 15, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 17, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6294068

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TO: PEDRO CARRILLO; PEDRO CASTILLO; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O DEPT. OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE, LIEN UNIT; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; JANICE FRANKLIN, EVARISTO MORALES, ARMANDO FIAGDARIAGA, BAIRO; MARIA BARRON; OCCUPANT, 6153 S ARTESIAN AVE, APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60629; OCCUPANT, 6153 S ARTESIAN AVE, APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60629; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001317 FILED: May 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0009125 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6153 S. ARTESIAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 19-13-423-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 22, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6303378

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TO: MAYLING SMITH; FOCUS FUNDING INC.; DERRICK JARRETT; CHRISTOPHER SMITH; OCCUPANT, 7920 S SACRAMENTO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001307 FILED: May 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0009125 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 7920 S. SACRAMENTO AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 19-36-103-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 22, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6303460

TO: J STURCH & C GLENDENIN; JENNIFER STURCH; STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O DEPT. OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE, U.S. EQUITIES TRUST COMPANY, CHRISTOPHER GLENDENIN; U.S. EQUITIES REALTY, INC., C/O DONALD J. JOHNSON (RA); HARBOR VIEW CONDOMINIUMS; OCCUPANT, 3314 N LAKE SHORE DR, UNIT 5A, CHICAGO, IL 60657; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001220 FILED: May 16, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0008988 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3314 N LAKE SHORE DR, UNIT 5A, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 14-21-310-067-1011 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 15, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 15, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 17, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6294052

TO: ANGEL RAMIREZ MIRANDA; GLORIA EMILIA MEXICANO; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE, LIEN UNIT; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE CO (RA); OCCUPANT, 1660 S DRAKE AVE, FL 1, CHICAGO, IL 60623; OCCUPANT, 1660 S DRAKE AVE, FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60623; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001223 FILED: May 16, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0010651 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1660 S. DRAKE AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-23-400-064-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 15, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 15, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 17, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6294082

TO: RAYMOND L. CHEN, CHARLENE CHANG, A/K/A CHARLENE CHEN; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, C/O ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE CO (RA); CITIBANK, N.A., MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) FOR MIN # 100011511241212944, C/O GENPACT REGISTERED AGENT INC (RA); CHARLENE CHANG, MICHAEL CHEN, TAMY CHEN; SEAN CHANG; OCCUPANT, 3043 S CANAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60616; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001219 FILED: May 16, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0009674 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3043 S. CANAL ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 17-28-325-069-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 15, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 15, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 17, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6294062

TO: NESTOR RANGEL; RICARDO MARTINEZ; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; LEVIT SOTO; LUZ SOTO; ROSSNERA SOTO; ROSSNER SOTO; MICHAEL VALLEJO; OCCUPANT, 4347 S. TROY ST, CHICAGO, IL 60629; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001306 FILED: May 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0006778 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 4347 S. TROY ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 19-01-302-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 22, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6303357

TO: LEONARD-GWEN ST CLAIR; LEONARD ST. CLAIR, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LEONARD W. ST. CLAIR AND GWEN M. ST. CLAIR, AS CO-TRUSTEES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION OF TRUST AND TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 12/9/2011 AND KNOWN AS THE ST. CLAIR FAMILY TRUST; MICHAEL ST. CLAIR; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST DEED RECORDED MAY 30, 1991 AS DOCUMENT NO. 91258440, C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM (RA); OCCUPANT, 7807 S KILPATRICK AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001309 FILED: May 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0007086 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 7807 S. KILPATRICK AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 19-27-315-048-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 22, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6303448

TO: JESUS ADRIAN ROJAS PEREZ; CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; DAIZY VELEZ MERCADO; JOHN BROWN; SCOTT GREEN; FRANCES MATHews; RONALD ADAMS; CHRISTOPHER GILBERT; LULA SMITH; TOMMIE SMITH; OCCUPANT, 5416 S SEELYE AVE, APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60609; OCCUPANT, 5416 S SEELYE AVE, APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60609; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property. Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001308 FILED: May 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0007220 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 5416 S. SEELYE AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 20-07-322-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: May 22, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/28, 29, 30/2019 6303467

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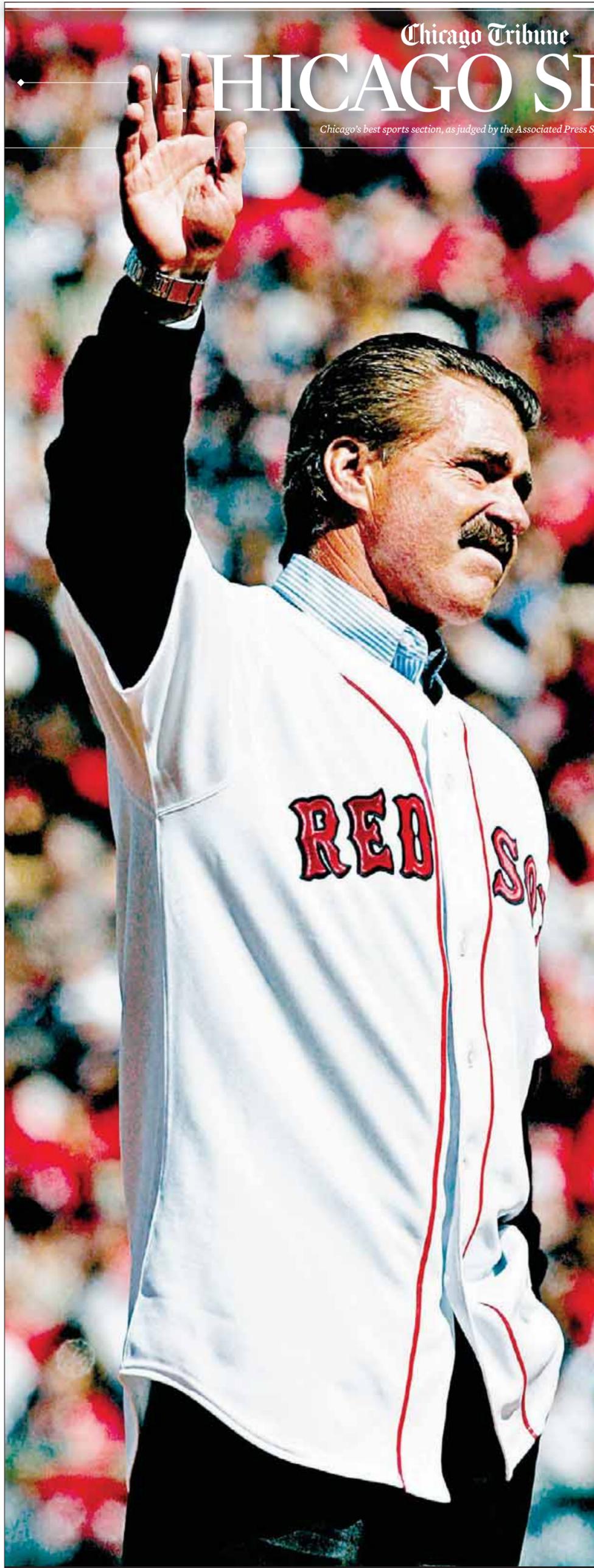
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BILL BUCKNER 1949-2019

An error to define Buckner by gaffe

Legacy exceeds fateful grounder that cost Red Sox in 1986 Series



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

It says a lot about Bill Buckner's character that he became friends with Mookie Wilson, whose slow-rolling grounder went through Buckner's legs and altered the narrative of a stellar major-league career.

Buckner's error, the one that handed the Mets an extra-inning victory over the Red Sox in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, was the first thing most of us thought about upon learning of his death Monday from Lewy body dementia.

"We developed a relationship that lasted well over 30 years," Wilson said in a statement released by the Mets. "I felt badly for some of the things he went through. Bill was a great, great baseball player whose legacy should not be defined by one play."

That one play didn't define Buckner, and he was able to get some closure in Boston when he returned to Fenway Park 22 years later and received a standing ovation.

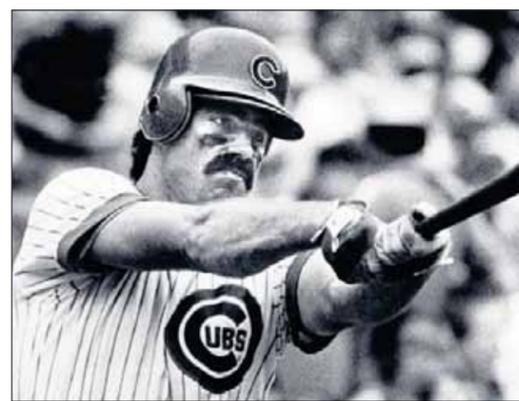
But it still haunted him most of the rest of his post-Game 6 life, a fate Buckner seemed to understand when he met with reporters late on the night of Game 6. Tribune columnist Bob Verdi wrote "nobody felt lower — but put up a braver front — than Buckner."

"I'll have to live with this," Buckner told the awaiting writers. "I was having a lot of fun until that. Great game tonight. I haven't let many get through me like that. Can't

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Bill Buckner was able to get some closure when he returned to Fenway Park and received a standing ovation in 2008.

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MORE COVERAGE

Before playing in Boston, Bill Buckner spent eight of his 22 major-league seasons as a member of the Cubs. **Back Page**

ASTROS 6, CUBS 5

Rut check: Cubs lose a whiff-hanger

With Bryant watching, rally comes up short as Astros record 17 K's

By **MARK GONZALES**
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — After surging to first place in National League Central behind a once-tattered pitching staff and timely hitting, the Cubs have fallen into a rut.

Suddenly, their starting pitchers aren't going deep enough into games, hitters are slumping and injuries have shortened their depth.

All of those factors surfaced Monday in a 6-5 loss to the Astros that accounted for the Cubs' eighth loss in their last 13 games.

"It's nice to run through a season with no regression, no bumps," said Cole Hamels, who failed to pitch past the fourth

inning for the second consecutive start. "But the human part is sometimes it does happen. It tests the staff and who you are and who we are. We have to build back up to playing the game we know we can."

"It's bad timing when you have a big long stretch with no off days or time to fix flaws. Sometimes timing is good, sometimes timing is bad. All of us know what we're capable of doing, and we'll be back to normal."

The Cubs nearly overcame a 6-2 deficit, rallying in the ninth on solo home runs by Albert Almora Jr. and Addison Russell and putting the tying run on first with one out.

But Kyle Schwarber and Javier Baez struck out in succession against closer Robert Osuna, capping a 17-strikeout performance.

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Designated hitter Javier Baez reacts after striking out in the sixth inning Monday against the Astros. He struck out five times.

MORE COVERAGE

Bryant feeling better, Maddon optimistic about Heyward returning to lineup Tuesday. **Plus:** White Sox-Royals game suspended. **Page 3**

BEARS

Centennial celebration: Tribune's Top 100 Bears

By **DAN WIEDERER**
Chicago Tribune



As part of the Chicago Tribune's coverage of the Bears' 100th season, the Tribune's Bears reporters and editors ranked the 100 best players in franchise history. No. 100 will be revealed Wednesday, followed by one a day until the season opener Sept. 5.

The build-up to the Bears' 100th season is quickly gathering momentum.

On the field, the 2019 squad is deep into organized team activities, back at practice at Halas Hall with realistic aspirations of winning a Super Bowl.

Away from the field, meanwhile, the organization's celebration of its 100-year history will kick into high gear soon, most notably with the Bears 100 Celebration Weekend, which will take place June 7-9 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Former Tribune writers Don Pierson and Dam Pompei succeeded in stirring up conversation last week, unveiling their list of the Top 100 Bears players of all time, a project launched in conjunction with the soon-to-be-released Chi-

cago Bears Centennial Scrapbook.

Those rankings, predictably, sparked widespread debate. And the conversation only promises to get more lively this week as the Tribune's Top 100 list begins to be unveiled piece by piece — one player per day, counting down the 100 days until the Sept. 5 season opener against the Packers at Soldier Field.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



DAVID HAUGH

20 thoughts about Cubs, Sox



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



FRED THORNHILL/AP

Thanks to Javier Baez and Tim Anderson, the Cubs and White Sox can't complain about the production of their shortstops.

Chicago baseball passes the traditional Memorial Day milestone, the journey so far has been full of revelations about where the Cubs and White Sox are headed.

■ A .500 record should be a realistic goal for a Sox team that looks better than expected after 53 games. Aiming for anything lower lets everyone on the Sox payroll off the hook. Imagine how competitive this team might have been had the Sox entered the season with bona fide fourth and fifth starters. Manny Banuelos isn't the answer, unless the question is: Which starting pitcher most represents the Sox's inability to assemble a legitimate major-league rotation?

■ Suddenly, which 30-something Cubs starter concerns you the most: Cole Hamels after another four-inning effort, Jose Quintana or Jon Lester? Mike Montgomery, who turns 30 July 1 and left Monday's game with discomfort in his left middle finger before throwing his first pitch? Or are you too worried about Kris Bryant, who suffered a head injury during Sunday's outfield collision, to notice? Hope your holiday weekend was better than the Cubs'.

■ On June 4, the White Sox pick third in baseball's amateur draft. On June 5, they should open the checkbook to sign free-agent starter Dallas Keuchel on the first day to sign the lefty without worrying about draft-pick compensation.

■ Joe Maddon has received consistent scrutiny over bullpen decisions since the 2016 World Series, but the current Cubs' late-inning dilemma falls on the front office. The Cubs entered this season without a proven closer, forcing Maddon into making decisions born of desperation. It's not sustainable, a fact Cubs President Theo Epstein understands better than any fan.

■ Chicago is a beautiful city in the summertime. The Sox should let Dylan Cease experience it as early as June. Elite pitching prospects such as Cease have only so many fastballs in their precious arms. Any service-time argument should be a nonstarter. Why not trust pitching coach Don Cooper to help Cease through whatever anticipated adversity arises? Overcoming struggles is part of a player's development too.

■ As a kid who grew up in the Rickey Henderson era of leadoff hitters, I never liked the idea of Kyle Schwarber at the top of the Cubs order. Schwarber's failure during a 37-game experiment in 2017 only confirmed those doubts. But, in fairness, Schwarber has provided a spark since

being moved up earlier this month — a .233/.321/.512 slash line with three home runs from the leadoff spot in 11 games. Baseball constantly changes, and perhaps Schwarber has improved enough to deserve another extended look.

■ Tim Anderson has batted seventh in the Sox order (15) as many times as he has batted second. Renteria's explanations have made little sense. If Maddon had slotted his leading hitter seventh in the order, it would have sparked an uprising in Wrigleyville. Anderson deserves more protection in the order than that.

■ We have set the bar so low for Yu Darvish that Darvish received praise for giving up six runs and 12 hits in Saturday's seven-inning start, but that is the sad reality surrounding the enigmatic \$126 million man. Granted, Darvish never should have been in the game in eighth when he gave up a tying home run to Derek Dietrich. Maddon should have ended Darvish's day after he struck out Yasiel Puig with a 97-mph fastball to end the seventh. The Cubs won in spite of Darvish, who is baseball's most expensive fifth starter. Expecting more than five good innings from Darvish is asking for trouble.

■ Anderson can hit for average, flash his glove, flip his bat, lead his team, donate \$500 per stolen base, be courteous to fans and the only appropriate response throughout baseball should be admiration for a terrific young athlete maturing before our eyes. For fun, compare Anderson's statistics at Memorial Day to Manny Machado's: Anderson .337/.369/.506 with eight home runs and 26 RBIs; Machado .267/.349/.440 with nine home runs and 26 RBIs.

■ The Cubs calling up 34-year-old minor-league journeyman Jim Adduci from Evergreen Park for Monday's game in Houston provided a feel-good hometown story for a hot hitter. It also reminded everyone how serious the Cubs are about making sure former first-round pick Ian Happ checks all the necessary boxes at Triple-A Iowa before earning his way back to the Cubs.

■ Sox de facto ace Lucas Giolito's 6-1 start with 2.77 earned-run average looks like the rule and, with every outing, last year's disastrous season feels more like the exception for a guy once ranked baseball's No. 3 prospect.

■ Javier Baez draws oohs and aahs for the way he hits and fields and tags and slides, making him as exciting as any player in the game. But Baez's most consistently impressive tool remains his arm — a big reason he should stay at shortstop.

■ James McCann's emergence as a capable

offensive player, thanks to opening his stance, and Seby Zavala's call-up last weekend makes you wonder how catching prospect Zack Collins fits into the Sox's long-term plans at the position. McCann, a strong leader who's only 28, might be one of those unexpected finds often discovered during rebuilding projects.

■ Everyone should respect Ben Zobrist's privacy regarding his divorce proceedings and I have no interest in interpreting Instagram messages from his estranged wife, Julianna. From a baseball perspective, every day Zobrist stays away brings the Cubs one day closer to the possibility that the veteran won't return. Zobrist turned 38 Sunday and, at this point, would require a rehab assignment. The bad news: The Cubs would miss Zobrist's veteran presence and versatility during a pennant race. The good news: Maybe the Cubs could use the salary allocated a \$12 million player to afford free-agent closer Craig Kimbrel.

■ Crane Kenney, Cubs president of business operations, told the Athletic the influx of money from the Marquee Network is "available immediately next year." The Tribune reported that the Cubs could see an increase from \$60 million to \$90 million in broadcast rights fees. Connect those two dots and it's hard to see how budget would be used as an excuse not to go hard after Kimbrel for a first-place team that converted only nine of its first 20 save opportunities.

■ The most important of Eloy Jimenez's abilities is availability. The only thing that stands between Jimenez and stardom is good health.

■ Until the Cubs capitulate and add a legitimate late-inning option such as Kimbrel, they need to seriously consider three words: Tyler Chatwood, closer.

■ The Sox don't have a more underrated player than do-everything Leury Garcia, who already has started in five spots. They don't have a more disappointing one than Yonder Alonso, who would have to go on a tear just to hit his weight.

■ The Cubs' most improved player is Albert Almora Jr., regular who already has six home runs in 150 at-bats after hitting five in 444 at-bats last year. The team's most irreplaceable player is Willson Contreras, whose improved focus can be found in every aspect of his game.

■ See ya on the South Side in September, Luis Robert.

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LET'S PLAY 2

	Tuesday @Astros 7:10 p.m. ABC-7	Wednesday @Astros 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	Tuesday Royals 4:40 p.m. NBCSCH	Wednesday Royals 7:10 p.m. WGN-9
	Wednesday @DC United 7 p.m. ESPN+	Saturday @Atlanta 5 p.m. Twitter
	Saturday Storm 7 p.m.	June 5 @Mystics 6 p.m. CBSSN

TUESDAY TV/RADIO

MLB	4:40 p.m. Royals at White Sox (conclusion of suspended game)	NBCSCH WGN-AM 720
5:30 p.m. Padres at Yankees		MLBN
7 p.m. Cubs at Astros		ABC-7 WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m. Royals at White Sox		NBCSCH WGN-AM 720
9 p.m. Mets at Dodgers		MLBN
WNBA	6 p.m. Fever at Sun	CBSSN
COLLEGE GOLF	10 a.m. Team Match Play	Golf
	3 p.m. Team Match Play	Golf
TENNIS	1 p.m. French Open	Tennis
	4 a.m. (Wed.) French Open	Tennis

AHL CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS WOLVES 3, GULLS 1

Wolves win, gain Calder Cup Finals

Chicago Tribune staff

The Chicago Wolves are returning to the Calder Cup Finals for the first time since 2008.

The Wolves beat the San Diego Gulls 3-1 Monday night in Game 6 of the AHL Western Conference finals at Allstate Arena.

Curtis McKenzie and Keegan Kolesar scored 19 seconds apart in the third period to break a scoreless tie.

The Wolves face the Eastern Conference champion Charlotte Checkers in the 2019 Calder Cup Finals beginning Saturday night at Bojangles' Coliseum.

The Wolves host Games 3, 4 and 5 June 5-8 at Allstate Arena. All three home games will begin at 7 p.m.

Neither Wolves goaltender Oscar Dansk nor Gulls counterpart Kevin Boyle allowed a goal until McKenzie redirected a shot by Nic Hague at 12:28 of the third period. Nineteen seconds later, Kolesar tipped in a shot by Griffin Reinhart to give the Wolves a 2-0 lead.

Sam Carrick scored at 14:51 to cut the Gulls' deficit in half but McKenzie scored an insurance goal at 16:55.

Dansk finished with 29 saves while Boyle had 25.

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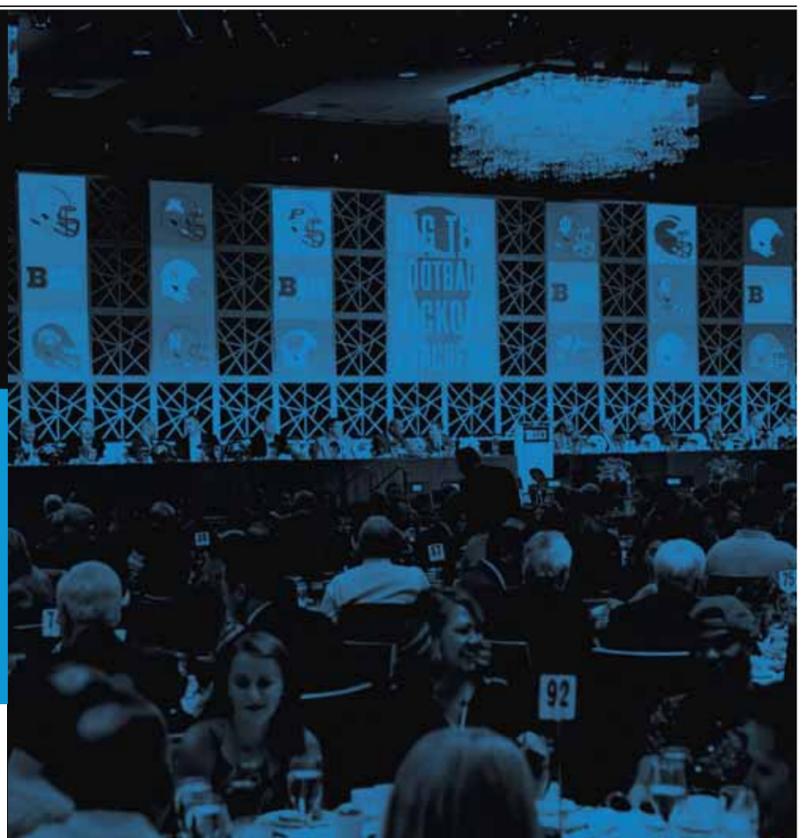
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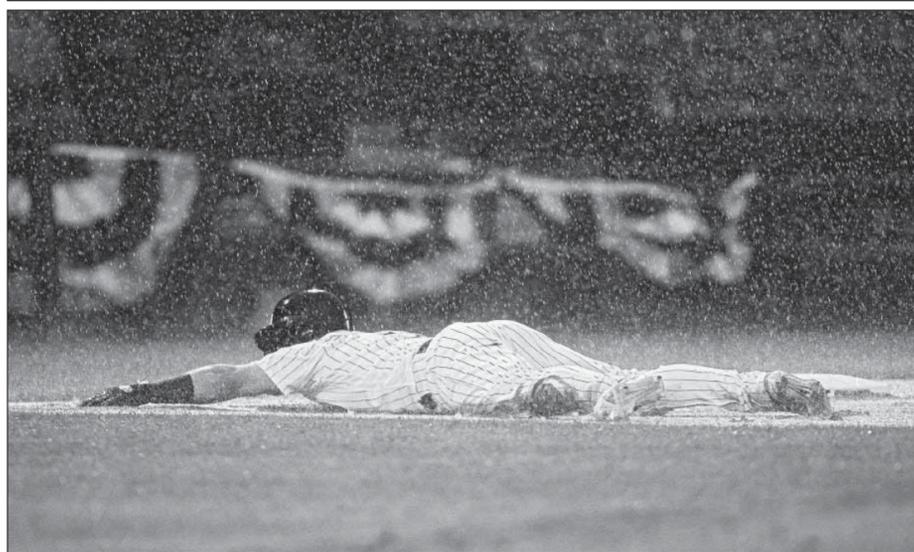
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WHITE SOX



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Yolmer Sanchez (5) splashes into second base in the fifth inning, top, then makes a rain angel in the soaked infield dirt just before Monday's game against the Royals was suspended. It will resume Tuesday.

WHITE SOX 1, ROYALS 1 (5, SUSPENDED)

Rainy intrusion

White Sox, Royals suspended in 5th inning after 2 delays

BY LAMOND POPE
Post-Tribune

Tim Anderson was itching to return to the White Sox lineup Monday against the Royals.

"Man, I wanted to play," Anderson said before the game.

Instead, the shortstop sat for a third consecutive day as he recovers from right wrist soreness.

"I need to make sure he's feeling really comfortable with his wrist," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "He's getting better. There's no doubt that he's better than he was (Sunday). Hopefully we'll have him in there before this series is up."

The Sox also were without outfielder Leury Garcia (right shoulder soreness) for the first game of the three-game series against the Royals.

Monday's game was suspended after two rain delays in the fifth inning with the score tied 1-1. It will resume at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday. The regularly scheduled game will follow 30 to 40 minutes after the conclusion of the suspended game but no sooner than 6:40 p.m.

"Nobody plans it," Renteria said. "Mother Nature is Mother Nature. She picked up steam.

Everybody did the best they could to try to get this in."

The Sox tied the game in the fifth after a rain delay of 2 hours, 55 minutes. Yolmer Sanchez drove in the run with a single. It was delayed again soon after with Sanchez on second and two outs.

"We thought there was a window there to be able to continue the game," Renteria said. "Obviously, we started it and it started coming down pretty soon after we did."

Anderson used Monday to rest his wrist after hurting it Friday against the Twins.

"I didn't feel it until the next morning," Anderson said. "It was sore when I woke up."

Anderson thought he would miss just one game.

"Getting better every day," he said. "I feel a lot better. Just got to keep working, getting treatment."

Anderson took grounders before the game. He said swinging a bat was the toughest part, but he's making strides.

"I swung a little bit (Monday) and felt a lot better," Anderson said.

Renteria also saw progress. "He's feeling better," Renteria

said. "He took some ground balls. We wanted to make sure he could throw and it was all good. He took some cuts, still felt like he's getting better, but he's still feeling it a little bit. We'll give it another day to calm down."

Anderson is trying his best to remain patient.

"It's tough, man," he said. "I want to play. I know I've got to do what's best in that situation and make sure I'm 100% when I step out on the field."

Anderson and the Royals have a little history.

There were fireworks the last time the Sox played the Royals on April 17. The Royals took exception to Anderson's bat toss after a fourth-inning homer and Brad Keller plunked Anderson during his next at-bat. Benches cleared and Anderson and Keller were among those ejected.

Keller is set to pitch Tuesday's scheduled game. Anderson was uncertain about his status.

Anderson leads the AL with a .337 batting average. He is second in the league with 13 stolen bases. Anderson also has eight homers and 25 RBIs.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Jay 'dying to go out there and play'

BY LAMOND POPE
Post-Tribune

White Sox outfielder Jon Jay was in town Monday for a reevaluation as he recovers from a strained right hip.

"I'm dying to go out there and play some baseball, which is what I love to do," Jay said. "We're definitely taking the right steps."

Jay has been on the injured list since March 25 and recently spent three weeks at extended spring training in Arizona.

"(I've) been testing it out," Jay said. "Definitely getting better. Everything's progressing well."

He said "everything" has felt better.

"I couldn't run at all," Jay said. "I'm good to run now and progressing with that. Just got to keep on building."

Jay said that as a veteran, he understands injuries happen.

"But I still have the same passion and love for the game, and I miss being out there with my teammates and competing," he said. "That's the biggest thing."

Lessons learned: The Sox went 2-5 on their recent road trip against the Astros and Twins, both division leaders.

After splitting four games against the Astros, the Sox were swept in three games by the Twins.

Manager Rick Renteria said the Sox can learn from teams like the Twins and Astros.

"You're looking at the makeup of their talent and you look at the way they're putting it together," he said. "You have to use that honestly to talk to your team about, 'That's where we need to be to be able to compete and do the things that are necessary in order to win.'"

"That should just be a lesson to all of us of what it's going to take. Continue to push ourselves to be better. You need to benefit from every opportunity you get to play clubs that are putting it together like those guys."

Catching up: James McCann will handle the bulk of the Sox catching duties with Wellington Castillo on the seven-day concussion list.

Renteria said Seby Zavala, who joined the team from Triple-A Charlotte on Saturday, likely will play when Dylan Covey and Manny Banuelos start.

Local ties: Naperville Central graduate Nicky Lopez led off and played second base for the Royals on Monday. He went 0-for-3.

Lopez made his major-league debut May 14. He has a .245 batting average with one RBI.

CUBS

CUBS NOTES

Heyward likely back; Bryant remains iffy

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Kris Bryant is feeling better, but Cubs manager Joe Maddon was more optimistic about Jason Heyward returning to the lineup Tuesday night, two days after Bryant and Heyward were shaken up in an outfield collision.

Bryant was examined Monday by a doctor but remains under observation and was unavailable for comment. Bryant, who is not under concussion protocol, told Maddon during Monday's 6-5 loss to the Astros that he was feeling better.

Heyward also didn't play Monday after feeling soreness in his right hip, where Bryant collided with him.

"I feel more strongly about Jason than KB," Maddon said after Monday's game about the prospects of playing Tuesday night.

Living the dream: Jim Adduci hopes his journey, which landed him with the Cubs on Monday, will inspire other longtime minor-league players.

"I love playing this game, and I think this can help people who are grinding it out," said Adduci, 34, a graduate of Evergreen Park High School who was promoted from Triple-A Iowa to the team grew up rooting for. "It can happen, and when you come up here, it's everything I've gone through, and you're ready for this moment. You get to have fun, really enjoy it and help the team win."

This is Adduci's first stint with the Cubs after playing in their minor-league system from 2007 to 2012 and at the start of this season. Adduci started in right field and batted fifth Monday against the Astros, going 0-for-4 with three strikeouts.

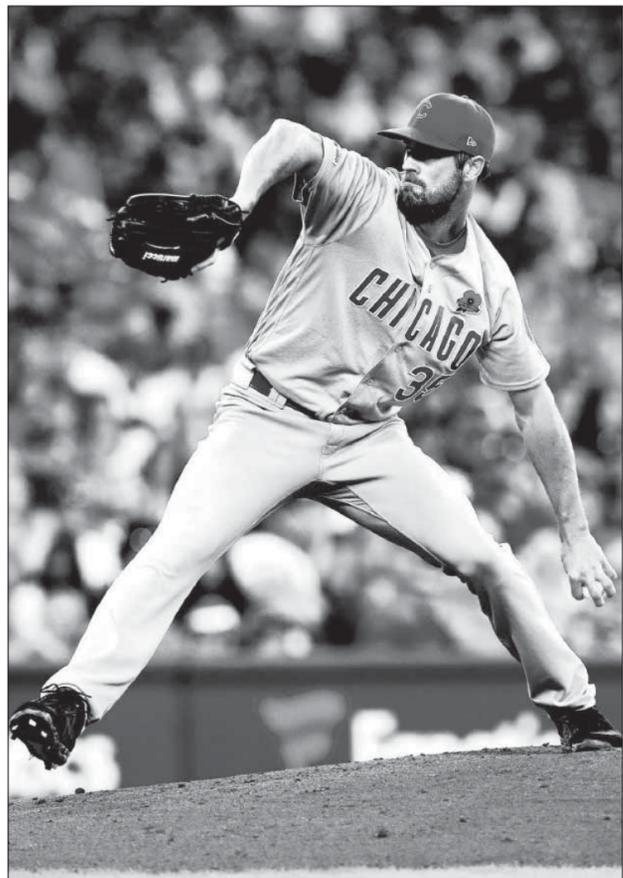
Adduci was batting .261 at Iowa with eight doubles, seven homers and 29 RBIs in 41 games, including a .429 average with three homers and 11 RBIs in his last eight games. Adduci drove in six runs Sunday against New Orleans.

Adduci played parts of four seasons with the Rangers (2013-14) and Tigers (2017-18) as well as two seasons (2015-16) in South Korea. He said he wants to enjoy every moment with the Cubs.

"I'm very thankful for the opportunities I've had," he said.

Injury watch: The Cubs experienced another freak injury when left-hander Mike Montgomery left Monday's game when the tip of his left middle finger swelled at the end of his warmups. Montgomery took the mound but said he couldn't feel the ball. Montgomery said the swelling subsided after treatment and he could return as soon as Tuesday night.

Reliever Pedro Strop will start a minor-league rehab assignment Tuesday night for Triple-A Iowa at New Orleans. Strop hasn't pitched since May 6 because of a Grade 2 left hamstring strain, but manager Joe Maddon said it's possible Strop could return after one game.



TIM WARNER/GETTY

Cole Hamels bears down against the Astros on Monday in Houston. For the first time this season, Hamels was unable to record a strikeout.

A rut check: Astros fan 17 as Cubs lose opener

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topped only by their 19 whiffs in a 15-inning win over the Diamondbacks on April 28.

Neither manager Joe Maddon nor Baez seemed bothered by Baez's five-strikeout game, which equaled his career-high set on July 25, 2017, against the White Sox.

"One beautiful thing about Javy is I don't think he's going to lose any sleep over that," Maddon said. "He's going to conduct himself in the same manner as if he got five hits."

Said Baez: "After my third strikeout, I told (Maddon), 'You can throw me a beach ball, and I won't hit it.' I'm always positive and I can do little things on offense and defense. There's no pressure. I'll come back (Tuesday)."

Baez was the designated hitter, and Kris Bryant and Jason Heyward were unavailable because of soreness suffered in an outfield collision in Sunday's 10-2 loss to the Reds.

That stretched the offense against Cole, who allowed a two-run homer to Anthony Rizzo in the first but retired the next eight batters — including five on strikeouts.

Cole finished with 12 strikeouts in six innings and was helped at times by Cubs hitters chasing out of the strike zone.

Cole improved to 10-3 lifetime

against the Cubs with a 2.53 ERA.

Russell played shortstop Monday, but with Baez expected to return there, Russell could move to second base. Russell is on a 6-for-10 tear, making him the more attractive choice at second — for now — over Daniel Descalso, who went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts and is batting .100 (5-for-50) in May.

"(Descalso) is such a professional," Maddon said. "You can see him scuffling, but he's still making plays on defense. If you talk to him, there's no hangdog about him. He's ready, supporting everyone else. He's maintaining the same level of humanity."

David Bote, who hit an RBI single in the seventh and had a hit off Osuna in the ninth, could see more time at third while Bryant recovers.

In the meantime, Hamels bemoaned his lack of a curveball, which had keyed a 5-2 record in his previous nine starts at Minute Maid Park.

"Changeups were being pushed, cutters pulled and two-seam fastballs were hit or miss," said Hamels, who didn't strike out a batter for the first time this season. "Not being able to have a curve against this team limits you, and they're able to zone in on pitches they'd prefer to hit."

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	35	18	.660	—	—	8-2	W-1	18-10	17-8
Tampa Bay	32	19	.627	2	—	6-4	W-3	14-11	18-8
Boston	29	25	.537	6½	—	6-4	W-2	14-10	15-15
Toronto	21	33	.389	14½	8	3-7	L-1	10-18	11-15
Baltimore	17	37	.315	18½	12	2-8	W-1	7-19	10-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	36	17	.679	—	—	8-2	L-1	18-9	18-8
Cleveland	26	27	.491	10	2½	3-7	L-3	15-14	11-13
Chicago	23	29	.442	12½	5	3-7	L-3	11-13	12-16
Detroit	19	32	.373	16	8½	1-8	L-3	9-17	10-15
Kansas City	18	34	.346	17½	10	3-7	W-1	11-17	7-17

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	36	19	.655	—	—	6-4	W-1	21-7	15-12
Oakland	29	25	.537	6½	—	9-0	W-10	18-10	11-15
Texas	25	26	.490	9	2½	6-4	L-3	17-8	8-18
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	11	4½	4-6	L-1	15-14	9-15
Seattle	24	32	.429	12½	6	2-8	W-1	11-14	13-18

Late games noted below

TUESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L	IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Pit Lyles (R)	5-1 2.81	8-1 0-0 4.0 0.00	3-0 18.2 3.86
Cin TBD	5:40p	— — —	— — —
StL Wainwright (R)	4-4 4.82	5-5 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 16.0 5.06
Phi Pivetta (R)	6:05p	2-1 8.35 3-1	0-0 7.1 2.45
SF Samardzija (R)	2-3 3.27	5-5 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 15.1 3.52
Mia Richards (R)	6:10p	1-5 4.14 2-8	1-0 6.0 1.50
Was Strasburg (R)	4-3 3.25	5-6 1-2 19.1 4.19	1-1 21.0 2.14
Ari Kelly (R)	7-2 2.88	7-3 0-0 3.0 3.00	3-0 17.0 2.65
Ari Kelly (R)	4-5 4.75	4-6 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 14.0 5.40
Col Senzatela (R)	7:40p	3-4 6.21 4-4	1-3 21.0 4.71
NYM Matz (L)	3-3 3.63	6-3 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 15.1 3.52
LAD Hill (L)	9:10p	1-1 2.67	3-2 1-0 11.0 6.55

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L	IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Det Boyd (L)	4-4 3.11	5-6 0-0 6.1 1.42	0-2 16.1 3.86
Bal Bundy (R)	6:05p	2-5 4.67	3-7 0-0 0.0 0.00
Cle Plesac (C)	0-0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Bos Price (L)	6:10p	2-2 3.24	3-5 1-0 8.0 0.00
Tor Richard (L)	0-0 2.25	0-1 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 4.0 2.25
TB TBD	6:10p	— — —	— — —
KC Keller (R)	3-5 4.43	4-7 2-1 24.0 3.75	1-2 17.2 5.60
ChW Giolito (R)	7:10p	6-1 2.77	7-2 2-0 25.0 2.88
LAA Cahill (R)	2-5 6.92	3-8 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 13.2 8.56
Oak Montas (R)	9:07p	6-2 2.40	7-3 0-0 0.1 0.00
Tex Sampson (R)	2-3 4.44	2-3 0-1 6.2 2.70	0-2 14.0 6.43
Sea Gonzales (L)	9:10p	5-4 3.41	6-6 2-1 22.2 2.78

INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L	IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
SD Lauer (L)	3-4 4.72	5-5 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 15.2 5.74
NY Tanaka (R)	5:35p	3-3 2.94	5-6 0-0 0.0 0.00
Mil Davies (R)	5-0 2.43	7-3 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 15.1 4.70
Min Perez (L)	7:10p	7-1 2.95	6-2 0-0 0.0 0.00
ChC Lester (L)	3-3 2.68	5-4 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 15.0 5.40
Hou Martin (R)	7:10p	1-1 4.97	2-1 0-0 0.0 0.00

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS
 Baltimore 5, Detroit 3
 N.Y. Yankees 5, San Diego 2
 Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 3
 Houston 6, Chi Cubs 5
 Boston 12, Cleveland 5
 Oakland 8, L.A. Angels 5
 Kansas City 1, Chi White Sox 1 (5, susp.)
 Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 4
 Seattle 6, Texas 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 San Diego at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 12:37
 Texas at Seattle, 2:40
 Cleveland at Boston, 5:10
 Detroit at Baltimore, 6:05
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10
 Chi Cubs at Houston, 7:10
 Kansas City at Chi White Sox, 7:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS
 Miami 3, Washington 2
 N.Y. Yankees 5, San Diego 2
 G1: Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 5
 G2: Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 1
 Houston 6, Chi Cubs 5
 Colorado 4, Arizona 3 (11)
 Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 4
 L.A. Dodgers 9, N.Y. Mets 5

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11:35
 San Diego at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
 St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6:05
 San Francisco at Miami, 6:10
 Washington at Atlanta, 6:20
 Chi Cubs at Houston, 7:10
 Arizona at Colorado, 7:40
 N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10

BOX SCORES

MARLINS 3, NATIONALS 2

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Granderson lf	5	0	0	0	2	.187
Ramirez cf-rf	4	0	1	1	3	.381
Cooper rf	5	1	2	0	0	.214
2-Herrera pr-ef	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Walker 1b	5	0	3	1	1	.296
Castro 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.272
Prado 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.244
Alfaro c	3	0	1	0	0	.252
Rojas ss	2	1	0	1	0	.248
Urena p	2	0	0	0	0	.000
a-B. Anderson ph	1	0	0	0	0	.230
N. Anderson p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Conley p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Keppeler p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	35	9	9	9	9	—

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	3	0	0	0	0	.238
Eaton rf	4	1	0	0	2	.227
Rendon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.322
Soto lf	4	0	1	0	1	.287
Adams 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.247
Suzuki c	4	1	1	0	1	.227
Parra cf	4	1	1	0	0	.231
Dozier 2b	2	0	0	1	0	.211
Scherzer p	2	0	1	1	1	.138
Rienow p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Barracrough p	0	0	0	0	0	—
b-Kendrick ph	1	0	1	0	0	.309
1-Taylor pr	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Grace p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Schwarber p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	30	2	5	2	5	—

ASTROS 6, CUBS 5

CHI CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	1	0	0	2	.221
White 1b	5	1	0	0	1	.266
Rizzo 1b	3	1	2	2	1	.291
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	.312
Adduci rf	4	0	0	0	3	.000
White 2b	2	1	0	1	2	.228
Hiura 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.198
Russell ss	4	1	3	1	0	.289
Bote 3b	4	0	2	1	2	.264
TOTALS	36	5	8	5	17	—

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Reddick dh	5	0	0	0	0	.316
Bregman ss	5	1	2	0	1	.266
Brantley lf	3	1	1	0	0	.320
Gurriel 3b	4	1	3	1	0	.267
Chirinos c	3	2	1	1	1	.242
Mayfield 2b	4	0	1	1	0	.250
White 1b	2	1	0	1	2	.228
Fisher rf	4	0	2	1	1	.375
Marisnick cf	3	0	0	1	1	.270
TOTALS	33	6	10	6	6	—

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Houston 015 000 00x—6 10 1 0

E: Gurriel (3), **LOB:** Chicago 6, Houston 8. **2B:** Gurriel (13), Chirinos (10), Mayfield (1), **3B:** Fisher (1), **HR:** Rizzo (15), off Cole; **Almora Jr.** (7), off Osuna; **Russell** (3), off Osuna. **RBI:** Rizzo 2 (42), Almora Jr. (20), Russell (5), Bote (19), Gurriel (19), Chirinos (22), Mayfield (1), White (8), Fisher (1), Marisnick (14). **SF:** White. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2 (Schwarber, Adduci); Houston 6 (Reddick 2, Gurriel, Chirinos 2, Marisnick). **RISP:** Chicago 2 for 5; Houston 3 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Contreras, Brantley, Mayfield, Marisnick.

CHI CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Hamels, L, 4-1 4 7 6 6 4 0 4.02
 Ryan 1½ 2 0 0 0 2 4.50
 Maples 1½ 1 0 0 0 3 4.00
 Kintzler 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.84

HOUSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cole, W, 5-5 6 3 2 2 1 12 4.02
 Rondon ½ 2 1 0 0 2 2.50
 Harris, H, 7 ½ 0 0 0 0 1.00
 Pressly, H, 13 0 0 1 1 0.37
 Osuna, 14-15 1 3 2 2 0 2 2.22

Inherited runners-scored: Maples 1-0, Harris 2-0. **WP:** Hamels. **Umpires:** H, Paul Nauer; 1B, D.J. Reyburn; 2B, CB Bucknor; 3B, Fieldin Culbreth. **Time:** 3:12. A: 42,315 (41,668).

ATHLETICS 8, ANGELS 5

LA ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
La Stella 3b	5	0	1	0	2	.297
TROUT c	4	0	0	0	2	.281
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Pujols 1b	4	2	2	1	0	.233
Calhoun rf	3	1	2	1	0	.246
Fletcher ss	4	2	2	1	0	.314
Goodwin lf	4	0	1	1	1	.291
Garnau c	1	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Walsh ph	1	0	0	0	1	.211
Renfijo 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.237
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	7	—

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien ss	3	0	0	0	0	.265
Grossman lf	4	1	2	1	0	.223
Chapman 3b	4	2	2	1	1	.271
Olsen 1b	3	1	1	0	0	.333
Piscotty dh	4	1	2	1	1	.272
Canha rf	3	1	1	1	0	.228
Profar 2b	4	1	1	2	1	.194
Laureano cf	4	1	1	1	0	.250
Phegley c	3	1	1	0	1	.282
TOTALS	33	8	10	8	7	—

LA ANGELS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 a-GO, Garneau, 9th. **LOB:** LAA 6, Oak 3. **2B:** Calhoun 2 (13), Fletcher (8), Grossman 2 (9), Piscotty (11), Laureano (10). **HR:** Pujols (9), off Cahill; Chapman (14), off Garcia. **RBI:** Pujols (25), Calhoun (29), Fletcher (19), Goodwin (19), Renfijo (4), Grossman (15), Chapman (3), Piscotty 2 (25), Canha (16), Profar 2 (30), Phegley (32). **CS:** Ohtani (1). **SF:** Renfijo. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 3 (La Stella 2, Renfijo); Oakland 2 (Chapman 2, Koltaras). **HRs:** Davis (1), off Gaviglio. **RBI:** Gaviglio (23), Meadows 3 (30), Pham (26), Choi (18), Robertson 2 (15). **SB:** Meadows (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 3 (Grichuk, Davis 2); Tampa Bay 5 (Choi, Urena, Adams 3). **RISP:** Tor 6 for 5, TB 5 for 15. **Runners moved up:** Renfijo, Profar, Garcia. **GIDP:** Tellez, Kiermaier.

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Sanchez, L, 3-5 3 6 1 1 2 1 3.75
 Waguespack 4 3 3 2 1 7 5.40
 Rosscup 0 3 2 2 0 0 4.80
 Gaviglio 1 3 2 2 0 0 4.80

TAMPA BAY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Chirinos, W, 6-1 5 0 0 0 2 7 2.91
 Lake 1 1 1 1 2 3 3.86
 Roe, H, 9 ½ 0 0 0 0 2 2.35
 Wood 1 0 0 2 1 1 6.91
 Alvarado, H, 6 1 2 2 1 0 1.29
 Kolarcik 1 2 1 1 1 0 4.50
 Rosscup pitched to 2 batters, 8th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Gaviglio 2, Roe 2. **HR:** Waguespack (Garcia). **Time:** 3:20. A: 15,883 (25,025).



Manny Machado was greeted with boos and chants of "Over-rated" Monday in New York.

YANKEES 5, PADRES 2

SCOREBOARD

NBA FINALS

Golden State vs. Toronto
Thursday: at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
June 5: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
June 7: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-June 10: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-June 13: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-June 16: at Toronto, 8 p.m.
(Best-of-7; if necessary)

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Connecticut	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
New York	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1
WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

MONDAY'S GAMES

None scheduled.
TUESDAY'S GAME
Indiana at Connecticut, 6 p.m.

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE	TUESDAY
at Cincinnati	off
at Philadelphia	-113
San Fran.	-114
at Atlanta	-106
at Colorado	-120
at LA Dodgers	-195
NY Mets	+180

AMERICAN LEAGUE	TUESDAY
Detroit	-113
at Baltimore	+103
at Boston	-190
at Tampa Bay	off
at Chi White Sox	-150
Kansas City	+140
at Oakland	off
LA Angels	+129
at Seattle	-139
Texas	+129

INTERLEAGUE	TUESDAY
at NY Yankees	-172
San Diego	+160
at Houston	-128
Chi Cubs	+118
at Minnesota	-126
Milwaukee	+116

NBA FINALS	THURSDAY
pregame.com	1
at Toronto	Golden State

TENNIS

123RD FRENCH OPEN

Stade Roland Garros; Paris; outdoor-clay

MEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES

#1 Novak Djokovic d. Hubert Hurkacz, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
#2 Rafael Nadal d. Yannick Hanfmann, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.
#4 Dominic Thiem d. Tommy Paul, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. #12 Daniil Medvedev, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.
#13 Borna Coric d. Aljaz Bedene, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Ignacio Londero d.
#15 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.
#19 Guido Pella d. Guido Andreozzi, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.
Jan-Lennard Struff d. #20 Denis Shapovalov, 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-4.
#21 Alex de Minaur d. Bradley Klahn, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
#24 Stan Wawrinka d. Jozef Kovalik, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
#26 Gilles Simon d. Sergiy Stakhovsky, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy vs. #28 Kyle Edmund, 6-7 (1), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 5-5, susp.
Filip Krajinovic d. #32 Frances Tiafoe, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.
Henri Laaksonen d. Pedro Martinez, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6 (4).
Salvatore Caruso d. Jaime Antoni Munar Clar, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Radu Albot d. Tennyis Sandgren, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-1.
Lloyd Harris d. Lukas Rosol, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Alexander Bublik d. Rudolf Mollerker, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (2).
Pablo Cuevas d. Maxime Janvier, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Roberto Carballes Baena d. Alexandre Muller, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Christian Garin d. Reilly Opelka, 7-6 (0), 7-5, 7-6 (7).
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga d. Peter Gojowczyk, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Pablo Carreno-Busta d. Joao Sousa, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.
Benoit Paire d. Marius Copil, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-1.
Richard Gasquet d. Mischa Zverev, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Corentin Moutet d. Alexey Vatutin, 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Miomir Kecmanovic d. Denis Kudla, 6-0, 6-7 (7), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Yannick Maden d. Kimmer Coppejans, 7-6 (0), 7-5, 6-3.
WOMEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES
#4 Kiki Bertens d. Pauline Parmentier, 6-3, 6-4.
#8 Ashleigh Barty d. Jessica Pegula, 6-3, 6-3.
#10 Serena Williams d.
Vitalia Diatchenko, 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.
#12 Anastasia Sevastova d.
Luksika Kumkhum, 6-1, 6-4.
Veronika Kudermetova d.
#13 Caroline Wozniacki, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Kaia Kanepi d. #18 Julia Goerges, 7-5, 6-1.
#20 Elise Mertens d. Tamara Zidansek, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Marie Bouzkova vs. #22 Bianca Andreescu, 7-5, 4-6, 0-0, susp.
#23 Donna Vekic d.
Ludmila Samsonova, 6-2, 6-4.
#25 Su-Wei Hsieh d. Viktorija Golubic, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.
#26 Johanna Konta d. Antonia Lottner, 6-4, 6-4.
#28 Carla Suarez-Navarro d.
Dayana Yastremska, 2-6, 7-6 (0), 6-0.
Ekaterina Alexandrova d.
#30 Mihaela Buzarnescu, 6-4, 6-4.
Polona Hercog d. #32 Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6.
Kurumi Nara vs. Dalila Jakupovic, 7-5, 5-7, 0-0, susp.
Sofia Kenin d. Giulia Gatto-Monticone, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
Andrea Petkovic d. Alison Riske, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Danielle Rose Collins d. Tatjana Maria, 6-0, 6-2.
Samantha Stosur d. Barbora Strycova, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov d.
Vera Zvonareva, 6-4, 6-2.
Sorana Cirstea d. Kaja Juvan, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.
Jennifer Brady d. Ivana Jorovic, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.
Rebecca Peterson d. Yulia Putintseva, 6-3, 7-5.
Lauren Davis d. Kristyna Pliskova, 6-2, 6-4.
Viktoria Kuzmova d. Alize Cornet, 6-4, 6-3.
Shelby Rogers d. Astra Sharma, 6-3, 6-3.
Diane Parry d. Vera Lapko, 6-2, 6-4.
Mandy Minella d.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 6-4, 6-2.
Arina Diyas d. Audrey Albie, 6-2, 6-2.
Shuai Zhang d. Varvara Lepchenko, 6-1, 6-1.

TUESDAY'S FEATURED MATCHES

John Millman vs. #5 Alexander Zverev
Nicolas Jarry vs. #8 Juan Martin del Potro
#10 Karen Khachanov vs. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe
Taro Daniel vs. #14 Gael Monfils
Steve Johnson vs. #18 Roberto Bautista-Agut
Simone Bolelli vs. #22 Lucas Pouille

WOMEN'S FEATURED MATCHES

#1 Naomi Osaka vs. Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova
#3 Simona Halep vs. Ajla Tomljanovic
Evgeniya Rodina vs. #14 Madison Keys
#4 Caroline Garcia vs. Jona Barthel
#21 Maria Kasatkina vs. Martina Paolini
Eugenie Bouchard vs. #27 Lesia Tsurenko

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Boston 1, St. Louis 0
Monday: Boston 4-2
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
Saturday: at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
June 3: at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
x-June 6: at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-June 9: at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
x-June 12: at Boston, 7 p.m.
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

BRUINS 4, BLUES 2

St. Louis	1	1	0	- 2
Boston	0	2	2	- 4

FIRST PERIOD:
1. St. Louis, Schenn 3 (Schwartz, Bouwmeester), 7:23.
Penalties: Kuraly, BOS, (tripping), 3:37; Perron, STL, (tripping), 13:15; Thomas, STL, (hooking), 16:45.

SECOND PERIOD:
2. St. Louis, Tarasenko 9 (Schenn), 1:00.
3. Boston, Clifton 2 (Nordstrom, Kuraly), 2:16.
4. Boston, McAvoy 2, 12:41 (pp).
Penalties: Edmondson, STL, (high sticking), 5:25; Sundqvist, STL, (cross checking), 11:04.

THIRD PERIOD:
5. Boston, Kuraly 3 (Chara, Acciari), 5:21.
6. Boston, Marchand 8, 18:11.
Penalties: Krejci, BOS, (illegal check to head), 6:55; Blais, STL, (interference), 13:28.

SHOTS ON GOAL: St. Louis 8-3-9—20.
Boston 8-18-12—38.

POWER PLAYS: St. Louis 0-of-2, Boston 1-of-5.

GOALIES: St. Louis, Binnington 12-8 (37 shots;-34 saves). Boston, Rask 13-5 (20-18). A: 17,565.

Referees: Steve Kozari, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen: Greg Devorski, Pierre Racicot.

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS

WK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	10.85
2. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	10.78
3. Justin Rose	England	8.60
4. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	8.02
5. Justin Thomas	U.S.	7.32
6. Tiger Woods	U.S.	7.25
7. Francesco Molinari	Italy	6.88
8. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	6.59
9. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	6.06
10. Rickie Fowler	U.S.	5.45
11. Jon Rahm	Spain	5.41
12. Matt Kuchar	U.S.	5.35
13. Tony Finau	U.S.	5.33
14. Paul Casey	England	5.26
15. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	5.04
16. Jason Day	Australia	4.85
17. Tommy Fleetwood	England	4.63
18. Bubba Watson	U.S.	4.26
19. Webb Simpson	U.S.	4.03
20. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	3.95
21. Patrick Reed	U.S.	3.91
22. Gary Woodland	U.S.	3.83
23. Phil Mickelson	U.S.	3.80
24. Marc Leishman	Australia	3.78
25. Matt Wallace	England	3.65
26. Adam Scott	Australia	3.64
27. Kevin Kisner	U.S.	3.53
28. Sergio Garcia	Spain	3.46
29. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	3.38
30. Ian Poulter	England	3.27
31. Kevin Na	U.S.	2.24
32. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	3.22
33. Cameron Smith	Australia	3.21
34. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	3.02
35. Keegan Bradley	U.S.	3.01
36. Eddie Pepperell	England	2.97
37. Rafa Cabrera Bello	Spain	2.96
38. Alex Noren	Sweden	2.95
39. Haotong Li	China	2.89
40. Tyrrell Hatton	England	2.88
41. Shane Lowry	Ireland	2.78
42. Billy Horschel	U.S.	2.75
43. Lucas Bjerregaard	Denmark	2.68
44. Henrik Stenson	Sweden	2.68
45. Kira. Aphibarnrat	Thailand	2.68

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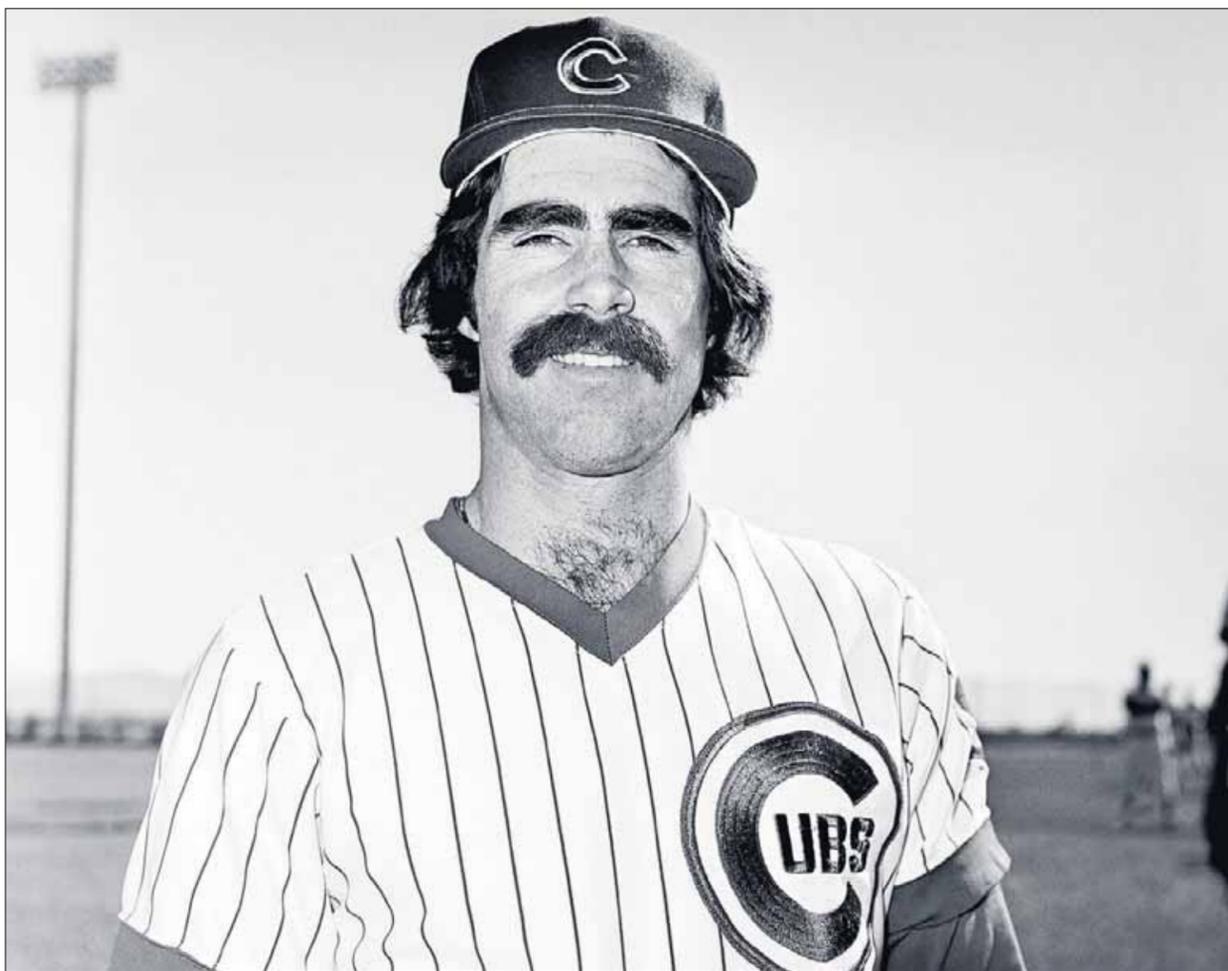
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BASEBALL



Bill Buckner had a stellar 22-year major-league career, including winning the 1980 batting championship by hitting .324 with the Cubs.

BILL BUCKNER 1949-2019

Former Cub a fan favorite

First baseman played 8 seasons on North Side, won 1980 batting title

PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

Former Cubs first baseman Bill Buckner died Monday after a battle with Lewy body dementia. He was 69.

Buckner played 22 seasons in the majors and finished with 2,715 hits but was best remembered for the ball that went through his legs in the 10th inning of the Red Sox's loss to the Mets in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

"Behind the bag!" Vin Scully cried on the television broadcast. "It gets through Buckner!"

It became one of the most renowned flubs in sports history, and Buckner said he was a "little bitter over it" for years. But he was comforted by fans who told him it inspired them to overcome adversity in their lives.

"I'm a person of faith, so there's

a lot there," he told the Deseret News in a 2015 interview. "I've had a lot of people call me and thank me for giving them directions to make it through — and that's a good thing."

Buckner spent eight years with the Cubs after being acquired from the Dodgers before the 1977 season, batting .300 with 81 home runs in 974 games on the North Side.

Buckner won his only batting title in 1980 with a .324 average. He showed a great skill for making contact, from 1977 to 1982, he averaged only 21 strikeouts a season. Buckner led the NL in doubles in 1981 and 1983.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Bill Buckner, a great ballplayer and beloved member of the Cubs family," Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. "... After his playing days, Bill served as a valued member of our player development staff and was a fan favorite during his appearances at our Cubs Conventions. On behalf of the Cubs organization, I

extend our sympathies to Bill's family and his many friends."

Former Cubs pitcher Fergie Jenkins tweeted he was "extremely heartbroken and deeply hurt" when he heard the news of Buckner's death.

The Cubs dealt Buckner to the Red Sox during the 1984 season for pitcher Dennis Eckersley.

In the Game 6 gaffe in '86, Buckner let a slow-rolling grounder from Mookie Wilson skirt through his legs to bring home the winning run for the Mets. After the Mets won Game 7, the error was attributed by some Red Sox fans to the so-called "Curse of the Bambino" or bad karma the franchise earned for selling Babe Ruth to the Yankees.

Buckner lived with the error the rest of his life, but became a well-respected coach after his playing career, including a stint as hitting coach with the White Sox in 1996-97.

Buckner lived in Boise, Idaho, after he finished playing. He was the hitting coach for the Cubs' minor-league affiliate in Boise in

2012-13 and made a lasting impression on Cubs catcher Willson Contreras.

"He meant a whole lot to me," Contreras said. "He was a great friend, a great coach. He was sincere and humble. He taught me a lot of things to do with baseball and life. And I appreciated everything he did for me, and he is one of the reasons I am where I am now. I made sure I let him know that every time I saw him."

"He's always going to be in my heart and thoughts and hopefully he's in a better place now."

Lewy body disease is a common form of dementia and also took the life of former Blackhawks great Stan Mikita.

Jody Buckner, Bill's wife, told ESPN's Jeremy Schapp: "Bill fought with courage and grit as he did all things in life. Our hearts are broken, but we're at peace knowing he is in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Chicago Tribune's Mark Gonzales contributed.

An error to define Buckner by miscue

Buckner, from Page 1

remember the last game I lost that way. I wish it hadn't been a World Series game. At least it was only the sixth game, not the seventh. We can still get them tomorrow."

Tribune baseball writer Jerome Holtzman didn't blame Buckner for the Red Sox's Game 6 collapse. In his report on deadline from Shea Stadium on the night of the Game 6 gaffe, Holtzman noted Buckner was traded by the Cubs to make way for Leon Durham, who let a ball go through his legs in the decisive loss to the Padres in the 1984 National League Championship Series.

"A repeat of that play — no, this was a tougher play — occurred in the 10th inning Saturday night in Game 6 of the World Series," Holtzman wrote. "Mookie Wilson's tricky grounder went through the wicket of Buckner's bowed and battered legs for an error that enabled the Mets to score the winning run in a 6-5 victory that kept them alive and forced Game 7, now scheduled for Monday night."

"Because Buckner was charged with the error, the Ex-Cub Factor resurfaced, further evidence of this fatal syndrome. The charge is unfair. Several of Buckner's teammates — catcher Rich Gedman and relief pitchers Calvin Schiraldi and Bob Stanley — were guilty of considerably larger blunders during the Mets' decisive rally. ... Had the ball been hit sharply, Buckner could have charged and made the putout unassisted. Instead, he laid back, probably waiting to see if the ball would carom off the bag. It didn't and instead rolled through his legs. (Ray) Knight

scored from second, and the game was over."

Buckner's error fed into the handy narrative that the Red Sox, who had not won a World Series since 1918, were cursed. The next spring training, Buckner blamed the media for having "blown it out of proportion." But it only got worse. Boston Globe writer Dan Shaughnessy made it a central part of a book on Red Sox history titled "The Curse of the Bambino," referring to it as an "unspeakable error (that) capped the most devastating loss in Red Sox history and set the table for a Game 7 that all Sox fans knew the team could not win."

The media continued to pound on Buckner. He was released by the Red Sox on July 23, 1987, saying "everybody in this town, including the Red Sox holds that (error) against me. I don't think I lost the World Series."

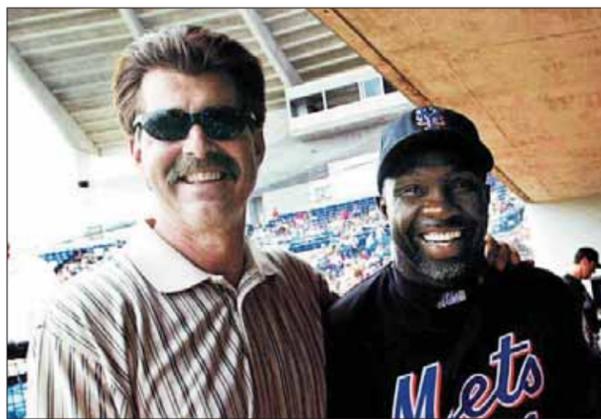
After years of stewing over his treatment, and after the Red Sox ended the "curse" with two World Series championships in 2004 and '07, Buckner accepted the Red Sox's invitation to throw out the first pitch in the Fenway Park opener in 2008.

"In my heart, I had to forgive the media for what they put me and my family through," he said. "I've done that. I'm over that. I just try to think of the positives, the happy things, the friendships."

Buckner's friendship with Wilson showed he had accepted his place in baseball history. He even had a sense of humor about the gaffe. When Buckner was named White Sox hitting coach before the 1996 season, I asked him if returning to Fenway Park that season was going to be diffi-



Bill Buckner and Red Sox fans were haunted by his error in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series against the Mets.



The friendship that blossomed between Bill Buckner, left, and Mookie Wilson is one of the few bright spots to come out of Buckner's error.

cult to experience.

"A lot of good things happened in my career," he said. "A lot of people think about the World Series thing. I look at it this way: I don't have to worry about that. I'm not a fielding coach. I'm a hitting coach."

Buckner refused to let the worst moment in his career define him.

That's a legacy anyone would be proud of.

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BEARS

Our top 100 Bears

Bears, from Page 1

Top 100 list was assembled earlier this month before Pierson's and Pompei's rankings were unveiled. The undertaking required extensive research, impassioned debate and, consequently, a handful of revisions that allowed our eight-person selection committee to feel confident in the way the list finally came together.

There are similarities to Pierson's and Pompei's list and marked differences, which promise to again stir up arguments at water coolers and sports bars in the months ahead.

A few quick bullet points on the decisions that created the most conversation inside Tribune headquarters.

■ Where exactly is the right spot for Jay Cutler, the franchise's all-time leader in most of the major passing categories? For what it's worth, we slotted Cutler higher than Pierson and Pompei did. But not by much. A hundred years from now Cutler may remain cemented in the conversation among Bears fans as the most overrated and most underrated player in team history. Go figure. As for where he landed on our Top 100 list? Stay tuned.

■ In the category of Hall of Fame linebackers, Dick Butkus is the obvious top choice. But did Brian Urlacher or Mike Singletary deserve a higher ranking? One of them made it into our Top 10. You'll have to wait to see how that situation settled.

■ How high should Robbie Gould be ranked? Gould is the Bears' all-time leading scorer and one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history. And there never has been a time in Bears history when Chicago has more appreciation for the value of a reliable kicker. Still, there was heated conversation about Gould's spot.

■ What should we do with the current Bears, specifically Khalil Mack? Ten years from now, Mack may be a no-brainer in the top 20 of a revised list. But after only eight months as a Bear, was there a ceiling on just how high we could put him? The decision: There was.

For what it's worth, a total of 19 players who were part of the Bears' Super Bowl XX team in 1985 made the list. Not a shock.

Eight players from the 2006 NFC championship team got the nod.

There was great difficulty, obviously, for us in comparing players from such different eras. (How, for example, do you compare the career accomplishments of Beattie Feathers versus Matt Forte?) And for those who have taken exception to Pierson's and Pompei's list and will undoubtedly criticize ours, here's a challenge. Take a few hours and try to complete this exercise yourself. Pick your Top 100 Bears. Rank away. You'll come to appreciate the difficulty of the task.

Also, it's important to note that with a history so prestigious and with so many great players from the first 99 seasons of Bears football, it's really just splitting hairs over the differences between a player ranked at, say, No. 32 and one at No. 51. So keep that in mind as you digest our list.

Lastly, we must point out that our Top 100 list is simply a launching point for an eight-month exploration into the Bears' 100-year history. In addition to a series of rankings and lists and a handful of historical Bears surprises, we will be producing a series of features that will touch on some of the most significant moments and personalities in the team's history. Trust us, you won't want to miss these.

We can boast with great confidence that no news outlet has a deeper archive of Bears stories and photographs than the Tribune. Heck, once upon a time, George Halas was a regular guest contributor for the Tribune. Papa Bear's series — "That's the Way the Ball Bounces" — helped detail the birth of pro football and his role in growing the game. As part of our 100th-season coverage, we will share some of Halas' writing.

For the record, including Pierson and Pompei, the Tribune also has had four McCann Award winners, the prestigious honor presented by the Pro Football Writers of America in recognition of distinguished pro football reporting. Pompei was the most recent Tribune writer to win the McCann Award in 2013, following in the footsteps of Pierson (1994), Cooper Rollow (1985) and George Strickler (1969).

So if and when you get the urge to start piecing together your list of Top 100 Tribune Bears writers, that's probably a good starting point. In the meantime, get ready for everything we have in store.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



MIKE LAWRIE/GETTY

With the Hope Solo era over, Alyssa Naeher, above, will start in goal for the U.S. in its first-round matches against Thailand, Chile and Sweden at the World Cup next month in France.

New keeper, same goal: Naeher, U.S. target Cup

By FILIP BONDY
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — When the U.S. women's national team defends its World Cup title next month in France, one reboot will stand out above all others: The Americans are no longer flying Solo.

Barring injury, Alyssa Naeher will be the starting keeper during first-round matches in France against Thailand, Chile and nemesis Sweden. For better or worse, the Hope Solo Era is gone. The headlines and rhetoric diminish, while comparisons on the field surge.

"I can only control me, be the best version of myself, making sure I'm a good teammate," Naeher said Friday, during a media event in New York. "I try to get better each day. The biggest thing is learning and never stop learning. Every goalkeeper brings her own personality to the job."

Naeher speaks in measured tones. She will never be confused with Solo on this front, or any other. Although she was Solo's backup at the 2015 World Cup and 2016 Olympics, Naeher does not pretend the two women were ever close. She says politely she has "taken pieces of lessons" from all her coaches and teammates. There has been no contact with Solo since coach Jill Ellis anointed Naeher the starter.

Ellis speaks about how Naeher is good with her feet, with distribution and clearance. The ultimate question, however, is whether Naeher is good enough with her hands and with her judgements.

The greatest compliment for goalkeepers is that they make themselves big on and off their line. They stretch, contort, confront, and intimidate when attackers approach on a break, or when an opponent is set to take a penalty kick. They cut off angles, claim the stage.

Nobody ever made herself larger than Solo, on and off the pitch. She was forever the center of attention in all respects. Solo was a famous distraction between matches, fiercely outspoken and at times erratic in her behavior. Her perceived transgressions ranged from simply rebellious to wholly



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

The foosball version of U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher.

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unacceptable.

She criticized her brilliant predecessor, Briana Scurry. She called the Swedes "cowards," for their stubborn, defensive tactics. She confronted the sexist labor practices of U.S. Soccer. She was hit with a domestic violence charge, later dropped. She borrowed a team van without asking permission. She ran for president of the federation, against the establishment.

There was always a great deal of drama. During matches, it was drama of a better sort. Solo was a transcendent star, a back-line organizer and a rock-steady pres-

ence. She was genuinely talented, uniquely physical. She was alpha-brave in crowded goal mouths.

Naeher, solid enough, does not appear to be that sort of phenomenon. She might be nimbler with her feet, yet she has not been aggressive off her line or quite as sure with her saves. To be fair, there must be a learning curve. Ellis did not exactly give Naeher opportunities or caps to gain experience during the Solo era. Now, the cold, hard numbers suggest that this change in goal could cost the U.S. team a tight victory, at some juncture of the upcoming tournament.

According to Opta Sports, Naeher's goals-against average is .64, while Solo's was around .41 in comparable matches. Solo's save percentage was .79, compared to Naeher's .71. Naeher outperforms Solo in one stat, involving transition: Her passing accuracy is 69 percent, compared to Solo's 65. This is an impressive number, considering the ongoing reorganization of the back line and midfield.

"We're working hard to play out of the back a lot more," Ellis said. "As far as leadership, we have a great corps of veterans on our roster. It falls on those players to

show the leadership now, to make sure there's an arm around the shoulders."

In any case, it is clear that Naeher, 31, is the national team's keeper of the present, and the foreseeable future. When Ellis gave backup Adrianna French, 28, a shot in a match against England, the goalkeeper committed a massive mental error. She picked up a back-pass from a teammate, Mallory Pugh, causing an indirect kick in the box that led to a goal. Sadly, that was probably that for French.

During the championship run at the 2015 World Cup, Solo posted five shutouts and yielded just three goals in seven games. She is 37 now, past her prime, yet there is some question as to whether she still might be more effective than Ellis' current options.

Solo herself says she is happy in retirement, ready to move on. She will be in France as part of the BBC broadcast team, and is bound to stir some controversies. Solo has a lawsuit pending against the USSF that alleges gender discrimination under the Civil Rights Act and Equal Pay Act.

The U.S. will be returning 12 players, including eight starters, from its 2015 World Cup roster. Fifteen of 23 players are back from the 2016 Olympic team that fell to Sweden in the quarterfinals. There are a few newbies, and the formation has changed. Ellis wants the team to build attacks from the back, which was not Solo's strength. There are likely to be fewer goalkeeper punts, or long boots off the ground.

Solo's play at those last Olympics was not quite up to her own standards, and that suggested the U.S. could finally move on from the golden handcuffs and naughty behavior that she represented. Still, there is some question whether Solo, just six years older than Naeher, might still have been a better choice at the upcoming World Cup.

Too late. The overwhelming personality that is Solo is gone. Or is it?

"These last couple of weeks, she's been pretty bad-ass," defender Becky Sauerbrunn said, of Naeher. "I think she's a real goalkeeper."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Up in the booth, Wagner has all the answers now

BY ANDY CLAYTON
New York Daily News

Aly Wagner's pioneering role last summer earned her a promotion.

The former U.S. national team midfielder made history when she became the first woman to call a men's World Cup game. She handled analyst duties from the group stage through the quarter-final round during Russia 2018. Now the two-time World Cup veteran and two-time Olympic champion with 131 caps on her resume heads to France next month as the lead game analyst for Fox Sports' coverage of the Women's World Cup. Wagner will work alongside veteran play-by-play man JP Dellacamera.

The Daily News caught up with Wagner earlier this week at Fox Sports' Women's World Cup send-off celebration in Manhattan.

(Questions and answers have been edited for length and clarity)

If you were U.S. coach Jill Ellis, what would be keeping you up at night heading into the World Cup?

My backline without a doubt. I feel like from what I've witnessed — from what I've seen — they've been very conservative. This doesn't mean it won't shift. They are very smart players, very adaptable. They are very conservative and they fear pace in behind. If they continue to drop off and they are not aggressive stepping into the half space, there are teams who will thrive on that and will pick them apart. At the end of the day, the best offense in the world will beat the best defense. You can do everything perfect on the defensive side of things, and if the offense does everything perfect you can't stop it. So that would be something that would really concern me. I want my backline to be more aggressive and believe in themselves and step in the half space and keep spaces condensed.

Can this tournament be considered a success even if the U.S. doesn't win a fourth world title?

The (U.S.) have every advantage that most (teams) don't and with the talent they have ... no, this is a tournament they should win. Tournaments are funny things where some odd thing will happen and they could be knocked out. But if you look at the resources they have, the time they've had together, the build to this event — they've had the best leadup to a World Cup — they (should win).

Is there more pressure on this U.S. team given the lawsuit they filed against U.S. Soccer? Do they risk losing public support if they don't go all the way?

No. I don't think they risk losing public support. I don't look at it that way. I think with this lawsuit situation, I think the pressure is positive actually. I think this team is the team that is always going to have pressure on them to win. They know that anything else than repeating is a failure. And, with the lawsuit, I look at it as a positive pressure. If they are capable of winning again, guess what happens to revenue? Goes up. Guess what happens when you are sitting in a courtroom? Now you can show after two cycles you're bringing in this amount of revenue. Oh, and by the way, we're winning and we have this positive support and ... you can't argue we don't bring in as much as the men. Everything goes against U.S. Soccer. So they have that motivation and not pressure.

How frustrating is it as a former player that at every step of the way the team has had to fight these battles?

I respect U.S. Soccer, honestly, for being the leader and pushing forward the women's game. That's point one, and I'm grateful for that. Point two is they're a business and if you're a business you want to get the most for the least. And if you can do — and they've done it — that's a success, that's a win on your bottom line. At what point does that become irrelevant? We know you can do that. But you're a non-profit and it's your job to grow the game and when are you going to shoulder



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Aly Wagner, shown celebrating with teammate Mia Hamm during the 2004 Olympics, had 131 caps with the U.S. women's national team.



RICK YEATTS/AP

Aly Wagner will call the Women's World Cup, along with play-by-play man JP Dellacamera, starting June 7 in France.

that responsibility? I think they have done a fair job and now it's time to step it up to the real women's level and come through when they can. Because they can.

Is FIFA doing enough to support the women's game?

Don't get me started. ... It's first a lack of belief that it's financially lucrative and then it's like, 'OK,

but challenge that thought, how long did it take for the men's game to get profitable?' Look what is happening in the women's game against (FIFA's) efforts. It's becoming lucrative, by the way. Maybe figure that out, invest in it and accept it and grow it. No, they aren't even close. ... They have the resources to answer (the) call and they have the onus to answer the call. They do. If they don't, shame on them. There are so many amazing stories ... so many lives to change through their investment. But there is money to be had and that's all they care about. There is money to be made. So let that be your motivation and actually believe in it and see it and don't be blinded by your stigmas of the past.

What feedback did you take from your work broadcasting the Men's World Cup last summer?

The only feedback I really listen to and respect are my colleagues and my mentors, so nothing online, nothing from social media really impacts the way I do my job. Always keep your head down and focus on what you think is important and do your prep work and let the chips fall where they may. You're never going to be perfect, I

already know that, I was a player. ... I know that about myself. It's not going to be perfect. It's not going to be flawless. Embrace it and move on.

Speaking of embracing things, have you embraced the fact for a new generation of fans you are a broadcaster first and a player second?

I know, it's so weird. Yes. It's weird. People ask if I actually played and I'm like, Yes! It's so odd. But, you know, I love it. It doesn't matter. What I do is not for me. What I do is for the game. It's to bring energy and intelligence and to share the beauty and what these people are accomplishing, what these players are doing. It has nothing to do with me and if a little girl recognizes that I'm actually that voice and looks up to me then I love it and it's great and I'm shaping her world differently.

Last year you told us that France would win in Russia, which team do you think takes home the trophy in France?

Do you know that I haven't given anyone a solid answer on that yet? ... Can I think about it? I still have to wrap my head around a few things." We can wait.

Netflix revisits the Central Park Five case

By MARK KENNEDY
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Actor Jharrel Jerome, perhaps best known for his role in “Moonlight,” recalls walking to school a few years ago in his native New York City, worried about an upcoming test, when he was stopped by two police officers.

“Stop! Can I see your bag?” one asked him.

He immediately froze in fear. What did he do wrong? Did he walk weird? Did he say something?

Jerome let them look through his notebooks, papers and pens. Then they let him go. He was still shaking at his desk hours later.

“You just wonder what was in their mind and what they see in me when I’m just trying to be as good as I could be,” he recalled. “It’s terrifying because they could have been the worst of cops. They could have done anything.”

Jerome, 21, drew heavily on that testy interaction to play Korey Wise, an innocent man who spent 12 years behind bars for a rape in Central Park he never committed.

“Thinking about that experience and then thinking about it times ten is terrifying,” Jerome said.

Wise was one of five black and Latino teenagers — the others were Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana — who were coerced into confessing to the crime and are collectively known as the “Central Park Five.”

In Ava DuVernay’s new four-part Netflix series “When They See Us,” the horrific odyssey the five endured is shown over 25 years, from the 1989 night they were arrested to the day in 2014 when a settlement was reached with the city.

The case was drawn on racial lines from the outset, with the victim being a young white woman, and it drew worldwide attention. Tabloid headlines compared the teens to a wolf pack, and Donald Trump took out newspaper ads calling for the return of the death penalty in New York state. It took years for the five to be exonerated, and they spent most of their youth in prison.

Another man was found guilty of the attack.

The five young actors who play the accused in the first half of the series were horrified to learn details of the case and hope it can lead to changes in the judicial system.

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IN PERFORMANCE



JOHN KONSTANTARAS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jamila Woods performs at Thalia Hall on Sunday. At their core, her songs are about identity and the systemic racism that tries to silence it.

DANCING AMID THE TURBULENCE

In concert at Thalia Hall, Jamila Woods sings of identity

By GREG KOT
 Chicago Tribune

As one of her songs says, Jamila Woods is “not your typical girl.” The line book-ended her concert Sunday at Thalia Hall, first with quiet firmness, then with a smile accompanied by sashaying dance moves.

Much of Woods’ music steps lightly. It feels buoyant, bubbly, and her voice conveys a becalmed breeziness. But the words aren’t designed to soothe. They brim with puzzles to solve and wounds that won’t soon fade. Though a keyboard-heavy mix at times upset the musical balance, more often than not her band was pliant enough to keep up with the singer’s agile wordplay. The words danced even as they told stories of struggle and perseverance.

Woods’ latest album, “Legacy! Legacy!,” consists entirely of

nuanced shout-outs to some of the artists from past generations who have inspired her own work as one of Chicago’s most dynamic new voices — not just a singer, rapper and songwriter, but poet, teacher and activist. That life-as-art perspective ties her to a long line of Chicago soul and hip-hop artists: Curtis Mayfield, the Staple Singers, Maurice White of Earth, Wind & Fire, Common, Chance the Rapper, Noname, among countless others.

Her songs, which name-checked role models from the worlds of art, literature, poetry and music, weren’t just gushing fan worship. They offered knotty portraits of struggle and resistance, snapshots of artists whose work was often appropriated or misunderstood.

At their core, these songs are about identity and the systemic racism that tries to make it disappear. The songs balanced notions of self-acceptance, self-love, with a need for steely resolve, the militant stance articulated in “Blk Girl Soldier,” an earlier song that served as a bridge to the living history

lessons of “Legacy! Legacy!”

Woods exudes a deceptive gentleness, but she was more than willing to stretch the limits in concert. Her stage presence suggested a big sister who doesn’t ruffle easily. But when pushed, watch out. Which brings to mind the words of James Baldwin: “We can disagree and still love each other, unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist.”

With her band, Woods embraced the turbulence. In “Baldwin,” she wrestled with the notion of loving one’s oppressor. Drums approximated typewriter rhythms and Nico Segal’s horn lines stuttered and soared as the singer worked through the conflict. In the seething “Basquiat,” drums and bass skittered as Woods described how a person of color engages in a daily battle against stereotyping. In “Giovanni,” the cadences veered between rapping and singing, as the band landed on chords to punctuate Woods’ declamatory, finger-pointing delivery.

Even better were three songs inspired by legendary musicians played back-to-back-to-back. The lacerating “Miles” evoked the murky funk of late ’60s Miles Davis, “Muddy” re-imagined Muddy Waters as a psychedelic griot, and “Sun Ra” was capped by a racing-into-space violin solo, while Woods smiled and danced, as free as her music had become.

Jamila Woods set list Sunday at Thalia Hall:

1. Betty
2. Zora
3. Giovanni
4. Sonia
5. Frida
6. Miles
7. Muddy
8. Sun Ra
9. Stellar
10. Lonely Lonely
11. Basquiat
12. Octavia
13. Baldwin
14. Eartha
15. Holy
16. Blk Girl Soldier
- Encore:
17. VRY BLK
18. Betty (for Boogie)

Can photos lead to haiku book, then a song?

Jenny Bienemann managed to create those very things



RICK KOGAN
 Sidewalks

One of the glorious things about the Berwyn music club FitzGerald’s is that when you walk in the door you never know what you might hear on stage.

One night it could be bluegrass, another acoustic jazz or traditional Irish, rock ‘n’ roll, folk and on and on. This lively eclecticism has made FitzGerald’s one of the finest music venues in the country.

One recent night it featured, perhaps for the first time in its storied history, haiku, as more than a dozen local performers took to the stage to offer original songs based on the photographs and haiku contained in a new book titled “Haiku Milieu.”

“This musical community is so wonderfully tolerant of people extending their wings and doing things outside their comfort zone,” says singer/songwriter Jenny Bienemann.



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Jenny Bienemann performs on May 16 during a book and CD release concert at FitzGerald’s in Berwyn.

She should know, for she is the person who extended her wings by creating “Haiku Milieu: photos and haiku for you everywhere you are” and arranged for the recent concert to launch the book and an accompanying CD (funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council), with all proceeds going

to the Chicago Lighthouse for the blind and visually impaired (chicagolighthouse.org).

Haiku is an ancient form of Japanese poetry written in 17 syllables, in three lines of five, seven and five syllables, and generally focused on the natural world. Here is a famous example, written

by a fellow named Natsume Soseki, a novelist and poet often called the “Charles Dickens of Japan,” who lived from 1867-1916: *Over the wintry / forest, winds howl in rage / with no leaves to blow.*

The idea for this book came to Bienemann more than a year ago

when, taken with the idea that “one might be able to restore a sense of wonder in the world by finding the extraordinary in everyday things,” she began taking photos with her iPhone and writing haiku to accompany each one of them. When she told her husband and frequent musical collaborator Robin of her plan to post these on Instagram, his reaction was encouragingly enthusiastic: “I thought it was great and just decided to sit back and enjoy the ride.”

She posted, people responded favorably and the “ride” has produced this charming and thought-provoking gathering of 120 photos and haiku (from the nearly 500 she created). “haiku milieu” comes at you in four chapters, titled love, loss, longing and life. (The accompanying CD is a very pleasing 35 minutes of remixes of Bienemann’s songs by Mikhail Fiksel, aka DJ White Russian).

Each chapter contains a couple of dozen poems and photos of such “everyday things” as plants, flowers, sidewalks, shadows, streetscapes, windows, cats, coffee cups, sky.

Here are poems from each chapter.

In love, opposite a photo of daisies: *When I think of you / all the little fists in me / finally let go.*

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CELEBRITIES

Adam Driver credits military for giving him courage to act

BY JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Adam Driver was home alone doing the dishes when his agent called with the news that he'd just received a Tony Award nomination. But since his wife was out of town, there was no one to share the news. So he just finished the dishes.

Driver got the nod for his work in a new revival of Lanford Wilson's play "Burn This." It's Driver's first Tony nod and his third show on Broadway.

Over the past decade, Driver has amassed an impressive acting career, with accolades ranging from his work on the HBO series "Girls" to his more recent Oscar nomination for "BlacKkKlansman." And coming up, it's his last turn as Kylo Ren as the "Star Wars" saga comes to an end.

While the roles are diverse, the foundation for Driver's success centers on his military service. Born in San Diego but raised in the small town of Mishawaka, Indiana, Driver joined the Marines shortly after the 9/11 terror attacks and credits his time in the service for providing him the courage he needed to become an actor.

"It didn't seem like a realistic job where I was from, and there wasn't really a lot of opportunities. But the military kind of stripped you away from — I think, even if it is an illusion — being scared of the civilian world," Driver said.

His time in the service helped tear down some of the inhibitions he faced when pursuing an acting career, including relocating to New York. He told himself that if it didn't work out, he'd be OK on the streets.

"You have that kind of like survival mentality in



Adam Driver at the Tony Awards' "Meet the Nominees" press event earlier this month in New York.

the military. It gives you a lot of confidence going back out into the world," Driver said.

Not long after kicking off his acting career, Driver took action to help his fellow military veterans with his charity, Arts in the Armed Forces. The organization is dedicated to providing arts programming for active duty service members, veterans, military support staff and their families.

Those are all segments of the population that are important to him, and he hates any perception that military personnel won't understand theater.

"If anything, theater in New York can get a little bit like recycled air. And it's amazing how much you take it outside of New York, the language becomes a weapon, in a way, to different communities," Driver said.

Theater, he added, "can help you articulate a feeling in a way that you didn't have the language for before. And what better community to share that with than the military?"

As for his performance in "Burn This," tackling a Lanford Wilson play is no easy task, made more difficult with a limited rehearsal

period. In the revival of the 1987 play about a group of friends and family coping with a tragedy, Driver stars opposite Keri Russell.

"We only had like three weeks, so to be patient and trust that it would come together eventually was really difficult," Driver said.

He thrives on the play being so complex. "I love the potential that it could be a disaster at any minute," Driver said.

And it's that challenge that keeps him interested. "You have eight shows a week to try to keep exploring. I love that part of it," Driver said.

He also loved being part of the "Star Wars" saga, but politely remained tight-lipped about any plot points. "That's just the part where I'll trail off and not answer," Driver said before heading to the theater for his matinee.

May 28 birthdays: Singer Gladys Knight is 75. Singer John Fogerty is 74. Actor Louis Mustillo is 61. Singer Kylie Minogue is 51. Rapper Chubb Rock is 51. Talk show host Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 42. Actress Megalyn Echikunwoke is 36. Actress Carey Mulligan is 34.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Man asks: Is BFF in love with me?

Dear Amy: I'm a gay man. My male BFF, "Steve," is straight. He's been married (to women) multiple times, has children, etc. Currently, he is single. I'm also single.

When Steve gets drunk, there have been many times when he gets physically amorous (kissing me, essentially making out with me), and he gets romantically expressive: whispering in my ear how much he loves me, etc. There's even been some light sexual interaction.

I'm very attracted to him and he knows it, because I was honest with him when we became friends. As a result of that attraction, I allow him to engage in this behavior to begin with, but invariably I stop him from escalating it (and he's tried), because my good sense kicks in. I don't want him to do something he may regret while under the influence.

When he's sober, we never talk about any of this.

Do you think he is potentially in love with me? I've always thought he was gay or bisexual ... or is this kind of behavior normal/common among "bros," regardless of orientation?

Is the booze acting as a "truth serum" here, or am I reading too much into this? Should I allow him to fully escalate his affection?

— Confused Gay Friend

Dear Confused: Do other friends of yours (gay and straight) aggressively hit on you when they're drunk? I'm assuming they don't.

Bro culture does seem to confer an arrogant privilege regarding sexual behavior, but I feel confident observing that while many

people likely find their best friends sexually attractive, it is not the norm to aggressively pursue your friends, sober or drunk — even among bros.

I don't know if "Steve" is in love with you, but he is clearly sexually interested in you. Just as I become even more hilarious after a few cocktails, he is likely expressing an exaggerated, low-filter version of himself when he's drunk.

It is not necessarily your job to protect him from his drunken choices, but because issues of consent could arise, you are wise to put a stop to his advances, certainly when he is under the influence.

What you must do now is talk about it. This might be a tough conversation, but you could start by asking: "Why do you hit on me when you're drunk?"

Dear Amy: My mother and her husband of over 20 years have decided to have an open marriage. They even bought an apartment in order to have sexual encounters with others.

I have known my stepdad since I was 15; I am now 41. I have a happy marriage and a family of my own. I grew up watching my mother date numerous men. There were times I would hear her engaged in sexual activity.

Now that I am an adult, I find the lifestyle she exposed me to was unhealthy. The "open marriage" decision is bringing up bad memories for me.

My mom does not have many friends, and I can tell that she wants to share details of her new life with me. I am not interested in hearing about or meeting any of the new men in her

life. I don't want to go to the new apartment. I do not want my kids to know about her lifestyle. I do not want to hurt her. I am not sure how to deal with this. Any suggestions?

— Devastated

Dear Devastated: Boundaries, boundaries, boundaries.

Boundaries, boundaries, boundaries. Your mother's specific choices regarding her own boundaries are her business. You have the right to declare your own boundaries, insist that she respect them, and deliver consequences if she doesn't.

It is not unlike when loved ones face a family member's addiction. You say, "I love you, but I believe your lifestyle is unhealthy. It is certainly unhealthy for me, so I need to stay away from it. Don't talk to me about it, don't expect me to visit, and don't expose my children to it."

Dear Amy: Chiming in on your poor response to "Sick at Heart," who witnessed a child screaming and the mother screaming at him at a public bus stop.

This child could be autistic. I can't believe you missed that.

— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: Yes, the child could have autism. If so, this should have been the first thing the adult restraining and screaming at the child could have said to explain the unfortunate situation.

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Reeves returns to relevance as Wick

Mediocre films had taken shine off 'Matrix' star

By Travis M. Andrews
The Washington Post

Ah, the comeback. Hollywood blogs and gossip rags are filled with stories of actors making these supposed things. Everyone from Matthew McConaughey to Tom Cruise to Robert Downey Jr. have had their late-stage careers described by some modified version of the word "renaissance." But there's a slight difference with Keanu Reeves.

McConaughey graduated from breezy rom-coms to gritty character acting in projects like "Mud," "Killer Joe" and "True Detective." Cruise overcame his unflattering public persona as an ardent Scientologist to earn the reputation of the hardest-working man in Hollywood, pushing himself to the limit to be our premier action star (forgoing the tough Oscar-bait films of his youth). Downey walked the path of sobriety and kick-started the biggest film franchise in Hollywood history: the Marvel Cinematic Universe and all the superhero movies it entailed.

Reeves, on the other hand, just continued doing the things for which he always excelled. There was no big controversy. No tarring and feathering by an outraged internet mob. No public descent into addiction. Just a string of forgettable movies that slowly faded his star. Until now.

The reason? "John Wick." Last weekend, the 54-year-old's latest film, "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum," debuted at No. 1 at the box office. The third installment in the R-rated, kung fu-inspired action series, in which he plays the titular character, began in 2014 and made the once-beloved actor relevant — and lucrative — again ("Parabellum" pulled in \$57 million in its first few days).

Reeves nabbed his breakout role in 1986's disturbing "River's Edge," which is about a group of teenagers dealing with the aftermath of their friend killing his girlfriend. His performance led to a series of hits, cracking open the gates of stardom. Soon, Reeves was starring in many of the most popular films of the late 1980s and early 1990s,



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Keanu Reeves, left, and Anjelica Huston star in "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum."

spanning genres from comedy ("Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" and "Parent-hood") to drama ("My Own Private Idaho" and "Dangerous Liaisons") to action ("Point Break").

By the time he became the face of "Speed" with Sandra Bullock in 1994, Reeves was a bona fide star and an unstoppable force in Hollywood. But his stardom achieved supernova in 1999 with the beginning of "The Matrix" trilogy. The idea of him ever needing a Keanuissance might have seemed insane.

However, things started to slowly change.

He played in a series of forgettable indie movies ("Thumbsucker" and "Ellie Parker"), some well-received ones ("A Scanner Darkly"), some silly rom-coms (the much-maligned "The Lake House") and a few big swings that mostly missed ("Constantine").

Then came the internet. Stills from Reeves's films — and even candid shots of him — were turned into memes. While the sudden "memefication" of everything, particularly all things Hollywood, proved to be a particular boon to some actors (they helped distill

Jeff Goldblum's quirkiness in a way that delighted fans, for example), memes about Reeves often positioned him at least partially as the butt of the joke. His facial expressions, which generally run the gamut between bewildered and stoic, were played for laughs.

There was a still of a shocked Reeves from "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" that became known as Conspiracy Keanu. It was usually accompanied by text exploring fake conspiracies so ridiculous that they're funny. One reads, "What if the CIA invented dinosaurs to discourage time travel?"

Another, called Sad Keanu, came from a paparazzi shot of a sorrowful-looking Reeves sitting on a bench, eating a sandwich. People often photo-edited him out of the shot and into other absurd situations, such as sitting on the edge of a cliff or on the McDonald's golden arches.

While these images proliferated, Reeves starred in another large-budget film, 2013's "47 Ronin," but it was a box-office bomb. Mostly, though, he focused on personal projects, such

as his directorial debut, the Chinese-American martial arts film "Man of Tai Chi." He also released the "grown-up picture book" "Ode to Happiness," produced the documentary "Side by Side" and continued his various philanthropic efforts.

The result was that the largely out-of-sight actor was supplanted by the meme in the cultural consciousnesses.

The memes didn't really bother Reeves personally, though they might have changed how a younger generation viewed him. As Alex Pappademas wrote in GQ last month: "He regards his own meme-ification from a disinterested distance. Actually participating further in the process is not for him, but he's also not judging anybody who does play along. 'People doing dances, people doing mannequin stuff or whatever — those people, they look like they're having fun and doing some cool (stuff),' he says politely. To actively seek further meme-ification — hey, it's Sadder Keanu — wouldn't feel like a creative act, he doesn't think."

But the "John Wick"

series transformed him into an action star once again.

The franchise is predicated on a simple but absurd story. It follows Wick, the world's best assassin in a universe full of them; they operate out of a global chain of hotels called The Continental. The first film opens with Wick in retirement, having finally gotten out to marry a woman with whom he fell in love. But now he's a widower, and he receives one last parting gift: a puppy. Not long after receiving the furball, though, a Russian mobster kills the dog in a petty act of insolence, forcing the principled Wick out of retirement. After that — and for three movies now — he kills everyone who tries to do him in (which is a lot of people!) with anything at his disposal, from guns and swords to pencils, books and his bare hands. The result is pure, beautiful, balletic action.

Now Reeves's late-night press tour appearances, rather than memes of him sadly eating a sandwich, are going viral. A clip of Reeves stunning Stephen Colbert and his audience on "The Late Show" earlier this month became social medi-

a's topic of the week.

After a generally humorous conversation about the actor's new action thriller, Colbert asked his long-haired guest, "What do you think happens when we die, Keanu Reeves?" The question, clearly meant to be a setup for a clever quip, saw Reeves lean back, take a deep breath and think as a somber look spread across his face.

"I know that the ones who love us will miss us," he finally responded, silencing the host, who smiled in appreciation. Reeves' thoughtful answer was passed around the internet for days after as fans watched the sweet moment in preparation for his ultraviolent movie.

And if we had to bet, there are likely many more sweet moments to come, as we're not done with that bloody world just yet. The third "John Wick" film sets up a clear cliffhanger that begs for a fourth, and its expanded universe will spread to television with the upcoming Starz series "The Continental."

All of which is to say: Keanu Reeves is back, baby. But then again, he never really went anywhere.

Netflix

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"It hurts me to think that it's 2019 and it's not that I don't still hear of stories exactly like this," said Marquis Rodriguez, 21, who plays Santana and grew up in Brooklyn.

The two New Yorkers — Jerome and Rodriguez — were acquainted with the case before landing their roles, but the three others — Asante Blackk, 17; Caleel Harris, 15; and Ethan Herisse, 18 — hadn't heard of the plight of the Central Park Five. Now they think it's too important to forget.

"It's something that needs to continue to be told, to remind everyone that miscarriages of justice can happen," said Herisse.

Harris agreed and said the case is about something else too: "It is a story of survival."

Questionable police tactics have led to a long list of troubling police encounters with young black men, including instances that have resulted in death: Sean Bell, Oscar Grant, Eric Garner and Michael Brown among them.

"It kind of blurs together and that's just how it is living in America as a young man of color," said Blackk, who grew up in and around Washington, D.C. "Multiple experiences day after day and it kind of becomes normal to you, and that's not OK."

Jerome and Rodriguez said their mothers told them about this ugly chapter in city history, hoping their sons would learn to be



CHRISTOPHER SMITH/INVISION

Asante Blackk, from left, Jharrel Jerome, Caleel Harris, Ethan Herisse, and Marquis Rodriguez appear at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York to promote their Netflix show "When They See Us."

respectful of police but also not be too pliant.

"It was just something that she thought was really important for me to know, part of my history and almost a cautionary tale — just how quickly things can go terribly, terribly wrong, especially for a young man of color in this city," Rodriguez said.

Jerome's mother grew up near where the attack took place, and as a girl of 12 or 13 she wasn't allowed to go to Central Park for

"(The case) needs to continue to be told, to remind everyone that miscarriages of justice can happen."

— Ethan Herisse

two years.

"That probably stayed with her as she raised her kids," he said. "She made sure we were aware of stories like that because their case was one of millions of others that we've

heard about."

The case still echoes today because of exonerated, railroaded defendants and the man who occupies the White House.

"We've definitely made

progress, but there is so much more progress to be made," said Blackk. "We're still living in a time where our president has tried to ban an entire religion from entering this country."

To get into character, all five actors met their counterparts, who charmed the young men with their cheer despite the hardships they faced.

Richardson cracked jokes. McCray was warm. Santana nicely offered specific details of his or-

deal. Wise was youthful, as if stuck in amber.

"I mean, the man matches his hat to his shirts (and) to his sneakers — still like the '90s," said Jerome. "He's all about '90s culture, '90s hip-hop, as if he kind of was in a time machine and stayed there."

Rodriguez still has a hard time wrapping his head around the fact that Santana was only 14 at the time of his arrest and maintained his innocence even as he faced police coercion.

"I did not know if I would be able to hold the weight of what he held at that age," said Rodriguez. "I know for sure I would have broken under it. And he came out of it alive and functioning and happy now, which is absolutely unbelievable."

The young actors seem changed by the experience of working on the project. All — from Blackk, who enjoyed his first professional acting role, to the experienced Jerome — said they wanted to find projects as meaningful down the road.

"I want to be a part of important stories and I want to be a part of the right stories and I want them to be told correctly and to be told with an inclusive mindset," said Rodriguez, who is next off to work on the "Game of Thrones" prequel.

Jerome agreed. "This is all I want to do," he said. "I want to do projects that speak to people who don't get to have a voice."

"I want to do projects that resonate with you after a long time."

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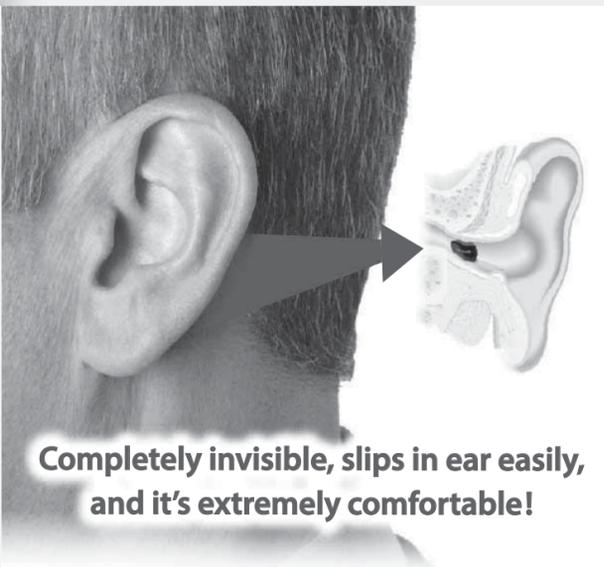
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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Simon Cowell

"America's Got Talent" (7 p.m., NBC): As NBC's venerable summer audience-pleaser opens Season 14, "AGT" newcomers Julianne Hough and Gabrielle Union join returning judges Simon Cowell and Howie Mandel on the panel. Terry Crews ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine"), who hosted this past winter's "The Champions" episodes, returns in that capacity to keep things running smoothly.

"Jeff Dunham: Talking Heads" (7 p.m., 11:03 p.m., AE): On sitcoms, ventriloquism often is a punchline to indicate that anyone with that hobby is a nerd, but Jeff Dunham has achieved the impossible by making dummy sidekicks cool again — and earned the nickname "America's Favorite Comedian" in the process. This two-hour special takes viewers on the road with Dunham and his characters.

"Running With Beto" (7 p.m., 3:35 a.m., HBO): Beto O'Rourke currently is on a quest to become the Democratic Party's 2020 presidential candidate, but it's O'Rourke's sensational — if ultimately unsuccessful — 2016 attempt to unseat Ted Cruz (R-Texas) in the U.S. Senate that drives David Modigliani's riveting behind-the-scenes 2019 documentary, for which he was embedded with the O'Rourke campaign for a year.

"Animal Kingdom" (8 p.m., 9:01 p.m., TNT): Smurf (Ellen Barkin) is back on top of the family business, although J (Finn Cole) is scheming to take over the operation himself as this gritty and well-acted drama opens Season 4. Emily Deschanel ("Bones") joins the cast in a recurring guest role as Angela, a recovering junkie who was close friends with J's late mother.

"Texicanas" (9 p.m., Bravo): Mayra and her son explore their "inner artists," while Luz hosts the other women for a class in concealed handgun safety in the new "Chapter 6: The Truce." While Karla looks for a way to embrace her husband's Greek culture, Penny and Lorena visit their mothers. Lorena and Karla urge Mayra to meet with Luz.

"Chrisley Knows Best" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., USA): Just weeks after USA Network picked up the spinoff "Growing Up Chrisley" for a second season, the network launches Season 7 of what is "the parent show" in more than one respect. In the season premiere, "Man-o-pause," Todd receives an alarming diagnosis following a physical, while Grayson's broken phone helps solve his money problems.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Isla Fisher; comic Mark Normand.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Radio show host Howard Stern; Of Monsters and Men performs.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Journalist Chris Cuomo; actor Nicholas Hoult; actress Lily Collins; James Taylor performs.*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 28

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Toil and Trouble."	NCIS: "The Last Link." ©	Blood & Treasure: "Code of the Hawaladar." (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "Auditions 1." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		(9:01) Songland (Series Premiere) (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC 7	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (N) (Live)			News at 10pm (N) ♦			
	WGN 9	blackish: "Inheritance."	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Reservoir Dogs (R,'92) ***	Harvey Keitel. ©			Thunderbolt and Lightfoot ('74) ***		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		American Experience: "Rachel Carson." ©		Frontline (N) ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres		Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Court Martial."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Imagine That (PG,'09) **	Eddie Murphy, Thomas Haden Church. ©			
	FOX 32	MasterChef: "Junior Edition: The Semi-Final." (N)		MasterChef (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Private ♦
	TeleM 44	Un poquito tuyo (N) ©		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	The Flash: "Time Bomb."		The 100 (N) ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	Inseparables		Jesús		Noticiero Uni Vecinos		Insepara ♦
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CABLE	AE	Jeff Dunham: Talking Heads (N) ©				Jeff Foxworthy (N)		Dunham ♦
	AMC	*(6) Tombstone (R,'93) ***	Kurt Russell. ©			Tombstone (R,'93) ***		Kurt Russell. ♦
	ANIM	Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law (N) ©		(9:01) Lone Star Law ©		Lone Star ♦
	BBCA	Star Trek: Insurrection **		Star Trek: Insurrection (PG,'98) **		Patrick Stewart.		Killing Eve ♦
	BET	Why Did I Get Married?		Games People Play (N)		Ladies' Night (N)		Games ♦
	BIGTEN	Rutgers Football Classic		Wisconsin		Wisconsin		Ten's Best
	BRAVO	Real Housewives/Beverly Hills		Real Housewives (N)		Texicanas (N) ©		Watch What
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		The Profit: "Sweet Pete's."		The Profit ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N) ©		Guardians-Glades (Series Premiere) (N)		Catch ♦
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Sydney-Max	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Sydney-Max	Coop	Ladybug
	E!	Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ©		E News (N) ♦
	ESPN	30 for 30 (N)				30 for 30		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	*(6) NFL Live/NBA Studio (N) (Live)				Formula 1 Racing: Monaco Grand Prix. (Tape) ♦		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Bite Club (N) ©		Chopped ♦
	FREE	The Bold Type (N) ©		(8:01) The House Bunny (PG-13,'08) **		Anna Faris.		700 Club ♦
	FX	*(6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13,'15) **		Chris Pratt. ©		Fosse/Verdon: "Providence." (N) ©		
	HALL	Chance at Romance (NR,'13) Erin Krakow. ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Good Bones (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HISTV	Civil War Gold (N)		Civil War Gold (N)		American Pickers (N) ©		Gold ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	*(6) Die Hard (R,'88) ***		Bruce Willis. ©		3:10 to Yuma (R,'07) ***		© ♦
	LIFE	Harry & Meghan: Becoming Royal: Special Edition				Dance (N)	Meghan, Harry ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Big Daddy ♦
	NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox. (N) (Live) ©						Postgame
	NICK	Marley & Me (PG,'08) ***		Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston. ©		Friends ©		Friends ♦
	OVATION	Scarface (R,'83) ***		Al Pacino. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade. ©				
	OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		Love & Marriage (N)		The Haves ♦
ORX	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
PARMT	Django Unchained (R,'12) ***		Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. © ♦					
SYFY	*(6:30) Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ***				Mummy: Dragon Emp. ♦			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G. (N)	Conan ©	
TCM	The Owl and the Pussycat ('70) ***		(8:45) The Goodbye Girl (PG,'77) ***				© ♦	
TLC	Little People, World (N)		Little People, World (N)		Sextuplets (Season Premiere) (N)		Nate/Jere. ♦	
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on	Difference	Life Today	Insights	Humanity ♦	
TNT	*(5:30) Suicide Squad **		Animal Kingdom (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:01) Animal Kingdom		Disturbia ♦	
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	America Unearthed: "Knights Templar Discoveries."				America Unearthed (Season Premiere) (N)		America ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		New Jack ♦	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	*(6:30) The Mummy (PG-13,'99) **		Brendan Fraser.		Pure (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Running With Beto (NR,'19) ©		(8:35) Halloween (R,'18) **		Jamie Lee Curtis.		
	HBO2	Chernobyl ©		(8:05) Gentleman Jack		Game of Thrones: The Last Watch ♦		
	MAX	The Nutty Professor (PG-13,'96) ***		(8:40) Nutty Professor II: The Klumps ('00) **				
	SHO	*(6:05) The Foreigner **		Wu-Tang Clan: Of Mics		The Chi: "A Blind Eye."		Black Mon
	STARZ	*(6:04) Venom ('18) **		The Spanish Princess ©		A Man Apart (R,'03) **		Vin Diesel. © ♦
STZNC	*(6:00) Tomorrow Never Dies ©		The Wedding Singer (PG-13,'98) ***		A Perfect Getaway ***			



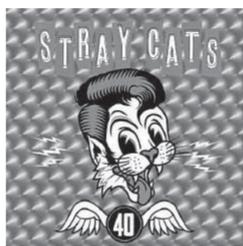
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The Stray Cats are Slim Jim Phantom, from left, Brian Setzer and bassist Lee Rocker.

RECORDINGS

Stray Cats strut back with new album after 26 years

BY JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press



'40'
Stray Cats

After 26 years, the Stray Cats are back with a new album. And the seasoned felines are in mostly fine form.

The boys who brought rockabilly back into the mainstream in the 1980s haven't lost a spare snare. The simple, elegant rhythm section of drummer Slim Jim Phantom and bassist Lee Rocker remains, providing a solid foundation for guitarist-singer Brian Setzer. Setzer's guitar still shimmies and sways and the voice is still there — though understandably a little huskier as time marches on.

No doubt, they've got the throwback sound down on "40," named to celebrate their anniversary. Fans looking for a good time will find it, including on the leadoff "Cat Fight (Over A Dog Like Me)." Like the Cats classic "Rock This Town," there's dancing, drinking and fighting. Well, this time it's mostly

fighting — two women tussling over the affections of the narrator, the aforementioned "dog like me." The music rocks so joyously, you can deal with the tomcat-foolery. Another highlight, "Cry Danger," offers a tight musical groove and inverts the Beatles' "Day Tripper" riff. Coupled with a boppy bass and tambourine shake, you've got an original that's a worthy callback to the 1965 hit by another rockabilly-obsessed band.

So, if "40" rocks 'n' rolls, then what's lacking? Something that Setzer and Co. have also done so well: craft enduring, memorable melodies. Go back and listen to "Stray Cat Strut," which, for all its goofiness (mee-ow!), contains one of the best bridges in all of pop music. There's also "I Won't Stand In Your Way," a gem in both its full band and a cappella versions.

One new song delivers the melodic goods: "Desperado" shines with soaring, aching musical lines from Setzer. Yet those come from his guitar, not voice, in this instrumental. That's no knock against it, but you can almost hear him singing with his guitar and wonder what it would have been like with words.

Bottom line? The Stray Cats can slink down the alley any way they choose. And this collection shows they've still got some life (lives?) left. Still, it feels like a bit of a missed melodic opportunity when you know what else this trio can do.

Kogan

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In loss, opposite a photo of a cat: *We always do what / we want to do, even if / we can't admit it.*

In longing, opposite a photo of a tree's shadow against a wall: *Forever wishing / to be somewhere else except / when I am with you.*

In life, opposite a photo of a shadow of a plant: *If you're wondering / go stand in the sun and see / the difference you make.*

The poems, for all of their seeming simplicity, were not always easy for Bienemann to write.

"Not every image spoke to me," she says. "Sometimes the words came quickly, but often I would go cross-eyed and wind up on the floor in a fetal position."

Her husband, a trained visual artist as well as musician (more at robinb.org), has a theory: "It was technology, the wonders of the iPhone, that lured Jenny

into becoming a visual artist and it's thrilling for me to watch."

Jenny (jennybienemann.com) is a fixture on the local music scene as teacher and performer with four CDs of her own and one with Robin, who she met more than two decades ago at an open-mic night at the Abbey Pub. It was love at first sight, or at first song, though the couple didn't start dating for seven months. They have now been married for nearly 20 years and each has always worked full time in "day jobs," he at a law firm and she in the fundraising-development world.

Each morning, they sit at their kitchen table and, over coffee and fruit, "talk about the things we are working on," says Robin. "She has often written a haiku by the time I get up."

"I think that no matter what your creative thing is, it's always a good idea to do something you can do very quickly, in a day or even a few hours. It is so powerful

to finish a project, to create something."

There will be another "Haiku Milieu" concert, taking place in July at the Uncommon Ground in Edgewater.

"The first one at Fitzgerald's was utterly spectacular," Jenny says. "The room was coin-drop quiet. There were 20 songs and such a mix, from punk to jazz fusion and, of course a lot of folk. Some were funny, some heartbreaking."

"It reaffirmed for me that writing songs based on a specific haiku is really a community-building platform, connecting us to one another and connecting all of us to the world."

"Northside Release Concert for Haiku Milieu" is 7 p.m. July 11 at Uncommon Ground Edgewater, 1401 W. Devon Ave.; tickets \$10 at 773-465-9801 and www.uncommonground.com/edgewatermusic

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 28): Grow and develop your partnership to new heights this year. Share the load for mutual benefit. Positive summer cash flow helps you navigate a shared financial challenge. Harvest a lucrative opportunity together next winter, before an income change. Contribute for home and family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Slow down, and consider the changes you'd like to make. Keep confidences and secrets. Don't issue your decision yet.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Hide somewhere peaceful to catch up and recharge. Avoid stress or noise. Words can get misconstrued, and actions fall flat. Lay low.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. A group or community effort could seem stuck. Don't push or force things. Avoid jumping to conclusions, and wait for developments. Let things cool down.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Think over a professional offer or assignment before responding. Consider long-term consequences. Take precautions to protect your interests. Postpone a launch. Go when conditions clear.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Traffic could present delays. Conditions are in a state of flux. Consider potential problems before setting off. Revise plans in real time. Check your reservations.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Pay bills, and keep your financial obligations. Avoid financial discussions with your partner; or risk misunderstandings. Wait and think before making big decisions.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Strengthen your relationship with your partner by letting them be. Show patience and a sense of humor. That's more important than what you say or do.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Rest, and nurture your health. Don't push your exercise or physical work too hard. Avoid chaos or bad conditions. Stifle rebellious tendencies. Eat well.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Relax with friends and family. Words and actions can get twisted beyond original intent. Take it easy, and practice being exceptionally patient.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Clean and organize at home. Avoid travel or important discussions, big expenses or decisions. Misunderstandings would waste time. Lay low, and enjoy domestic comforts.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Relax your expectations. A communication breakdown would thwart your intentions. Stay cool, and keep systems operational. Clarify misunderstandings right away. No news is good news.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Focus on your work to keep cash flow positive. Distractions abound. Stay in communication, or risk a lost opportunity. Postpone public relations.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

North			
♠	7 6 5 2	♠	K J 9
♥	A 10 6 2	♥	A 10 6 2
♦	K 7	♦	K 7
South			
♠	A J	♠	A J 6
♥	A 10 8 7 5 4	♥	A 10 8 7 5 4
♦	Q 5	♦	Q 5
♣	A J 6	♣	A J 6

Thanks to Larry Cohen for today's deal. Have a look at his excellent web page, www.larryco.com. South overbid his hand. We are told, however, that South was upset about his partner's bidding. He used up his energy criticizing his partner and didn't pay much attention to the play, ending up down two. Let's see if we can do better.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	2NT*	3♣**
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All pass	

*Weak with both minors, at least 5-5

**Heart fit, invitational or better

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

trick one and lead a heart to dummy's king. West following suit is a good start, but with 5-5 in the minors, that is surely his only heart. Now the king of clubs, a club to the ace, and ruff a club with dummy's jack of hearts. Finesse East for the queen of hearts by leading dummy's nine and overtaking it with the 10. Continue with the ace of hearts, drawing the last trump, and cash three more hearts to leave this position:

North			
♠	7	♠	Void
♥	Void	♥	A 10
♦	A 10	♦	Void
♣	Void	♣	Void
South			
♠	J	♠	Void
♥	Void	♥	Void
♦	Q 5	♦	Q 5
♣	Void	♣	Void

East had to keep two diamonds to guard against your leading the queen and pinning his jack. Exit with a spade to East's king and guess the diamond at trick 12. Good reasoning (and good guessing) gives you a well-earned slam bonus.

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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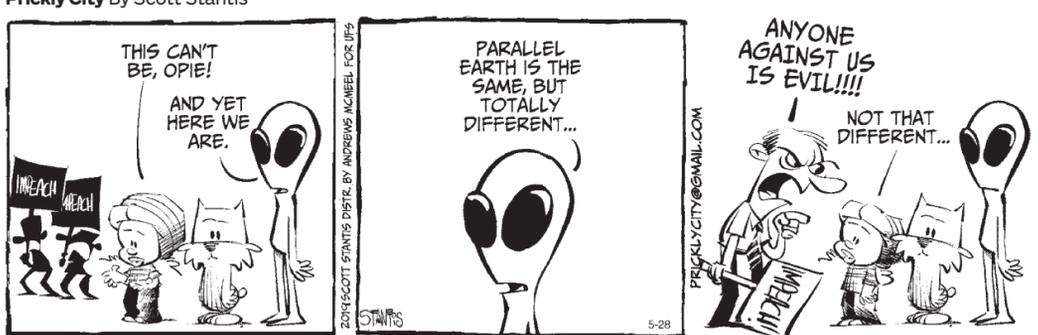
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



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TUESDAY, MAY 28

NORMAL HIGH: 74° NORMAL LOW: 52° RECORD HIGH: 95° (2012) RECORD LOW: 33° (1992)

After wet Memorial Day, a memorable day

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 73 **LOW** 51

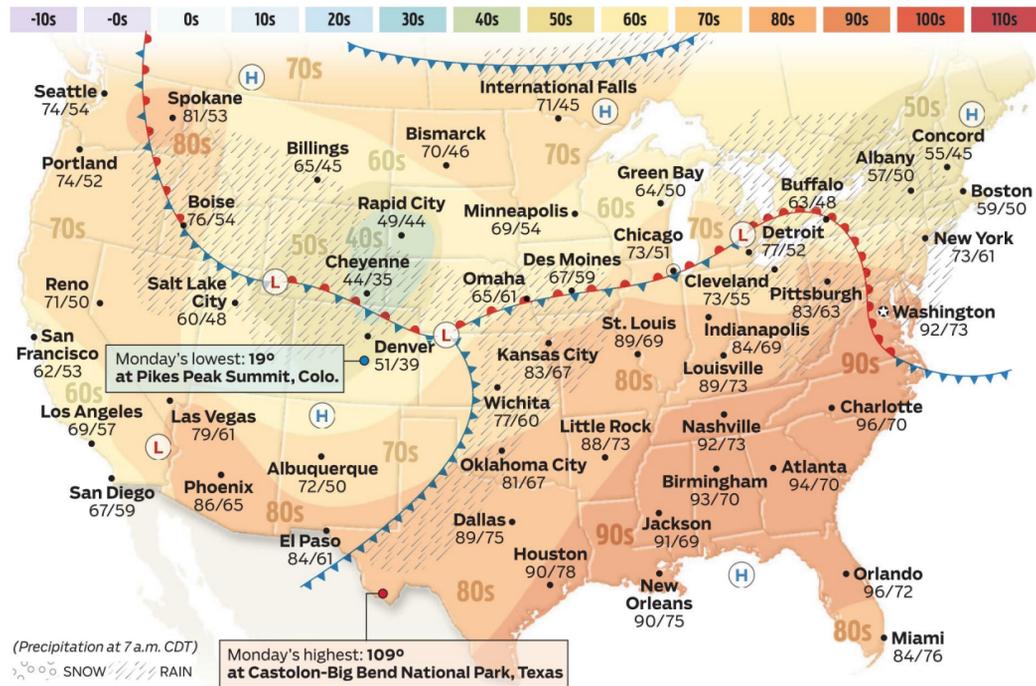
■ Partly cloudy and mostly dry with just a slight chance for a brief afternoon shower or thunderstorm.

■ Seasonable high of 73 but cooler 60's at the lakeshore as west winds turn NE 12-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph in the afternoon.

■ Chance for showers and thunderstorms increases in the evening with the chance becoming more likely after midnight with heavy rainfall possible.

■ Much cooler overnight with a low in the low 50's. Light northeast winds turn east.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After our region was placed under an enhanced risk for severe weather by the Storm Prediction Center for Monday, Memorial Day afternoon produced a severe weather event with large hail, damaging winds, flooding and several tornado warnings. Yesterday became Chicago's wettest Memorial Day on record as nearly 2 inches of rain fell at O'Hare by 6 p.m. The previous record rainfall for a Memorial Day in Chicago was 1.00" of rain on May 28, 1984. Between 1:51 p.m. and 2:51 p.m., 0.99 inches of rain fell at O'Hare.

Today will be much drier during the day but another chance for heavy rain and severe weather will be in place for this evening and overnight tonight. High temperatures in the 70s through the next seven days will be seasonal for late May and early June. Lows will also be seasonal, mainly in the 50s.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

HIGH 72 **LOW** 54

Mostly cloudy. Early morning rain, scattered t-storms. Less likely as day continues. High in low 70s. Much cooler in low 60s lakeshore. SE winds turn NW 8-11 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight. Rain possible.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

HIGH 72 **LOW** 56

Mostly cloudy. Scattered light rain showers. High in low 70s. Much cooler near lake as with light ENE winds. Chance of rain diminishes overnight. Clouds begin to clear with light NE winds. Low in the mid 50s.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

HIGH 72 **LOW** 53

Mostly sunny. High pressure dominates. High temp in the lower 70s. Only reaching the upper 60s lakeshore. Light, variable winds. Partly cloudy overnight as winds become WSW. Slightly cooler with a low in the low 50s.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

HIGH 78 **LOW** 56

June starts with a partly cloudy morning. Increasing clouds. Chance of afternoon, evening showers, t-storms. Warmer in upper 70s. WSW winds 12-18 mph. Scattered overnight shower. T-storms. Low of 56.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

HIGH 70 **LOW** 56

Scattered showers and thunderstorms early. Clouds diminish in the afternoon. Cooler with a high near 70. Light and variable winds. Partly cloudy overnight with light east winds and a low in the mid 50s.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

HIGH 73 **LOW** 60

Clouds clear in morning. Increasing in the afternoon. High 73. Much cooler near the lake. Light south winds. Clouds increase overnight with light and variable winds and a chance of light rain. Low near 60.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What caused the Great Plains Dust Bowl in the 1930s?
 Thanks,
 Kirk Light
 Hanover Park

Dear Kirk,
 The Dust Bowl was the result of four droughts occurring in quick succession, with the worst conditions occurring in 1930, 1934 and 1936. That's the conclusion of a study by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska. While the exact cause is unknown, poor farming practices—namely, the destruction of native prairie grasses—exacerbated the effects of the prolonged dry weather. Without protective vegetative cover, the soil was vulnerable to winds that raised massive dust storms. The mitigation center believes persistent jet stream patterns that steered rain away from the drought areas is a likely cause of the droughts.

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Severe storms rake area with twisters, hail, flooding rains

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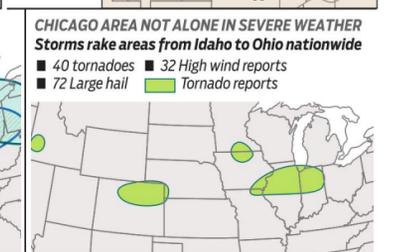
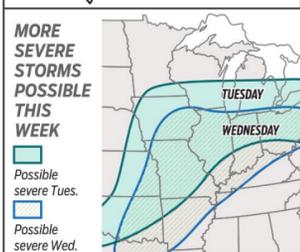
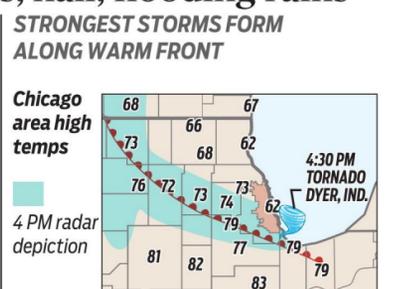
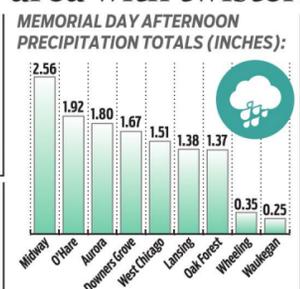
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 ■ 1.80" in 1939

MIDWAY 2.56"
 Breaks record for May 27:
 ■ 1.49" in 1973

Breaks record for Memorial Day:
 ■ 1.00" on May 28, 1984



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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	87	72	ts	83	66
Carbondale	ts	81	63	ts	83	64
Champaign	ts	82	65	ts	84	64
Decatur	ts	79	59	ts	82	61
Moline	sh	76	61	ts	84	62
Peoria	ts	81	65	ts	85	62
Quincy	sh	68	54	ts	79	57
Rockford	sh	82	65	ts	85	63
Springfield	sh	69	56	ts	80	59
Stirling	sh	69	56	ts	80	59
Indiana	ts	84	69	ts	80	67
Bloomington	ts	88	73	ts	82	68
Evansville	sh	79	60	ts	77	65
Fort Wayne	ts	84	69	ts	80	67
Indianapolis	ts	79	62	ts	82	63
Lafayette	ts	69	53	ts	75	60
South Bend	ts	69	53	ts	75	60
Wisconsin	pc	64	50	ts	67	51
Green Bay	sh	59	47	ts	66	50
Kenosha	sh	69	55	ts	72	54
La Crosse	sh	65	51	ts	70	51
Madison	ts	58	48	ts	64	51
Milwaukee	sh	67	53	ts	70	51
Wausau	sh	67	53	ts	68	48
Michigan	cl	77	52	ts	67	57
Detroit	cl	77	52	ts	67	57
Grand Rapids	sh	66	53	ts	69	56
Marquette	pc	57	46	ts	69	46
St. Ste. Marie	pc	61	43	ts	69	44
Traverse City	sh	59	49	ts	66	48
Iowa	ts	67	59	ts	73	57
Ames	ts	67	59	ts	73	57
Cedar Rapids	ts	69	56	ts	77	57
Des Moines	ts	67	59	ts	71	57
Dubuque	sh	70	55	ts	78	57

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	90	70	ts	76	59
Albuquerque	pc	72	50	ts	75	52
Amarillo	pc	78	50	ts	66	48
Anchorage	pc	60	47	ts	59	48
Asheville	su	90	62	ts	90	62
Aspen	su	44	32	ts	51	33
Atlanta	su	94	70	ts	95	72
Atlanta City	sh	71	66	ts	71	64
Austin	pc	91	76	ts	89	72
Baltimore	ts	60	73	ts	87	73
Billings	sh	65	45	ts	72	49
Birmingham	su	93	70	ts	93	68
Bismarck	cl	70	46	ts	78	54
Boise	pc	76	54	ts	73	55
Boston	rn	59	50	ts	59	53
Brownsville	pc	93	80	ts	92	80
Buffalo	sh	63	48	ts	65	53
Burlington	rn	54	46	ts	68	54
Charlotte	su	96	70	ts	96	72
Charlottesville	pc	96	76	ts	93	78
Charlottesville WV	pc	90	68	ts	85	67
Chattanooga	pc	92	70	ts	94	70
Cheyenne	su	84	35	ts	49	38
Cincinnati	pc	88	67	ts	82	67
Cleveland	ts	73	55	ts	65	59
Colorado Spgs	cl	57	39	ts	56	39
Columbia MO	ts	85	67	ts	85	61
Columbia SC	su	100	72	ts	100	75
Columbus	ts	87	66	ts	82	67
Concord	rn	55	45	ts	63	48
Corpus Christi	pc	90	80	ts	88	80
Crane	pc	89	75	ts	85	68
Dallas	pc	89	75	ts	85	68
Daytona Bch.	pc	94	69	ts	93	69
Denver	sh	51	39	ts	55	41
Duluth	pc	61	45	ts	71	48
El Paso	su	84	61	ts	87	60
Fairbanks	sh	64	45	ts	70	48
Fargo	pc	70	46	ts	77	52
Flagstaff	pc	58	32	ts	60	36
Fort Myers	su	93	69	ts	93	72
Fort Smith	pc	87	71	ts	80	64
Fresno	pc	77	61	ts	85	62
Grand Junction	sh	58	42	ts	68	44
Great Falls	pc	68	40	ts	74	48
Harrisburg	sh	87	67	ts	80	68
Hartford	rn	62	53	ts	73	56
Helena	pc	68	42	ts	73	55
Honolulu	pc	86	74	ts	88	74
Houston	pc	90	78	ts	98	77
Int'l Falls	su	71	45	ts	73	44
Jackson	pc	91	69	ts	91	70
Jacksonville	cl	96	77	ts	98	76
Jamez	sh	63	46	ts	65	45
Kansas City	ts	83	67	ts	80	68
Las Vegas	cl	79	61	ts	83	66
Lexington	pc	88	71	ts	85	68
Lincoln	ts	66	57	ts	68	54
Little Rock	cl	88	73	ts	85	68
Los Angeles	pc	69	57	ts	73	58
Louisville	pc	89	73	ts	84	71
Macon	pc	97	69	ts	96	71
Memphis	pc	90	74	ts	90	73
Miami	su	84	67	ts	87	79
Minneapolis	cl	69	54	ts	70	52
Mobile	pc	90	75	ts	90	75
Montgomery	pc	96	68	ts	96	68
Nashville	pc	77	63	ts	94	71
Las Vegas	pc	90	75	ts	90	76
New Orleans	pc	95	75	ts	90	76
New York	ts	73	61	ts	75	63
Norfolk	pc	95	73	ts	92	73
Okla. City	ts	81	67	ts	72	55
Omaha	ts	65	61	ts	71	57
Orlando	pc	96	72	ts	96	72
Palm Beach	su	87	74	ts	87	76
Palm Springs	su	89	67	ts	95	68
Philadelphia	ts	84	68	ts	82	65
Phoenix	pc	86	65	ts	92	69
Pittsburgh	ts	83	63	ts	81	67
Portland, ME	rn	49	44	ts	64	49
Portland, OR	pc	74	52	ts	73	52
Providence	rn	61	51	ts	66	53
Raleigh	pc	96	71	ts	96	72
Rapid City	rn	49	44	ts	64	49
Reno	pc	71	50	ts	73	52
Richmond	pc	96	71	ts	96	72
Rochester	rn	61	48	ts	66	54
Sacramento	su	83	55	ts	84	56
Salem, Ore.	pc	73	48	ts	73	50
Salt Lake City	pc	60	48	ts	68	50
San Antonio	pc	93	77	ts	93	76
San Diego	pc	67	59	ts	69	59
San Francisco	pc	62	53	ts	63	52
San Juan	sh	84	77	ts	84	76
Santa Fe	pc	63	41	ts	64	41
Savannah	cl	99	75	ts	98	75
St. Louis	pc	89	69	ts	87	65
Tucson	pc	82	55	ts	89	60
Tulsa	sh	83	70	ts	79	59
Washington	cl	92	73	ts	86	73
Wichita	ts	77	60	ts	72	53
Wilkes Barre	pc	73	54	ts	73	54
Yuma	su	88	63	ts	94	67