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Feds raid ward office of S. Side Ald. Carrie Austin

2nd-longest-serving alderman under cloud of federal investigation

BY JUAN PEREZ JR., JOHN BYRNE, JASON MEISNER AND GREGORY PRATT

What has become a familiar scene of federal agents riffling through a Chicago alderman's office played out again Wednesday, this time on Chicago's Far South Side as the FBI raided the

34th Ward office of influential Ald. Carrie Austin.

The second-longest-serving active member of the Chicago City Council, Austin became yet another veteran alderman to come under the cloud of a federal investigation.

The FBI served a search warrant at Austin's ward office on West 111th Street on Wednesday morning, according to a law enforcement source. In a statement, the FBI said it was conducting "court-authorized law enforcement activities" in the

area of Austin's office. But further reasons behind the search were not immediately available.

"Any time the FBI executes a search warrant of an elected official's government office is a shocking development," Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, said later at an unrelated news conference. "So I know what you know, which is not a lot at this point."

The raid comes less than a month after 14th Ward Ald.

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The FBI searched Ald. Carrie Austin's 34th Ward office on West 111th Street on Wednesday for reasons that are not yet clear.

EPA defies climate warnings

Obama rule limiting fossil fuel emissions eased to boost coal

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite scientists' increasingly urgent warnings, the Trump administration ordered a sweeping about-face Wednesday on Obama-era efforts to fight climate change, easing restrictions on coal-fired power plants in a move it predicted would revitalize America's sagging coal industry.

As miners in hard hats and coal-country lawmakers applauded, Environmental Protection Agency chief Andrew Wheeler signed a measure that scraps one of President Barack Obama's key initiatives to rein in fossil fuel emissions. The replacement rule gives states more leeway in deciding whether to require plants to make limited efficiency upgrades.

Wheeler said he expects more coal plants to open as a result. But one state, New York, immediately said it would go to court to challenge the action, and more lawsuits are likely.

The EPA move follows pledges by candidate and then President Donald Trump to rescue the U.S. coal industry, which saw near-record numbers of plant closings last year in the face of competition from cheaper natural gas and renewables. It's the latest and one of the biggest of dozens of environmental regulatory rollbacks by his administration.

It came despite scientists' cautions that the world must cut fossil fuel emissions to stave off the

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Beatrice Rickard, 8, shivers Monday during swim lessons at Main Beach at Crystal Lake, where temperatures were 62 degrees. With encouragement from her mom on land, Beatrice safely finished her lesson in weather more commonly associated with May and April.

Unseasonable chill means beach days no day at beach

Cool, wet weather has put a damper on pre-summer activities

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

When it came time to enroll her children in summer swim lessons, Betsy Rickard chose a lake instead of a pool, pointing to the parallel between life and the ever-changing environment of open water: It's hard to know what to expect when conditions constantly are in flux.

The lesson came through, clear as ice, to her shivering 8-year-old daughter, Beatrice,

who struggled to warm herself Monday in Crystal Lake, where temperatures were 62 degrees when swimming began. She was one of scores of kids who started June swim lessons in weather more commonly associated with May and April. Because of the unseasonably cool weather, Chicago's shoreline has been emptier than usual and outdoor swim instructors throughout the area

have had to adjust their plans and procedures to ensure the safety of students and staff.

"Everything isn't easy all the time, so I think it's part of preparing them for the future," said Rickard, 40, a Crystal Lake resident and mother of four. "Swimming in a pool, the climate is generally controlled and it is the same no matter what pool you use. In a lake, I think it makes you a heartier swimmer — dealing with cold, or a current, and not being able

to see the bottom."

Though the National Weather Service in Chicago most closely tracks weather inland at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, where it has been considerably warmer than near the lake, even there temperatures have been 2.5 degrees cooler than usual for the month of June, forecasters said.

Paul Walker, a senior mete-

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Open office too loud? Enter 'phone booth'

As Generation Z starts entering the workforce, office interior designers are creating workspaces that offer the privacy young workers seek. **Business**

Lawmakers debate slavery reparations

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Accused U. of I. killer's ex-lover tells of wearing wire

Tapes of her talks with man who admits killing scholar played in court

BY JAMIE MUNKS

PEORIA — Brendt Christensen's former girlfriend said she was scared and conflicted about wearing a FBI wire to record conversations with him following the disappearance of Chinese scholar Yingying Zhang in June 2017.

"When I care about someone, I truly care about them," Terra

Bullis testified in federal court Wednesday in Christensen's trial for Zhang's kidnapping and killing. "But I also cared about this missing person. And it's incredibly painful."

In all, Bullis recorded nine conversations in person and on the phone with Christensen for the FBI. During one of those talks, Christensen told her investigators had found blood in his bedroom and on a baseball bat. He told her he led authorities to believe it was Bullis' blood.



Christensen

"I made you bleed once on your face," Christensen said on the recording. "Do you remember that?"

Bullis said she knew the blood wasn't hers.

"I was scared," Bullis said when asked by a prosecutor why she didn't confront Christensen at the time. "And I wanted to know why he was lying."

Christensen's attorneys acknowledged during opening statements last week that he killed Zhang, who was last seen

on June 9, 2017, as she accepted a ride on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana-Champaign.

A former Ph.D. candidate who had studied physics at the university, Christensen came under scrutiny early in the investigation after his car was identified as the one Zhang was seen getting into on surveillance video.

If he is found guilty, the same jury hearing the criminal case will decide if Christensen, 29, should get the death penalty.

Bullis was largely stoic on the

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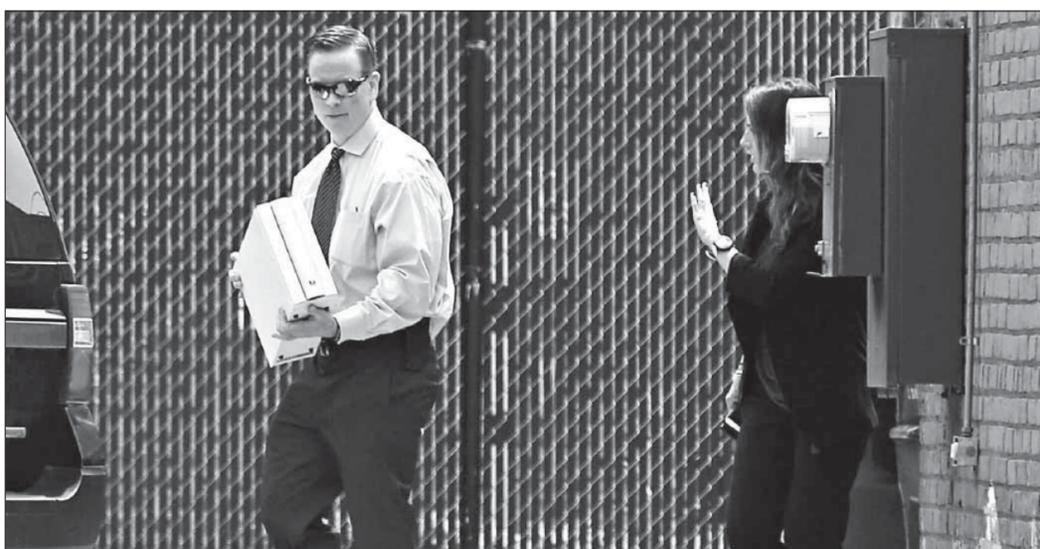
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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Officials remove items from the ward office of Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, in the 500 block of West 111th Street in Chicago.



JOHN KASS

Raid on Ald. Austin comes as no surprise

If you closely follow Chicago's City Hall, then you weren't all that surprised when feds raided the offices of Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, and carried out boxes of evidence.

That federal clock was ticking on her from the moment the feds raided the offices of Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, last November.

Burke was Austin's old-school ally, and he himself was snagged in the ever-widening federal Chicago corruption investigation when former Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, then chairman of the Zoning Committee, began wearing a federal wire.

Solis had a fondness for massage parlors and Asian women, and the feds leveraged that on him, and so he puddled up like warm Jell-O. He set up meetings and talked and talked on the phone with his political friends. For years.

So, for Austin, it was a matter of time. Burke knew it. I figure she knew it. Anybody who knows anything about City Hall and the feds, and the way dominoes fall along the Chicago Way, knew it.

I'd like to think that Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, knew it was coming too.

The 34th Ward Regular Democratic Organization was one of the solid African American political operations that historically served the Chicago Democratic machine. Political workers there passed out turkeys before elections and got out that vote. And for years, Austin was chairman of the City Council's Budget Committee. Until Mayor Lightfoot changed all that.

Austin and her Budget Committee had become little more than a satellite operation of Burke's. Her staffers would run to Burke with intelligence on what Austin was doing. And once Burke fell, at City Hall they were just counting the days.

Lightfoot gave her a minor committee, and Austin squawked, but not too loudly. What was loud was the ticking clock.

To be exact, 202 days had passed since Nov. 29, 2018, the day the FBI raided Burke's offices. They wrapped the windows in brown butcher paper

like crown roast of pork, and carried away boxes and boxes of seized material and computer files.

And that changed the entire race for mayor, making corruption important again.

And 202 days later, on Wednesday, it was Austin's turn. Federal agents carried out boxes of what might be evidence from her ward office on 111th Street and put them into federal SUVs.

What made it perhaps even more perfect was that Mayor Lightfoot was with Austin at Julian High School on the Far South Side as the feds made ready to hit the alderman's office.

It was like a coincidence.

If City Hall were a gangster movie, they would have been at a christening, with Lightfoot's eyes flashing just a bit.

But instead, at the high school in Carrie Austin's ward on Wednesday, they were announcing one of those summer anti-violence programs that politicians love to talk about.

And Austin was so proud, standing before the group of dignitaries and the mayor.

"Today is a day truly that God has made," Austin said, "because he made us the star of the show."

Yes, indeed. He did make you the star of the show. Tell it now, Carrie. Testify.

And perhaps do the same some day soon at the federal building.

Austin hasn't been charged with anything, but the feds will let her sit and worry a bit. And then the U.S. attorney's office will set out some chairs, and the federal music will start.

And Austin and her staffers and others at City Hall will walk around those federal chairs, and when the music stops, they'll all rush to sit down.

The one without a chair is sad.

You've seen little children play this game. But right now, at City Hall, they're playing the adult version, in their minds.

When the FBI hit Burke's office, and later when he was hit with federal corruption indictments, Austin had this to say:

"I'm sorry that to hear that about Ed, because I've worked with him for the last 24 years and I'm saddened that it's sunk to that because I did have a great amount of respect for him," said Austin, who is the city's second longest-serving alderman behind Burke. "I'll say it like how my mother said: 'When you're wrong, wrong will follow you.'"

My advice? Don't look back.

Austin's an alderman, yes, of a once-powerful South Side political operation, the one her husband, former Ald. Lemuel Austin, had helped water for Barack Obama's political godfather, former state Sen. Emil Jones, and for Jones' patron, the late Ald. Wilson Frost.

When Mayor Richard J. Daley died, Frost read the city charter, realized he was next in line to be mayor and made a move for the job.

But he was black, and the Democrats locked the doors of the mayor's office against him.

When Lemuel Austin died in 1994, it was only natural that his wife, Carrie, would succeed him.

Jones understood how all this worked with his famous quote on how Chicago political families had this habit of begetting their successors.

"Mayor Richard M. Daley begot Mayor Richard J. Daley," Jones said. "(Former Comptroller) Dan Hynes — by former state Sen. (and Cook County Assessor) Tom Hynes. (Illinois House Speaker) Mike Madigan, (state Attorney General) Lisa Madigan. So that's nothing new."

You know what else isn't new? A Chicago alderman hunted by the FBI. Since the early 1970s, 30 have gone away on federal vacation. I know one who went away twice.

There are more to come. And more games of federal musical chairs. And sad aldermen.

And no one will be surprised.

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Trump assaults very concept of 'we the people'



REX W. HUPPKE

Hi, my name is Rex Huppke and I am driven by hatred, prejudice and rage. I want to destroy supporters of President Donald Trump and I want to destroy our country as we know it.

I am unhinged, radical, extreme and dangerous. I want to strip Americans of their constitutional rights while flooding the country with "illegal immigrants."

That's me, all right. Or at least that's how the president of the no-longer-United States of America sees me. Almost word for word, that is how Trump described me — and any who fail to fall in line with his policies or praise his immeasurable greatness — at a Tuesday night rally in Orlando, the official launch of what will obviously be a positive and unifying 2020 reelection campaign.

Trump drew a rhetorical line in the sand and verbally assaulted the very concept of "we the people." There is no one America in Trump's mind. There is him, and his people. Then there is everyone else: the raging radicals; the America haters; the monsters hellbent on destroying him and his fans.

Never mind that I have a hard time tearing open a mini Snickers bar, much less tearing apart a nation. Never mind that I — and you, and every citizen — am every bit as much an American as the next person.

The theme of Trump's 2020 campaign, like the theme of his 2016 campaign and his presidency thus far, is that we are at war with each other. We are not all Americans. Democrats are the enemy. Immigrants are the enemy. The free press is the enemy.

I'm the enemy. (Imagine that. Little ol' me, an existential threat to America's way of life.)

But this is not news. Trump targeted the more than 65 million Americans who didn't vote for him as the enemy right from the jump. He targeted immigrants as the enemy within moments of lazily descending an escalator to announce his run for the presidency.



MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP

President Donald Trump speaks during a rally at the Amway Center in Orlando, Fla., to officially launch his 2020 reelection campaign on Tuesday.

So the problem President Trump faces is this: Calling those who oppose him radicals or hate-filled prejudiced rage monsters no longer packs the punch it once did. Enemy of the people? That's so 2017.

Brainwashing Americans into believing their fellow citizens, as well as people who come to this country seeking a better life, are inherently evil requires the brainwasher to routinely up the propaganda dosage. It's like any drug — the user develops a tolerance.

You could see it at Trump's rally Tuesday night. The crowd was seething, but not reaching the same level of seethe we saw during the 2016 campaign. They were chanting "CNN Sucks!" and "Lock Her Up," but not with the same raw-throated passion as in years past.

The vitriol felt almost stale. Make America Great Again seemed more like Meh America

Great Again.

So I'm going to offer an olive branch Trump and his supporters can use to poke me in the eye. I'm going to suggest some amped-up rhetoric that will remind Trump-Americans just how dangerous and wretched I and my ilk are, allowing the president to more effectively inflame his cult/constituents.

Here goes:

The Democrats, literal spawns of Satan, want to enslave you and force you to work on their marijuana farms wearing only leather chaps. They will come to your farms and murder all your livestock, painting their faces with sheep's blood and filling the streets of small-town America with the sound of pagan chants.

They will physically remove you from your wonderful factory jobs, tear down the factories themselves and replace them with giant solar panels, which

they'll use to barbecue your children.

Their collaborators in the fake news media will come door to door, confiscate your Bibles and burn them in giant torches that will light the way for millions of immigrants to flow illegally into the country and take up residence in your lake houses and hunting lodges while stealing your remaining unbarbecued children and forcing them to learn Spanish.

They will pass a law that requires all pets to be named George Soros. They will steal all your money and give it to Hillary Clinton, who will then give it to the real George Soros, who will then use it to silence all conservative voices with lasers that destroy vocal cords.

Everyone will be forced to be gay.

Cheese will be outlawed. By 2022, America as you know

it will no longer exist and, worst of all, you won't be allowed to attend angry rallies that channel your various grievances into hatred of people who are different from you.

That's better, isn't it? Really cranks the anger-induced adrenaline surge up a notch or three.

In a tweet after Trump's reelection launch rally, he wrote: "Together, we are breaking the most sacred rule in Washington Politics: we are KEEPING our promises to the American People. Because my only special interest is YOU!"

When he says "YOU!" I know he doesn't mean "ME!"

I'm the enemy, remember? And Trump, our divider in chief, better take a special interest in finding scarier ways to paint me as such. Otherwise his supporters might get tired of fearing half the population of the formerly united United States of America.

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Lincoln Yards foes want its funding frozen

Judge is asked to stop city from spending any money on megaproject

BY HAL DARDICK
AND RYAN ORI

Foes of the massive Lincoln Yards development on Wednesday asked a judge to stop the city from spending or borrowing any money for the \$6 billion project slated for 55 acres just west of Lincoln Park.

The request by the public sector union-backed Grassroots Collaborative and Raise Your Hand education advocacy group is an attempt to keep the money spigot turned off while its lawsuit to toss out the record-high tax subsidy is heard.

If the motion succeeds, it could stall one of the most ambitious and hotly contested real estate developments in Chicago in decades.

The motion comes as Sterling Bay prepares to begin constructing a park with sports fields, roads and bridges to support the project, and the first of several planned office buildings. Construction has yet to start, however, and there's no sign the city is in the process of borrowing or spending on Lincoln Yards.

The opposition groups, which filed the suit in April, contend that the project led by developer Sterling Bay should not have qualified for the \$1.3 billion in property tax funding. The tax assistance was approved earlier that month by the City Council in the waning days of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration amid much public controversy.

The tax subsidy is supposed to come from a new tax increment financing district, which under state law requires that the development area must be blighted and not subject to redevelopment absent the taxpayer funding.

The site doesn't meet state requirements, the groups con-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A bicyclist pedals east on West Cortland Street near Lincoln Yards in Chicago earlier this year. Critics say the project led by developer Sterling Bay shouldn't have qualified for \$1.3 billion in property tax funding.

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"The area's proximity to Lincoln Park, Wicker Park and Bucktown, some of the most prosperous neighborhoods in the city, make it poised for growth and redevelopment regardless of TIF subsidies," the motion states.

The TIF subsidy, they also argue, would divert tax money for decades that could otherwise be used for more pressing public needs, such as funding of public schools. Lincoln Yards, which will be built on land used almost entirely for industrial purposes since the mid-19th century, is slated to include 14.5 million square feet of office, residential, hotel, restaurant, retail and entertainment space.

City officials have countered that the development, and the jobs it's expected to create, will improve the city's economic fortunes and would not occur "as envisioned" without the assistance. A city Law Department spokesman declined to comment Wednesday, saying the city had yet to see the

motion.

Sterling Bay spokeswoman Sarah Hamilton also declined to comment on the legal action, but she said some construction is set to begin soon.

A 1-acre park with sports fields is on track to open to the public by mid-summer at the south end of Lincoln Yards, Hamilton said. It is the first phase of a planned 21 acres of parks and open space in the megaproject, which runs along the east and west sides of the Chicago River between North and Webster avenues.

Construction could begin this year on the first of several planned office buildings at the north end of Lincoln Yards, near an existing office building leased to logistics firm C.H. Robinson Worldwide, she said.

The TIF districts that blanket Chicago — to an extent not matched by any other big city in America, according to a 2018 study by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy — have become increasingly controversial.

When TIF districts are established, the amount of property tax from the area that's paid to the city, Chicago Public Schools and other local government agencies is frozen for 23 years.

As development occurs in the district, and increased land values generate higher tax collections, the extra money is put into a special fund that's primarily used to pay for new roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects. The "increment" tax collections also can be used for affordable housing, job training and infrastructure financing costs.

Critics contend that TIF districts in and around downtown are not necessary and that the ones in more affluent areas benefit well-heeled developers and other corporate interests at the expense of the taxpayer and poorer areas of the city.

"The tax increment financing system has devolved from being used as an economic development tool targeting investment in blighted areas to being misused

(by Chicago) to subsidize \$5 billion mega-developments like Lincoln Yards that do not require TIF," the groups' motion filed Wednesday states. The Lincoln Yards TIF district, it adds, "has violated the letter and the spirit of Illinois' TIF statute and created a disparate impact on communities of color, thereby contributing to a growing racial and ethnic divide in the city."

But proponents contend that TIFs, when used properly, lead to development and jobs that would not have otherwise occurred. And they note that significant portions of TIF funds are used to help build schools and replace aging city infrastructure.

Those arguments were on display in April when the City Council considered the deal, approval of which was delayed for a few days because of concerns expressed by then Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot. But Emanuel had the votes to win approval, and Lightfoot acceded to the vote after extracting a Sterling Bay pledge for more project construction work to go to minority- and women-owned firms.

She later said that as the project moves forward, "we're going to be able to exercise a tremendous amount of control and it's going to give us the opportunity to bring community voices into the process that didn't happen before."

The TIF including Lincoln Yards is unusual because the developer would pay for major infrastructure projects upfront — including new bridges and a reconfiguration of the perpetually snarled intersection of Armitage, Ashland and Elston avenues — and would later be reimbursed for much of the cost through new tax revenue generated in the area.

Sterling Bay is coordinating the infrastructure projects with the city, Hamilton said.

"We are working through scheduling and hope to begin as soon as possible," she said.

Endangered birds at beach lay another egg

Piping plovers spark concerns over Mamby music fest at Montrose

BY MORGAN GREENE

The piping plovers are taking another shot at saving their species at Montrose Beach.

As the battle over a looming music festival continues, a pair of persistent plovers have started a second clutch of eggs.

Monty was spotted performing his courtship dance again this week, and by Wednesday a new egg was announced. The second nest from the plover and his partner, Rose, two federally endangered birds that chose Chicago as their summer home, is in an area higher up than the first, which ornithologists hope protects the new clutch from flooding and the summer crowds soon to descend on the beach. The first clutch was removed from the beach last week ahead of a storm and cared for by the Lincoln Park Zoo.

"Where the plovers are nesting now is right up against the already protected area and not in the center of the beach," said Louise Clemency, a field supervisor in the Chicago office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "It will be easier to communicate with people about helping to protect the plovers."

The Chicago Park District moved the fencing and signage from the first nest Wednesday morning, roping off a large area by the volleyball nets and the dune habitat. It was difficult to spot Monty and Rose in the afternoon as fog settled over the beach, but volunteers continued to keep watch over the new egg.

Unlike the Chicago summer, the fight over Mamby on the Beach seems to be heating up. In fiery letters sent between promoter Jerry Mickelson and the main community group opposing the festival earlier this month, obtained by the Tribune, Mickelson warned that millions of dollars were at risk. The groups met to try to find common ground.

On Wednesday, the Chicago Audubon Society posted a petition



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A piping plover walks on the sand near the new nest on Wednesday at Montrose Beach.

"Where the plovers are nesting now is right up against the already protected area and not in the center of the beach."

— Louise Clemency, a field supervisor in the Chicago office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

to ban large concerts at Montrose Beach. The call to action already has garnered more than 1,500 signatures.

"These beautiful natural areas peacefully coexist with a large public beach, a popular dog beach, volleyball, soccer, fishing, concessions, and seasonal special events," the petition says. But Mamby is different: "The continuous loud noise, trampling, habitat damage, and litter produced by such a massive event directly threatens the endangered Piping Plovers and fragile dune ecosystems."

Judy Pollock, president of the

Chicago Audubon Society, said the group plans to present the petition to the Park District soon.

Pollock said there are a lot of people who watched over the years as Montrose became an imposing natural area. "To see that whole process play out and come to fruition with these piping plovers nesting there, it's really phenomenal," she said.

Carl Giometti, president of the Chicago Ornithological Society, said the new egg is "thrilling" and that those involved in the volunteer effort to protect the birds want to give them every opportunity to be successful.

"We're incredibly nervous about that first 85-degree Saturday," Giometti said. "We're not just picking on Jam Productions."

Mickelson of Jam said he doesn't want any of the potential chicks getting hurt and continues to work on a contingency plan to move about 1,100 yards away.

"We're not anti-concert, we're pro birds," said Giometti. "And unfortunately that means we need to make some sacrifices. There's only one place these plovers have chosen to exist."

The timeline can fluctuate for later-season nests, but the new clutch could be complete in about

four to five days, with three to four weeks of incubation following before hatching. Chicks can run around almost immediately after they hatch, said Clemency, but it's usually at least 23 days before the chicks can fly.

Once the birds can fly, they're considered to be more resilient, said Giometti, but until then they have limited defenses, and although Monty will stick around longer than Rose, the adults leave the chicks to fend for themselves fairly quickly.

"Just because they can fly doesn't mean they are 100% safe," Giometti said. "Even the adults are very vulnerable to disturbances."

Ideas like sound barriers and a 1,000-yard buffer are being discussed as ways to protect the birds, and stakeholders are waiting on completed site plans from promoter Jam Productions.

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No details of the festival have been finalized and a permit has not yet been issued, according to

the Park District.

"We've always been good neighbors to people, and we'll be good neighbors to birds, too," Mickelson said Wednesday. "I responded and came up with very reasonable solutions to their issues. They have been unreasonable to date, at least some of them."

Melanie Eckner, a member the Montrose Lakefront Coalition, the group that sent a letter to the Park District opposing the concert, said members were excited to hear about the new nest.

"We're still waiting to hear Jam's site and transit plans, and we'll weigh that against our existing concerns, which remain the same," Eckner said. "We're particularly concerned about public access to the area, especially with this amazing opportunity to learn from a rare bird, in the wild, in our own city."

Clemency said these could be the birds that are essential to recovery of the Great Lakes piping plovers.

"If they can figure it out at Montrose, then they might really be on the road to coexisting with people at other busy beaches, too," said Clemency.

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Area counties grow older, less white

Reflects broader national trends, according to new data from census

BY CECILIA REYES
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The population of Cook County and six nearby suburban counties grew older and less white in the last year, reflecting broader national trends, according to new demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Across the nation, more than 80% of counties grew older in the past year as the large baby boomer generation continues to age, according to a news release accompanying the new estimates for 2018. In all seven counties analyzed by the Tribune — Cook, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will — the median age increased.

The percentage of white, non-Hispanic residents, meanwhile, decreased in those seven counties, though non-Hispanic whites continued to hold a majority in all Illinois counties except Cook.

Kane County had the second-lowest percentage of non-Hispanic white residents in the state, at 57%.

There, Hispanic residents of all races made up nearly a third of the population. That group grew by 8%, or 13,487 people, since 2010, the census data shows.

Nationally, non-Hispanic whites represented 60.4 percent of the population in 2018, the Census Bureau reported. That's down from 60.8 percent the previous year, as the white population shrank by 152,386 people.

The data released late Wednesday includes demographic estimates on race, ethnicity, gender and age for all counties in the United States. The information, which draws on census surveys as well as other government data sources, provides new numbers for 2018 as well as updating estimates from previous years, going back to the last decennial census in 2010.

Here are four takeaways about the Chicago area:

Collar counties aging faster: Though the entire Chicago area is skewing older, the population of Chi-

cago's collar counties is aging faster than in Cook.

For the six suburban counties the Tribune examined, the population of residents 60 years or older rose by 35% since 2010, compared with a 21% increase for Cook County.

The fact that the suburban counties gained more residents age 70 and up than Cook County did is striking, given that far more people live in Cook County than in the other counties combined — 5.2 million compared with 3.3 million. Those suburban counties also lost a greater number of residents under the age of 9 than Cook did.

Statewide, the median age increased by 1.7 years since 2010, from 36.6 to 38.3, according to the Census Bureau. The counties in the Chicago region are among the youngest in the state, with the median age in Cook, Kane and Kendall counties each at 38.1 years or less.

The oldest counties have a median age of 46 or older; they include areas west of Rockford and near Paduca, Ky., in southeastern Illinois. Only four counties in Illinois got younger since 2010, all in eastern Illinois: Ford,

Moultrie, Jasper and White.

Fewer black residents in Cook, more in collars: The six suburban counties gained a total of 14,857 non-Hispanic black residents from 2010 to 2018, most of them in Will and DuPage, the new census data shows.

Cook County, meanwhile, lost 75,081 black residents over the same time period. Black residents' share of the county population decreased the most of any racial group in the last eight years.

The data doesn't specify why that is happening, but population numbers are affected by fertility and mortality rates in addition to how many people move in and out.

Despite the decrease, Cook County still has the highest total number of non-Hispanic black residents in the U.S., at 1.2 million.

Statewide, Cook has the fourth highest percentage of black residents, behind the far southern counties of Alexander and Pulaski plus St. Clair near St. Louis. In each of those counties, black people make up over 30% of the population.

As of 2018, Cook County was 42.1% white, 25.5% Hispanic (of all races), 23.0% black and 7.7% Asian, with the rest including Native Americans and other smaller groups. The percentage of Hispanic residents of all races overtook that of non-Hispanic black residents in Cook County in 2012.

Asians increasing across area: In Cook County, people identifying as Asian were the fastest-growing racial group from 2010 to 2018, data shows. That group increased by 23%, or more than 73,000 people. The Hispanic population also grew in Cook over this time period, but by a smaller amount, 6%.

The county's Hispanic population is larger than its Asian population, yet from 2017 to 2018 the growth in Asian residents was more than double the growth of Hispanic residents: 7,639 people vs. 3,681.

In each of the six suburbs surrounding Cook, non-white Asian residents grew by at least 13% since 2010. DuPage County grew by the most people, with an increase of 21,960 Asian residents in that time.

Racial trends can vary by age: Cook County's loss of black residents is not consistent across age groups, the census data shows. In fact, the county gained more than 11,000 black residents ages 20 to 29 in the past eight years.

(That age group as a whole decreased, however, thanks to the loss of nearly 58,000 white and Hispanic residents in Cook County over that time period.)

Only the Asian population grew across all age groups in Cook County. In the six suburban counties, the only Asian age group to decrease since 2010 was children under 10 years old.

Demographers have also pointed to an aging Hispanic population in the region. In Cook, Hispanic residents 39 or younger shrank by about 32,000 in the last eight years, while those 40 or older grew by more than 100,000.

In both Cook and the suburban counties, gains among non-Hispanic white residents since 2010 were concentrated among people over 60 years old.

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orologist with Accuweather.com, looked at Waukegan and Gary, Indiana, to get a clearer picture of how Lake Michigan communities have fared for the first 18 days of June. Waukegan's average temperature has been 4.3 degrees cooler than usual and Gary has been 2.9 degrees cooler for the same period, he said.

Water temperatures also are running lower. With the official start of summer Friday, Lake Michigan should be about 57.4 degrees. But remote sensors in the water have been recording water temperatures in the upper 40s to low 50s, Walker said.

"It's still chilly for swimming. You do not want to do that yet," he said.

Close to shore, Chicago's average beach water temperature Wednesday as reported at Chicago Park District beaches was just above 61 degrees, several degrees below the average temperature a year ago of 64.5 degrees.

By mid-July during an average year the lake will warm up to the mid-70s, but Walker said the next six weeks in Chicago are expected to be wetter than usual and therefore colder than usual, although there's a chance that later in the summer, in August or even September, it may dry out and warm up.

Jody Heimos, executive director of Camp Edwards, a sleepaway YMCA camp on the shore of Lake Beulah in East Troy, Wisconsin, said there have been colder seasonal starts in his 15 years there, but not many.

"About four years ago, we still had ice on the lake on May 1," he said. "Luckily by the time camp started it had warmed up pretty significantly."

This year he's asked lifeguards to closely monitor swimmers for any signs of hypothermia and has made other small changes as a precaution. For example, campers typically leave their towels on shore, but this session they have been allowed to take them down to the dock where they get out of the water — just in case anyone shows signs of hypothermia.

Luckily, no one has, Heimos said.

"We would look for lethargy in the water, especially for advanced swimmers; their skin color — if they start to turn pale, or their lips are turning blue or their fingernails don't regenerate color when pressed," he said. "It's probably colder than normal, but fortunately our lake warms up pretty quickly."

Wednesday morning at North Avenue Beach, the lifeguard chairs were empty while joggers and dog walkers made up the majority of beachgoers. The only people daring to venture into the lake before official swim time began at 11 a.m. were 8-year-old George Shaffer



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Betsy Rickard holds her daughter, Beatrice, 8, who shivered while swimming Monday at Crystal Lake. "She said, 'It was hard, but I did it!'" says Rickard.



Lifeguards Emma Novy, left, and Marge Palmer play games with the class during swim lessons at Main Beach at Crystal Lake on Monday.

and his 4-year-old sister, Emily. They wore brightly colored swimsuits to the beach but were wading in no deeper than their knees.

"My feet! My feet!" George shouted as he jumped around in the chilly water.

Emily, who wore multi-colored swimming goggles around her neck, laughed as she stepped slowly into the water and said it was "a little" cold. The children were visiting Chicago for a few days with their father, Greg Shaffer, 42, as part of a family road trip from their home in Baltimore.

"We were so taken with seeing this beautiful park and beach and no one was going to stop us from doing that," Shaffer said. Going to the beach was the first thing that George and Emily had asked to do that morning, he added. "Honestly, they could not be happier."

Farther down the beach, 3-year-old Lyle Green was

building mounds of sand with great concentration.

"We normally come down and go swimming, but he can still play in the sand," said his mother, Katy Green, 35, of Lincoln Park. "It's more the rain than the cold that has affected our plans."

Oakwood Beach at 41st Street was nearly deserted underneath a cover of clouds Wednesday morning. Despite the wind and gray sky, Armando and Michelle Valez, of Back of the Yards, brought Michelle's son, Xavier, to play at the beach. He learned to swim through a Chicago Park District program a few summers ago and enjoys going in the water during the summer.

Xavier wanted to go swimming but decided it was too cold, so he kicked around a soccer ball.

"On our drive here he said, 'Mom can you put the windows up because it is

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really cold," Michelle Valez said.

Because of the weather, they have been spending more time than usual so far this summer at museums and playing indoors.

However, "If he had it his way, we would come here every day," Valez said.

Pamela Manney, 57, of Hyde Park, wasn't fazed by the cold on her morning walk at Oakwood Beach.

"I'm from Chicago; I love

the cold," she said. "It doesn't bother me. Mother Nature do what it do."

While the cool weather may be keeping a lot of people away from the beaches, swim instructors sometimes just want kids to tough it out when the weather's cool, as long as it's not dangerous.

Rickard, the Crystal Lake mother, moved to north suburban McHenry County in the 1980s, when she was 5. There her mother enrolled her children in swim lessons at Main Beach, back when the town's second public beach at Three Oaks Recreation Center was still a quarry pit.

Her mother asked her children to honor their commitment to the lessons they'd paid for, regardless of the weather. She became such a strong swimmer that at age 15 she took a job with the Crystal Lake Park District, eventually becoming a lifeguard herself.

"Swimming lessons in the lake were tough, but it makes you a more competent swimmer," she said.

On Monday, Beatrice forgot to move around in the water to keep herself warm. And as her mother pointed out, it was really cold.

"She started to cry a little bit, so I went to the waterfront and hollered, as lovingly as I could, 'You're a tough girl, you can keep swimming.' And she did, she got back in and she kept swimming. Later on she said, 'It was hard, but I did it.' I think it built her confidence," her mother said.

Heidi Stolt, the recreation aquatics supervisor for the Crystal Lake Park

District, said Rickard has exactly the right idea.

"You want kids to be adaptable," she said.

Stolt has told all swim instructors to be aware of their own body language and not let on that they may be less than comfortable in the cold water. If the teachers were to complain, the kids might follow suit, she said.

"When you're part of a lakefront community, if you're going to be an avid user of the lake — I highly encourage them to use the beach because it's different than the pool. The bottom line is if you're in a lake community, you should know how to swim in a lake," Stolt said.

She said she has heard a lot of adults say they don't like swimming in the lake and she often learns that's because they didn't try it as kids. The most common complaints that less-than-enthusiastic young swimmers make to instructors are sensory issues — the consistency of sand or concerns over the way it would feel to encounter seaweed or fish, she said.

Stolt, who formerly was a lifeguard, said her best advice to those struggling with the colder-than-usual water is to commit to being in the water and stay covered by it.

"When you get in and out, then you're going to be freezing. But honestly, when you're submerged to your shoulders and you give it a minute, it's not as cold," she said.

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Charles DeHaan's lawyers want his sentence cut, arguing he is in ill health after a stroke.

9 more years for doctor who molested patients

Ex-physician now doing federal time for Medicare fraud

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

A former doctor who was accused of sexually assaulting elderly patients on house calls in Chicago suburbs and the Rockford area has been sentenced to nine years behind bars — after he gets out of federal prison.

Charles DeHaan, of Belvidere, who was sentenced to nine years for Medicare fraud in 2017, was ordered to serve his new sentence in state prison after finishing his federal imprisonment in 2025, court records show.

The sentence came Friday in Winnebago County court in Rockford, where DeHaan centered his prac-

tice. However, he previously had an office in Mount Prospect and saw patients in the Chicago area as well.

DeHaan was accused of molesting numerous women during medical appointments at their residences or in nursing homes. Though he was originally charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse against three handicapped or elderly victims in Winnebago County, prosecutors agreed last year to dismiss those charges in exchange for DeHaan pleading guilty to aggravated battery. The reduced conviction means he won't have to register as a sex offender.

Defense attorneys Melinda Jacobson and Aaron Buscemi will ask Judge John Lowry to reconsider the sentence, arguing that DeHaan, 64, served as a

doctor for many years without a criminal record, is in poor health after suffering a stroke late last year, and can be more useful in the community than incarcerated. He will be 70 when he begins serving his state sentence.

DeHaan also has a criminal case pending against him in Cook County on accusations he forced a sex act on a 59-year-old Des Plaines woman who was recovering from surgery. At least a dozen women filed lawsuits against him, claiming he molested them.

DeHaan apologized in court to his victims, many of whom were isolated, on medication, or had dementia. Some claimed the abuse went on for years, but they didn't say anything because they were afraid they wouldn't be believed.

Judge blocks ex-cop's bid to fight certificate of innocence

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A controversial former Chicago police detective doesn't have the legal standing to challenge a certificate of innocence awarded to Arnold Day, a former long-time inmate who had accused him of misconduct, the presiding judge of Cook County's Criminal Division ruled Wednesday.

Retired Detective Kenneth Boudreau had wanted to file an amicus — “friend of the court” — brief claiming that Judge LeRoy Martin Jr. didn't have all the evidence when he certified Day to be innocent of a murder for which he was convicted in 1994.

Martin held that such briefs can only be filed in support of one side of the case — and neither prosecutors nor Day's attorney opposed Day's certificate. Special prosecutors handling Day's case did not take a position on the issue.

“Your client lacks the ability, the legal ability, for the court to consider an amicus,” Martin told Boudreau's attorney.

Martin ruled that the certificate of innocence would remain in place despite his misgivings last month that he had been given a report from prosecutors that should have also been turned over to Day's attorney. On Wednesday, though, he noted that neither Day's attorney nor prosecutors objected to him reviewing the report on his own.

“So I think that ends the



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Judge Leroy Martin said an ex-cop had no “legal ability” to challenge the certificate.

matter,” Martin said.

The certificate of innocence could be powerful evidence in a likely lawsuit by Day. It also can mean as much as \$200,000 from the state and potential help in finding housing and employment.

Day was released after 26 years in prison last December when prosecutors dropped charges against him. He has long alleged that Chicago police detectives under the command of disgraced former Cmdr. Jon Burge coerced him into falsely confessing.

The Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission concluded that Boudreau stood by as another detective choked and threatened to throw Day out a window.

The Chicago Tribune detailed Boudreau's alleged history of obtaining dubious confessions in 2001. Over the years, he obtained confessions from a man who was already in custody at the time of the killing for which he was questioned,

defendants with mental disabilities and inmates who were later cleared by DNA evidence.

He was also involved in investigating the case of the “Englewood Four” who each spent some 15 years in prison for a 1994 rape and murder before DNA linked a convicted killer to the crime.

Boudreau, who retired in 2014, did not attend Wednesday's hearing, but in the past he has been vocal about rebutting the many allegations against him.

“I reject 100 percent the attack on me, my family and the rest of this Police Department,” he told reporters last year after denying in testimony at an unrelated hearing that he ever beat a single suspect over his lengthy career. “This is bull—. People are making money on this.”

Boudreau worked under Burge, whose “midnight crew” of detectives has been accused of torturing confessions — mostly for murder — from more than 100 African American suspects in the 1970s and '80s in a scandal that has cost the city well in excess of \$100 million in jury awards, court settlements and legal fees.

Burge, who was fired from the department in 1993 and convicted of lying about the torture in 2010, served 4 1/2 years in prison and on home confinement. He died in September at 70.

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R. Kelly told alleged victim's suit can't wait

BY WILLIAM LEE

A Cook County judge on Wednesday gave attorneys for R&B singer R. Kelly one week to formally respond to a lawsuit alleging sex abuse or face losing the court fight.

Kelly's attorneys had sought to put the lawsuit on hold while the singer fights criminal charges, but Associate Judge Moira Johnson agreed with lawyers for the alleged sex abuse victim that Kelly first needed to file an answer to the litigation. She gave them until next Wednesday.

After the brief hearing in

the crowded Daley Center courtroom, the alleged victim's attorneys said they expect the lawsuit will be delayed while the criminal case proceeds but that it was improper for Kelly's attorneys to seek a delay before acknowledging the suit.

Kelly did not attend the hearing.

In late April, the judge entered a default order against Kelly after he failed to show up in court and answer the lawsuit's allegations.

Johnson later rescinded her order after Kelly's attorneys claimed Kelly had no memory of receiving a sum-

mons.

Kelly was served a court summons in March while locked up in Cook County Jail for failing to pay back child support in a separate court fight with his former wife.

The alleged victim, now 36, said in the suit filed in February that Kelly had repeated sexual contact with her beginning in June 1998 when she was just 16. The woman, identified only by her initials H.W., is one of four alleged victims in the criminal charges pending against Kelly.

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Edward Burke, the City Council's longest-tenured member, was indicted on sweeping racketeering charges alleging he used his clout to steer business to his private law firm from developers seeking action at City Hall. There was no indication Wednesday's search was connected to Burke.

Lightfoot and Austin appeared together earlier Wednesday morning at a news conference at Julian High School in Washington Heights to announce summer anti-violence initiatives for young people.

"Today is a day truly that God has made, because he made us the star of the show," Austin said.

While the alderman kicked off the event with Lightfoot and other dignitaries standing behind her, a different scene was unfolding at her ward office.

Austin did not return calls and messages seeking comment. No one answered the door at a family home across the street from the ward office or at the alderman's residence.

While news of the raid spread, a half-dozen unmarked vehicles with unlit emergency equipment were parked outside Austin's office, and the building's back door stood open as people in civilian clothes were observed working inside.

Men in slacks, shirts and sunglasses loaded what appeared to be computer equipment and other materials into a black SUV parked outside the ward office's back door, before retreating inside and then emerging to shoo a group of reporters away from the departing vehicle.

The scene outside Austin's office became a sort of spectacle for a few residents who celebrated Wednesday's raid or simply stopped to gawk at the sight of a neighborhood titan getting stung by federal heat.

Two men cursed at Austin's office as they drove past the building. One woman, who declined to be identified, said she welcomed the event. And Preston Brown Jr., a former aldermanic candidate whom Austin edged in the 2019 general election, described the scene as "justice" for Chicago residents.

"I mean, the feds don't just come raid your office for no reason," Brown said to reporters as he stood outside the 34th Ward office at the intersection of 111th Street and Normal Avenue in the South Side's Roseland neighborhood.

Some constituents, meanwhile, encountered locked doors and confusion. "I was just shocked," Donna Thompson-Bey said. "I just came by to ask about when they were going to cut grass in the empty lot next to my parents' home. And the door was locked."

Two guards with uniforms from the AGB Investigative Services security firm, who said they were part of Austin's neighborhood special service area program, pulled up to the office in a black SUV and knocked on the office door. They were soon dismissed by a man in shirtsleeves and tie.

"Everything's good," the



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An official removes items from the ward office of Carrie Austin on Wednesday, providing a little spectacle for onlookers.

man told the guards before closing the door.

A group of similarly clad workers streamed out the front door of Austin's office minutes later, several of them carrying cardboard boxes, before loading into the unmarked vehicles and driving away.

"It's Chicago," Thompson-Bey said.

Donyetta Jenkins, who stood outside as agents raided Austin's office, said she recently purchased a caged-up brick storefront on the corner next to the building. Wednesday afternoon, Jenkins said, seemed like an ideal time to introduce herself to Austin to get a sense of how the community could use the vacant commercial space.

But the front door to Austin's office was locked, and the back door was open with two "official-looking people" standing guard.

"I asked them what they were doing there, and they gave me some baloney story about fixing a pipe or something like that," Jenkins said. "Definitely not dressed like plumbers."

Still, Jenkins said the scene was a sad sight as she tries to rehabilitate her building and determine how it can be converted into a business for the area.

"It's pretty sad to me," she said. "In my community, a lot of times we get railroaded. So hopefully this isn't one of the cases of that, and hopefully she's on the straight and narrow. I can only hope that for her, but you never know."

Earlier this month, Burke pleaded not guilty to a 14-count federal indictment on charges of racketeering, bribery, attempted extortion and using interstate commerce to facilitate an unlawful activity.

Federal authorities accused Burke, the council's longest-serving alderman, of using his clout as chairman of the City Council Finance Committee to try to force developers to hire his law firm for their property

tax appeal work in exchange for his help with their projects. Among the projects Burke allegedly tried to capitalize on was the massive renovation of the old main post office property in the West Loop, according to the charges.

Thirty City Council members have pleaded guilty or been convicted of crimes related to their official duties since 1972. That number includes former 20th Ward Ald. Willie Cochran, whose lawyer argued in court earlier this month that Cochran shouldn't serve prison time for his fraud conviction because putting corrupt Chicago aldermen behind bars hasn't deterred other City Council members from trying to use their office to enrich themselves.

Nevertheless, in a City Council that's no stranger to federal investigators, aldermen were stunned in January to hear that former Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, allegedly wore a wire against Burke and possibly others.

After an initial report by the Sun-Times about Solis cooperating with federal investigators, Austin said she was shocked by Solis' role.

The two had served together for more than two decades, and Austin said at that time she didn't want to talk about Solis "because I might cry." Asked why she might cry, Austin responded, "You don't do that, you just don't."

On Wednesday, Austin's City Council colleagues had mixed reactions to news of the raid.

Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, who chairs the newly-created Ethics Committee, said the raid is "distressing" because agents are supposed to show probable cause before they go into a building.

Speaking about the cloud over City Hall from investigations and charges involving powerful aldermen, Smith said, "I think that this demonstrates why the public has been calling for

reform."

"That is a mandate from the public that I think City Council has heard loud and clear, and we're going to be enacting reforms to respond to that," Smith said.

West Side Ald. Emma Mitts, 37th, expressed shock that Austin had been targeted by federal agents. "Oh, my God," Mitts said when told about the raid.

"We all knew they said they were still investigating, so I assumed there would be somebody. You just didn't know who it would be," said Mitts, who has served on the council with Austin since 2000.

"Her leadership and working with her, Carrie's Carrie," Mitts said of Austin, who's a mentor to many aldermen, particularly members of the Black Caucus. "She's able to move things and get things done. She's taught a lot of us about how to achieve things as far as getting ordinances passed for our wards."

"It's just said," Mitts added. "I don't know what they have or what they're looking for or why they're looking. It's just said."

Austin is well-regarded by many of her colleagues on the City Council who value her advice and counsel. Ald. Derrick Sawyer, 6th, called Austin a friend and said he loves her to death.

Sawyer, who was the last City Council's Black Caucus chairman, has served alongside Austin since 2011.

"She's too young to be my mother, but (she's) just a matriarch of the council," Sawyer said. "Someone that we can talk to, has been around for a while, always had good relationships with the administration and was a value-added resource to us over the years."

Sawyer said he doesn't know what the FBI might've been looking for at her office and it could end up being nothing. But, Sawyer added, "When the feds come, they usually know what they're looking for."

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, Lightfoot's choice to succeed Burke as the Finance Committee chairman, said the legal issues faced by his colleagues and Lightfoot's election highlight the need for ethics reform soon.

"I can't think of any time in the past 12 years that I've been in where we have this opportunity to move reforms forward," Waguespack said. "If there's going to be a sea change in the way City Council and city government works, we have to make those changes now that you're at the beginning of a new term and you have a mayor who's not sitting on her hands."

One key element is expanding the inspector general's power over City Council committees, but other reforms are needed, Waguespack said.

"There may be a lot of trepidation about (how to do) that, but anybody who disagrees we need reform with all the things going on lately doesn't have their mindset on the right page," Waguespack said.

Austin is the longest-serving African-American alderman currently on the council. She was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1994 to replace her husband, Lemuel, who died of a heart attack while in office.

The Austins rose to power in the political organization of Wilson Frost, a South Side politician who served for nearly 20 years on the City Council and became the body's president pro tempore.

Austin is known for her at-times fiery demeanor. She has occasionally lashed out harshly at colleagues for what she perceives are disrespectful questions during committee hearings.

When the inspector general recommended firing her son from his city job in a controversy over a vehicle accident, Austin fumed, "I'm sick and tired of this (expletive) city witch-hunting my (expletive) family."

Before becoming alderman, Austin was on the payroll of the City Council Traffic Committee headed by Ald. Anthony Laurino. And while Bonnie Laurino, the wife of Anthony Laurino, was on the Budget Committee headed by Lemuel Austin, Carrie Austin was on Laurino's traffic committee.

Anthony Laurino's daughter, Margaret, was appointed to replace him when he resigned in 1994.

Austin was a key black supporter on the City Council for the agendas of first Daley and later Mayor Rahm Emanuel. She chaired the powerful Budget Committee for years, shepherding those mayors' annual spending plans through the City Council with a brusque style, often calling on opponents to come up with better ideas or keep their criticisms to themselves.

Austin's relationship with Lightfoot has been decidedly frostier. Austin was on stage at a March rally for Lightfoot's election opponent, Toni Preckwinkle, at the Harold Washington Cultural Center when U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush accused Lightfoot of being pro-police and said those who backed Lightfoot for mayor would "have the blood of the next young black man or black woman" killed by the police on their hands.

Lightfoot stripped Austin of her Budget Committee chairmanship, instead creating the new Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity, and naming Austin to helm that.

Austin was initially non-committal about the new post, saying she didn't want to run a committee "that don't have no teeth."

"If it's not going to have any effect, I don't need that," Austin said. "I don't need a pansy (committee), nah."

Lightfoot did not call for Austin's resignation Wednesday and said it's too soon to talk about taking away the committee chair she currently holds.

But she emphasized the seriousness of the situation facing the veteran alderman.

Lightfoot said the circumstances of what led to the search warrant are unknown but said she has been expecting more allegations of wrongdoing in light of the federal government's use of Solis as a mole. Lightfoot said she hadn't spoken to Austin since their morning event and doesn't believe the alderman knew what was happening at her ward office at the time.

Asked what she'd tell residents about her steps to fight corruption in the City Council, Lightfoot pointed to the ethics package introduced at the last City Council meeting.

"People expect that elected officials are actually going to operate with full integrity, transparency and be responsive to the needs of our citizens," Lightfoot said. "Obviously there's additional oversight that needs to happen, and we're pushing forward on that."

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stand in U.S. District Court, becoming emotional only a few times during roughly two hours of testimony.

Asked if Christensen was in the courtroom, Bullis' eyes scanned the courtroom before landing on him. Christensen largely stared straight ahead as Bullis testified, though he did look in her direction at least once.

Prosecutors played a series of recordings Wednesday that Bullis made in June 2017 using one of two devices provided by an FBI agent, and also questioned her about text message exchanges with Christensen.

In late May 2017, Bullis said she became "conflicted" about her relationship with Christensen when he messaged her about his desire to seek notoriety, and that "fading into nothingness is not an option," in the message.

"I would rather destroy humanity than let that happen. I know most would disagree," Christensen wrote to Bullis.

"This was a man I allowed myself to get very attached to emotionally," Bullis said, even though the sentiments expressed by Christensen are "not necessarily representative of someone I would prefer to be emotionally attached to."

Christensen and his wife at the time, Michelle, were in an open relationship. Bullis at the time was living in Champaign with a group of polyamorous housemates.

In a text message to Bullis, days after Zhang's disappearance, Christensen acknowledged he picked her up because she looked like she needed help.

"I was the one who picked that girl up," he wrote. "I dropped her off shortly after."

"I didn't do anything wrong," Christensen wrote to Bullis. "But she is missing

and I am officially the last one who saw her."

"Michelle loses a husband if this goes wrong," Christensen wrote. "I will literally lose my life."

Prosecutors have said that Christensen confessed to Bullis he killed Zhang as he and Bullis attended a memorial walk for Zhang, telling her Zhang fought back as he sexually assaulted her and beat her.

Christensen's demeanor appeared to vary during their conversations about Zhang's disappearance. At times he seemed intimidated about being under investigation. At another point, he came across as "amused" that he was under surveillance, Bullis said.

"This is obviously terrifying, and all of that," Christensen said in one recorded chat, noting that a truck was following him. "But I'm not doing anything wrong."

Investigators questioned



Zhang

Christensen about a large duffel bag he had purchased. He told Bullis he had used the bag to transport a cat tower he had bought for her, according to a FBI

recording played in court. But he told her the cat tower broke and he wound up discarding it instead of giving it to her.

"It's suspicious looking. I acknowledge it," Christensen said in the recorded call.

Christensen told Bullis his wife told police "everything about me. And that scares me too," he said.

Christensen had earlier tried to have a conversation with his wife about "violence, testing limits, serial killing, things of that nature," Bullis said. His wife was shaken up by that conversation, Christensen told Bullis.

The two met on the dating website OKCupid in April 2017, and their first

date, which was at a café and bookstore, was "whimsical," Bullis said.

"It was very flirtatious," Bullis said. "He seemed kind, courteous, amicable and I enjoyed spending time with him."

Bullis and Christensen were in a dominant-submissive relationship, and she would occasionally do "domestic service" for him, cleaning his bedroom and bathrooms while wearing a collar, she said.

"In our relationship, I was submissive and almost petlike," she said.

At the time, Bullis said she was "crash dieting" and taking anti-anxiety medication, antidepressants and sleep aids. She was also dealing with PTSD stemming from former traumas, she said.

On the day Zhang disappeared, Bullis didn't see Christensen, but the two traded text messages. She was interviewed by the FBI multiple times as the investigation began to focus on

Christensen. The first took place on her front porch, where they told her there was a missing person and "one of my boyfriends might be involved," Bullis said.

She subsequently agreed to record their conversations using a device within a coffee mug or another Post-It-sized device that was easy to conceal in clothing, she said.

During the recorded conversations, Bullis would "hide behind" her submissive role in the relationship, "whenever I was frightened, overwhelmed or scared," she said.

"I was emotionally attached to this person, and I wanted to find out if they had done anything or not," Bullis said.

Prosecutors are expected to resume questioning Bullis on Thursday morning, followed by a cross-examination by the defense team.

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Ex-Hebron mayor sentenced to probation, apologizes to town

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

The former village president of a small McHenry County town apologized to his community Tuesday but blamed the stresses of elected office for his troubles before being sentenced on a misdemeanor charge that stemmed from a night three years ago when rescuers found him unconscious on the floor of his home during an apparent drug overdose.

John G. Jacobson was sentenced to one year of probation and ordered to undergo an alcohol and drug evaluation for having a crack pipe in his home early March 17, 2016, in far northwest suburban Hebron.

Jacobson, 72, had been elected in 2013 to lead the quaint town south of the Wisconsin border that is perhaps best known for its 1952 state high school basketball championship. His drug-related arrest came as Jacobson had about one year left in his first term.

A jury acquitted Jacobson earlier this month of a more serious felony charge alleging he illegally had a gun in his home without possessing a firearm owner's identification card. And, in January, a judge had dismissed a felony possession of a controlled substance charge, finding officers illegally searched the home in light of a law that restricts such police powers in medical emergencies.

Jacobson, who was sentenced for possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, said he is doing much better since his arrest thanks to counseling and the support he receives from his church in the Lake Geneva, Wis., area. He apologized before Judge Robert Wilbrandt sentenced him and suggested the pressure of trying to fix the town's "dire financial" problems led to his troubles.

"I let stress get me," he told the judge. "I've embarrassed myself, my family and my town that I love so much."

Jacobson was found unconscious in the master bathroom of his home after a young woman he was with called 911 and told police he had been "drinking alcohol and smoking crack cocaine throughout the night," according to a police report.

The village president, clad only in his underwear, was struggling to breathe and turning blue, the report said.

While paramedics worked to revive Jacobson, a police officer spotted a



Jacobson

clear glass crack pipe in plain view on a nightstand, the record alleged. Jacobson was treated at a hospital and released, but authorities got a warrant to search his home and, according to court and police documents, recovered cocaine, a glass pipe, a shotgun, 140 rounds of ammunition, a syringe, and other items.

Police said the woman who had called 911 described herself as an old family friend who had fallen on hard times and would occasionally spend the night in Jacobson's home. She also said he had acted "really perky" and "creepy" toward her, that they had played strip rummy and that he asked her to get naked and get in bed with him, but she refused, according to the report.

Earlier this month, just before jury selection began in his trial, Jacobson pleaded guilty to drug paraphernalia possession related to the crack pipe. He faced up to a year in jail for the misdemeanor.

Wilbrandt said Jacobson, but for his recent legal troubles, had led an "exemplary life" and long served his community. The judge also found the defendant "violated the trust

of that community."

Besides probation and substance abuse evaluation, Wilbrandt ordered Jacobson to submit to weekly alcohol and drug testing for at least two months and pay a \$1,000 fine and related court costs and fees. Jacobson also faces up to 60 days in jail if he violates the sentencing guidelines during his probation period.

Defense attorney Jeffrey Altman argued his client has worked hard to learn better coping skills, but McHenry County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Ladd noted it was Jacobson's second drug-related arrest in three years.

Just a few months before his 2013 election as village president, Jacobson was charged with felony drug possession after police said they found crack cocaine in his vehicle during a traffic stop. The charge later was amended to a lesser offense, and Jacobson received a sentence of conditional discharge.

Well-known in town, Jacobson has lived in Hebron since 1955 and also served on the local fire protection board and township board. When elected village president in 2013, Jacobson road into office on a wave of anti-incumbent sentiment. He received only 145 votes, but that was enough to easily unseat 16-year incumbent Frank Beatty, who got 92 votes. At the time, many residents in the village of about 1,200 said they had been frustrated with rising water bills. Some community members said they hadn't heard about Jacobson's 2013 drug arrest before he won the election. Others said they didn't care or believed he was framed. But, after the latest incident in 2016, many in town called for his resignation. Jacobson refused to step down, but he lost his seat in 2017 to Kimberly Martinez, the town's current village president.



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot announces the launch of "Summer For Change," a new community-based program for the city's most vulnerable youth during a news conference Wednesday.

Lightfoot launches summer program for at-risk youth

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday said the city will mentor 400 at-risk young people and pay them \$200 per week this summer in a bid to stop them from getting caught up in Chicago's rampant violence.

The new "Summer For Change" initiative is Lightfoot's version of what has become officials' annual plans for summer, and was rolled out a day before Chicago Public Schools lets out for the year.

The \$1.4 million, six-week program is aimed at attendees of eight city alternative schools, students who either dropped out or were kicked out of other Chicago schools. Participants will get matched with mentors, have access to therapy to talk about the ways they are impacted by violence, and will take field trips, Lightfoot said at a news conference at Julian High School in the Washington Heights neighborhood.

Each participant will also get \$200 per week. While 400 barely scratches the

surface of the number of young people who are at risk of being victims or perpetrators of violence in the city, Lightfoot also pointed out there are other opportunities for kids to stay busy through city job programs or events at parks and libraries.

During his two terms,

Mayor Rahm Emanuel prioritized the expansion of summer jobs available in Chicago.

"Literally tens of thousands of our young people are going to be connected with good, positive programming over the course of the summer," Lightfoot said.

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Reputed mob figure pleads guilty to extortion in beating of businessman

BY JASON MEISNER

Reputed Outfit soldier Robert Panozzo pleaded guilty Wednesday to threatening and beating a suburban businessman he claimed owed him \$100,000 and then hiring a goon to torch the debtor's car and house when he wouldn't pay.

"This is serious. I want my money," Robert Panozzo Sr. allegedly told the victim in 2005 before embarking on a four-year effort to collect the juice-loan debt.

Panozzo, a reputed member of the Outfit's Grand Avenue crew, entered his guilty plea to one count of extortion conspiracy in the federal courthouse in Rockford.

His plea agreement calls for up to 14 years in prison, but Panozzo's attorneys have disputed prosecutors' calculation of the sentencing guidelines and are free to ask U.S. District Judge Philip Reinhard for a lesser sentence.

Whatever time Panozzo receives in the extortion case will be served concurrently with his 18-year prison term handed down earlier this year for his conviction in a sweeping racketeering conspiracy brought in Cook County court.

In that case, Panozzo and longtime associate Paul Koroluk admitted to heading a crew that participated in wide-ranging crimes, including home invasions, armed robberies, burglaries, insurance fraud and prostitution.

Panozzo, Koroluk and several other members of the crew were arrested in 2014 during the attempted robbery of a drug stash house on Chicago's Southeast Side. That turned out to be a law enforcement ruse, however.

Panozzo was a longtime soldier for Albert "Little Guy" Vena, the reputed

Grand Avenue boss, according to prosecution testimony at a mob-related trial in 2014.

Panozzo's 17-page plea agreement entered Wednesday does not call on him to cooperate in any other investigations.

According to the document, Panozzo loaned the McHenry County businessman — identified only as Victim 1 — \$40,000 in 2005 and then followed up with "additional loans."

At a meeting at a restaurant in Palatine in 2006, the businessman handed Panozzo an envelope with \$25,000 in cash, according to the agreement. He believed that was his final payment, but Panozzo let him know he still owed \$100,000 in interest on the loans.

That October, after the victim had not paid, Panozzo and his associate, Joseph Abbott, confronted the businessman at work and beat him, causing "injuries and contusions to Victim 1's head," the plea agreement said.

Panozzo was later sentenced to prison for a burglary conviction and couldn't collect on the debt. Once he was released in 2008, though, Panozzo began calling Victim 1 demanding repayment, the plea agreement said.

In February 2009, Panozzo paid Abbott \$1,000 to set fire to a Dodge Caravan that was parked in the victim's driveway, according to the agreement. Two months later, Abbott "used an incendiary device" to set fire to the victim's garage and several nearby trash cans, the plea said.

Panozzo acknowledged in the plea agreement that he paid Abbott about \$4,000 or \$5,000 to "blow up" the victim's residence.

Abbott has pleaded guilty to extortion and is awaiting sentencing, court

records show.

Raised in the old Italian American enclave known as "the Patch" on the Near West Side, Panozzo and Koroluk have criminal histories that stretch back decades, court records show.

In 2006 they were both sentenced to seven years in prison for a string of burglaries targeting tony north suburban homes that netted millions of dollars in jewelry and other luxury items. Police at the time described the burglars as some of the most sophisticated they'd ever seen, from disabling state-of-the-art alarm systems to cutting phone lines.

Panozzo and Koroluk were arrested in a dramatic sting in 2014 after the two posed as cops to rob what they thought was a cartel stash house on the Southeast Side. They kicked in the door and grabbed stacks of drugs — only to be arrested by Chicago police and federal agents who had wired the house for audio and video surveillance and watched from above with an FBI spy plane.

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'Why not, and why not now?'

Reparations debate draws passionate testimony in House

BY ERRIN HAINES WHACK
Associated Press

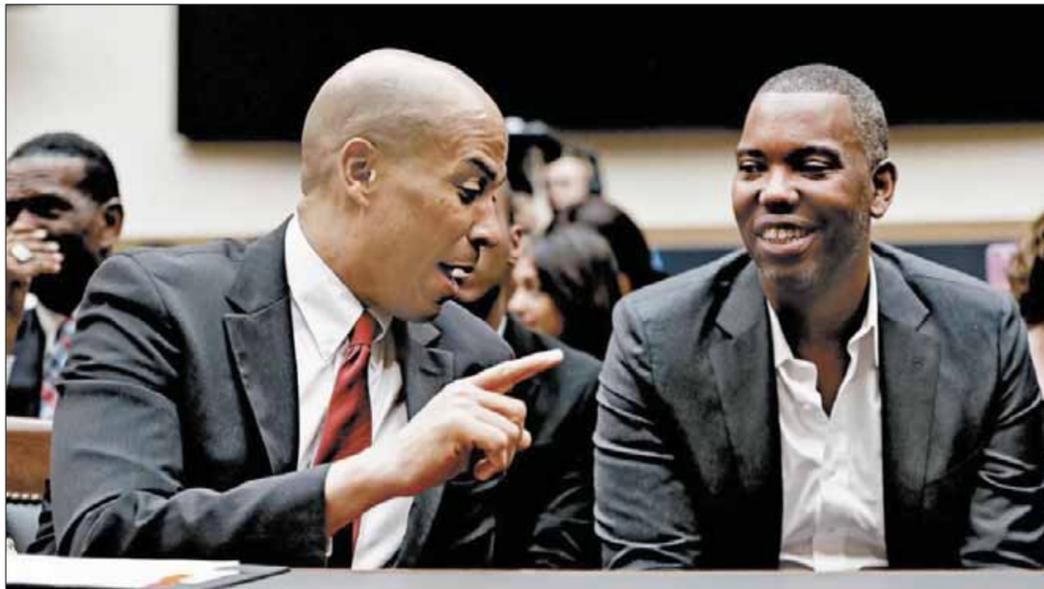
WASHINGTON — The debate over reparations catapulted from the campaign trail to Congress on Wednesday as lawmakers heard impassioned testimony for and against the idea of providing compensation for America's history of slavery and racial discrimination.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, the sponsor of a resolution to study reparations, put a fine point on the discussion: "I just simply ask: Why not, and why not now?"

It was Congress' first hearing on reparations in more than a decade, and came amid a growing conversation in the Democratic Party and the country about lingering racial disparities in the United States. Once considered a fringe topic, mostly pushed aside in Congress, the possibility of reparations was treated with seriousness by the witnesses and lawmakers alike, though Republicans made clear their opposition.

One of the most striking moments came as writer Ta-Nehisi Coates, the author of a widely read 2014 essay making the case for reparations, challenged Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's assertion that no one alive today is responsible for the past treatment of black Americans.

"It's impossible to imagine America without the



Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., left, talks with author Ta-Nehisi Coates at the House hearing.

inheritance of slavery," Coates told the House Judiciary panel.

"For a century after the Civil War, black people were subjected to a relentless campaign of terror," Coates said. "Victims of that plunder are very much alive today. I am sure they'd love a word with the majority leader."

McConnell, R-Ky., said on Tuesday he doesn't think "reparations for something that happened 150 years ago, for whom none of us currently living are responsible, is a good idea."

Wednesday's hearing coincided with Juneteenth, a cultural holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved black people in the United States, and it attracted a crowd. More than a hundred people were

lined up to try and get a seat in the hearing room. Those inside frequently reacted to testimony and comments from members of Congress with cheers and boos.

At one point, an audience member shouted "You lie!" at Texas Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert when he urged that Americans know their history and "not punish people today for the sins of their predecessors in the Democratic Party."

Coates was among eight witnesses who testified for more than three hours on the topic of House Resolution 40, aimed at creating a commission to study reparations. Actor and activist Danny Glover, a longtime advocate of reparations, urged passage of the resolution.

"A national reparations

policy is a moral, democratic and economic imperative," said Glover, noting that his great-grandmother was a former slave he met as a young boy. "This hearing is yet another important step in the long and historic struggle of African Americans to secure reparations for the damage that has been inflicted by slavery and Jim Crow."

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., a presidential contender, testified that the U.S. has "yet to truly acknowledge and grapple with the racism and white supremacy that tainted this country's founding and continues to cause persistent and deep racial disparities and inequality."

But another witness, Coleman Hughes, who at times testified over boos from the audience, said

black people don't need "another apology," but safer neighborhoods, better schools, a less punitive criminal justice system and better health care.

"None of these things can be achieved through reparations for slavery," said Hughes, a writer and student at Columbia University who said he is the descendant of blacks enslaved at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

The Democratic legislation, which would set up a bipartisan commission to study the issue, spotlights a national conversation over the legacy of slavery. Several of the party's presidential candidates have endorsed looking at the idea, though they have stopped short of endorsing direct payouts for African Americans.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., on Wednesday called reparations a "serious issue" and said he expects the resolution will see a vote in the House.

While reparations has been moving toward the mainstream of the Democratic Party, the idea remains far from wide acceptance. And the panelists themselves, mostly black, differed on what reparations should look like and who should benefit from them.

In a Point Taken-Marist poll conducted in 2016, 68% of Americans said the country should not pay cash reparations to African American descendants of slaves to make up for the harm caused by slavery and racial discrimination. About 8 in 10 white Americans said they were opposed to reparations, while about 6 in 10 black Americans said they were in favor.

Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana, the top Republican on the panel, said he respects the beliefs of those who support reparations. He called America's history with slavery "regrettable and shameful."

But he said paying monetary reparations for the "sins of a small subset of Americans from many generations ago" would be unfair, difficult to carry out in practice and, in his view, likely unconstitutional.

The Republican witnesses for the hearing were Hughes and Burgess Owens, a former Oakland Raiders football player and Super Bowl champion, who recently wrote a Wall Street Journal editorial eschewing reparations.

UN report points to Saudi crown prince

'Credible evidence' links him to slaying of Jamal Khashoggi

BY JAMEY KEATEN AND AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

GENEVA — The gathering on the second floor of the Saudi consulate featured an unlikely collection: a forensic doctor, intelligence and security officers — agents of the crown prince's office. As they waited for their target to arrive, one asked how they would carry out the body.

Not to worry, the doctor said: "Joints will be separated. It is not a problem," he assured. "If we take plastic bags and cut it into pieces, it will be finished. We will wrap each of them."

Their prey, Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, would not leave the consulate in Istanbul alive. And on Wednesday, more than eight months after his death, a U.N. special rapporteur revealed new details of the slaying — part of a report that insisted there was "credible evidence" to warrant further investigation and financial sanctions against Saudi Crown Prince



FABRICE COFFRINI/GETTY-AFP
U.N. special rapporteur Agnes Callamard has called for further investigation.

Mohammed bin Salman.

The report brought the grisly case back into the spotlight just as the prince and his country appeared to be emerging from the stain of the scandal. But it contained no smoking gun likely to cause President Donald Trump to abandon one of his closest allies — and none likely to send the crown prince before a tribunal.

And yet the details of the Oct. 2 killing were so chilling, and now so public, that it's hard to fathom that there won't be repercussions.

On the recording, apparently picked up by Turkish listening devices, intelligence officer Maher Mutreb is heard asking whether "the sacrificial ani-

mal" had entered the consulate, and a voice responds: "He has arrived." (Khashoggi is never mentioned by name in the audio.)

Two minutes later, Khashoggi enters the consulate, hoping to collect a Saudi document that would let him wed his Turkish fiancée. He is led into the consul general's office and told he has to return to Saudi Arabia.

Khashoggi protests: "I notified some people outside. They are waiting for me. A driver is waiting for me."

"Let's make it short," the official tells him, adding: "Send a message to your son."

"Which son? What should I say to my son?" Khashoggi asks.

"You will type a message. Let's rehearse; show us," the official says, prodding: "Type it, Mr. Jamal. Hurry up."

Within minutes, the official loses patience and, the rapporteur said, apparently pulls out a syringe.

"Are you going to give me drugs?" Khashoggi asks. "We will anesthetize you," he is told.

Then came the sounds of



FETHI BELAID/GETTY-AFP

A new report indicates there is "credible evidence" linking Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi last October.

struggle, "movement and heavy panting," and finally — according to Turkish intelligence relayed in the report — the sounds of a saw.

He is believed to have been dismembered inside the consulate. His remains have never been found.

The nearly minute-by-minute narrative is part of a 101-page report from the U.N. special rapporteur for extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, Agnes Callamard, who is not a United Nations staffer, launched her inquiry in January under mandate from the U.N.-backed Hu-

man Rights Council.

Her report is to be presented at a council session that opens Monday. The 47-nation Geneva body has already supported more scrutiny of a Saudi-led military campaign in neighboring Yemen that has been blamed for the deaths of thousands of civilians.

The Saudi minister of state for foreign affairs, Adel al-Jubeir, dismissed the report in a tweet, saying that it contained "nothing new" and was riddled with "clear contradictions and baseless allegations."

"The Saudi judiciary is the sole party qualified to

deal with the Khashoggi case and works with full independence," he added.

The report comes as damage to the crown prince's reputation had begun to fade, with countries and companies resuming business with the uber-wealthy kingdom. In recent weeks, the Trump administration has tried to ram through a sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia over objections in Congress. A British petrochemicals company laid out a \$2 billion investment to build three plants in the kingdom.

Callamard said responsibility for Khashoggi's killing falls on Saudi Arabia, even if she can't attribute guilt. But the focus has lingered over the man who is next in line to become its king. There is, she said, "sufficient credible evidence regarding the responsibility of the Crown Prince demanding further investigation."

She said people directly implicated in the murder reported to him. And she flagged Saudi Arabia's track record with human rights violations in the past, saying "there was no way the leaders of that state including the crown prince were not aware of those violations."

Callamard listed dozens of recommendations, and urged U.N. bodies or Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to demand a follow-up criminal investigation.

Database says 91,600 killed fighting in Yemen civil war since 2015

BY SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — Yemen's civil war has killed at least 91,600 people so far, a database tracking violence said Wednesday, presenting a new estimate after completing reporting for the first months of fighting in 2015.

The conflict began with the 2014 takeover of northern and central Yemen by the Iranian-backed rebels, driving out the internationally recognized government from the capital, Sanaa.

Months later, in March 2015, a Saudi-led coalition launched its air campaign to prevent the rebels, known as Houthis, from overrunning the country's south.

In the relentless campaign, Saudi-led airstrikes have hit schools, hospitals and wedding parties and killed thousands of Yemeni civilians. The Houthis have used drones and missiles to attack Saudi Arabia and have targeted vessels in the Red Sea.

Civilians have borne the brunt of the conflict, which

has created what the United Nations says is the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, or ACLED, said that in 2015, about 17,100 people were reported killed — the second-most lethal year after 2018, which was the deadliest on record.

ACLED said 11,900 people were killed this year, compared to 30,800 in 2018.

The group said the Saudi-led coalition and its allies were responsible for more than 8,000 of about 11,700

deaths resulting from the direct targeting of civilians, while the Houthis and their allies were responsible for the rest.

The group said it recorded over 18,400 killed in the southwestern province of Taiz since 2015, placing Taiz as the most violent province in Yemen, largely due to a four-year siege by the Houthis, the group said.

Hodeida and Jawf followed Taiz as the next most violent provinces in Yemen, with almost 10,000 in total combat fatalities, reported

in each region since 2015, according to the group.

ACLED said the U.N.-brokered cease-fire for the Red Sea port city of Hodeida contributed to a partial drop in reported fatalities in recent months. That cease-fire has since crumbled.

"These data are both a tool and a warning: The international community must use them to help understand, monitor, and ultimately resolve the conflict before the situation spirals even further out of

control," said ACLED Executive Director Clionadh Raleigh.

The data covers everything from airstrikes, shelling and ground battles between the various forces to militant bombings and violence at protests. But their numbers do not include those who have died in the humanitarian disasters caused by the war, particularly starvation, nor fatalities from "collateral damage," ACLED spokesman Sam Jones said.

Coal

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worst of global warming and the EPA's own analysis that the new rule would result in the deaths of an extra 300 to 1,500 people each year by 2030, owing to additional air pollution from the power grid.

"Americans want reliable energy that they can afford," Wheeler declared at the signing ceremony, with White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney alongside to underscore Trump's approval.

There's no denying "fossil fuels will continue to be an important part of the mix," Wheeler said.

Lawmakers and industry representatives from coal states blamed federal regulation, not the market, for the decadeslong trend of declining U.S. coal use, and said Wednesday's act would stave off more coal plant closings.

"We're not ready for renewable energy so we need coal," declared Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va.

But rather than a sensible economic move, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi described the change as a "dirty power scam" and "a stunning giveaway to big polluters." She called climate change "the existential threat of our time" and said the administration was ignoring scientific studies and yielding to special interests.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

EPA chief Andrew Wheeler talks to reporters Wednesday after rolling back emissions requirements for coal-fired plants.

Obama's 2015 Clean Power Plan is currently stayed by the Supreme Court while challenges play out from more than two dozen states that contend it exceeded authority under the federal Clean Air Act.

Environmental advocates and Obama-era EPA officials involved in drafting the now-repealed plan said Trump's replacement rule will do little to cut climate-

damaging emissions from coal-fired power plants, at a time when polls show Americans are increasingly paying attention to global warming.

"I can't think of a single rule that would do more to set back the effort to do what we need to do to address the critical threat of climate change," said Joe Goffman, who helped draft the repealed Clean Power

Plan.

The Obama plan aimed at encouraging what already had been market-driven changes in the nation's electrical grid, pushing coal-fired power plants out and prodding utilities to rely more on natural gas, solar, wind and other lower- or no-carbon fuels.

Obama EPA head Gina McCarthy said Trump officials had "made painfully

clear that they are incapable of rising to the challenge and tackling this crisis. They have shown a callous disregard for EPA's mission, a pattern of climate science denial and an inexcusable indifference to the consequences of climate change."

Burning of fossil fuels for electricity, transportation and heat is the main human source of heat-trapping carbon emissions.

Trump has rejected scientific warnings on climate change, including a dire report this year from scientists at more than a dozen federal agencies noting that global warming from fossil fuels "presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life."

Administration officials argue climate science is imperfect, and that it's not clear climate change would have as great an impact as forecast.

Democrats pledge to make combating climate change a major issue in the presidential race. They condemned Wednesday's act.

Presidential contender Sen. Elizabeth Warren called for broad action to reduce emissions, saying "the climate crisis is endangering our country, our health, our economy and our national security."

Wheeler told reporters after the signing that he expected new coal plants to open as a result.

"We're leveling the playing field" in terms of regulations on various energy sources "to allow that investment to occur," he said. "We are trying to address climate change, but we're doing it with the authorities we have."

The Trump administration also is proposing to roll back an Obama-era mileage rule requiring tougher mileage standards for cars and light trucks. Environmental groups promise court challenges there too.



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The U.S. Navy conducted a tour of the damaged Japanese tanker Kokuka Courageous.

US Navy: Mine in tanker attack bears Iran hallmarks

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

U.S. NAVY 5TH FLEET BASE, United Arab Emirates — The limpet mines used to attack a Japanese-owned oil tanker near the Strait of Hormuz last week bore "a striking resemblance" to similar mines seen in Iran, a U.S. Navy explosives expert said Wednesday, stopping short of directly blaming Tehran for the assault.

Iran has repeatedly denied being involved in the June 13 attack on the Japanese tanker Kokuka Courageous and the Norwegian-owned Front Altair.

The comments by Cmdr. Sean Kido came as sailors showed reporters pieces of debris and a magnet the Navy says was used to attach an unexploded mine to the hull of the Kokuka Courageous. U.S. authorities say the materials were left behind by Iran's Revolutionary Guard when they spirited away the unexploded mine after the attack in the Gulf of Oman.

Iran, which previously used mines against oil tankers in the crucial waterway in the 1980s, has also not acknowledged retrieving the mine.

Kido stressed that the

damage to the Kokuka Courageous was "not consistent with an external flying object hitting the ship," as the ship's owner has contended happened during the attack.

"The damage we observed is consistent with a limpet mine attack," Kido said.

Meanwhile, rockets struck near an oil-drilling site in Iraq's southern Basra province early Wednesday, including one that hit inside a compound housing energy giant Exxon Mobil and other foreign oil companies and wounding three local workers, one seriously, Iraqi officials said.

The attacks come against the backdrop of heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran following President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from Tehran's nuclear deal a year ago.

Iran recently has quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium and threatened to boost its enrichment closer to weapons-grade levels, trying to pressure Europe for new terms to the 2015 deal.

In recent weeks, the U.S. has sped an aircraft carrier to the Mideast and deployed additional troops beyond the tens of thou-

sands already in the region. Mysterious attacks also have targeted oil tankers as Iranian-allied Houthi rebels launched bomb-laden drones into Saudi Arabia.

All this has raised fears that a miscalculation or further rise in tensions could push the U.S. and Iran into an open conflict, 40 years after Tehran's Islamic Revolution.

The U.S. Navy briefed foreign journalists Wednesday at a 5th Fleet base near Fujairah, an Emirati port city about 130 miles northeast of the capital, Abu Dhabi. They showed journalists debris recovered from the Kokuka Courageous after the attack, including aluminum and composite metals.

They also displayed a magnet, one of six apparently used to attach the unexploded mine to the ship. Sailors said it took two of them and a crowbar to pry it off the ship.

Limpet mines take their name from a mollusk that clings to rock and have been used by a variety of militaries. The mines can be attached by both magnets and nails. The Kokuka Courageous also bore nail holes near where Iranian forces took the unexploded mine, the sailors said.

Trump aide rebuffs questions about White House activities

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
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WASHINGTON — Former top White House adviser Hope Hicks on Wednesday refused to answer questions related to her time in the White House in an interview with the House Judiciary Committee, dimming Democrats' chances of obtaining new or substantive information about President Donald Trump as part of their investigation into obstruction of justice.

Frustrated Democrats taking breaks from the meeting said Hicks and her lawyer were following White House orders to stay quiet about her time there working for Trump. She was answering some questions about her time on Trump's campaign, the lawmakers said.

"She's objecting to stuff that's already in the public record," said California Rep. Karen Bass.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., called her answers "a farce." California Rep. Ted Lieu tweeted about the interview, writing that Hicks refused to answer even innocuous questions such as whether she had previously testified before Congress and where her office was located in the White House.

Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pa., said she asked Hicks if she had been aware of any outreach from the Russians during the campaign. After Hicks responded no, Dean named apparent contacts, such as emails, some of which are mentioned in special counsel Robert Mueller's report. Hicks said she hadn't thought those contacts were "relevant."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said Hicks' lawyers had asserted the White House's principle that as one of Trump's close



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Former White House aide Hope Hicks leaves a closed-door interview with the House Judiciary Committee.

advisers she is "absolutely immune" from talking about her time there because of separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches. Nadler said that principle is "ridiculous" and Democrats intend to "destroy" it in court.

Outside the interview, Nadler said the committee plans to take the administration to court on the immunity issue, and Hicks' interview would be part of the litigation.

In a letter Tuesday to Nadler, White House counsel Pat Cipollone wrote that Trump had directed Hicks not to answer questions "relating to the time of her service as a senior adviser to the president." The White House has similarly cited broad executive privilege with respect to many of the Democrats' investigative demands, using the president's power to withhold information to protect the confidentiality of the Oval Office decision-making process.

Republicans had a different perspective, saying she was cooperative and that the interview was a waste of time. The top Republican on the panel, Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, said they were "simply talking about things that are already out there in public or getting the same answers over and

over."

Hicks was a key witness for Mueller, delivering important information to the special counsel's office about multiple episodes involving the president. Mueller wrote in his 448-page report released in April that there was not enough evidence to establish a criminal conspiracy between Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia, but he said he could not exonerate Trump on obstruction of justice. The report examined several situations in which Trump attempted to influence or curtail Mueller's investigation.

Democratic aides said they plan on asking Hicks about several of those episodes, including efforts to remove Mueller from the investigation, pressure on former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the firing of FBI Director James Comey. The aides spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss their plans for the closed-door meeting.

The aides said that lawmakers also plan to ask about Hicks' knowledge of hush-money payments orchestrated by former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen to two women who claimed to have had affairs with Trump — the porn actress Stormy Daniels and model Karen McDougal.



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From 2000 to 2016, the Himalayas have been losing about 8.3 billion tons of ice a year, double the loss in 1975-2000.

Old spy images reveal Himalayan ice melt

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — Cold War era spy-satellite images are showing scientists that glaciers in the Himalayas are now melting about twice as fast as they used to.

The Asian mountain range, which includes Mount Everest, has been losing ice at a rate of about 1% a year since 2000, according to a study Wednesday in the journal Science Advances.

"The amount of ice (lost)

is scary but what is much more scary is the doubling of the melt rate," said Josh Maurer, a glacier researcher at Columbia University's Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory and lead author of the study.

The Himalayas, part of an area that is referred to as "The Third Pole" because it has so much ice, has only 72% of the ice that was there in 1975. It has been losing about 8.3 billion tons of ice a year, compared to 4.3 billion tons a year from 1975 to 2000, according to

the study.

The Himalayan melt doesn't contribute much to sea level rise, Maurer said, because it is dwarfed by melting in Greenland and Antarctica.

But the loss of the ice means current and future disruptions of water supplies — both surges and shortages — for the hundreds of millions of people in the region who rely on it for hydropower, agriculture and drinking, said study co-author Jorg Schaefer, a climate geochemistry pro-

fessor at Columbia.

Scientists lacked some critical data on ice in the Himalayas until Maurer found once-classified 3D images from U.S. spy satellites that had been put online. Those images allowed Maurer to calculate how much ice was on the Himalayas in 1975. He then used other satellite data to measure ice in 2000 and then again in 2016.

The major culprit? "It's clear it's temperature, and everything else doesn't matter as much," Schaefer said.

Migrant wave from Africa crashes US

Record numbers are showing up at southern border

BY ANDREW SELSKY AND PATRICK WHITTLE
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PORTLAND, Maine — Undaunted by a dangerous journey over thousands of miles, people fleeing economic hardship and human rights abuses in African countries are coming to the U.S.-Mexico border in unprecedented numbers, surprising Border Patrol agents more accustomed to Spanish-speaking migrants.

Officials in Texas and even Maine are scrambling to absorb the sharp increase in African migrants. They are coming to America after flying across the Atlantic Ocean to South America and then embarking on an often harrowing overland journey.

In one recent week, agents in the Border Patrol's Del Rio sector stopped more than 500 African migrants found walking in separate groups along the arid land after splashing across the Rio Grande, children in tow.

That is more than double the total of 211 African migrants who were detained by the Border Patrol along the entire 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border in the 2018 fiscal year.

"We are continuing to see a rise in apprehensions of immigrants from countries not normally encountered in our area," said Raul Ortiz, head of the U.S. Border Patrol's Del Rio sector.

The immigrants in Texas were mostly from the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola. Cameroonians have also been traveling up through Mexico and into the U.S. in larger numbers and seeking asylum at ports of entry.

On recent Saturday in Tijuana, there were 90 Cameroonians lined up to get on a waiting list to



Prince Pombo, right, of the Congo, seen with his wife, left, and daughter, are living in an emergency shelter in Maine.

request asylum that has swelled to about 7,500 names. Also on the waiting list are Ethiopians, Eritreans, Mauritians, Sudanese and Congolese.

Cameroonians generally fly to Ecuador because no visa is required and take about four months to reach Tijuana. They walk for days in Panama through dense jungle, where they are often robbed and held in government-run camps. They come from Cameroon's English-speaking south with horrifying stories of rape, murder and torture committed since late 2016 by soldiers of the country's French-speaking majority, which holds power.

A few days after the big groups of African immigrants were apprehended in Texas, federal officials dropped off dozens of them in San Antonio. Officials in the Texas city sent out a plea for French-speaking volunteers for translating work "and most importantly,

making our guests feel welcome."

Many were bused to Portland, Maine — about as far as one can get from the Mexican border and still be in the continental United States. Word has, 000 is a welcoming place. Somali refugees were resettled in Portland in the 1990s.

A total of 170 asylum-seekers arrived in recent days. Hundreds more are expected in an influx that City Manager Jon Jennings called unprecedented. With one shelter already full, a basketball venue called the Portland Exposition Building was converted into an emergency shelter.

Portland officials tweeted last week that rumors some of the migrants are carrying the Ebola virus "are patently false," and said that as asylum-seekers, they are in the United States legally.

One afternoon, families in the Expo chatted in French and Portuguese as



A migrant woman reads a bible inside a repurposed basketball arena being used to house a huge influx.

children kicked a soccer ball near rows of cots. One of the men, 26-year-old Prince Pombo, described himself as a pro-democracy activist and said he had fled his native country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, because of political oppression. He went to neighboring Angola, then flew to Brazil. There, he met a local woman and they had a baby they named Heaven. Now 16 months old, she giggled

as she played with her mother in the Expo. Pombo said his journey from Congo to America took three years.

More migrants are on the way. Mexico is on pace to triple the number of African immigrants it is processing this year, up from 2,100 in 2017.

Mbi Deric Ambi, from the English-speaking part of Cameroon, is among them. In a recent interview in the southern Mexican

city of Tapachula, Ambi said he was waiting for a document from the Mexican authorities that would allow him to proceed north to the U.S. He traveled overland through South and Central America after flying to Ecuador.

Human Rights Watch says 1,800 people have been killed and half a million have fled their homes in the Anglophone regions of Cameroon since late 2016. A United Nations official says 4.3 million people need humanitarian assistance.

"We don't have jobs in the English part, the educational system is poor, they are looking at us as dogs," Ambi said as a crowd of migrants jostled outside an immigration center in Tapachula, waiting for their names to be called to collect their travel document. Ambi has been waiting every morning for six weeks.

"We just have to be patient, because there is nothing we can do," he said.

The explosion in immigration to the United States from sub-Saharan Africa coincides with a steep drop in the migration flow across the Mediterranean to Europe after European countries and two main embarkation points — Turkey and Libya — decided to crack down. From Jan. 1 to June 12, only 24,600 migrants arrived in Europe by sea, compared to 99,600 over the same period in 2017, according to the International Organization for Migration.

But IOM spokesman Joel Millman doubts the migrant path for Africans has swung over from Europe to America.

Pombo, who was a teacher in Congo, learned in an internet search and by asking around that Portland is good place for migrants. He said his next step is to start rebuilding a life for himself and his family.

"I'd like to feel safe. I'd like to build a decent life," he said. "I need to start again."

Islamist group steps in first to assist victims of disasters

Indonesia officials neglect them, those receiving help say

BY STEPHEN WRIGHT
Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia — The two flags hanging outside Anwar Ragau's house have gotten him police warnings but the wiry 50-year-old vows he's not taking them down.

After all, the police weren't there to help when he was the only fisherman in his village to survive the tsunami that crashed into the Indonesian city of Palu on Sept. 28.

Nor were the aid organizations that swept into the stricken city.

Instead, when Ragau felt abandoned, the people to offer him a glimmer of hope — a new boat — were from the Islamic Defenders Front, a group with a notorious past that's included smashing up stores selling alcohol and attacking minority Muslim sects.

So it's the front's white-and-green flag that flutters outside Ragau's house alongside a black banner with white Arabic script. The words are a well-known declaration of Mus-

lim faith, but similar flags have become associated with violent extremists.

Police have visited several times, suspicious he may be spreading radicalism, but Ragau is unfazed and eager to show his support for the group getting him back on his feet.

The Islamic Defenders Front has long pushed for Islamic not secular law to govern the lives of Indonesia's 230 million Muslims. It sees itself as the enforcer of that vision. Yet over the past 15 years it has also repurposed its militia into a force that's adept at searching for earthquake victims as it is at inspiring fear.

In the process it has become an influential player in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation.

Besides the Palu earthquake and tsunami that killed 4,000 people, last year saw a series of earthquakes ravage Lombok and a tsunami wreak havoc on the Sunda Strait coastlines of Java and Sumatra.

The front was there at each disaster, searching for victims, distributing aid and building temporary housing. In addition, its regular charitable activities are a lifeline for urban poor.

The turning point for the

organization was its humanitarian response to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which killed more than 100,000 people in Indonesia's Aceh, said Maman Suryadi Abdurrahman, head of the front's militia.

Even in Aceh, one of Indonesia's most conservative provinces, they weren't welcome, Abdurrahman said, but they won over Acehnese by recovering and burying thousands of bodies.

"We've changed the ways of our demonstrations to be more persuasive and peaceful," he said.

Indonesia is a vast archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, and its central government has been accused of neglecting the needs of remote regions far from the center of political and economic power. For places such as Palu, which has a bloody history of sectarian violence, that has provided an opening for hard-liners and their message that religion, not government is the answer.

While the 350 tons of aid the front says it provided in Palu is a fraction of what eventually poured into the region, its delivery was rapid and grassroots.

As officials struggled to get a handle on what had



TATAN SYUFLANA/AP

Members of Islamic Defenders Front paint their group's logo as they help local fishermen to build boats in Palu, Indonesia, after a tsunami slammed into the seaside village.

happened, truckloads of supplies had already been dispatched by a nearby front chapter.

The militia's search and rescue team was the first to scour two neighborhoods swallowed by soil liquefaction, recovering bodies before the government search and rescue agency showed up.

The government's response to images of those rescuers at work was hampered, with the Information Ministry calling them a hoax. It seemed to forget that the National Search and Rescue Agency has provided training to front members.

"It is not only the bureaucracy that slows down the government's response, but rather sincerity," Abdurrahman said.

The front was formed, researchers say, by elements of the military after the 1998 fall of dictator Suharto as a tool for attacking liberal trends in a country newly embracing democracy.

It became infamous for running protection rackets and attacks on bars and other vigilantism. Researchers have estimated membership in the tens of thousands to several hundred thousand.

Crucially for its survival, it avoids a direct confronta-

tion with Indonesia's civil law-based constitution. Walking a fine line, it wants Islamic law only to apply to citizens who are Muslim.

"We want an Islamist country, not an Islamic state," Abdurrahman said.

Nevertheless, there have been calls for the government to not renew the front's registration on the grounds that it is a radical organization.

Interior Ministry spokesman Bahtiar stopped short of saying the government would do so, but said by law organizations involved in social or humanitarian work are not supposed to be overtly political.

Alabama approves 'chemical castration' for sex offenders

BY MARISA IATI
The Washington Post

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey has signed a bill this month that will require people convicted of certain sex offenses to undergo "chemical castration" as a condition of parole — a requirement meant to keep perpetrators from committing similar crimes.

Gina Maiola, a spokeswoman for the Republican governor, said the law will apply to people who commit sex offenses after Sept. 1 of this year.

The "chemical castra-

tion" law says a judge must order anyone convicted of a sex offense involving a child under the age of 13 to start receiving testosterone-inhibiting medication a month before their release from prison. Most offenders will have to pay for their treatment, which will be administered by the Department of Public Health, until a judge decides the medication is no longer necessary.

Under the law, a judge — and not a doctor — will tell the offender about the effects of the treatment. Offenders can choose at any

time to stop getting the medication and return to prison to serve the remainder of their terms. Anyone who stops receiving the castration treatment without approval will be considered guilty of a Class C felony, punishable under Alabama law by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

"Chemical castration" is a misnomer, as the process leaves the testes intact, can be reversed and does not prevent a man from reproducing. It does not guarantee a man's sexual urge will be eliminated. (There's no

consensus on whether the process would be effective for women.)

Experts warn that the treatment is not a panacea and should be used with caution. And there are few studies that attempt to determine the success rate of the treatment. A review of several of these studies shows that some found success in offenders who show sexual desire toward children. Others found no significant effect.

More than 57,000 children in the United States experienced sexual abuse in 2016, according to the Rape,

Abuse & Incest National Network. In 93% of cases, the child knew the perpetrator.

Seven other states and U.S. territories — California, Florida, Guam, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana and Wisconsin — permit some sex offenders to be forced to take testosterone-suppressing drugs as a condition of sentencing, release or supervision, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. A Republican lawmaker in Oklahoma proposed a bill last year that would have authorized the treatment

there, but the measure failed.

Side effects of the treatment can include depression, osteoporosis and anemia. Other possible side effects include serious allergic reaction, kidney failure or heart failure, depending on the medication used.

Trent Holmberg, a forensic psychiatrist, said most physicians would not consider an offender to have given informed consent to treatment if a judge, not a doctor, read them the effects of the drug, as the Alabama legislation requires.

Self-help guru convicted in lurid sex-trafficking case

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The guru of a cultlike self-improvement group that attracted heiresses and Hollywood actresses was convicted Wednesday of manipulating his female devotees through shame and humiliation and turning them into what prosecutors called his sex slaves.

A jury in federal court in Brooklyn took less than five hours to find Keith Raniere guilty on all counts of sex-trafficking and other charges accusing him of coercing women into sex.

"Raniere was truly a modern-day Svengali," Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue said outside court, calling him a lying manipulator who "ruined marriages, careers, fortunes and lives."

Raniere listened attentively, but showed no reaction as he learned the verdict.

His lawyer, Marc Agnifilo, said Raniere plans to appeal.

"Keith maintains his innocence. It's a very sad day for him," Agnifilo said. "I think he's not surprised, but he maintains that he didn't mean to do anything wrong."

Raniere's sentencing is set for Sept. 25.

Raniere, 58, once had an international following with a foothold in Hollywood with his self-help group, called NXIVM. His adherents included TV actress Allison Mack, best known for her role as a friend of a young Superman in the series "Smallville"; a Seagram's liquor fortune heiress, Clare Bronfman; and a daughter of TV actress Catherine Oxenberg of "Dynasty" fame.

"This was a very frightening group," Oxenberg said after the verdict. Her daughter India left NXIVM after her mother became an outspoken critic of it.

"I had to save a child



Catherine Oxenberg talks to reporters outside Brooklyn federal court after the verdict in the NXIVM case.

who was caught in the grips of this cult, so I wasn't going to stop until I succeeded," Oxenberg said.

Prosecutors had told jurors that Raniere — a man known as "Vanguard" and revered as "the smartest man in the world" among some followers — was actually a creepy con man who barely got passing grades in college.

A sorority made up of some NXIVM members, sometimes called "The Vow," was created "to satisfy the defendant's desire for sex, power and control," Assistant U.S. Attorney Moira Penza said in closing arguments.

Among the more damning allegations against Raniere were that he had some women branded with his initials and that he started having sex with a follower when she was 15. Prosecutors said he took a series of nude photos of the teen that were shown at trial, one by one, to the eight women and four men of the jury.

Raniere kept the photos stashed in his private study as "a trophy" of "his sexual conquest," Penza said.

The defense argued Raniere was a genuine believer in unconventional means for self-improvement and that all his sexual encounters with female followers of NXIVM were

consensual. His behavior could be seen as "repulsive and offensive, but we don't convict people in this country for being repulsive or offensive," Agnifilo said in his closings.

Raniere was arrested at a Mexican hideout in 2018 following an investigation into his Albany-area group.

His organization began to crumble amid sensational reports about The Vow alleging its members were held down and branded in ceremonies at a "sorority house" for them that had a mock dungeon.

Mack and Bronfman, who were named as defendants with Raniere in a federal indictment, pleaded guilty before they could go to trial with him. They didn't testify, leaving a co-operating member of his inner circle and three victims from the secret sorority as the key witnesses.

The cooperator described how female "masters" forced "slaves" for Raniere to give up "collateral" — nude photos and other material — to keep them in line.

One of the victims, whose name was withheld to protect her privacy, described being confined to a bedroom for more than 700 days on orders from Raniere as punishment for showing interest in another man.

Prosecutors charge four in downing of Malaysian airliner

BY MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands — International prosecutors announced murder charges Wednesday against four men — three of them Russians with military or intelligence backgrounds — in the missile attack that blew a Malaysia Airlines jet out of the sky over Ukraine five years ago, killing all 298 people aboard.

The case, built with the help of wiretaps, radar images and social media posts, marks the most significant step yet toward tying the tragedy to Moscow, which has backed the pro-Russian separatists fighting to seize control of eastern Ukraine.

In announcing the charges, prosecutors appealed for witnesses to help lead them even further up the chain of command in President Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Investigators "want to go as far as we can get" because "it's important to know who can be held responsible for this absolute tragedy," top Dutch prosecutor Fred Westerbeke said.

The trial for the defendants, who also include a Ukrainian separatist fighter, was set for next March in the Netherlands, though it appeared unlikely any of them would be brought before the court, since Russia and Ukraine forbid the extradition of their citizens.

Russia's Foreign Ministry called the charges against the country's citizens "absolutely unfounded" and accused the investigators of using "dubious sources of information" and ignoring evidence provided by Moscow in order to discredit Russia.

It said, too, that the international team turned a blind eye to Ukraine's failure to close its airspace to commercial flights despite the fighting that endangered aircraft.



Wilbert Paulissen speaks to reporters about suspects in the downing of a Malaysian passenger jet.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was brought down on July 17, 2014, over eastern Ukraine by what investigators said was a Buk missile from a Russian anti-aircraft unit. Investigators believe the Ukrainian rebels probably mistook the Boeing 777 passenger jet for a Ukrainian military plane.

Russia has repeatedly denied involvement in the attack, but eastern Ukraine's pro-Moscow rebels have relied heavily on Russian military assistance during the separatist conflict that erupted in April 2014 and has claimed more than 13,000 lives.

Associated Press reporters spotted a Buk, an unusually big and sophisticated type of weapon, in the Ukrainian town of Snizhne just hours before the jetliner was shot down, raining debris and bodies down onto farms and sunflower fields.

The investigation team said that even if the four defendants may not have actually pushed the button to launch the missile, they had a role in the preparations.

One of those charged was Russian citizen Igor Girkin, a retired colonel in Russia's main intelligence

agency, the FSB. He led Russian and separatist forces in Ukraine's Donetsk region in 2014.

Girkin dismissed the accusations in a telephone interview Wednesday, saying the "insurgents did not shoot down the Boeing." Girkin lives in Moscow.

The three others charged are Russian citizens Sergey Dubinskiy, identified as a former employee of Russia's military intelligence service, and Oleg Pulatov, described as a former soldier in military intelligence; and Leonid Kharchenko, a Ukrainian citizen who led a combat unit in the Donetsk.

Girkin led a group of Russian men who crossed into Ukraine and occupied the town of Sloviansk, which became the site of major fighting. He wrote on his social media account around the time of the jetliner attack that the rebels had shot down a Ukrainian military plane in the area where the Malaysian aircraft went down. He later deleted that post.

The Joint Investigation Team, made up of detectives from the Netherlands, Malaysia, Australia, Belgium and Ukraine, said the trial will begin with or without the defendants.

Man's mission makes mobility possible for the neediest

BY CATHY FREE
Special to The Washington Post

Mohan Sudabattula was 10 years old when his parents took him on a trip from their home in Utah to their family's ancestral village in India in 2006.

Along with visiting family and historic landmarks, Sudabattula's mother took him to an orphanage and school for disabled children.

Sudabattula, now 23, vividly remembers that some of the children were missing limbs, and used old lawn chairs with bicycle tires attached as wheelchairs.

"But most of them were still laughing and smiling and happy to meet us," said Sudabattula, who was born in the United States.

After returning home to West Jordan, Utah, where his parents had immigrated three decades ago, Sudabattula often thought about the cheerful children.

"It always stayed with me — they didn't even have a proper wheelchair," he said.

In 2016, when he came up with an idea to help people in wheelchairs.

Sudabattula was a triple major at the University of Utah (health policy, biology and philosophy) and a volunteer measuring disabled

children for prosthetics at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City.

He noticed that the children frequently removed their prosthetics because they weren't comfortable, and they also quickly outgrew them.

"Their parents would bring the prosthetics back, and the protocol was for us to throw them away," he said.

The unwanted prosthetics from Shriners couldn't be reused because they were each designed to fit only one child.

But the throwaway devices got Sudabattula thinking: What other mobility equipment could be rescued from dusty attics and basements, cleaned up and given to somebody in need?

"I knew that something as simple as a pair of crutches would change a person's life," he said.

After doing some research, Sudabattula created Project Embrace from his dorm room — a nonprofit that collects gently used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, slings, orthotic shoes and braces and redistributes them to disabled children and adults who can't afford them.

Since July 2017, he estimates that Project Embrace

has collected, cleaned and given away about 500 pieces of used mobility equipment to low-income people in Utah and to organizations that help the disabled in India and Swaziland.

At first, Sudabattula and his friends scoured local thrift stores for all the crutches and braces they could find.

Then they started asking everyone they encountered whether they knew of anyone with a wheelchair or a walker that was no longer being used.

"I learned to fit a lot into my Prius, so our living room was always full of wheelchairs and piles of donated medical equipment," he said. "Everywhere you looked, there were crutches propped up against the wall."

When word got out about the group's efforts, Sudabattula and his friends set up a website, and the phone started ringing, not only with offers of donations from families, care centers and metal scrap yards, but also of help.

The nonprofit now operates out of a free storage unit in Salt Lake County and donated office space at the University of Utah.

For Zac Fox, a 22-year-



Mohan Sudabattula visits an orphanage in India, where he delivered walkers and crutches.

old strategic communication major who is now the group's marketing director, the most rewarding aspect is meeting people who donate equipment once used by their loved ones.

"For somebody whose spouse used a wheelchair or walker before they passed away, it's hard to think of that equipment going into the trash," said Fox. "When they give it to us, they feel like they've given it a second life."

Recently, the group ventured for the second time with a full U-Haul to the Navajo Nation on the Utah-Arizona border, where there aren't always enough

wheelchairs, walkers and crutches for people who need them.

At the Utah Navajo Health System in Montezuma Creek, Utah, which describes itself as serving a rural location and a medically underserved population, a nurse told Sudabattula that she'd been trying to decide which patient out of 12 most deserved the single wheelchair that was available, he recalled.

"And then we pulled in with 80 medical devices, including 15 wheelchairs," said Sudabattula. He added: "We wished we could have brought more. But we'll be back."

Many of the donations go to Navajo families who sometimes drive more than 200 miles to see a physician, said Heather Balchinclow, an independent living coordinator for Active Re-Entry who assists disabled people in four states and the Navajo Nation.

"These donations greatly improve their daily living and self-esteem," she said.

Shortly after starting his charity, Sudabattula went back to the same orphanage in India that he'd visited with his parents.

This time, he brought several large boxes — filled with crutches and walkers.

Heavier? Dozing off in front of TV may cause weight gain

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dozing off to late-night TV or sleeping with other lights on may mix up your metabolism and lead to weight gain and even obesity, provocative but preliminary U.S. research suggests.

The National Institutes of Health study published Monday isn't proof, but it bolsters evidence suggesting that too much exposure to light at night could pose health risks.

"Evolutionarily we are supposed to be sleeping at

night, in a dark place," said lead author Dale Sandler, a scientist with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a division of the National Institutes of Health. "It's much more important than people realize for a whole variety of health reasons."

Daily exposure to light and darkness helps maintain our 24-hour body clock, which regulates metabolism, sleep-promoting hormones, blood pressure, and other bodily functions.

Mounting research suggests disrupting that typical sleep-wake cycle may con-

"Evolutionarily we are supposed to be sleeping at night."

— Dale Sandler, scientist, lead study author

tribute to poor health, increasing risks for high blood pressure, diabetes, depression and obesity.

The researchers analyzed health and lifestyle data on nearly 44,000 U.S. women enrolled in an ongoing study seeking clues to causes of breast cancer. The analysis focused on data on sleep, light exposure and weight gain during the

study, but not on breast cancer. Results were published in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Women in the study had medical exams and filled out health and lifestyle questionnaires when they enrolled and periodically after. Those who reported sleeping at night in a room with a television on or a light were more likely to

gain at least 11 pounds over about five years than those who slept in darkness. They were also about 30 percent more likely to become obese.

Sandler said she is confident that the added weight wasn't from things like snacking at night, because the analysis accounted for other variables that could have led to weight gain such as diet, physical activity and sleep duration.

Sandler said it's likely similar results would be found in men.

Animal research and smaller studies in humans

have linked prolonged light exposure with weight gain. Exactly how is uncertain but scientists think disruption in release of hormones related to sleep and appetite may be involved.

Dr. Phyllis Zee, an expert in sleep and circadian rhythm disorders at Chicago's Northwestern University, said the study is important because it highlights a behavior that can be easily changed to reduce the risk of gaining weight. "Properly timed light should be considered as part of a healthy life style," she said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Mexico becomes 1st to ratify trade deal with US, Canada

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to ratify a new free trade agreement with the United States and Canada, making it the first of the three countries to gain legislative approval.

Mexico's upper chamber voted 114-4 with three abstentions in favor of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA. President Donald Trump had demanded a renegotiation of the North Ameri-

can Free Trade Agreement that it will replace.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said in a recorded message that the vote "means foreign investment in Mexico, it means guaranteeing trade of the merchandise that we produce in the United States."

Mexican lawmakers had already executed a series of labor reforms sought by the U.S.

Senate panel OKs emergency aid for migrant refugees

WASHINGTON — A modified version of President Donald Trump's \$4.6 billion request to care for tens of thousands of migrant refugees massing at the southern border swept through a key Senate panel on Wednesday after senior lawmakers removed "poison pills" that Democrats objected to.

The Appropriations Committee approved the bill by a 30-1 vote on its way to a floor vote next

week. The Democratic-controlled House has yet to unveil its version of the bill as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has struggled to win support from the chamber's potent Hispanic Caucus.

The bipartisan vote likely means that the Senate will take the lead in writing the legislation, which needs to pass into law before the House and Senate leave for vacation next week.

Xi supports N. Korea's direction on issues ahead of visit to Kim

SEOUL, South Korea — Chinese President Xi Jinping praised North Korea for moving in the "right direction" by politically resolving issues on the Korean Peninsula in an essay published in both countries' official media Wednesday on the eve of Xi's visit to Pyongyang to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Xi had nothing to say on the biggest outside worry about North Korea —

stalled nuclear weapons talks between Washington and Pyongyang — in the article.

But experts believe he could use his summit with Kim, which the North is calling a state visit, to endorse North Korean calls for an incremental disarmament process in which every action Pyongyang takes is met with concessions by the United States on sanctions and security issues.



K.M. CHAUDARY/AP

In Pakistan: A police officer stands guard while a health worker gives children polio vaccinations in Lahore on Wednesday, the start of a nationwide campaign against the disease that has been difficult to eradicate in part because of attacks on health workers.

Trump's UN envoy nominee defends climate record

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's nominee to be the next U.S. envoy to the United Nations on Wednesday defended her record on climate change, saying it is a "real risk to our planet" that must be addressed.

Kelly Knight Craft told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that she believes human behavior has contributed to climate change and she'll push countries to deal with it. However, she also said the United States should not have to bear an "outsized burden" in mitigating its effects.

Her comments came in response to questions from Democrats on the panel prompted by previous remarks she made doubting the causes and severity of climate change and suggesting that climate change doubters have valid arguments.

Craft also said that withdrawing from the Paris agreement did not mean the administration was ceding a leadership role on climate change.

"We don't need to be a member to show leadership," she said, arguing that developing countries like China and India were not

being asked to make the same contributions as the United States.

Craft is a longtime GOP activist from Kentucky who is currently U.S. ambassador to Canada. She and her husband, Joe Craft, have donated millions of dollars to Republican presidential and other political candidates and if confirmed, she would be first major political donor to occupy the top U.N. post for any administration.

Joe Craft is the chief executive of Alliance Resource Partners, one of the largest coal producers in the country.

Schumer wants probe in delay of Tubman \$20 bill

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., asked the inspector general of the Treasury Department on Wednesday to open an investigation into the Trump administration decision not to release new \$20 bills with Harriet Tubman's portrait next year as

planned.

The federal government was well into the redesign process to replace the image of President Andrew Jackson, a slaveholder, with that of Tubman, a 19th-century slave-turned-abolitionist, when Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced in May that it

was being delayed until at least 2028.

Schumer asked that the IG's office review the decision to determine if the White House influenced it, saying he wanted "to ensure that political considerations have not been allowed to infect the process for designing" currency.

Trump campaign raises \$24.8M in under a day

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump raised \$24.8 million less than 24 hours after kicking off his reelection campaign, a figure that dwarfs what the top Democratic contenders took in over the course of months.

The staggering total was announced in a tweet on Wednesday morning by Republican Party Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel.

Trump's massive haul is a demonstration of the power of incumbency.

Trump already reported \$48.7 million cash on hand at the end of March, spread across three committees tied to his campaign. The Republican National Committee had an additional \$34.7 million during the same period.

The Democratic National Committee, meanwhile, had just \$7.5 million with \$6.2 million in debt, records show.

In Ohio: A state hospital system has reached nearly \$4.5 million in settlements for the deaths of patients who allegedly received excessive painkiller doses ordered by a doctor now charged with murder.

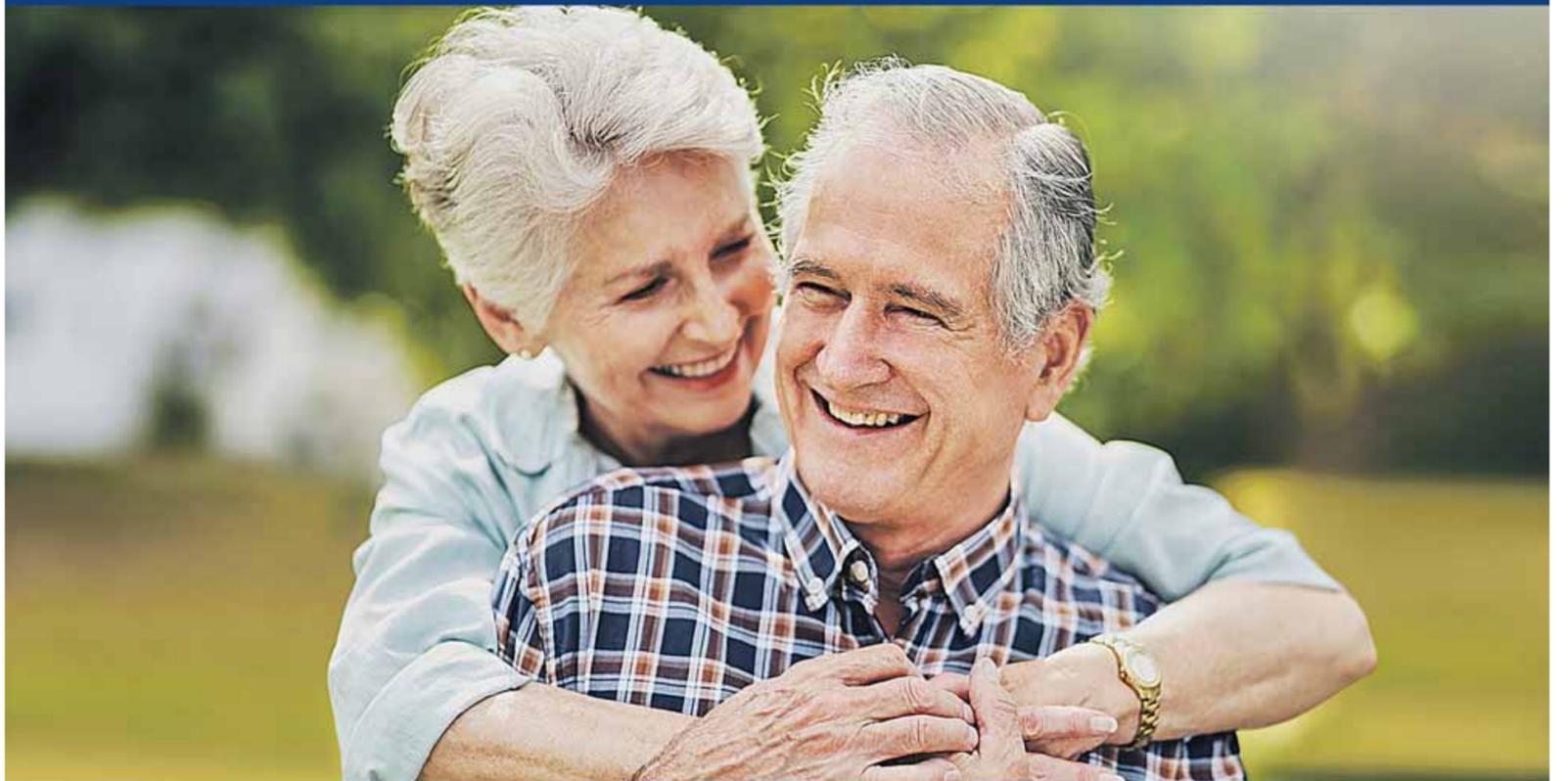
Over two dozen wrongful-death lawsuits have been filed against the Columbus-area Mount Carmel Health System and now-fired intensive care Dr. William Husel.

Mount Carmel has reached settlements in seven cases, plus two that didn't involve lawsuits. The settlements range from \$200,000 to \$700,000.

Husel pleaded not guilty to murder charges in 25 deaths. His lawyer says Husel was providing comfort care to dying patients, not trying to kill them.

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EDITORIALS

Ald. Carrie Austin and the feds

It was a regular Wednesday morning on the Far South Side.

Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, joined Mayor Lori Lightfoot at Percy L. Julian High School, where Austin's own kids attended school, to announce a summer mentoring program. Standing at a podium with the mayor, Chicago Park District Superintendent Michael Kelly and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson, Austin appeared unaware of activity unfolding at her 111th Street ward office a few miles away. Federal agents were inside, conducting a raid.

Like we said, a regular Wednesday morning in Chicago.

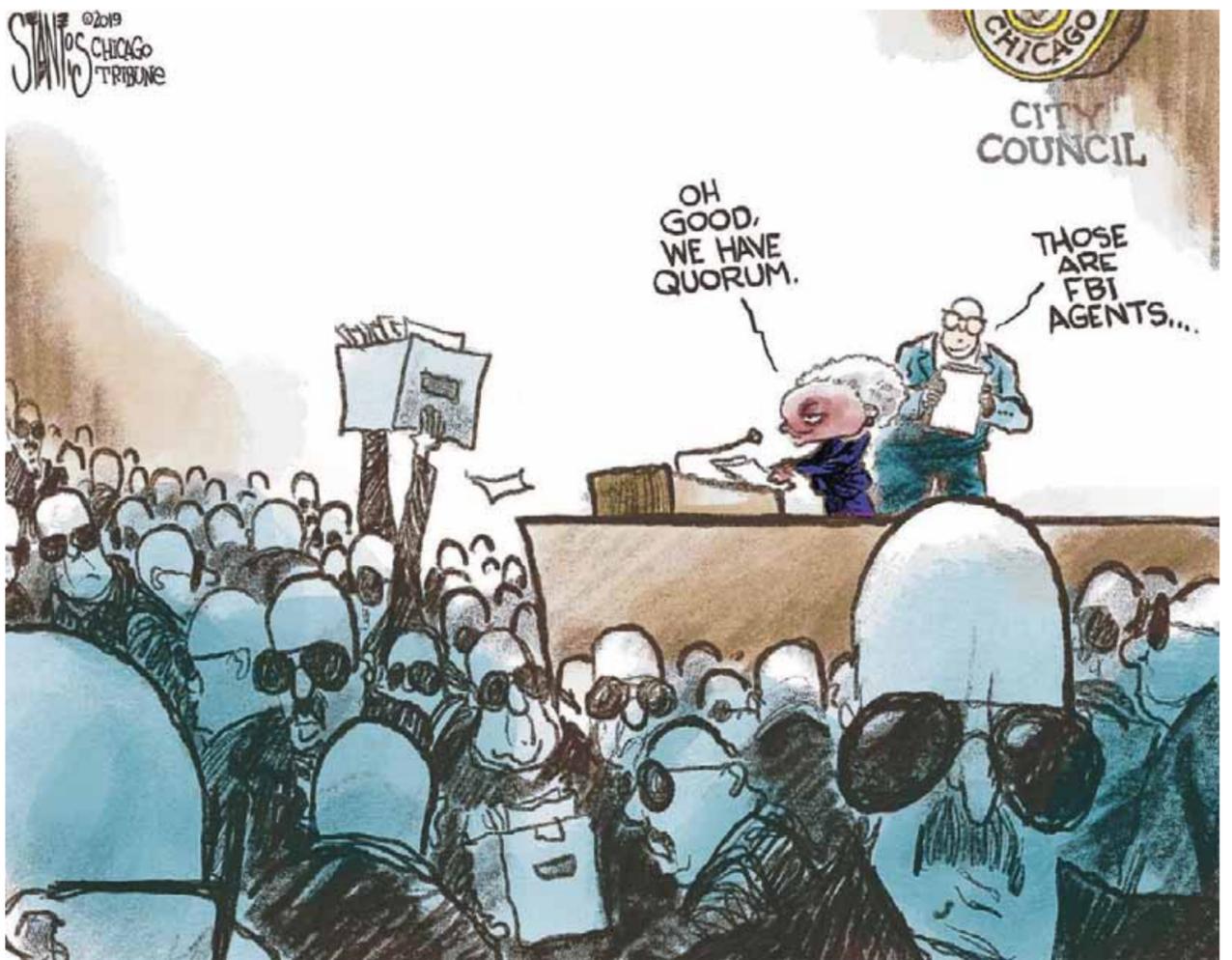
Multiple media outlets confirmed that FBI agents had acquired a search warrant for Austin's office and were removing boxes and computers.

Earlier this month Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, pleaded not guilty to a 14-count indictment charging him with racketeering, attempted extortion and conspiracy. Prosecutors allege he used his government role to land business for his law firm and to demand favors from Field Museum staff. The case against Burke rests in part on recordings taped by former Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, who wore a wire while cooperating with the feds.

We do not know what, if any, allegations of wrongdoing could be tied to Austin, or to someone in her office. As we often caution in this Shakedown City: Subpoenas and searches sometimes lead to criminal charges, sometimes not.

But it's safe to say that the U.S. Department of Justice is intensifying its scrutiny of Chicago city government. Public revulsion over corruption helped elect Lightfoot mayor. If the U.S. attorney's office here has to do the cracking down, so be it.

Until Lightfoot recently switched some City Council chairmanships, Austin oversaw the influential Budget Committee and worked alongside Burke. She wasn't quick to embrace the feds' effort to clean up Chicago's corrupt City Hall: When aldermen learned in January that Solis had



SCOTT STANTIS

been wearing a wire to record his colleagues, Austin was among those who shamed him for cooperating. "I might cry," Austin said. "You don't do that. You just don't."

On the City Council, Austin routinely, defiantly, blocks government reform efforts. She refused to get behind an expansion of the city inspector general's authority to investigate aldermen. She wouldn't allow anonymous tips to be included in IG probes. Maybe that's because Inspector General Joe Ferguson found that Austin's son got into an accident

while driving a city car while his license was suspended, and then attempted to cover it up. The son was forced to step down from his \$72,000-a-year job at the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

She also neutered the authority of an independent City Council budget watchdog by requiring that he report directly to her, not serve as an independent adviser to the council.

When good government initiatives float through City Council, Austin is consistently on the wrong side of transparency. And

maybe that's due to her start in office: She took over the aldermanic seat from her late husband in 1994 after serving as a \$35,000-a-year traffic investigator. Her job, she said back then, was to check on street signs in four South Side wards and report on any that needed replacing. She acknowledged she got the gig with her husband's assistance but said she took the role seriously and walked through neighborhoods checking signs.

"I've been around a while," she told the Tribune in 1995 when the feds were looking into suspected

no-show jobs on the city payroll. "I know about ghost payroll. But I wasn't a ghost. I was a workaholic. I have nothing to worry about."

She was not charged in that case.

But add to the long and seemingly endless chronicle of Chicago corruption the morning of June 19, 2019, when federal agents raided yet another alderman's office as she stood at a podium announcing a mentoring program. They sure know how to spoil a party.

An eyebrow-raising study shows how dogs evolve to manipulate

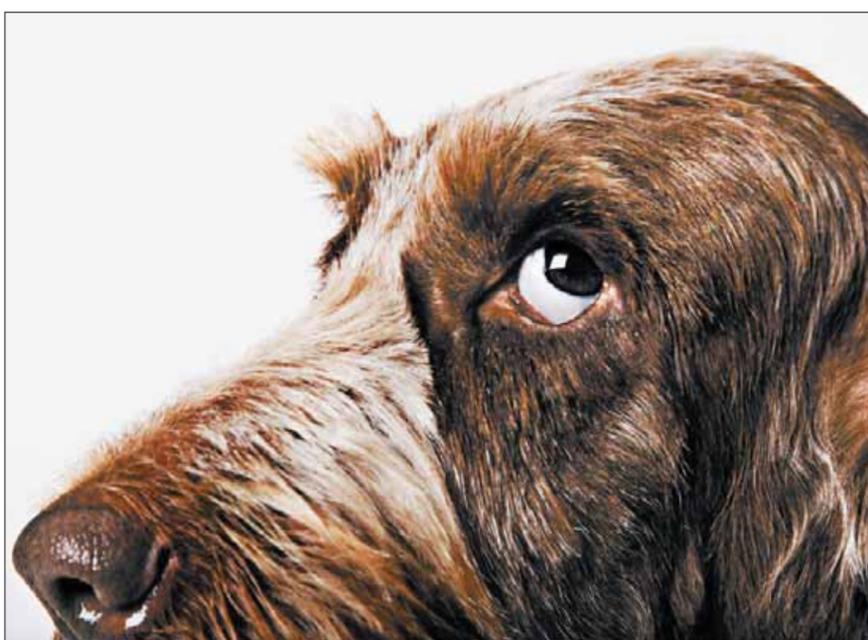
Humans have become the humble subjects of their pet dogs — OK, their companion canines — whose puppy eyes reduce the humans to embarrassing displays of affection and baby talk.

It's not our fault, people. It's science.

Dogs use a specific muscle to raise their eyebrows and make that heart-tugging, treat-jar-opening expression that says, "I'm tragically, unbearably sad right now," while also hinting, "but as a matter of fact, yes, a snackie might help a little."

Wolves, researchers have now discovered, have no such ability. They either lack this muscle entirely or have only a weak version of it, The Associated Press reports. This suggests the pleading eyebrow lift developed over thousands of years of domestication, during which dogs grew to excel at bending mere humans to their will.

Dogs generally have more expressive faces than wolves, and they rely on eye contact with humans to solve problems. And there's more on the



MARTIN BARRAUD/GETTY

manipulative mastery of these furry little faces. In 2013, one of the same researchers studied shelter dogs and found that one

factor stood out in relation to how quickly a dog was adopted: the movement of eyebrows upward and inward.

Humans are accustomed to reading eyebrow signals. In people, raised eyebrows are associated with surprise, disap-

proval or fear. Flashing eyebrows — a super-quick lift — can be a greeting or a flirting signal. What an ingenious and insidious strategy to use this expression to request a trip to the park. This move is so effective that it even works when used by a persuasive, blind dog of our acquaintance that has no eyeballs at all.

Researchers found that horses have similar facial movements to dogs, yet cats don't move their faces much at all, The New York Times notes. It's therefore unclear how cats communicate so clearly. Perhaps they simply transmit thoughts directly into the human brain. "Please remove yourself," they telegraph. "You are blocking my sunbeam."

Science will march on, as this small study of dogs and wolves has raised new questions that researchers now aim to explore. Meanwhile, it's clear to any pet owner that sad eyes, head tilts and quizzical reproaches will, in fact, result in chin scratches. It's time to give up, and welcome our brilliantly evolved dog overlords.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

As a former antitrust enforcer, I believe that the starving of journalism and the disinformation crisis are in good part monopoly problems. I've been writing about antitrust and tech platforms since the summer of 2016, when I noticed that the tech giants — Google, Amazon, Facebook and Apple — were doing the same types of things Microsoft had been sued for nearly 20 years earlier. They were leveraging their market power to make fair competition impossible.

These tech giants are gatekeepers that also compete

against companies that must get through their gates to reach users. News publishers must get through Facebook and Google's gates due to the two platforms' concentrated control over the flow of information. But Facebook and Google compete against news publishers for user attention, data and ad dollars. They are controlling the game and playing it too.

Publishers never had a fair shot, nor do they have bargaining power against the platforms. The platforms can cut them off with a simple tweak of an algorithm. Face-

book and Google exploit their middlemen positions to divert ad revenue away from publishers and into their own pockets. ...

Antitrust enforcement alone won't solve all of the problems listed above, but we won't be able to solve anything unless we weaken monopolies' power. It is a necessary but not sufficient condition. News is not just any commodity. It's a social good that is essential to hold power to account.

Sally Hubbard, ProMarket

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump's aggressive stance toward Iran is backed by national security adviser John Bolton, left, and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Trump's clueless Iran policy lurches the US toward war



STEVE CHAPMAN

The Trump administration's unbending policy toward Iran was supposed to force the foe into submission. President Barack Obama's conciliatory caresses, we were told, had only emboldened the Iranians. President Donald Trump's strength and toughness would leave them no choice but to capitulate.

Well, it was nice to think so. But now the administration accuses Iran of attacking tankers in the Gulf of Oman, and Tehran has announced plans to violate the nuclear deal that the U.S. renounced. Iran is not backing down. It's digging in and acting out.

That response should confirm that Trump and his advisers don't know how to get their way. Curiously, the rulers in Tehran reject taking steps that make them look weak. They look for ways to show their resolve.

Maybe the president and his aides didn't see this coming. Or maybe what they predicted would happen is not what they were hoping to get. Instead of making Iran less of a threat, they have made it more of one — which is a

positive development only if you want an excuse to go to war.

The 2015 pact signed by Obama was designed to keep Iran at least a year away from being able to make a nuclear bomb. Trump killed the deal because it would allow Iran to escape these constraints in 2031. By killing the deal, he allowed Iran to escape right away.

The regime has chosen to do so by moving to produce and stockpile more enriched uranium than the agreement allowed. The regime said it may also enrich the material to even higher levels than before, putting it closer to being able to produce bomb fuel.

At this juncture, Trump might reflect on the value of established credibility. If Americans have learned you can be trusted to tell the truth, they are more likely to believe you when you need their support. But after spending four years in a nonstop flurry of brazen lies, you can hardly expect them to take your word for anything.

The evidence that Iran attacked a pair of tankers with mines is less than airtight. The owner of the attacked Japanese vessel said the damage was inflicted by a flying object, not a mine. The fact that Iranian sailors were photographed removing an unexploded device from the ship does not prove they put it there. If the Iranians were keen on not being caught, this was a strange way to go about it.

Trump's aggressive tone and tactics may provoke miscalculations by Iran that lead to direct hostilities.

Even if we could trust Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and others not to lie about what the Iranians did, there is no reason to trust their response. Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton have long advocated regime change in Tehran, and you know what? They just might use these events to advance their plans.

Nor can we put much faith in their competence. Trump hasn't had a Senate-confirmed defense secretary since last year; his acting secretary just resigned; and his new acting secretary will have no grace period.

This is the same administration that set out to make North Korea surrender its nuclear arsenal, and that arsenal is believed to be growing. With Trump in charge of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, the Taliban now control more of the country than they have since we arrived in 2001.

Trump says he doesn't want war with Iran, and it's conceivable that he

means it. But his aggressive tone and tactics may provoke miscalculations by Iran that lead to direct hostilities.

According to The Washington Post, "Pompeo has privately delivered warnings intended for Iranian leaders that any attack by Tehran or its proxies resulting in the death of even one American service member will generate a military counterattack, U.S. officials said." That pledge gives any rogue group the power to enmesh us in war.

An all-out conflict with Iran would not end well. The enemy might survive an onslaught, inflict a significant number of casualties and bog us down among a hostile people. Or the regime could collapse, creating a vast ungoverned space that would attract Islamic State, al-Qaida and other terrorist groups.

Best-case scenario: We win a smashing victory and then enjoy the privilege of occupying the country, which has more than three times the land mass of Iraq and twice the population. Sound tempting?

The U.S. relationship with Iran has long been a problem. But there is no problem so bad that Trump can't make it worse.

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THE PRESIDENT SITS DOWN WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS



PERSPECTIVE



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Refugees cross the Iraqi-Syrian border in northern Iraq in 2014. The U.S. is offering sanctuary to fewer and fewer refugees.

I helped refugees in Iraq. Now I'm a refugee working in the US.

BY TAIF ALSHAKIR

As an aid worker in Iraq, I worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations to help Syrian refugees fleeing the Islamic State. Now, I'm an immigrant myself, building a new life in Chicago and contributing to my new home as an administrator at a local hospital.

I urge our leaders to rethink policies that make it harder for refugees to come and contribute to America. Our willingness to welcome the world's displaced and vulnerable has historically made American communities stronger and wealthier — but so far this fiscal year, America has admitted just 18,051 refugees, down from more than 80,000 in 2016. That decline is eroding our moral leadership in the world and weakening the economy in communities all across the country.

I was born and raised in Baghdad, in a middle-class family. When Saddam Hussein's regime fell in 2003, I left my private-sector job and joined USAID to help rebuild my country. For years, I worked alongside Americans to improve Iraqi health clinics. Then in 2014, I joined a United Nations team in Erbil, where tens of thousands of Syrian refugees were crossing the border to escape the Islamic State. We helped people who had lost everything to obtain shelter, food and medical attention. Thanks to our efforts, the 125,000 Syrian refugees in Erbil have now integrated into the local economy, building new lives for themselves and their families, and bringing much-needed skills and creativity to north-

ern Iraq.

But while we worked, Islamic State forces advanced toward northern Iraq. Luckily, I was able to gain a Special Immigrant Visa, which grants U.S. residency to Iraqis persecuted for assisting the U.S. government. In 2014, I left my old life behind and came to America with my family.

I was fortunate. Recently, it has grown far harder for Iraqis to obtain these visas. Around 100,000 Iraqis are still seeking to come to America under the Special Immigrant Visa and related programs, but last year the U.S. government approved just 200 visas, down from 10,000 in 2016.

Sadly, that's in keeping with the current administration's broader refugee policies. The U.S. is offering sanctuary to fewer and fewer refugees — a trend that's bad not only for those in need, but also for American communities.

As my own life story shows, refugees are often highly skilled and motivated to become productive members of the American workforce. Almost 4 out of 5 refugees are working age, according to New American Economy, and America's refugees have a collective household income of \$77.2 billion, and pay \$20.9 billion each year in taxes. Refugees boast high rates of retention with our employers. The diversity that we offer to U.S. companies has been proven to boost bottom lines and innovation.

Certainly, my wife and I have been working hard since coming to Chicago. Thanks to Upwardly Global, a nonprofit that offers job coaching, skill-building and networking to work-authorized immigrants and

refugees, we were both able to find work with a local nonprofit organization, where I used my experience as a project manager to coordinate in-home care for seniors across the Chicago region.

Three years ago, I took a new role as international programs coordinator at a South Side hospital, where I now help patients from around the world access treatment.

I've also just received a master's in biomedical informatics from the University of Chicago, gaining health care management skills that will help me ensure that all our patients receive prompt, effective care from our world-class physicians. I'm proud to know that I'm giving back to Chicago — especially in health care, a sector that powers our city's economy but continuously faces severe worker shortages.

I've seen hope and suffering in the tent cities of northern Iraq, and I know I'm fortunate to have escaped the Islamic State and to have been given a chance to build a new life in America. My wife and I now own our own home, as is the case for about 6 out of 10 refugee families. Our children are growing up in peace and safety.

We're grateful for our new life here and are proud to be able to fully contribute our skills to Chicago's workforce. I hope America will continue to give immigrants the same chance to build new lives here, and to enrich our communities and our economy, in years to come.

Taif Alshakir is an international programs coordinator at University of Chicago Medicine.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Lightfoot has work here to do

Mayor Lori Lightfoot barely knows her way around City Hall, yet she found time to travel coast to coast to attend fundraisers in her very short time in office.

Perhaps when she's finished hobnobbing with Oprah and Stephen Colbert, she wouldn't mind doing her job in Chicago. Isn't she the same person who lambasted Anthony Riccio, first deputy superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, for taking a long-planned family trip out of town? — Mike Rice, Chicago

Townships help in many ways

Once again, the Tribune Editorial Board's call for township abolishment leaves out many important facts and information for voters to weigh when considering the matter ("To declutter Illinois and save dollars, eliminate townships," June 17).

While townships generally have three primary functions, the editorial does not acknowledge the host of other programs they may provide. Townships in the Chicago area offer a safety net of social services to our most vulnerable community members — the poor, disabled, seniors and youths, large segments of the population our state is failing.

The editorial claims that township programs and services could be handled by municipalities and counties, while acknowledging a few paragraphs later that there is already far too much waste at the city and county levels. Townships operate with less debt and lower payroll per capita than most counties. I do not believe there are many proponents arguing that Cook County could responsibly deliver the many services townships provide, at current levels — or in an improved way.

During the 100th General Assembly, 21 of the 24 McHenry County Board members sent a letter to the governor opposing the consolidation bill from Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, because there was no study or report that addressed the financial burden to the county, municipalities or taxpayers.

Residents in Hanover Township did in fact vote to eliminate their township's road district and highway commissioner in 2017, but the Tribune editorial does not mention that the duties and responsibilities transferred to the township. Over the last two years, the Township Board has reduced the road district levy and implemented efficiencies in operations.

I agree there are townships in Illinois that could be consolidated. I also believe there are park districts, library districts, and special districts that could also be merged. Local government reform is a serious topic that needs to be discussed with all the facts.

— Brian McGuire, supervisor, Hanover Township

My township serves me well

I live two blocks outside of Aurora, in Aurora Township. I disagree 100% with the editorial calling for the elimination of townships, at least as it applies to my township.

My cousin owns a house of equal value to my house, but I'm on a half acre in the township while her house is on a postage stamp-sized lot within Aurora city limits. My property taxes are affordable, while hers are over three times what I pay.

What does she get for her additional taxes? Basically water from Aurora and garbage collection. I have a well, so I need a water softener and whole house water filter, and I have to pay for my own garbage collection. Interestingly enough, I pay less for garbage collection than my cousin's tax for garbage collection, even though the same collection company serves us.

I pay the big-ticket items on my taxes, such as taxes to the Aurora school district and the Fox Valley Park District, at the same rate as if I lived within Aurora's limits. I should also mention my township government is efficient and responsive to our needs.

As a retired widow whose 401(k) was decimated in the financial collapse, I can afford my home, which is paid off; I can pay my taxes with my income. If my property was incorporated into Aurora, I could no longer afford to live here. I would be forced to sell my house and move to a community or state with taxes I could afford.

I'm certain that there are townships that are poorly run, but as evidenced by Aurora Township, that is not true of all.

In addressing only generalities, the editorial skips all the advantages that townships can offer.

— Susan Canning Ramirez, Aurora

We need to let YouTube be YouTube

BY KARL W. SMITH

YouTube's latest attempt to crack down on hate speech has produced significant collateral damage. Policies designed to limit the spread of Holocaust denialism wound up censoring videos that attacked denialism; a history teacher who dedicated his life to chronicling Nazi abuses found himself banned.

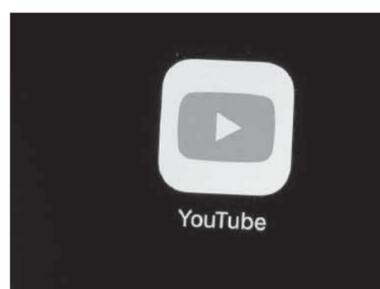
These errors were more than just predictable, and they are more than just the latest illustration of the difficulty of applying the standards and practices of old media to new media. What they show is the fundamental difference between a social media company and a media company.

Society expects major publishers to censor odious views, and there can be little doubt that companies such as YouTube and Facebook are major publishers. Yet professional censorship depends on a publisher's control of the production of content. The system doesn't work in a world of user-created content.

YouTube's crackdown was spurred by a campaign from Carlos Maza, a journalist at Vox Media, against Steven Crowder, a YouTube "shock jock" who persistently directed homophobic and racist slurs at Maza. YouTube issued a series of confused and contradictory responses that ultimately resulted in a new policy banning any videos "alleging that a group is superior in order to justify discrimination, segregation or exclusion."

That rule seems innocuous enough. But Crowder's misconduct took the form of mockery and condescension, tools of subversion often used by marginalized groups against the privileged or powerful. More to the point in this current dispute: Efforts to educate each successive generation on the horrors of Nazism will necessarily involve exposure to its worst vitriol.

Thus publishers will have to make distinctions — between spiteful and subversive rhetoric, between incitement and education. These are the kind of decisions that traditional publishers, those in control of their own editorial content, have always



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

As much as possible, YouTube should train both its humans and machines to err on the side of publication.

been expected to make (and mostly do).

Now consider YouTube, which releases about 500 hours of content every minute, the vast majority of which is ignored. A small fraction, as determined largely by user engagement, is elevated to a mass audience. As a publisher, then, YouTube is not only depending on its users for its content, it is depending on them to help decide which content other users see. In newspaper terms, the user is both reporter and editor.

This system is not without costs. Yet it is also essential to the massive democratization of video content that YouTube has empowered. Content that might have struck traditional editors as trivial, controversial or just plain weird can, if given the opportunity, strike a chord with millions of users and move into the mainstream.

The psychologist Jordan Peterson, for example, first found fame with a contentious denunciation of Ontario's hate speech laws. He won legions of fans, however, with his voluminous collection of

YouTube videos on self-help and biblical interpretation. Now a bestselling author, Peterson has given lectures about self-improvement to audiences around the world.

This is the great genius and flaw of YouTube: It publishes a wildly eccentric and sometimes belligerent psychology professor that a sophisticated human editor might ignore. It also employs sophisticated algorithms that could still label an anti-Nazi documentary as hate speech.

The only solution is for YouTube to become a truly open platform. As much as possible, it should train both its humans and machines to err on the side of publication. If it is going to establish some principles for what it allows, as journalist Felix Salmon and others suggest, they should be very permissive.

That doesn't mean YouTube can't fight genuine harassment, which often comes from consumers rather than producers of content. For one, it can take technological steps to limit its harm, such as making aggressive blocking software available to keep comments from reaching those who don't want to see them. It should also work with law enforcement to pursue serious threats that move offline and into the real world. It's not always easy to draw that line, but with time it will get easier.

These are admittedly imperfect solutions. Those are usually the only kind at first when a new technology comes along and disrupts old ways of doing things. What works for the news media won't work for social media. Whatever the solution, however, the goal should be to reduce harms while protecting benefits. On that score, some degree of vile and offensive online speech may be a cost we have to manage in order to have a free and digitally democratized society.

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Gabriella Massey, a junior interior designer, takes a peek at a phone booth, made by Room, during NeoCon last week at the Merchandise Mart.

Open offices leading to the return of the 'phone booth'

Younger workers looking for an escape from modern noisiness can enter the small spaces

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

As Generation Z starts entering the workforce, office interior designers are creating flexible workspaces that offer the privacy young workers — those born between 1997 and 2012 — demand.

Design experts say privacy is important to this young generation of workers in order to escape the noisiness that has enveloped the open office, so they are drawing inspiration from a surprising place: the phone booth, an obsolete space most members of Gen Z have probably never entered.

Tall and narrow “phone booths” are making their way into offices to insulate sound and provide a quiet space where employees can step away for a phone call or to focus on work. Most models have one glass side, but others are all glass, providing a fishbowl-like experience. There’s no built-in phone, but there is a countertop, seat, power outlets, a light and ventilation.

The open-office concept was heralded as a way to lower costs and promote interaction and collaboration among employees throughout organizations. But a study last year by Harvard University researchers found, among

other things, that workers miss their privacy.

Young workers make up an increasingly large section of the labor force as baby boomers continue to retire. According to consulting firm BridgeWorks, Gen Z is estimated to account for 63 million people in the U.S., and the eldest of this group are starting to trickle into the workforce. As more young people start working, furniture makers are coming up with products to help employers attract young talent.

Dozens of vendors showed off office phone booths recently at NeoCon, the annual commercial interior design show at Chicago’s Merchandise Mart.

“It’s really difficult to find privacy or quiet in the open floor plan,” said Brian Chen, co-found-

er and CEO of Room, a designer of phone booths. “We are definitely noticing that companies are seeing a big mistake in putting all sorts of different activities in one single floor plan, and that is a recipe for people being stressed or unhappy in the office.”

Room has sold its phone booth offices to more than 1,500 businesses since launching in May 2018. The company, which sells its phone booths for about \$3,500 each, expects annual sales to reach \$30 million this year, Room spokeswoman Morgan Albrecht said.

Phone booths give employees the option of stepping into someplace quiet without walking too far from their desk, said Jonathan

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US steel industry shows weakness

Despite tariffs, two Gary plants will halt production temporarily

BY JEFF STEIN
The Washington Post

U.S. Steel announced it will temporarily halt production at two domestic plants despite the boost from the Trump administration’s tariffs, as a steel industry singled out for federal support shows signs of weakening.

On Tuesday, U.S. Steel said it would suspend operations at a blast furnace near Detroit as well as one in Gary, Indiana, on the shore of Lake Michigan. A third plant in Europe will also be idled, the company said.

The closings run in sharp contrast to the narrative President Donald Trump has offered about the steel industry.

Tuesday night in Orlando, Florida, as he formally announced he was running for reelection, Trump boasted about helping the steel industry through the use of tariffs on imports.

“Thanks to our tariffs, American steel mills are roaring back to life, you know that,” he said.

The moves come amid broader concerns about a slowdown in the steel industry, which threatens to derail a key economic priority of the Trump administration. Despite initially surging under the tariffs, steel prices have fallen dramatically amid weakening demand from key consumers, including the auto industry, energy industry and agricultural industry, said Phil Gibbs, a steel industry analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets.

Prices of hot-rolled coil — a key metric of steel prices — have fallen from their peak last year of \$900 a short ton to less than \$600 a short ton, said James Moss, a steel industry consultant at First River Consulting based in Pittsburgh.

Last year, Trump imposed tariffs of 25 percent on steel imports and 10 percent on aluminum imports, citing national security concerns. The tariffs remain in effect for China and most countries, although they have been curbed in a limited number of exceptions, such as for Canada and Mexico.

Trump’s tariffs helped the steel industry’s resurgence in 2017 and 2018, leading to soaring profits and company plans to restart old plants. Amid the favorable business climate, contract negotiations last year led U.S. Steel workers to receive their biggest pay increases in years.

Trump celebrated the steel industry’s improvement under his administration, calling it a key success story of his tariffs.

Trump’s steel tariffs may help curb the competition facing American steel producers in domestic markets, but Chinese steel can still help drive down prices in Europe and in other competitive markets, industry analysts say.

Trump’s steel tariffs are costing U.S. consumers and businesses more than \$900,000 a year for every job created, according to a report by the Peterson Institute for International Economics.



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Rush closing kids’ mental health unit

Hospital ceasing inpatient care partially due to lack of demand

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Rush University Medical Center will no longer offer inpatient mental health care for children, making it the latest Chicago hospital to cut back on overnight stays for kids.

The West Side hospital had 15 beds for child and adolescent behavioral health. It temporarily closed that unit in March, along with two adult inpatient mental health units, after the state found deficiencies in how the hospital protected its psychiatric patients from harming themselves through hanging or strangulation. The units were supposed to reopen following renovations to correct the issues and the state’s approval, but Rush has decided the pediatric unit will not reopen.

Rush is closing the unit partly because of a lack of demand, said



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Rush University Medical Center will no longer offer inpatient mental health care for children.

Dr. Robert Shulman, associate chairman for the department of psychiatry and director of clinical services. Only about half the beds in the unit have been full on a typical day, he said.

Instead, Rush plans to create intensive outpatient mental health programs for children and adolescents, he said.

“It allows us to put the resources into the outpatient programming,” Shulman said. “We can treat more individuals this way and hopefully prevent the high-cost, short-term acute hospitalizations.”

Children who arrive at Rush’s emergency department in need of inpatient psychiatric care will be

referred elsewhere, he said.

Shulman said there are enough other facilities in the area providing those services that finding beds for those patients shouldn’t be a problem.

The elimination of the Rush unit is “not going to cause a gap in care in the community,” he said.

About 30 staff members worked in the unit, and are all being offered other jobs within Rush or exit packages, he said.

Rush leaders called it a “difficult decision” in an internal memo distributed Tuesday, noting that “there is great demand in the adult population” for inpatient behavioral health services. Rush is partnering with West Side community groups to improve behavioral health in the area, including by training lay people in interventions for depression, trauma and substance abuse.

The elimination of the unit at Rush follows a trend of many Chicago-area hospitals reducing

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Illinois farmers continue playing catch-up after weeks of cold, rain

Corn, soybean, wheat growers now racing to get seeds in ground

BY MARY ELLEN PODMOLIK

Illinois farmers — and their fields — are finally catching up.

After many weeks of cold, wet weather, the latest report from the Agriculture Department’s weekly review of crop progress shows that farmers have gotten most of their seeds in the ground and fields already seeded are starting to sprout plants.

But growers are still behind

schedule in a state that typically is the No. 1 producer of soybeans and No. 2 producer of corn.

As of June 16, 88% of Illinois corn was planted, compared with 73% as of June 9. A year ago, planting had been completed.

The better weather also is helping with germination, as plants start to emerge. The USDA said 74% of the Illinois corn crop has emerged, compared with 51% June 9. This time last year, plants were visible on almost all fields.

The going is slower in soybean fields, where 70% of acreage was planted as of June 16. Still, that’s progress from a week earlier, when

49% was planted. A year ago, almost all planting had taken place.

Only 50% of soybean plants have emerged, compared with 25% as of June 9. A year ago, plants had emerged in 93% of the state’s fields.

Illinois farmers are slightly ahead of those in Indiana in the race to get their crops in the ground.

It’s not just corn and soybean that are behind schedule. The Illinois Farm Bureau reported earlier this week that the wheat harvest is behind its normal pace for this time of year. As of June 17, only 6% of the crop had been harvested.



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Water pools in a rain-soaked farm field on May 29, near Gardner, Ill. Near-record rainfall caused farmers to delay their spring corn planting.

Founder of ARM denies coercion

Prosecutor: Witness says group's insider pushed abuse at farm

BY AMY LAVALLEY

The founder of Animal Recovery Mission, which captured the abuse of cows and calves at Fair Oaks Farms on videos released earlier this month, is denying claims by the Newton County prosecutor that an undercover investigator for the advocacy group "encouraged or coerced" the abuse captured on the videos.

"A third party witness has come forward to corroborate the allegations made by a suspect that the ARM employee encouraged or coerced the behavior depicted in the portions of video that have been released publicly," Newton County Prosecutor Jeff Drinski said in a Tuesday email to the Post-Tribune. "Detectives continue to investigate these claims through additional interviews and written discovery."

Drinski did not provide additional details in his email.

Richard Couto, the founder of Animal Recovery Mission, based in Miami Beach, Florida, denied an investigator from ARM who went undercover as an employee at Fair Oaks Farms for almost three months from August to November last year had anything to do with the abuse of the calves and cows depicted in the three videos released earlier this month.

"That is completely and utterly absurd," Couto said. "At no time did our investigator abuse any animals or

encourage abuse of animals. He was a bystander."

The public, he said, should not think the abuse began when ARM began its investigation of Fair Oaks Farms and Fairlife, a dairy product produced through Coca-Cola that used milk supplied in part by Fair Oaks Farms. Fairlife has since discontinued using milk from Fair Oaks Farms.

"I would imagine that the third party (mentioned by the prosecutor) is one of the workers who abused the animals," Couto said. "This is all ridiculous."

The owner and founder of Fair Oaks Farms, Mike McCloskey, has outlined a multipronged approach to preventing a recurrence of the images of animal abuse captured on the video footage from ARM, and apologized in one of a series of video responses posted on the Fair Oaks Farms Facebook page.

The Newton County agritourism business offers its Dairy Adventure, Pig Adventure and Crop Adventure, as well as restaurants and a hotel, billed as offering visitors the chance to learn more about where their food comes from.

McCloskey has said in one of the videos that that three of the four of the employees involved in the abuse had already been fired, and the fourth was fired when the video came to light. A third party truck driver picking up calves also was involved; the transportation company was no-



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Fair Oaks Farms workers are accused of abusing animals.

tified June 4 that the truck driver will not be allowed on the company's farms again.

Couto has said around nine or 10 employees were captured on video reportedly abusing the animals. The videos depict workers at Fair Oaks Farms hitting calves with plastic milk bottles, throwing them into trucks and kicking them, as well as adult cows, shortly after giving birth, being forced onto a milking carousel. Some of them fell off of the machinery because they couldn't stand.

Earlier this month, Newton County officials announced felony charges of torturing or mutilating a vertebrate animal and misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty against three former Fair Oaks Farms employees.

Edgar Gardozo Vazquez, 36, of Brook, Indiana, was taken into custody June 12 on those charges and is in the Newton County Jail; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has placed a hold on him.

Warrants on the same animal cruelty charges are still outstanding for the

other two suspects. They are Santiago Ruvalcaba Contreras, 31, and Miguel Angel Navarro Serrano, 38. Neither police nor court documents list addresses for those suspects.

According to court documents, ARM provided its initial video and a binder detailing its investigation to the Newton County Sheriff's Office on June 4.

Couto said he has yet to be contacted by the sheriff's office or the prosecutor's office, which also has the investigation, to be questioned in the case, nor have Jasper County authorities contacted him, where cows also reportedly were abused at a Fair Oaks Farms facility.

"Red flags are raising all over the place here," Couto said, adding that he has worked with law enforcement in other abuse investigations.

"There is no reason the prosecutor shouldn't be calling me and/or a witness to be interviewed yet."

Amy Lavalley is a freelance reporter for the Post-Tribune.

Gambling may push aside local housing plan

BY MIKE NOLAN
Daily Southtown

In Tinley Park, horses and houses may be competing for the same patch of land as legislation that would expand gambling could put state-owned property in that suburb in the running for a combination harness racing track and casino.

Village officials have, since January, been negotiating with a group, called Melody Square, that has proposed building hundreds of homes on the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center property, northwest of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street.

The possibility of a "racino" emerged about two months ago, before the gambling bill was approved by legislators, as part of those negotiations, according to David Niemeyer, Tinley Park's village manager.

A racino, which could have as many as 1,200 gambling positions, would provide "huge benefits" for the village, with the development of an "entertainment complex" that also would include other uses, such as restaurants and a hotel, he said.

The gambling expansion would not only allow for a racino in the Southland but a new, separate casino as well, with several area suburbs interested in snaring such a project. A casino for Chicago also is part of the legislation, and existing horse racing tracks would be able to add casino games, something track owners have sought for years.

Existing casinos could increase their number of gambling positions from the current 1,200 to as many as 2,000 under the measure, and businesses that have video gambling terminals would be allowed to have a maximum of six terminals, up from the current cap of five.

Working with large home builders such as K. Hovnanian Homes, Melody Square's proposal includes 435 single-family homes described as active-adult age-restricted housing targeting buyers 55 and older, as well as a 200-unit luxury senior apartment building and additional housing units elsewhere on the 280-acre site.

Niemeyer said the housing development plans are "on hold until we see how this (racino proposal) pans out."

The gambling legisla-

tion, which Gov. J.B. Pritzker is expected to sign, would allow a casino in one of six area townships — Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton or Worth. The racino would be permitted in one of those six townships as well as Orland Township, where the state property is located.

Suburbs such as Country Club Hills, Ford Heights, Lynwood and Matteson are among those interested in pursuing a casino development but it is unclear whether other sites are in contention for the racino.

"We'll make a strong pitch" for the Tinley Park location, Niemeyer said. "We'd love to land it."

The current negotiating rights agreement with Melody Square is due to lapse early next month, but both sides could agree to extend it. The developers were seeking incentives from the village of nearly \$69 million, and expect the cost of completing the project to be \$350 million.

One of the partners in Melody, Rick Heidner, is pursuing the racino project on his own, separate from the others involved in the housing development, Niemeyer said.

Heidner is a commercial real estate developer and an owner of Gold Rush Gaming, a video gambling terminal operator. He did not respond to a message seeking comment on his plans.

A racino would need approval from state gaming and horse racing regulators, and Tinley Park or the developer would need to acquire the property from the state.

In 2015, Tinley Park planned to pay the state what was then an asking price of \$4.16 million for the property in a bid to gain greater control over what might be built there, then backed away from that idea.

The village had previously estimated the cost of getting the site ready for development, including environmental cleanup and demolition of the many buildings on the property, at \$12.4 million.

Testing completed in 2014 revealed environmental issues such as asbestos, an abandoned sewage treatment plant, leaking underground storage tanks holding gasoline and other petroleum products, drums containing chemicals, and soil contaminated with mercury and lead.

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Federal benchmark rate unchanged

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged Wednesday but signaled that it's prepared to start cutting rates if needed to protect the U.S. economy from trade conflicts and other threats.

The Fed kept its benchmark rate — which influences many consumer and business loans — in a range of 2.25% to 2.5%, where it's been since December.

It issued a statement saying that because "uncertainties" have increased, it would "act as appropriate to sustain the expansion." That language echoed a remark Chairman Jerome Powell made two weeks ago that analysts interpreted as a signal that rate cuts were on the way.

In its statement Wednesday, the Fed removed a reference to being "patient" about adjusting rates. That suggested that it's now inclined to begin cutting rates for the first time in more than a decade. It remains unclear when that might happen.

The Fed's decision was approved on a 9-1 vote, with James Bullard, president of the Fed's St. Louis regional bank, dissenting because he thought the central bank should begin cutting rates now. It marked the first dissent from a Fed decision since Powell became chair-



RICHARD DREW/AP

A TV screen on the New York Stock Exchange floor shows the rate decision of the Federal Reserve on Wednesday.

man in February last year.

On Wall Street, stocks rose and bond yields dipped after the central bank issued its statement at 2 p.m. Eastern time, likely reflecting expectations of lower rates ahead.

The Fed's policymakers are considering cutting rates in part because President Donald Trump's trade conflicts, especially with China, have become a threat to the economy. The economic expansion that has followed the Great Recession next month will become the longest on record.

A survey of the 17 Fed officials showed that nearly half now expect at least one rate cut this year, with seven projecting two. When they met in March, no officials had forecast a rate cut.

Many Fed watchers have said they think the policymakers want to first see

whether a meeting that Trump and President Xi Jinping are to hold late next week produces any breakthrough in the U.S.-China trade war.

But economists say when — or even whether — the Fed eases credit will depend on a host of factors that are hard to predict. Will Trump's trade wars be resolved before they inflict real damage on the economy? Will the job market remain resilient even as growth slows? Will inflation finally edge close to the Fed's target level?

Many analysts think the central bank will wait until September at the earliest to announce its first drop in its benchmark short-term rate since 2008 and might not cut again in 2019. A few Fed watchers foresee no rate cut at all this year, especially if the United States and China reach some tentative reso-

lution to the trade war.

Complicating the timing of possible rate cuts is an escalation of attacks on the Fed by Trump as he gears up for his 2020 reelection campaign. Trump's public criticism, a highly unusual action for a president, has raised concern that he is undermining the Fed's independence as a central bank. The president has asserted that under Powell's leadership, the Fed hurt the economy by tightening credit too much last year and by failing to lower rates since then.

This week, Trump was asked about a report that the White House in February had explored whether the president had authority to demote Powell as chairman while leaving him on the Fed's board.

"Let's see what he does," Trump said of Powell. "They're going to be making an announcement very soon. So we'll see what happens."

The president has previously explored firing Powell. But under the law, a Fed board member can be fired only for cause.

At his news conference Wednesday, Powell was asked what he would do if Trump said he intended to demote him.

"I think the law is clear that I have a four-year term, and I fully intend" to fulfill it," the chairman said, reiterating what he has said previously.

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Webb, vice president of workplace strategy at KI Furnishing Knowledge, another phone booth manufacturer at NeoCon.

"I think that companies are figuring out ways for their entire workplace to be more flexible overall," Webb said.

A big part of Webb's job is helping companies retain young workers through design. In order to provide a more inviting office, Webb said he examines the study environments of younger workers throughout their collegiate years. What he found is that newly hired graduates want a flexible office that accommodates their different work styles.

"I think the death of open offices is over-exaggerated," Webb said. "However, I think the death of static

workstations is more accurate. Companies are figuring out ways for their offices to be more flexible overall — and furniture plays a big part in that design."

In addition to phone booths, KI also offers "hackable" office designs that allow employees to adjust their workspaces when moving between individual work and group projects, Webb said. Hackable offices incorporate movable furniture pieces, adjustable privacy screens and other customizable elements.

"Privacy is still a big deal," Webb said. "Even for Gen Z. They still want to have the ability to be private."

KI's phone booths can cost as much as \$7,000 each. But companies that don't have money to spend on big-ticket items are getting creative.

Verano Holdings, a medical marijuana company in the River North neighbor-

hood, installed its version of the phone booth office earlier this year at a cost of a couple thousand dollars each. The company's chief marketing officer, Tim Tennant, said he was looking into affordable office booths but couldn't find one.

"We decided to custom-build these small offices on our own after looking at the market," Tennant said. "It became easier to make it ourselves."

With the help of a contractor, Tennant said the company added three phone booths to previously unused space. "Immediately, they were a big hit," he said.

Tennant said employees had been taking work home because the office was getting rowdy, making it hard to concentrate and lowering the company's productivity. Adding phone booths boosted productivity by 30 to 40%, Tennant said.

"This is why prioritizing

choice and flexibility is so vital to a successful workplace. It gives employees with different working styles the ability to self-select," International Interior Design Association executive vice president and CEO Cheryl Durst said in an email.

Chicago-based Tock, the online restaurant reservation system, employs fewer than 100 workers but Brian Fitzpatrick, co-founder and chief technology officer, said the company bought 10 office booths from Room in order to provide more private space for employees.

"We saw that we had way too many people and fewer conference rooms," Fitzpatrick said. "These conference rooms were a waste of space if only one person was using them. So we went online to search for a cheap and quiet option."

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their inpatient beds for kids, as more care is done on an outpatient basis and children's hospitals tend to attract patients with complex needs.

Illinois hospitals had more than 1,100 beds dedicated to adolescent acute mental illness as of 2017, according to the state Department of Public Health.

Some providers have reported shortages of psychiatric beds for children in parts of the Chicago area.

Recently, MIRA Neuro Behavioral Health Care submitted an application to the state's Health Facilities and Services Review Board to build a 30-bed behavioral health hospital in Tinley Park for children with acute mental illness. As part of its application, it included letters from more than 40 area high school superintendents, principals, counselors and social workers, among others, supporting the project.

The school officials and the Illinois Association of School Nurses signed nearly identical letters of support saying: "We have personally experienced difficulty accessing pediatric and adolescent psychiatric support for the many children and families we serve, especially during an acute crisis. The local hospitals do not have the appropriate clinical resources to service children and ado-

lescents who require inpatient hospitalization."

Also supporting the project was Palos Health's Medical Director of Emergency Services George Borrelli, who wrote in a letter to the state's review board that Palos Health's emergency department has "faced an ongoing challenge in finding appropriate psychiatric inpatient care for adolescents and children" leading to "inordinately long stays in our Emergency Department awaiting placement."

That project is scheduled to be considered by the state board in August.

Child psychiatrists are generally in short supply in Illinois and across the nation, which can lead to long waits for children who need help as outpatients. A number of area hospitals are working to address that issue.

Lurie Children's Hospital plans to use a \$15 million donation from the Pritzker Foundation to help it expand a program to train specialists and pediatricians to better treat mental illness, supporting them as they work with children.

And Advocate Aurora Health recently applied to the state Health Facilities and Services Review Board to relocate its outpatient behavioral health services and pediatric development program to a new \$40 million facility near Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

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Rebuilding faster after disasters

Home program in Texas replaces trailers, vouchers

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**
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HOUSTON — For Houston resident Scenacia Jones, the experience of getting her new home through an innovative way of building post-disaster housing was like an experiment.

Jones and her two children had been living in a shelter for single parents when Hurricane Harvey's devastating flooding hit the Houston area in August 2017. All the family's possessions were lost after the storage facility they were in flooded.

Desperately looking for a permanent place to live, Jones was approached by organizations behind the housing program known as Rapido, Spanish for fast. Under the program, a temporary modular core unit made up of interlocking wall, roof and floor panels would be built. Jones, her 10-year-old son Nyjel, who is disabled, and 12-year-old daughter Nnaji would live there while the rest of the house was built around them. The core is about the size of a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer.

The process took about eight months, and Jones and her children now have a new, three-bedroom home, which looks like any other house.

"We tried to keep a positive attitude because at the end of this experiment, we get to live in this beautiful house," Jones said last week as she gave a tour of her home, the first such Rapido house built in Houston.

The 1,200 to 1,300-square-foot home with a front yard has three bedrooms, a ramp in the front for her son's wheelchair and a bathroom designed to be handicapped-accessible.



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Scenacia Jones stands in front of her new home, part of a unique program that builds houses after natural disasters.

Jones' home, which was built on an empty lot, looks like a newer version of other bungalow-style homes in the neighborhood.

The groups behind the Rapido program say their approach will save money and get people into housing more quickly. They're hopeful a bill signed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott related to disaster planning will be a boost to their efforts.

The Texas General Land Office, in charge of short-term housing recovery efforts in the state after Harvey, says the agency strongly backs new housing innovations like Rapido but rule changes would need to occur to free up federal funding to support such ideas.

John Henneberger, co-director of Texas Housers, an Austin-based nonprofit

"We can breathe easy and be able to live the American Dream."

—Scenacia Jones

that's one of the groups behind the Rapido program, said funding would be better spent on their program as opposed to FEMA trailers or hotel vouchers, which are typically used to temporarily house people after a disaster. Each Rapido home costs about \$145,000 to \$150,000, while a FEMA trailer can cost up to \$100,000 to buy and set up, Henneberger said. At some point, trailers are taken away and the hotel vouchers end, he said.



The kitchen and dining area of Scenacia Jones' home built as part of the Rapido program. Rapido is Spanish for fast.

"If we can build more houses with the same amount of money, it just means more families get a home," Henneberger said. "It's a win-win."

The Rapido program, first brainstormed nearly 15 years ago, has built 20 homes in South Texas and

three in the Southeast Texas city of Port Arthur. The homes can be built on empty lots that are either owned by the nonprofits involved in the program or land owned by local governments. They can also be built on the site of a damaged home that has been

razed or even partially built to provide shelter while a damaged home is fixed.

With the completion of the Houston home, Henneberger said the hope is the program can be used on a larger scale with funding from local, state and federal governments.

The groups behind Rapido are hopeful a new state law allowing local governments the ability to develop and adopt disaster recovery plans before a storm, including procedures detailing housing rebuilding efforts, will help their endeavor.

Henneberger would like local governments as well as the state to consider incorporating Rapido in their disaster plans.

Brittany Eck, a spokeswoman for the Texas General Land Office, said Land Commissioner George P. Bush has spoken in favor of rapid housing alternatives in the wake of Harvey.

But for such innovative, permanent housing ideas to be able to utilize federal funding, rules would have to be changed allowing temporary housing funds to be used, Eck said. The housing funds that FEMA provides right after a storm are for temporary housing like hotels and trailers. The funding for permanent housing comes from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants, which can take years to be disbursed.

Bush said he is working with federal lawmakers on trying to change the rules and combine both pots of money.

Jones said she's grateful she no longer worries about where she's going to live and can focus on her children, including her son, who has a rare chromosomal disorder that makes him totally dependent on others for care.

"We can breathe easy and be able to live the American Dream," Jones said.

New Mexico film biz up amid abortion fights elsewhere

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's film industry appears to be on the brink of a boom thanks to abortion law controversies in other states and expanded incentives.

A recent spike in film production in the state comes as Hollywood targets both Georgia and Louisiana over recently passed restrictive abortion laws, the Albuquerque Journal reports.

The political developments are being watched closely in New Mexico, which is poised to benefit even though state officials have said there's no organized campaign to lure film productions from those states.

"I don't know that we are necessarily using that as a drawing card, because we are a drawing card," New Mexico Film Office Director Todd Christensen said.

The jump also comes as New Mexico is set to more than double its annual state

spending cap on film incentives.

In addition, NBCUniversal announced Friday it will build a television and film studio in a warehouse district just north of downtown Albuquerque as it seeks to expand its footprint in one of the fastest-growing film production hubs in the country.

The company said it entered a 10-year venture with a developer to reshape an empty warehouse into a studio with two sound stages and offices. The studio will be used to produce shows for broadcast and cable channels.

The New Mexico Film Office said the coming Amazon TV series production "The Power" reached out to New Mexico because of Georgia's political climate.

"The Power" is based on Naomi Alderman's 2016 novel in which women around the world suddenly gain the ability to electrocute people.

New Mexico has a 1969



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New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, center, signed film and TV incentives this year.

law that banned abortion in most cases. But the law became unenforceable after it was superseded by the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

New Mexico was one of the first states to launch a

film incentive program in 2003 and upped the ante with a new package of film and TV incentives passed by lawmakers during this year's 60-day legislative session and signed into law by Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham in March.

The package raises a 2011 cap on what the state can pay out to film and TV productions from \$50 million to \$110 million per year, while also authorizing the spending of up to \$225 million to pay down an accumulated backlog in

film incentives.

In recent months, the New Mexico Film Office has received about two calls a day from production companies asking about the new incentives and possible locations in the state.

"If the script fits, they'll come here," Christensen said. "In some cases, they can change the scripts to fit New Mexico."

Not all legislators are thrilled with the expansion of the state's film incentive program.

State Sen. Mark Moores, a Republican who voted against this year's bill, said he would be uneasy about using the abortion laws in Georgia and Louisiana as leverage, adding that he has a problem with "out-of-state corporate extortion" on what he described as a social issue.

"If we as a state make a political decision for New Mexico that they don't like in the future, will they extort us like they're trying to do to Georgia?" he asked.



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What is a callable CD?

Almost all certificates of deposit can be cashed out early if you need your funds before maturity, though you'll pay a penalty for doing so. But there is a special class of CDs that allow the bank to cash you out early, rather than let you keep the CD until it matures.

The name of these certificates is callable CDs, given that they can be "called early" by the financial institution. Generally, they will be characterized as having a maturity date, just like a traditional CD, and then also a callable date.

For instance, you might see a 2-year certificate carrying a callable date of six months. That means that six months after opening the CD, the bank has the option to cash it out early. If they don't, they'll have another chance to call it six months later.

The benefit is that callable CDs typically pay

higher interest rates than standard CDs, to compensate for the risk of your earning period ending prematurely. In addition, banks will agree to pay you a premium on the face value of your principal if they call the CD early. For instance, you may get back 102 or 103 percent of your principal, plus any accrued interest.

The downside is that you can't rely on earning the fixed interest rate for the full maturity period. Not only that, but callable CDs are typically terminated early when rates are dropping. So if your CD is called, you'll likely be left with cash that can only be invested at today's lower interest rates.

Callable CDs can make sense for money you won't mind getting back early, in exchange for upside potential on the rate. But when you prefer to lock in a top rate for as long as possible, non-callable CDs will serve you better.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,569.75 Low: 26,415.05 Previous: 26,465.54



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+33.44 (+.42%)	+8.71 (+.30%)	+5.35 (+.35%)
Close: 7987.32	Close: 2,926.46	Close: 1,555.58
High: 7998.59	High: 2,931.74	High: 1,556.45
Low: 7930.38	Low: 2,911.43	Low: 1,547.59
Previous: 7953.88	Previous: 2,917.75	Previous: 1,550.23

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to 2.02%	-2.00 to \$1,344.60	-0.47 to 107.97/\$1	-0.0039 to .8893/\$1	-1.14 to \$53.76

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.92	NASD +2.50	S&P +1.62	DOW +2.82	NASD +3.05	S&P +2.46	DOW +7.49	NASD +2.64	S&P +5.75

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	530.25	531	514.25	522.25	-9.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	449.75	451.75	438.25	441	-9
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	912.50	913.50	901.50	903.25	-10.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	28.36	28.56	28.16	28.37	+0.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 19	321.90	322.00	315.80	316.90	-5.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Aug 19	54.09	54.42	53.28	53.76	-1.14
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 19	2.332	2.358	2.268	2.276	-0.052
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 19	1.7308	1.7501	1.7037	1.7355	+0.0141

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.33	+91	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	123.66	-25
AbbVie Inc	N	77.61	-64	Equity Residential	N	78.43	+38
Allstate Corp	N	102.76	+89	Exelon Corp	N	50.00	+10

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	28.32	-30
Gen Electric	10.34	-08
Chesapck Engy	1.83	-08
Oracle Corp	52.68	-22
Amazon.com Inc	1908.79	+7.42

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	165.46	-05
Alphabet Inc C	1102.33	-1.27
Alphabet Inc A	1104.51	-73
Amazon.com Inc	1908.79	+7.42
Apple Inc	197.87	-58

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.96	+16	+2.7
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	27.21	+08	+5.1
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	148.40	+26	+1.4
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.99	+20	+5.5
American Funds FdmttlInvsA m	58.75	+18	+3.6

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.13	2.15
6-month disc	2.06	2.13
2-year	1.76	1.87
10-year	2.02	2.06
30-year	2.54	2.55

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1351.00	\$1346.60
Silver	\$14.945	\$14.980
Platinum	\$805.80	\$802.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.74

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Argentina (Peso)	43.3407
Australia (Dollar)	1.4516
Brazil (Real)	3.8417
Britain (Pound)	.7895
Canada (Dollar)	1.3294
China (Yuan)	6.9037
Euro	.8893
India (Rupee)	69.558
Israel (Shekel)	3.5957
Japan (Yen)	107.97
Mexico (Peso)	19.0572
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
So. Korea (Won)	1171.67
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.14
Thailand (Baht)	31.21

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Melinta Therapeutics	6.41	+4.43
Adv Micro Dev	30.50	+0.05
Legacy Reserves Inc	.08	-0.03
SELAS Life Sciences	.15	-0.00
Microsoft Corp	135.69	+5.3
Facebook Inc	187.48	-9.9
Apple Inc	197.87	-5.8
Cisco Syst	56.13	+0.8
Micron Tech	33.94	-3.5
PremyGram Intl	2.93	-0.95
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.68	-0.2
Intel Corp	47.07	-3.0
Sesen Bio Inc	1.48	-3.6
Array BioPharma	46.50	-0.8
Comcast Corp A	43.14	-1.1
Caesars Entertain	10.07	+1.2
Zynga Inc	6.07	+0.3
VEON Ltd	2.71	+0.4
Qualcomm Inc	71.80	-1.6
Kraft Heinz Co	30.96	+6.9
VBI Vaccines Inc	.79	+1.2
JD.com Inc	28.66	+4.0
Huntgtn Bancshs	13.22	-1.5
Adobe Inc	291.21	+14.43

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2917.80	+27.6/+0
Stoxx600	384.77	-0./...
Nikkei	21333.87	+361.2/+1.7
MSCI-EAFE	1881.97	+16.0/+0.9
Bovespa	100303.44	+899.1/+0.9
FTSE 100	7403.54	-39.5/-0.5
CAC-40	5518.45	+8.7/+0.2

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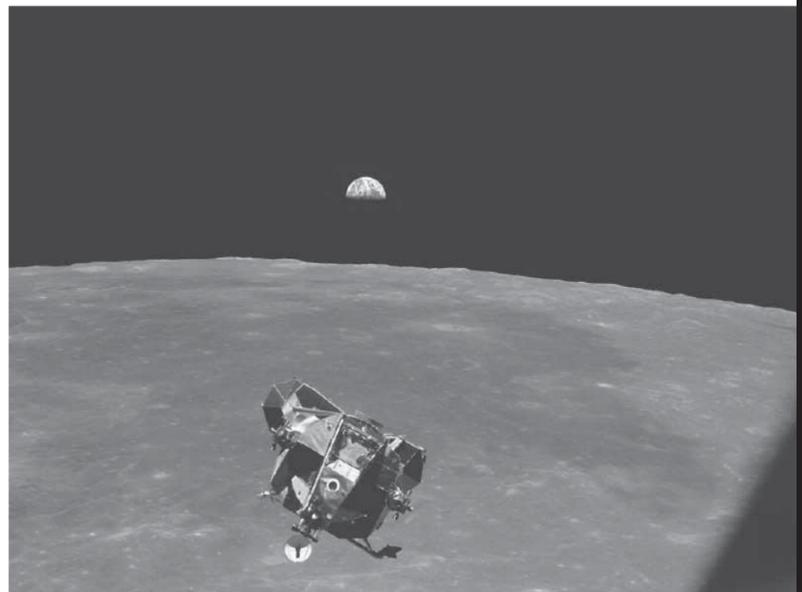


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OBITUARIES

NICHOLAS BLASE 1928-2019

Former Niles mayor remembered for shaping the town he led

BY STEVE SCHERING

Nicholas Blase's nearly 50-year career as Niles mayor might have come to an ignominious end with his fraud conviction and resulting prison term, but after his death Monday at the age of 91, those who worked with him in village government described him as an affable, effective leader in the northwest suburban town.

Blase grew up on Chicago's South Side, close to the old Comiskey Park, but in the late 1950s, he moved with his wife and newborn baby from Rogers Park to Niles.

Blase, a lawyer, was soon recruited to run for mayor, and in his first campaign in 1961, he defeated 20-year-incumbent Frank Stankowicz. He held that office for 47 years before stepping down after being charged for his role in a kickback scheme in which Blase steered local businesses to a friend's insurance company. He resigned before pleading guilty to mail and tax fraud.

Current Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo was appointed to the village board as a trustee by Blase in 1989, and was first brought into village government by Blase as a member of the village's zoning board of appeals in 1987.

Przybylo spoke of the growth Niles saw during Blase's tenure, efforts he said included the upgrading or erecting of public buildings including a village hall, the police station, a public works building and a senior center.

"He was a true leader," Przybylo said. "The board may have disagreed with some things, but they gave him the benefit of the doubt with his experience in going forward with these capital projects. They were smart projects and good things for Niles. It was a testament to his leadership."

In their time on the village board, Przybylo recalled board members, village staff and Blase going to a local restaurant after board meetings, which created lasting memories between the Niles officials.

"We would sit there and talk about everything, not village business, but everything else," Przybylo said. "We had great camaraderie



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Nicholas Blase, who served as mayor of Niles for 47 years and spent time in prison for his role in a kickback scheme, died June 17.

and great laughter. I told Nick we should video this because we could be another McLaughlin Group. It was a real friendship. It was a great time and a special chemistry, and I wish that could happen again."

Before being elected a Niles trustee, Dean Strzelecki worked for the village's police force from 1975 through 2014, often working closely with Blase.

"The way he handled himself and the way things happened under his leadership, that message was sent all the way down the workforce," Strzelecki said. "We all learned from him how to treat your residents and your people. He set that tone that your employees are your most valuable resource in your town. He was just a great guy."

Strzelecki also praised Blase for his work in helping the village expand its tax base and services to local residents throughout the decades of his tenure.

"He was the right guy when Niles was growing," Strzelecki said. "A lot of people knew he was a tough leader, but sometimes you have to be. He knew when to be tough and when to be benevolent."

Blase's tenure as mayor, however, was not without controversy. He was arrested on federal corruption charges in 2006, and he stepped down as mayor two years later.

In 2010, Blase served time in federal prison on a conviction in a kickback scheme that involved him steering local businesses to buy insurance from a

friend's company. He left a federal penitentiary in December 2010 and completed his time at a Chicago halfway house and at his house on home confinement. His sentence ended March 2, 2011.

Andrew Schneider, who authored the book "Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles, Illinois," said the former mayor has differing legacies, depending on who's asked.

"There's two parts of that legacy," Schneider said. "The financial strength of that municipality is a testament to his vision. That's something you can't ignore. There's this other legacy of the guilty plea. You can say that was not a negative either. You have a lot of people to this day at village hall that have a model of ethics and transparency on display. That guilty plea gave Niles a black eye, but you can argue that still brought a positive outcome."

Much like his competing legacies, Schneider said Blase could have dueling personalities.

"The politics were different in the 1960s and '70s," Schneider said. "He was obsessively focused on services. He was good at putting together a great municipality. He would show different faces to different people. He was a lovable guy when he wanted to be. There were people who were hurt by what he did and people hurt by the ruthlessness of his politics. In the end, I think his legacy of the village is largely positive. If you're a taxpayer in the village, you're reaping a lot of benefits from the management of Nicholas Blase, but that doesn't mean it was positive for every single person."

A cause of death was not immediately available for Blase.

Visitation is scheduled for 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Niles. Another visitation will take place at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., in Niles, followed by a funeral service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Internment will take place at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines.

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Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JUNE 20 ...

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died.

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., man-

sion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a hot line between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted.

In 1975, the Steven Spielberg shark thriller "Jaws" was first released.

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

In 1990, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade

in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

In 1994, O.J. Simpson pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to the killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

In 1996, the Clinton administration announced it would veto the re-election of U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

In 1997, the tobacco industry agreed to a massive settlement in exchange for major relief from mounting lawsuits and legal bills.

In 1999, as the last of 40,000 Yugoslav troops rolled out of Kosovo, NATO declared a formal end to its bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

In 2001, Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police.

In 2007, for the second time, President George W. Bush vetoed an embryonic stem cell bill as he urged scientists toward what he termed "ethically responsible" research.

In 2008, lightning began sparking more than 2,000 fires across northern and central California, eventually burning more than a million acres.

In 2014, President Barack Obama announced that up to 300 U.S. military advisers would help Iraq against Islamist insurgents who have seized nearly one-third of the country.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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In Memoriam

Martin Peter 'Pete' Sum

Pete, Today would have been our 27th wedding anniversary. I miss your kiss, I miss your touch, I miss us. Wish you were here to celebrate our special day with me. I loved you then, love you still, and always will love you. I think about you every day. Sending you all my love until we meet again. Love always, Nancy
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Death Notices

Bush, Richard H.



Richard H. Bush, 76 of Sugar Camp, Wisconsin, died Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Woodruff, WI. He was born on June 1, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Robert N. and Evelyn (Graves) Bush. Richard served his country in the United States Army, 1960-1963. He was a Firefighter for the city of Chicago for thirty-two years. Richard was a member of the Chicago Firefighters Union #2 and Sugar Camp Lions Club where he had served as President. Surviving is his wife Karen Bush and daughter, Christine Bush of Sugar Camp. At Richard's request there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to the **Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists**, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, 715-365-4343.

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Colen, Robert E.

Robert E. Colen, age 81, beloved husband and best friend for 53 years of Joanne, nee Greenberg; loving father of Jill (Steve) Parker and Dr. Darryl (Dave Lendon) Colen; adored Papa of Ian and Kevin Parker; devoted son of the late Joe and Ida Colen; cherished brother of Lenny (late Eunice) Colen and Jack (Arlene) Colen; dear brother-in-law of Ron (Barbara Sonneborn) Greenberg; treasured uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Service Friday 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Cancer Wellness Center, www.cancerwellness.org or to the charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Courlas, George P.

George P. Courlas, Age 79. Born in Kefala, Laconia, Sperti, Greece. Beloved husband of Katina nee: Arianas of 56 years. Loving father of Demetra (Grigorios) Kontakos and Petros (Eleni). Cherished grandfather of Fotini, Ekaterini, Ekaterini I. and George. Loving son of the late Petros and Demetra Courlas. Preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. Dearest Brother-in-law, Uncle, Cousin and friend to many here and in Greece. Visitation Thursday, June 20, 2019 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 893 N. Church Rd, Elmhurst from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 11:30 a.m. Interment Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst. Please omit flowers. For info: **Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home**, 847-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com

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Davis, Alice

Alice Marie Hansen Grotefend Davis, beloved mother of William Grotefend, John (Kathleen) Grotefend, Mary (Bruce) Carlson, Flora (Ricky) Schlamann and the late Edward Grotefend, cherished grandmother of six and great grandmother of nine. Visitation Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 11 am until the Funeral Service at 12 pm at the Northlake Funeral Home, 140 E North Ave, Northlake, IL 60164. Interment: Private. 708-562-0044 or www.northlakefuneral.com

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Deutsch, Eugene "Deutschy"

Eugene H. Deutsch, 94, beloved husband and best friend of Joy, nee Korshak, for 68 wonderful years; loving father of Gary (Barbara) Deutsch, Nancy (David) Schmidt, Rhonda (Alan) Abramson and the late Alan Deutsch; cherished grandpa of Abbey (Sean) Cross, Jaclyn Deutsch, Samantha (Danny) Haughney, Adam (Melissa) Schmidt, Todd (Victoria) Schmidt, Nicole Abramson and Halle Abramson; adored great grandpa of Charlie, Parker and Annie Cross, Brooks and Millie Haughney, Henry Schmidt and Ronen Schmidt; devoted son of the late Florence and Nathan Deutsch; dear brother of the late Melvin and the late Bernice; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Eugene was the founder and owner of Decoma Day Camp of Northbrook, his pride and joy for 70 years where he was integral in enriching the summers and lives of thousands of children. Beloved gym teacher at Gregory and Emmet Schools in Chicago for over 20 years, Eugene touched the lives of his students to whom he always referred to as "his kids".

Chapel service Sunday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the IDF (www.fidf.org). For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or shalom2.com

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DiMasio, Anthony "Tony"

Anthony DiMasio, age 49, at rest on June 18, 2019. Beloved husband of Caroline (nee Betka). Loving father of Sophia and Christian. Dear son of Vito and Sandy (nee Angiulo) DiMasio. Fond brother of Rina (Nick) Guzzino. Dear uncle of Gabriella and Anthony. Son in law of Kuba and Eva Betka. Please omit flowers. Visitation

Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Friday, beginning at the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge, for 12:30 p.m. Mass. Entombment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

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Gatwood, Charles H.

Charles H. Gatwood, Past President and CEO of Gatwood Crane Service, passed away on June 17, 2019. He was born in Pollard, Alabama on June 28, 1932. After High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Charles "Chuck" was a member of the Masonic Lodge #890.

Along with his wife Julie, he enjoyed many years of travel, spending time at his second home in Sarasota, Fla., and spending time with family and friends. Survivors include his wife Julianne Gatwood; four children; Elynn Ogilvie, Richard M. Gatwood (wife Penny), Bradley C. Gatwood (wife Lisa), Edwin R. Gatwood (wife Eve) 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 23, 2019, from 12 PM until 2 PM. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 PM at Glueckert Funeral Home Arlington Heights, IL. Charlie's body will be flown to his final resting place at the family gravesite in Brewton, Alabama on what would have been his 87th Birthday, June 28, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Kates, Virginia

Virginia Kates, 102, beloved wife of the late Clarence; fond sister of Gloria McGrath; and aunt to Barbara Posner, Patricia Joria and William McGrath, died June 14. Virginia's 70-year distinguished history with the American Legion Auxiliary, included acting as R.J. Hagamann Unit President for 10 terms; District and County President and Department

(State of Illinois) President. Active in the Eight and Forty, she served as Central Division President, Chapeau Nationale and National Advisory Committee member. She volunteered for 23 years at Hines V.A. Hospital. A graduate of Mercy H.S., she attended St. Xavier College. Visitation Friday, June 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge. Interment following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Contributions to the American Legion Auxiliary Education/Nurses Scholarship Fund. For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Kowal, Anna

Anna Kowal, 94, June 17, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Stephen. Loving mother of Paul (Bohdanna). Cherished grandmother of Mark (Jariya) and Adriana (Andrew) Royal and great-grandmother of Mason. Funeral Friday 10:00 A.M. from **Muzyka Funeral Home**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622, to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for a 10:30 A.M. Funeral Service. Visitation Friday 8-10 A.M. at Muzyka Chapel. Interment St. Nicholas Cemetery. Info: 773-278-7767.
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Kulis, LaVerne G.

Mrs. LaVerne G. Kulis passed away quietly at her home in Lemont, IL, on Saturday June 15, 2019 after an illness of several weeks. LaVerne was born in Cicero, IL, on February 22, 1928 to James and Ella (Solar) Soukup. She is preceded in death by her husband Frank J. Kulis and daughter Penny. She is survived by many cousins who, along with good friends and neighbors, mourn her loss. Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook, IL. **Petkus & Son Funeral** directors in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com
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Kurek, Wanda J.

WANDA J. KUREK, age 95. Cherished daughter of the late Stanley Kurek and the late Josephine nee Sadowski. Dearest sister of the late Walter (late Josephine nee Skuta.), late Estelle Kurek, late Ted Kurek and the late Joan (late George) Kosinski. Loving aunt of Joan (Wayne) Slugocki, Walter (Karen) Kurek, and Maria Kosinski-Weihing (Martin Weihing). Fond great-aunt of Dr. Kathleen (William Barnum) Slugocki, Laura Kurek, Julie Kurek, and the late baby Joan Slugocki. Dear great-great aunt of Abby and Jacob. Wanda was the proprietor of Stanley's, a tavern in the Back of the Yards area of Chicago, that her father started in 1924. Wanda shared friendship and homemade hot lunches with her many cherished customers. In her younger years, Wanda was a graduate of the Vogue School of Fashion and owned a dress shop called "Joni's" in Chicago during the 1950's. In her lifetime, Wanda was a member of the Legion of Young Polish Women, the Polish National Alliance and Pinczow, all Polish organizations that meant so much to her. Wanda will be dearly missed by the many lives she touched. Funeral Monday 9:00 AM from **WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME** 5700 South Pulaski Road to St. Gabriel Church (4522 S. Wallace) for 10:00 AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 1-9PM. For Info: 773-767-4500 or www.wolniakfuneralhome.com
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Pick 3 evening 132 / 9
Pick 4 evening 6987 / 9
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June 21 Mega Millions: \$55M

WISCONSIN
June 19
Megabucks 02 18 19 20 35 39
Pick 3 824
Pick 4 6644
Badger 5 02 06 15 19 31
SuperCash 02 07 13 23 25 29

INDIANA
June 19
Lotto 09 21 23 24 29 42
Daily 3 midday 921 / 9
Daily 4 midday 0343 / 9
Daily 3 evening 289 / 2
Daily 4 evening 5364 / 2
Cash 5 03 07 20 25 39

MICHIGAN
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McIlvaine, William Brown

William Brown McIlvaine passed away at his home in Chicago Thursday, June 6, 2019. He was 92 years old. Mr. McIlvaine is survived by Nancy, his wife of over 40 years; four children – William B. Jr., Phelps S., Marion A. Olson, Bruce L.; and eight grandchildren. Another grandson, William III, predeceased him. Born in Evanston, Mr. McIlvaine moved to Lake Forest at an early age. He attended St. Marks School Southborough, MA; Princeton; and the Harvard Business School after which he joined the Frank G. Hough Company, Libertyville, a supplier of commercial and industrial equipment. He then worked 32 years in various divisions of International Harvester, ten of which were in Canada. He also pioneered the sale of Harvester technology in Eastern Europe and China. Nancy & Bill McIlvaine established Portals LTD, a well-known Chicago gallery, in 1986 and for 26 years dedicated themselves to the art world during which time they traveled the world searching for unusual art and objects. The McIlvaines were also involved in numerous Chicago area charitable organizations and civic activities. Bill was an avid bicyclist, often riding 20-30 miles a day. Mr. McIlvaine was a descendent of Robert Gould Shaw, a Union war hero for whom there is a bronze monument by Augustus Saint-Gaudens in the Boston Commons. He is the great, great grandson of Louis Agassiz, the Harvard botanist whose wife Elizabeth was the first president of Radcliffe College. His grandfather, William B. McIlvaine was a founder of the law firm Wilson & McIlvaine. A celebration of Mr. McIlvaine's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Salute Inc., 18 N. Bothwell, Palatine, IL 60067, which provides help for military families and Veterans, would be appreciated.

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McVeigh, Robert S.

Robert S. McVeigh, age 91. Loving husband of Mary Ellen McVeigh (nee Casey). Beloved father of Ellen Manning (deceased), Cathleen McVeigh-Cushing, Margaret Buckstaff, and Mary Frances Rowe. Admired father-in-law of Thomas Manning, Brian Cushing, Peter Buckstaff, and John Rowe. Doting grandfather of Casey Buckstaff, Robert Buckstaff (Annie Prichard), Peter Buckstaff, Ellen Cushing, James Cushing, Caitlin Rowe, Margaret Rowe, and Jack Rowe. Fond brother of James McVeigh, and the late Peggy Masi, Jack McVeigh, William McVeigh, and Anna Maude Reek. Visitation at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Thursday, June 20th, at 4 PM to 8 PM. Funeral services from Smith-Corcoran on Friday, June 21st, 9:30 AM, to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass at 10:00 AM. Private interment with immediate family at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in East Troy, WI, on Saturday, June 22nd. Info 773-736-3833 or Visit Robert's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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O'Hara, Jean Carol

Jean Carol O'Hara (nee Howard), Age 83, Born into Eternal Life on June 17, 2019. Loving mother of James (Maureen), Daniel (Arlhene), and Matthew (Linda) and the late Edward Michael O'Hara. Proud grandma of Daniel, Jimmy (Kelly), Erin O'Hara, and Katie (Brendan) Stewart. Dear great-grandma of Connor. Devoted sister of the late Phillip J. Howard (Julie), Audrey Brew (the late George), and Alan W. Howard (Sheila). Also loved by her many nieces, nephews, friends, and "The Club Girls." Jean was a former Hospice volunteer at LCM, St. Francis Hospital and Palos Hospital. Active member of Marist H.S. Mother's Club. Visitation Friday 4-8pm 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 on Saturday morning for visitation 9:30am-10:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am-10:00am. St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Obaili, Charles G.

Charles G. Obaili, of Oak Brook; beloved husband of Ruth, nee Scherer, for 65 years; loving father of Linda (Miller) Drake; dear grandfather of Samantha. Visitation Friday 11:00 a.m. until time of service 12 Noon. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery. Info 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com



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Pfammatter, Michael F.

Michael F. Pfammatter, age 64, of Lake Forest, IL and Lake Geneva, WI. Beloved husband of Mary Jo, nee Calderone; loving father of Michael (Angela), Anthony (Marilee), Jesse (Rachel), and Angela; devoted son of Marilyn and the late Fredrick; dear grandfather of Camille and Josephine; fond brother of Fredrick Jr. (Lori) and the late Victor (Shari). Visitation, Friday, June 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:45 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, IL, followed by Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Plodzien, Chester

Chester A. Plodzien, age 94, WWII Army Vet. Devoted husband of Emy and the late Virginia; loving father of James Plodzien, Sandra (Stephen) Rodgers and Donald (Annette) Plodzien; fond grandfather of 8; great grandfather of 13; dear brother of the late Alex and the late Casey. Chester was one of the founding fathers of Lee Manor in Des Plaines, IL. The staff and management were devoted to him, and he considered them to be family. Visitation Friday, June 21, from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m., with Wake Service at 8:00 p.m., at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Graveside service with military honors to take place on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Windridge Cemetery 7014 S. Rawson Bridge Rd., Cary, IL 60013. Chester was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Pollack, Glenn

Glenn Pollack, 90, beloved husband of Lila, nee Dinner; loving father of David (Jane), Bill (Lisa) and Matthew (Jean Modry) Pollack; dear step-father of Michelle, David (Audrey), Ross and Larry (Shari) LeCavalier; cherished grandfather of 15; cherished brother of the late Arlene (late Herbert Hoffman); caring uncle of Douglas (Rebecca) and Judith Hoffman; devoted son of the late Edwin and Harriett. Long-time insurance agent and estate planner. Proud United States Marine Veteran. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ?. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Pollack, Glenn

Our grieving family sadly reports our patriarch, Glenn Pollack, 90, passed away in the loving comfort of his family. Beloved husband and prince of Lila, nee Dinner; loving father of David (Jane), Bill (Lisa) and Matthew (Jean Modry) Pollack; dear step-father of Michelle, David (Audrey), Ross and Larry (Shari) LeCavalier; cherished grandfather of 15; treasured brother of the late Arlene (late Herbert Hoffman); caring uncle of Douglas (Rebecca) and Judith Hoffman; devoted son of the late Edwin and Harriett. Long-time New York Life insurance agent and estate planner. Proud United States Marine Veteran. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Priola, Felix

Felix Priola, age 90, at rest on June 18, 2019. Beloved husband of Doris (nee Devoney) for 70 wonderful years. Loving father of Pamela Jo (Paul) Breider and Kim Mari (Neal) Topping. Cherished grandfather of Tiffany Jo (John) Hutter, Karli Marie and Luke Anthony. Great grandfather of Logan Paul. Dear brother of the late Angelina, Joey, Marie, Anthony and Josephine. Fond uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Friday, June 21, 2018 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral Saturday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and then proceed to St. Juliana Church, Chicago, for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, IL. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300



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Pulaski, Sylvester C. 'Les'

Sylvester Charles "Les" Pulaski, 87 of Valparaiso, IN passed away Saturday, June 15, 2019. He was born November 7, 1931 in Chicago to Alfred and Marie (Kobiljak) Pulaski. Les graduated from Harrison High School in Chicago and proudly served in the United States Navy on the USS Pittsburgh before he made his career as a Manager with Jewel food stores. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Sorrows in Valparaiso and served as a Hospitality Minister, the Alter and Rosary Society, and bringing communion to members who were homebound. Les was an honorary member of Knight of Columbus, and enjoyed bowling, playing pool and cards, and watching the Blackhawks, Cubs, and Green Bay Packers. On June 20, 1953 in Chicago, Les married Eleanor Barnas, who preceded him in death in 2011. He is survived by their daughters: Lynn (Doug) D'Avico of St. Charles, IL, Michelle (Thomas) Brew of Tinley Park, IL; his companion, Joanne; 8 siblings, and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Lawrence Pulaski. Private burial took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL. Memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice of NWI. **Moeller Funeral Home** handling arrangements.

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Rock, Geraldine P.

(nee Quinn). Beloved wife and best friend of the late Robert L. Rock. Dearest mother of Pat (Roger) Fraser, the late Danny, Kathy (late Don) Bennett, late Rob (Nora) Rock, Ginny (Joe) Deacon, Peggy (Phil) Ternes. Precious grandma of Chris (Sonia Pasquali) and Matt (Sarah) Fraser, Michelle (Bill) Marousek, Lisa (Tony) Travaglini, Stephanie (Dan) McIntyre, and Tim (Cara) Bennett, Nate (Angela) Rock, Joe (Narry Kim), the late Kristin, Tony, Doug (Joanne) Deacon, Courtney (Chad) Murphy, Lindsay (Chad) Uthe, Pete (Polly Nevins), Gretchen and Maddie Ternes. Most cherished "G.G." to Damiano, Amedeo and Phoebe Fraser, Alexa, Sianna and Caidon Marousek, Brayden, McKenna and Addison Travaglini, Landon and Erin McIntyre, Tessa Rock, Quinn and Jude Murphy, Colton and Ryder Deacon, Jaxon, the late Taelor, Brady and Cash Uthe. Devoted aunt of the late Mary Ellen Sisk, Terri Hilger, and Laurie Ognar. Dear sister-in-law of the late Joan Dumpert. Treasured friend of Lory Parker. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Mary Catholic Church, Mokena, IL for a Celebration of Life Mass, 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Rohan, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Rohan 98, of Evergreen Park, Illinois and Hallandale Beach, Florida passed away on June 15, 2019. Born in Chicago, IL, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Julia Clifford (nee Griffin) and was preceded in death by her husband John Patrick Rohan and her siblings, Julia McGrath, Sister Cyril Clifford, OP, and Thomas Clifford. Mary Ann is survived



by her 8 children, Judy (Larry) Hicks, Julie (John) MacKenzie, John Rohan (Ruth), Mary Ellen Rohan, Michael Rohan (Mary), Thomas Rohan (Colleen) James Rohan (Mary Pat) and Cyril Rohan (Kathy). She is also survived by 16 grandchildren Colleen Peyton (Jeff), Patrick Hicks, Michael MacKenzie (Sherie), Kate Sustad (Aaron), Daniel Gabriel Rohan (Melissa Meyers) Julia Rohan (Mark Vanderhoff), Meagan Rohan, Michael Rohan Jr. (Ashley), Daniel Patrick Rohan (Megan), Erin Rohan, Matt Rohan, Elise Rohan, Mary Kate Rohan, Clare Rohan, Leo Rohan and Eileen Rohan, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mary Ann was a remarkable woman whose achievements included playing a Supervisory role for the United States Weather Service in Washington D.C. during World War II, returning to school to obtain her undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Xavier University and the University of Illinois following the raising of her family and working as a grief counselor and therapist for Catholic Charities for over 20 years, most notably with family survivors of suicide. For those fortunate enough to know her, her intense curiosity and interest in others was a source of both admiration and inspiration. She derived great satisfaction, support, and immeasurable kindness from her daughter, Mary Ellen, her constant companion for the last 15 years of her life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824. Visitation Friday 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. to St. John Fisher Church for Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 773-779-4411

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Simoncelli, Patricia Frances

Patricia Frances Simoncelli, nee Schiddell, age 72, of Downers Grove. Beloved wife of Wayne for 54 years. Loving mother of Charesse (Jack) Manganiello, Wayne Simoncelli, Shannon (Tim) Schloneger, Dino (Anastasia) Simoncelli, Nicole (Marty) Turek, Claudine (Efrain Jr.) David, Dominic (Tiffany) Simoncelli and Angela (Chris) Dunda. Devoted grandmother of Nick, Anthony, Joey, Wayne, Anthony, Calista, Paulie, Francesca, Christian, Jacob, Claire, Isabella, Everini, Dino, Lena, Abby, Patty, Hailey, Efrain, Carlos and Dominic. Cherished sister-in-law and dear aunt to many. Preceded in death by her parents Emil and Helen Schiddell and siblings Robert Schiddell, Arlene Prues and Carol Burns. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Friday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Prayers 9:15 a.m. Saturday from the funeral home to Divine Savior Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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SPEAKER, DOLORES ANN 'DODIE'

Speaker, Dolores A., born August 1, 1921 in Chicago, IL. Died May 18, 2019 in Kingwood, TX. Beloved mother of Frances Manley (the late Andrew Manley), Kathleen Dice (the late Robert Dice, Jr.), Joan Grajek (Kevin), Susan Janson (John), Nancy Elsberry (Tony), Charles Speaker, Barbara Showan, Sandra Donnelly. Grandmother of 25, Great Grandmother of 31, Great Great Grandmother of 13. Preceded in death by beloved husband, Francis J. Speaker, daughter Mary Frances Speaker, son Robert Michael Speaker. Aunt/Great Aunt of many. Memorial Mass, Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 9:30 am at St. Christina Church, 3342 West 111th St., Chicago, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL, immediately following memorial. In lieu of flowers, Masses preferred.

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Stiemann, Ted B.

Ted B. Stiemann, Age 58, In God's Care on June 12, 2019. Loving father to Ben, Bryon, and Ted. Beloved son of Bern and Mary. Devoted brother of Shannon (Neal Van Zutphen), Kathleen (Henry Brown), and Loretta Heidegger. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Private Memorial Mass was held at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Oak Lawn. In memory of Ted, donations to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, 70 E. Lake St., Chicago, IL 60601 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-636-5500

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Sullivan, Robert J.

Robert J. Sullivan, age 81, born in Fitchburg, MA, moved to and resided in Lyons, IL and current resident of Plainfield, IL; beloved husband of Sheila (Brown) Sullivan for 59 wonderful years; loving father of Kelly Sullivan, Tim (Angela) Sullivan, Margaret (David) Wilhelmi, Maureen (Randy) Pacana and Patrick (Jean) Sullivan; dear grandfather of Katelyn, Erin and Sheila Wilhelmi, Maggie and Tyler Pacana and T.J. and Chloe Sullivan; fond brother of Patty, Kathy and late Betty, late Thomas and late Peggy; fond uncle and friend of many. Retired as Chief of Police after 20 years of service for Village of Lyons; Criminal Investigator for States Attorney's Office; retired Lieutenant of Lyons Fire Department and Village of Lyons Trustee. U.S. Army Veteran. He fulfilled his objective in life to raise a loving family with his wife and to serve his church and community. Visitation Friday from 3 to 9pm at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd. Plainfield, IL. Prayers Saturday, 9am, from the funeral home to St. Dennis Church, 1214 S. Hamilton St., Lockport, IL. Mass 10am. In lieu of flowers memorials given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further info 815-577-5250.



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Sutherland, Marie Panor

On Saturday June 15th, Marie Panor Sutherland passed away peacefully at the age of 89. Preceded in death by her loving husband Donald Sutherland on June 25, 2018, Glen Ellyn resident, Marie Sutherland, the daughter of a Greek American Washington D.C. restaurant owner was a high achiever. She graduated George Washington University Phi Beta Kappa with distinction and went on to University of Chicago where she graduated with honors with a Masters in Political Science along with only one other woman that year. After marrying Donald, they moved to Germany while Don was in the service and Marie was an intelligence officer for the CIA for 10 years but resigned when Don left the army and returned to the States with him. Marie and Don adopted their children, Janet and Mark, and settled down in Rockville, Maryland where she worked for political causes. After relocating to Glen Ellyn in 1974, Marie immediately became active at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and she volunteered with many community organizations such as Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling, PADS, and Cathedral Shelter in Chicago. She focused her efforts on both civil rights and community outreach programs. She told her friends, "if something wasn't right, she would change it". Marie is survived by her sister Anna, Daughter Janet (Kevin), Son Mark (Elena), Grandchildren Ella and Maya along with other close extended family. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday June 29th at 3pm at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in memory of Marie P. Sutherland to The Brain Aneurysm Foundation at 269 Hanover St., Hanover MA 02339 or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at 1 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1200, Chicago IL 60602.

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Wrona, Leonora T. 'Lorrie'

Leonora T. "Lorrie" Wrona (nee Groff) age 76, of South Holland, passed away peacefully June 15, 2019 at home with her loving family around her. She is survived by her devoted husband, John S. Wrona, her sons John (Carrie), Dr. Robert (Keri), David (Stephanie) and Patrick (Phylicia) Wrona, and six grandchildren, Dylan,



Jeremy, Logan, Alexis, Raegan, Andrew, and the late baby Jacob Wrona. Leonora was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Groff and Leonora Groff (Mentel) of Munster. Lorrie received her Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in English and a Minor in Music from St. Mary of the Woods College in 1964. Lorrie was raised and grew up to be a high school English Teacher. Lorrie taught English for five (5) years at Merrillville High School in the 1960's. Thereafter, she took a 20 year leave of absence to enjoy her family with her husband, John. She obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Language and Literature with a Major in Literature from Governors State University in 1992. Along the way she obtained her Montessori Elementary 6-9 Credentials and taught multiple levels at Laren Montessori School. She taught piano over the years in her home. She completed her teaching career at Lake Central High School from 1990-2010 teaching Freshman English. Lorrie was a devoted mother to her children providing guidance in life and in school and leisure activities. She was most proud of her children and their accomplishments. Lorrie and John met at Bishop Noll High School, Class of 1960, and were married on June 19, 1965. They were wonderfully married for 54 years. They were high school sweethearts to the day of her passing. Lorrie was a beautiful sweet person, always with a smile, and without an unkind thought. Her family will miss her dearly and forever! Memorial Visitation Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)**, 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton / South Holland. Memorial Mass Saturday 10:00 a.m. at Holy Ghost Church, 700 E. 170th St, South Holland. Cremation and Inurnment will be private. Please omit flowers. Contributions can be made in Lorrie's name to Hospice of the Calumet Area at www.hospicecalumet.org 708-841-2300 or thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Zimney, Winifred B.

Winifred B. Zimney, age 90, beloved wife of 59 years to the late George; loving mother of Michael. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter. Gathering Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9 A.M. until time of service, 10 A.M. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. For information www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.



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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
Darius Thompson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tiffany Thompson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00278

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Darius Hall (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 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 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **10:00 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 20, 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
Elijah Walker

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Katrice Rayford (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00095

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Eddie Walker (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Jaylen Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Patricia Kendrick (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00245

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 15, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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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
Jose Guadalupe Diego-Patino AKA Jose Guadalupe Diego Patino

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maria Del Carmen Patino (Mother) AKA Maria Del Carmen Patino-Salmeron AKA Maria Del Carmen Patino Salmeron

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00873

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Maria Del Carmen Patino (Mother) AKA Maria Del Carmen Patino-Salmeron AKA Maria Del Carmen Patino Salmeron, Jose Guadalupe Diego Rojas (Father) AKA Jose Guadalupe AKA Jose Guadalupe Diego Rojas Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 7, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12 COURTROOM L**, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Naoh Perry

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dominique Perry (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00574

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dantrell Johnson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 5, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Tyler Jackson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Latoya Jackson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00237

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Joshua Cash (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 14, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/11/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, 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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The Cubs' Willson Contreras celebrates while rounding the bases after hitting a grand slam off White Sox starter Lucas Giolito in the first inning Wednesday night. See story, **Page 5**

A wacky situation

Bizarro World, Chicago style for the Cubs and White Sox

The arrow was pointing up for the White Sox going into Wednesday's City Series matchup.

Tuesday's opener at Wrigley Field ended with the homer and the gloating, giving Sox fans a chance to look down on their North Side peers for the first time in a long time. Eloy Jimenez's sudden power surge and the eventual arrival of rotation savior Dylan Cease were proof positive the rebuild finally had turned a corner, and better yet, the Sox stole them from the Cubs in broad daylight.

The Cubs, meanwhile, were looking at a future mired in uncertainty, with manager Joe Maddon's status up in the air after 2019 and a team that follows



BY PAUL SULLIVAN
On the City Series

hot streaks with cold spells at the drop of a floppy hat. After the wasted road trip to Coors Field and Dodger Stadium, the Cubs' roller coaster was suddenly on a downward plunge as they awaited the eventual arrival of bullpen savior Craig Kimbrel.

The Sox were ecstatic to be around .500, and the Cubs were looking for answers after falling to six games over.

It's Bizarro World, Chicago style, with weather to match the topsy-turvy fortunes of our two teams. When Cubs President Theo Epstein proclaimed last winter "October really starts in March," a message to players to

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White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito reacts after giving up a home run to the Cubs' David Bote in the fourth inning.

MORE COVERAGE

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Cubs thrive on power, Sox better at manufacturing runs

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs flex plenty of muscle with 114 home runs entering Wednesday night's showdown with the White Sox.

But their power has been offset by their National League low-.243 batting average with runners in scoring position, which loomed large in the wake of the Sox's 3-1 comeback win Tuesday night.

"That's something from the beginning," manager Joe Maddon said Wednesday night. "We have to do better."

Maddon said the lack of production with runners in scoring position is an "industry-wide situation."

But the Sox manufactured a game-tying run in the sixth inning before Eloy Jimenez hit a dramatic, two-run, tie-breaking home run in the ninth.

And the Sox, who possess only a .313 on-base percentage, are hitting 17 points higher than the Cubs with runners in scoring position.

"You need somebody to put the bat on the ball, manage the barrel," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Having a guy who can hit and knows how to hit seems kind of important to me. You don't necessarily need a home run every single swing."

"That being said, do I like home runs? Just like everybody here and everybody in the stands and in the game of baseball, I think I'm possibly taken out of context in the game today because I speak in other terms that people forget."

"(Like) having a guy who can handle the bat, that situationally certain opportunities present themselves to squeeze bunt, safety

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MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Vanderbilt point guard Darius Garland is projected to be the fourth pick in Thursday's NBA draft.

BULLS

Don't expect to see blockbuster trade

If Bulls trade up in draft, Markkanen, LaVine won't be bait

BY K.C. JOHNSON

Bulls management values Zach LaVine or else it wouldn't have matched his four-year, \$78 million offer sheet from the Kings last summer.

The Bulls also value Lauri Markkanen or else they wouldn't have identified him as one of the main reasons for plugging the franchise into a full

NBA DRAFT

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. 6 p.m. Thursday, ESPN
The Bulls have the No. 7 pick.
■ Bulls might use pick to address frontcourt depth. **Page 6**

rebuild with the June 2017 trade of Jimmy Butler to the Timberwolves.

Executive vice president John Paxson likes to remind people that, other than his former teammate Michael Jordan, the phrase "untouchable" rarely applies. Nevertheless, the idea that

the Bulls would use either LaVine or Markkanen to trade up Thursday in what is widely considered a weak NBA draft never made much sense — however that idea started.

Paxson has publicly declared his desire to upgrade at point guard.

And with the Pelicans set to acquire the No. 4 pick from the Lakers when the Anthony Davis transaction is finalized, Vanderbilt point guard Darius Garland — the projected fourth pick after

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VIEWPOINT

Exiled Solo still playing victim card

BY ANDY CLAYTON
New York Daily News

Hope Solo is still living in the past. The greatest goalie in U.S. women's soccer history wants you to know she was wronged by U.S. Soccer when she was booted from the national team after the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

She was an innocent victim, punished for loving the game too much.

Solo continued to push this narrative Wednesday in a first-person column for The Guardian newspaper in Britain headlined: "I was punished for calling Sweden cowards, but now rawness is accepted."

Enough already. What's the point of writing this now? Could it be making sure people are still talking about you? If that's the case, good job.

Ahead of Thursday's clash between the U.S. and Sweden in the final group-stage game for the longtime rivals, Solo is still talking about being "heartbroken and raw" after the Americans lost on penalty kicks in the Olympic quarterfinals to a defensive-minded Swedish team she labeled "cowards."

"Sweden had played an incredibly defensive game and essentially stopped playing any kind of offense," wrote Solo, who is working as an analyst for BBC Sport at the World Cup in France. "I made comments straight after the match about the U.S. losing to a 'bunch of cowards.' Not the best choice of words, but in that moment I felt they didn't play a courageous game."

Solo would have every right to be angry if those comments were what got her fired. That's simply not the case.

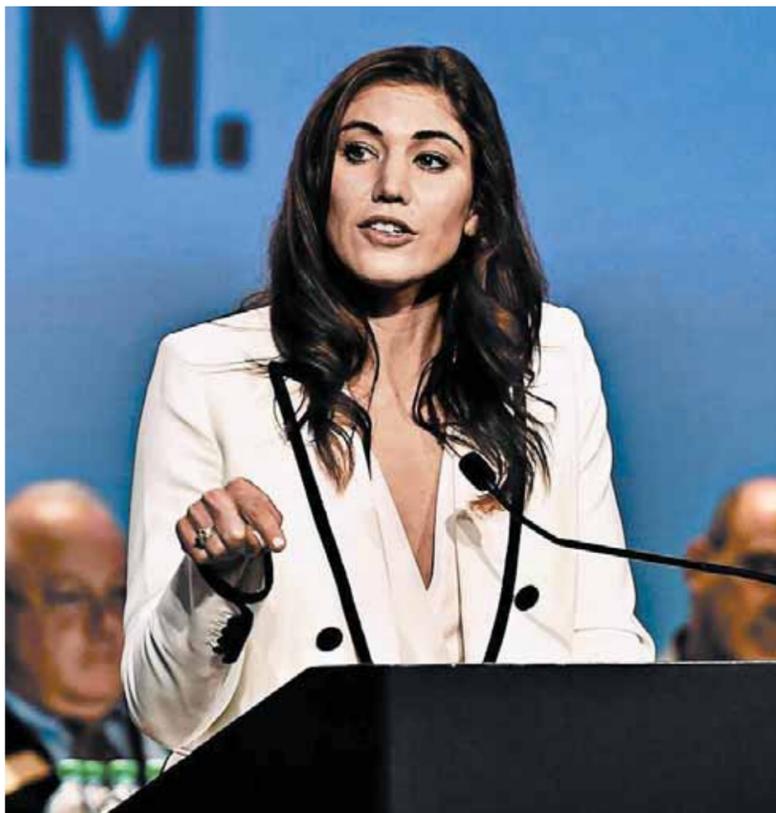
Solo — who has already blasted Jill Ellis during this World Cup, saying the U.S. coach "cracks under the pressure" — again took a shot at the veteran national team coach, saying the Americans were not prepared for the tournament in Rio.

"Of course, the loss was entirely down to our own lack of preparation," Solo added.

It would be the last time she would suit up for the national team as U.S. Soccer terminated Solo's contract a week after the loss.

In her column, Solo blames her show of emotion after the heartbreaking defeat to Sweden for losing her job. She also points to being a thorn in the side of the federation in her fight for equal pay.

"U.S. Soccer realized it now had an ex-



ROY K. MILLER/ISIPHOTOS/TNS

Hope Solo still claims her "coward" comments about Sweden in 2016 are what got her removed from the U.S. women's national team during that year's Olympics.

cuse to remove its biggest adversary in the fight for equal pay, and it did."

What Solo — who helped the U.S. to the 2015 World Cup title and holds just about every meaningful goalkeeping record — failed to mention in her Guardian column is her pattern of bad behavior that finally forced the federation's hand.

She didn't mention her 2015 joyride in a U.S. team van with her husband, former NFL tight end Jerramy Stevens, that resulted in Stevens being arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. She also didn't mention being arrested in 2014 on charges of assaulting two family members. The charges were dropped, but the damage was done.

"Over time there's been off-the-field distractions for which the federation has taken action," Ellis said at the time of the ban. "Each time, there's been made clear an expectation that this would be the last time such a step would be necessary."

"Sadly, how Hope handled her post-Olympic comments forced us to make a significant decision. It's not simply a decision made about comments; it was based on the sum total of actions that have unfortunately shone a negative light on our program."

If all Solo had done was called Sweden "cowards," she would still have a job. There is more to the story. There always is with Solo.

LET'S PLAY 2

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	Friday @Rangers 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	Saturday @Rangers 8:05 p.m. NBCSCH
	Saturday RSL 7 p.m. ESPN+	June 28 @Red Bulls 7 p.m. Twitter
	Friday Fever 7 p.m. WCIU-26.2	Sunday Sun 5 p.m. WCIU-26.6

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	1 p.m. Indians at Rangers	MLBN
	4 p.m. Rockies at Diamondbacks	MLBN
	7 p.m. Mets at Cubs	WGN-9
		WSCR-AM 670
	7 p.m. Twins at Royals	MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL	7 p.m. Louisville vs. TBA	ESPN2
WNBA	7 p.m. Mercury at Wings	CBSN
	9 p.m. Mystics at Aces	CBSN
GOLF	2 p.m. Travelers Championship	Golf
	5 p.m. Women's PGA Championship	Golf
	11 p.m. Korea Open	Golf
	4:30 a.m. (Fri.) BMW International Open	Golf

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11 a.m. Netherlands vs. Canada	FOX-32
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2 p.m. Sweden vs. United States	FOX-32
2 p.m. Thailand vs. Chile	FS1

SOCCER

6 p.m. Nicaragua vs. Haiti	FS1
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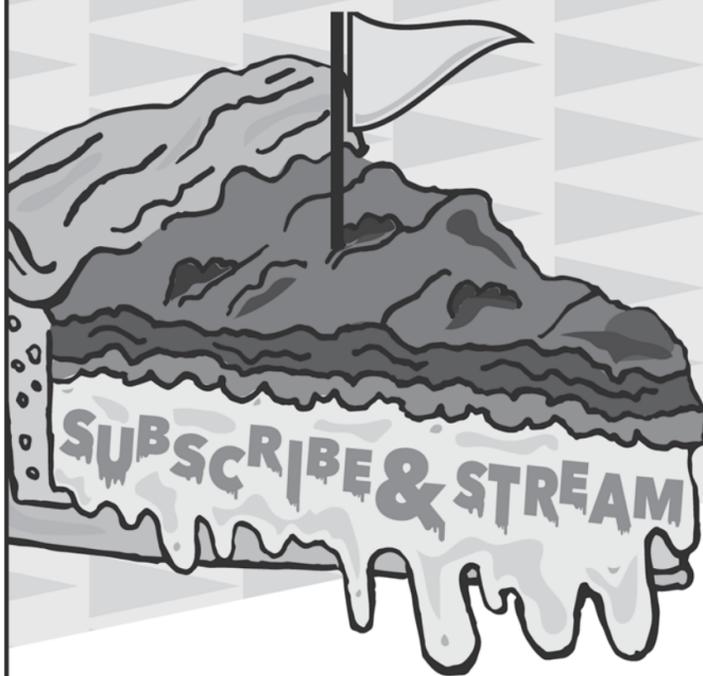
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GAME 1 | Wrigley Field
White Sox 3, Cubs 1

Eloy Jimenez hits a two-run homer in the ninth off reliever Pedro Strop.

GAME 2 | Wrigley Field
Cubs 7, White Sox 3

Willson Contreras hits a grand slam and a solo home run off Lucas Giolito.

GAME 3 | Guaranteed Rate Field
Cubs at White Sox

6:15 p.m. Saturday, July 6, FOX
Cubs won 2 of 3 at G-Rate last year.

GAME 4 | Guaranteed Rate Field
Cubs at White Sox

1:10 p.m. Sunday, July 7, NBCSCH, WGN-9
The final game before the All-Star break.



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White Sox fan Brooklyn Arjes, 9, and her sister, Cubs fan Addison Arjes, 12, watch batting practice.

Chilly surprise

Unseasonably cool weather catches fans, players off guard

By PHIL THOMPSON

White Sox reliever Evan Marshall echoed the sentiments of many Sox and Cubs fans shivering through the second game of the City Series on Wednesday night at Wrigley Field.

"Sunny and 75 (degrees) yesterday and today we're in a cloud," Marshall said. "Cold, windy and cloudy."

Major League Baseball listed the official game-time temperature as 54 degrees with a 7 mph wind blowing in from the north (left field). A slight fog hovered over the ballpark.

Both teams dealt with temperatures in the 30s in April, but Marshall — who spent parts of the last two seasons in Seattle and Cleveland — said, "I don't remember a season when it's been this cold this late into the year."

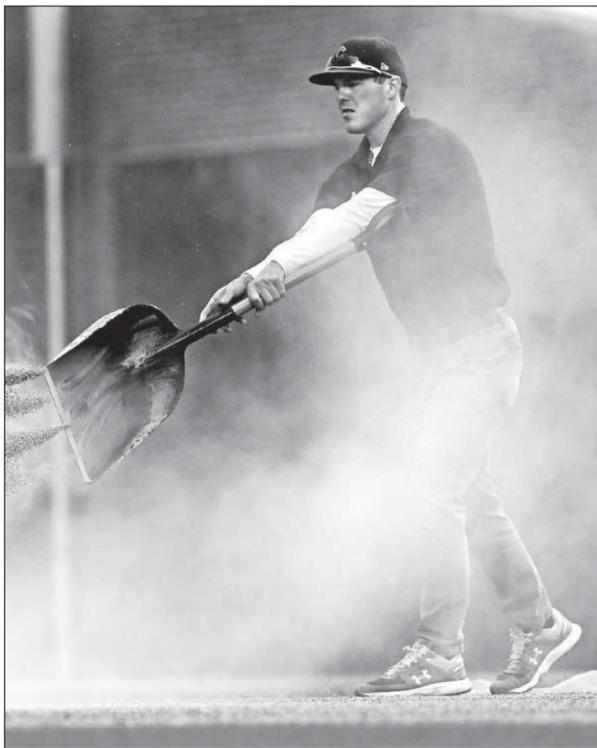
Still, he said, as a player, "you just show up every day expecting it to be bad until it turns out to be good."

Brian Kasallis, 44, regretted showing up at Wrigley in a short-sleeve shirt with only his Sox cap for protection.

"I thought it was summer," he said with a laugh. "Wasn't it summer? It was summer yesterday."

"This is unseasonable. I mean, this is just ridiculous. It's crazy right now?"

The digital company owner from Roselle bought a jacket for



A grounds crew worker spreads dry dirt onto the infield in preparation for Wednesday night's game at Wrigley Field.

his 11-year-old son, Devin, who's a Cubs fan.

"I was looking for a jacket (at Wrigley)," Kasallis said, "but they don't have any Sox jackets, so ..."

Former Sox manager and current NBC Sports Chicago analyst Ozzie Guillen was matter-of-fact about the weather.

"We're in Chicago, bro," he said. "It be like that everywhere.

Colombia, it's raining like crazy — it's not supposed to be raining."

When it comes down to it, Guillen said, both teams are playing under the same conditions.

"Nobody plays better in the cold — oh no," he said. "Baseball is meant to be played in the summer. It's not too many people that can play in the cold weather."

CUBS NOTES

Mets' Davis won't get cold shoulder

By MARK GONZALES

Chili Davis was the fall guy for the Cubs' second-half hitting woes in 2018, but the former hitting coach won't get the cold shoulder from players Thursday night when he returns to Wrigley Field with the Mets.

"I like Chili," left fielder Kyle Schwarber said. "I have nothing but good things to say about Chili during his time here. I learned from him, and he gave me some good things. Those are things I still carry on. I wish him all the best over there, and it will be good to say hi."

Under Davis' supervision, the Cubs led the National League with a .258 batting average and 1,453 hits. But they scored one run or fewer 39 times (second to the Orioles), their batting average dipped from .265 in the first half to .249 in the second half and their OPS sank from .771 to .705

during that time.

A SportsNet New York story in January said Cubs President Theo Epstein was pressured to fire Davis and consented to the wishes of Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo.

Manager Joe Maddon, however, shot down that theory, and Bryant said in spring training that he respected Davis.

Jason Heyward said he had a great rapport with Davis, who played in the majors for 19 seasons and is in his eighth season as a major-league hitting coach.

"Some guys are used to having a specific hitting coach," Heyward said. "I just think timing is everything. There's a lot of expertise on Chili's part."

"But I also came up in a different time. His message was easy for me to pick up. I didn't have much to change anyway."

Albert Almora Jr. also praised

Davis and former assistant hitting coach Andy Haines, now the Brewers hitting coach.

"He and Andy were great," Almora said. "I didn't have any problems. We tried to get better — that was it. We had a long season, but we had great conversations about hitting."

Extra innings: Craig Kimbrel will make his second rehabilitation assignment for Triple-A Iowa on Friday against Round Rock. ... Reliever Carl Edwards Jr. said he resisted any temptation last weekend to watch Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen's delivery, which Edwards tried to duplicate in spring training. Edwards' motion, which included a slight hesitation, was later deemed illegal. "It's done," Edwards said. "It's over. I don't need that. I happened to have success with my old stuff, so I don't need to change it."

Velocity increase boon to Bummer

White Sox reliever has found increased confidence, success

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Aaron Bummer pondered the question and began to look around the visiting clubhouse at Wrigley Field.

Are you the lowest-drafted White Sox player in the room?

"Probably," he replied. Definitely.

The Sox are loaded with international talent and are flush with high picks such as first-rounders Lucas Giolito, Tim Anderson, Zack Collins and Carson Fulmer.

Bummer was tabbed in the 19th round.

Does that drive him?

"At this time, no," he replied. "Guys can say they are trying to prove people wrong. In reality I'm trying to prove people right — and myself right. When given the opportunity, I can do this."

Bummer, 25, appeared in 30 games in 2017 and 37 last year. But he ended last season in Triple-A and also started this one in Charlotte. Since joining the Sox on April 28, he has surged from the back of the bullpen to one of the American League's most effective relievers.

Opponents are hitting .141 against him, third-lowest in the league.

"He has elite stuff, no question about that," catcher James McCann said. "When you have elite stuff and you pound the zone, that's tough for a hitter."

"You saw what (Zack) Britton did in Baltimore for all those years and now what he's doing for the Yankees. That's who I compare him to. I've faced Britton, and it's not a fun at-bat. You see the swings Bummer has been getting, and it's very similar to how guys swing off Britton."

Take Tuesday night at Wrigley Field.

Ivan Nova was cruising, having shut down the Cubs since Kyle Schwarber led off the game with a

homer. And yet with none out in the sixth, manager Rick Renteria summoned Bummer to face fellow lefty Anthony Rizzo.

He retired Rizzo with a sinker, struck out Victor Caratini to end the inning and then fanned two more in a perfect seventh. He ended the seventh by freezing Albert Almora on a sinker that caught the inside corner.

"He has a really good, live fastball," Almora said. "Lot of movement on it. And he hit some spots."

Bummer posted a 4.50 ERA in 2017 and 4.26 last year. This season, heading into Wednesday's game, it was 1.59. Table scraps.

Why the surge?

"Strikes," pitching coach Don Cooper said. "He is throwing it over and attacking."

Attacking with more heat. The 6-3 Bummer is firing sliders, cutters and 95 mph sinkers.

"Compared to years past it's about 2 mph harder, and I can correlate a hell of a lot of success to that," Bummer said.

Where did the extra gas come from?

"I wish I knew," he replied. "It's like all of a sudden I woke up one day and started hitting a golf ball 20 years farther."

Lefties like Britton and Andrew Miller provide a blueprint for what Bummer hopes to become — a lefty who can be used at almost any point in the game for multiple innings. Or to get the last out, as he did Thursday against the Yankees for his first career save.

Friends and former coaches reached out to congratulate him. But the reaction that meant the most to him came from his wife, Amber. Bummer once joked that as a condition of marrying him, she had to take his last name: "She's going to take the plunge and take the Bummer."

"It's not always the easiest life for the wives, especially going up and down (from the minors). They're the ones packing up the apartments," he said. "So it was really nice for her — and nice for her to see that joy on my face."



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White Sox relief pitcher Aaron Bummer has found more confidence with his improved velocity, entering Wednesday with a 1.59 ERA.

WHITE SOX NOTES

Fulmer called up to replace injured Banuelos

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

The White Sox added an extra reliever before Wednesday night's game at Wrigley Field by recalling right-hander Carson Fulmer from Triple-A Charlotte.

They placed lefty Manny Bañuelos on the 10-day injured list (retroactive to June 16) with left shoulder inflammation to make room.

Fulmer, 25, the Sox's first-round draft pick in 2015, has posted a 6.97 ERA in eight appearances with the Sox this season. In 15 relief outings at Charlotte, he went 1-0 with a 3.97 ERA, one save, 32 strikeouts in 22-plus innings and a .221 opponents batting average.

Banuelos is 3-4 with a 6.90 ERA.

Yankees release Farquhar: The Yankees have released right-hander Danny Farquhar, ending the relief pitcher's comeback try with New York more than a year after he collapsed in the White Sox dugout because of a ruptured aneurysm and brain hemorrhage.

The Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders announced the move Wednesday.

Farquhar buckled during a game with the White Sox on April 20, 2018, and was hospitalized until May 7. He became a free agent after the season and signed a minor-league contract with the Yankees.

The 32-year-old Farquhar pitched in three major league spring training games. After spending time in extended spring training to build up arm strength, Farquhar made two appearances with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre this month, allowing seven runs in three innings.

Sister Sobieck up for an ESPY:

Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, whose stunning curveball on a ceremonial first pitch before a White Sox game last year led to getting her own Topps baseball card and a bobblehead doll, now is up for an ESPY Award.

"Don't Sleep on Sister Mary Jo's curveball," a strike to Lucas Giolito, will be among four nominees vying for Best Viral Moment when the ESPYs, seen live locally on ABC-7, are given out July 10 at Los Angeles' Microsoft Theater.

Chicago Tribune's Phil Rosenthal contributed.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for American League divisions.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table listing probable pitchers for National League and American League teams, including names, times, and records.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Cincinnati 3, Houston 2; N.Y. Yankees 12, Tampa Bay 1; Oakland 8, Baltimore 3; Seattle 8, Kansas City 2; Pittsburgh 8, Detroit 2; L.A. Angels 11, Toronto 6; Chi. Cubs 7, Chi. White Sox 3; Cleveland 10, Texas 4; Boston 9, Minnesota 4.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.; Detroit at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.; Toronto at Boston, 6:10 p.m.; Chi. White Sox at Texas, 7:05 p.m.; L.A. Angels at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.; Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.; Tampa Bay at Oakland, 9:07 p.m.; Baltimore at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

June 19-20: Owners meeting, New York. June 29-30: New York Yankees vs. Boston at London. July 2: International amateur signing period opens. July 9: All-Star Game at Cleveland. July 12: Deadline for drafted players to sign, except for players who have exhausted college eligibility.

BOX SCORES

ATHLETICS 8, ORIOLES 3

Box score for Athletics vs Orioles, including batting and pitching stats.

1-ran for Mancini in the 1st. E: Villar (10), LOB: Baltimore 8, Oakland 7. 2B: Semien (17), Chapman (18), Laureano (16), Canha (6), Piscotty (15), Phegley (13). HR: Phegley (9), off Rogers. RBIs: Santander (5), Nunez (39), Ruiz (18), Chapman (38), K.Davis (41), Laureano (35), Piscotty (33), Phegley (34).

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National League

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Suspected gunman Rolffy Ferreyra is taken to court by police in the Dominican Republic.

MLB

Prosecutor: Ortiz not target

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of the Dominican Republic's national police. Ortiz remains hospitalized in Boston, where doctors upgraded his condition from guarded to good. At least 11 people have been arrested in the case so far. Rodriguez and Bautista said the case of mistaken identity began when one of the accomplices shot a blurry photo of Fernandez at the cafe. In the photo, a white freezer obscures Fernandez's lower body. Ortiz was wearing white pants, and the law-enforcement official said gunman Rolffy Ferreyra mistook him for the target.

AROUND THE HORN

Reds: Nick Senzel singled home the tying run with two outs in the ninth inning, and Jesse Winker followed with an RBI single Wednesday as the Reds rallied for a 3-2 victory and a rare sweep of the Astros. The Reds matched their season high with a fourth straight win. Former American League MVP Jose Altuve returned to Houston's lineup, but he couldn't help the Astros avoid their first sweep of the season and their first on the road since September 2017 at Oakland.

Nationals: Max Scherzer shrugged off a broken nose and black eye to throw seven shutout innings, Brian Dozier and Victor Robles hit solo homers, and the Nationals completed a doubleheader sweep of the Phillies with a 2-0 victory in the night game. The Nationals have won 16 of their last 23, while the Phillies have dropped seven of their last nine and 12 of 18. Scherzer bunted a ball off his face during batting practice Tuesday, but it didn't stop him from making his scheduled start. In the first game, Patrick Corbin struck out eight while allowing one run over seven innings as the Nationals earned a 6-2 victory in the delayed series opener after the teams were rained out Monday and Tuesday. Bryce Harper was 0-for-4 with four walks in the doubleheader and was loudly booed before each plate appearance. Angels: Mike Trout hit two home runs, including his sixth career grand slam, and had a career-best seven RBIs as the Angels beat the Blue Jays 11-6. Justin Upton also homered for the Angels, who have won all six meetings with the Blue Jays this season and 18 of the last 24 in Toronto. Trout had the first seven-RBI game for the Angels since Torii Hunter did it against Kansas City on July 4, 2010. Trout now has 22 homers, tying him with the Yankees' Edwin Encarnacion for the AL lead. Yankees: Gary Sanchez hit a three-run homer to help chase Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell in the first inning, and CC Sabathia got his 250th career win in a 12-1 thumping of the Rays. ... The Yankees released right-hander Danny Farquhar, ending the relief pitcher's comeback try more than a year after he collapsed in the White Sox dugout because of a ruptured aneurysm and brain hemorrhage. Padres: Franmil Reyes hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh and Eric Hosmer added a two-run shot for the Padres, who overcame three homers by the Brewers in an 8-7 win for a three-game sweep. Christian Yelich hit his MLB-leading 27th homer and Ryan Braun homered, doubled and drove in three runs for the Brewers. Extra innings: Braves pitcher Sean Newcomb was placed on the seven-day injured list for players with concussion symptoms, four days after he was hit on the back of the head by a line drive. Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said Newcomb felt uncomfortable after a light workout. ... The Red Sox put right-hander Hector Velazquez on the 10-day injured list, a day after a recurrence of back trouble that sidelined him a few weeks ago.



Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — Former Red Sox slugger David Ortiz was shot in the back by a gunman who mistook him for the real target, another man who was seated at the same table at an outdoor cafe, Dominican officials said Wednesday.

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NATIONALS 6, PHILLIES 2

Box score for Nationals vs Phillies, including batting and pitching stats.

a-grounded out for Eflin in the 7th, b-tripled for Garcia in the 9th. E: Kingery (2), LOB: Philadelphia 8, Washington 6. 2B: Eaton (8), Adams (8), Dozier (11), Parra (7), 3B: Miller (1), HR: Kingery (9), off Corbin; Dozier (1), off Irvin; Parra (5), off Irvin. RBIs: Kingery (22), Miller (5), Soto (42), Dozier (3), Parra (20).

SB: Quinn (1), Soto (4), S. Eflin. Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 5 (Segura, 2, Realuto, Rodriguez, Eflin); Washington 3 (Dozier, Corbin, 2). RISP: Philadelphia 0 for 7; Washington 4 for 13. Runners moved up: Dozier.

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PIRATES 8, TIGERS 7

Box score for Pirates vs Tigers, including batting and pitching stats.

a-popped out for Dickerson in the 5th, b-struck out for R.Rodriguez in the 6th, c-struck out for Castro in the 8th, d-struck out for Liriano in the 8th, e-grounded out for Hardy in the 9th. f-grounded out for Stewart in the 9th. HR: Betts (25), Benintendi (3), Williams; Castro (1), off Williams; Marte (1), off Ramirez; Reynolds (6), off Ramirez. RBIs: Stewart (24), Goodrum (2), Dixon (2), Castro (2), Reynolds (3), Marte (2), Williams (2), Williams (3).

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Box score for White Sox vs opponent, including batting and pitching stats.

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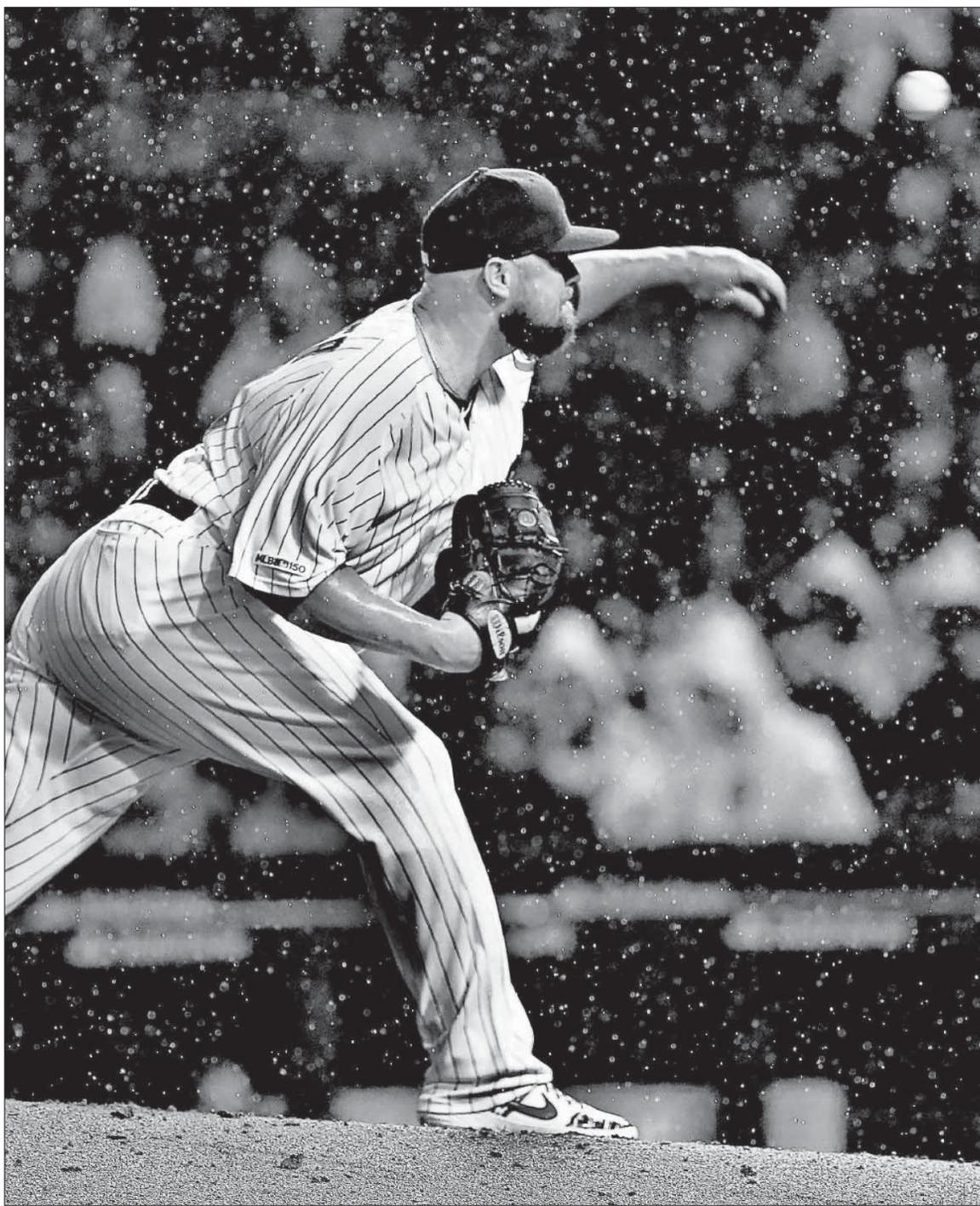
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CITY SERIES



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Cubs starter Jon Lester delivers a pitch against the White Sox in the fourth inning Wednesday night at Wrigley Field.

A wacky situation

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squeeze and hit-and-run, things of that nature. So I think having a balance of those guys is important."

Fortunately for the Cubs, they showed a semblance of discipline and clutch hitting that allowed them to break through in the first inning against 10-game winner Lucas Giolito, who entered Wednesday's game as the AL's ERA leader (2.22) and had allowed one run or fewer seven times in his last eight starts. Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez drew consecutive walks to load the bases and set the stage for Willson Contreras, who fouled off a pair of two-strike pitches before hitting a grand slam that landed in the basket in left field.

Maddon has insisted he prefers to let hitting coach Anthony Iapoco and assistant hitting coach Turmel Sledge supervise the batters meetings before each series.

But Maddon said he has met individually with specific players, stressing to use the middle of the field and his longtime teaching tool — the "B" hack, in which a player chokes up on the bat with two strikes, looks for the fastball and to hit to the opposite field.

"All this stuff has been addressed,"

CUBS 7, WHITE SOX 3

Willson Contreras vaulted the Cubs into sole possession of first place in the National League Central by hitting a grand slam and a solo home run in a 7-3 victory Wednesday night over the White Sox at cold and damp Wrigley Field.

Contreras hit a grand slam in the first inning off Lucas Giolito (10-2) and smacked a solo shot in the third. Giolito lost for the first time since April 6 against the Mariners. He allowed a season-high six earned runs with seven hits and three walks with nine strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

David Bote hit a solo homer in the fourth. Jon Lester (6-5) survived a 32-pitch fourth inning. Leury Garcia led off the game with a home run off Lester.

The Cubs added an insurance run in the eighth as Addison Russell, who entered the game as part of a double switch, hit a single with two out and scored on a double by Kyle Schwarber. James McCann hit his seventh home run for the Sox, and Yoan Moncada was 2-for-4 with a double and a triple.

The Cubs open a four-game series Thursday night against the Mets at Wrigley Field. The Sox are off Thursday before opening a three-game series against the Rangers in Texas.

Maddon said. "It's not just happening."

The Cubs' first-inning rally, however, set up by Kyle Schwarber's leadoff double, might be the start of a revival that started early in the season when they were 15-for-41 in their first three games and 21-for-59 (.355) during a seven-game winning streak April 27-May 5.

"It's hard to string three singles together and score a run," Maddon said. "When it does, it stands out. I want higher batting average. I do want using the whole field

being utilized. I still believe you can get everything else you want while that is being addressed.

"Coming out of (spring training), I thought we did a better job with it all. We've gotten away from that. We got to get back over there.

"That's where the numbers will show up. If you're playing with just the small part of the yard and trying to pull everything over there, it opens up a variety of pitches for the pitcher."

It's Bizarro World for Cubs, White Sox

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treat every game with added urgency, he had no idea March was still going to be hanging around in late June.

Jon Lester, who perhaps epitomizes the Cubs' yin and yang season more than any other player, was on the mound for Game 2 of the City Series, which began with a 54-degree temperature and a first-pitch wake-up call by Leury Garcia, who homered off Lester to get Sox fans screaming again.

Lester had a 1.16 ERA in his first seven starts, but came in with a 7.59 ERA in his previous six. The Cubs need the old Lester back, not the Lester who looks old, if that makes any sense.

But more importantly, the Cubs need to hit in the clutch, a vexing issue since even before the arrival of Car-Go. They came into the game ranked 27th in the majors with runners in scoring position (.243) after finishing 20th last year at .247.

"We have to do better," Maddon said. "Again, I think it's an industry-wide situation. ... Again, that was the big push in spring training, the middle (and opposite-field) approach."

Spring training seems like a long time ago, even though we never really had a spring to enjoy in Chicago. Why don't the Cubs have a good opposite-field approach yet?

"I don't have a strong answer to that either," Maddon said.

Hopefully he finds one soon, because the Cubs aren't going to cut it if they don't figure out how to come up with some big hits once in awhile. They could probably win another wild-card spot without making another move, but who has the stomach for that again?

While the Cubs are making their fans as nervous as an alderman in an FBI probe, the Sox are making their fans giddy just by playing at a .500 pace.

But Sox management doesn't seem interested in rewarding this team for its doggedness when given the opportunity to upgrade the rotation. They had another chance to bring up Cease from Triple-A Charlotte on Wednesday, when starter Manny Banuelos was placed on the injured list with left shoulder inflammation.

Manager Rick Renteria said they have a few days to consider what they'll do to replace Banuelos when they need a fifth starter Tuesday in Boston.

So what does Cease have to do in Charlotte to prove to the Sox he's ready?

"I think that's a question that's more to be had by our complete upper staff and the front office and all the guys that are down there," Renteria replied.

"Is he throwing well? Yeah. Would I want to bring him here so that you can be happy about him being here in the big leagues? Sure, I would.

"But I think we're going to make sure that we take our time and be deliberate

very thoughtful in our decision making. I'm not going to sit here and try to give you any answer that's going to dispel the notion that we shouldn't have him here. No, he's doing very, very well, and he'll be here soon enough. And I think hopefully he'll be able to do whatever everyone is expecting him to do."

After the group interview ended I promised Renteria I'd ask him again about Cease on Thursday. He expected nothing less.

Sox general manager Rick Hahn was not at Wrigley on Wednesday, a wise choice considering the Cubs stick the visiting GM in a small, open-air booth in the press box that's not even fit for the hated media, much less an opposing team's executives. But Hahn was available from an undisclosed location that reportedly was not freezing and responded to the Cease question via text message:

"As we have said every time this had been asked since spring, we intend to promote Dylan to Chicago when we feel he is in the best position to succeed — not just survive — at the big-league level. Although that time likely isn't too far off, we don't intend to alter his timetable due to injuries or the performance of the other players in Chicago."

In other words, better get used to spelling Odrisamer Despaigne's name.

Hopefully Cease arrives by the summer, or by September, whichever comes first.

COLLEGES

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

Peters could stabilize QB position

Michigan transfer bringing much-needed experience

By SHANNON RYAN

When Illinois plays Michigan on Oct. 12, the hype around the game will be magnified if transfer Brandon Peters is the starting quarterback.

Peters announced Tuesday night that he is headed to Champaign from Ann Arbor, Mich., with two seasons of eligibility remaining. His arrival has Illini fans hopeful about their options at quarterback after years of instability at the position.

Here are five things to know about Peters and what his transfer means to the Illini.

1. He brings experience. Illinois lacked a quarterback who has logged much time on the field. Matt Robinson threw six passes last season as a freshman, Coran Taylor never took a snap and M.J. Rivers II, who had the most experience, decided to transfer.

There is hype around incoming freshman Isaiah Williams, but he hasn't even practiced with college players yet.

After redshirting as a freshman, Peters appeared in 11 games with four starts over two seasons at Michigan. In 2017, he was the Wolverines' second-leading passer with 672 yards on 57-of-108 passing. He threw four touchdown passes, including two against Maryland, with two interceptions.

2. He arrived at Michigan with big-time credentials. There's no wonder why Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh was eager to land Peters. A four-star recruit at Avon High School in Indiana, Peters was the No. 6 pro-style quarterback and No. 61 overall prospect in 247Sports.com's Class of 2016 composite rankings.

He threw for 3,103 yards and 37 touchdowns with five interceptions as a senior, winning Indiana's 2015 Mr. Football and Gatorade Player of the Year awards. Through his high school career, he passed for 6,843 yards with 79 touchdowns and 17 interceptions.

3. So why didn't he remain the Wolverines starter? Two words, really: Shea Patterson.

OK, there's a little more to it than that.

In 2017, Peters became the starter and helped the Wolverines beat Minnesota and Maryland. But he struggled in a loss to Wisconsin, completing 9 of 18 passes for 157 yards and no touchdowns, and left with a concussion. He returned against South Carolina in the Outback Bowl but threw two picks without a touchdown and finished 20 of 44 for 186 yards.

Patterson, a former five-star recruit who transferred from Mississippi, won the starting job for 2018 and Peters tumbled down the depth chart.

4. His arrival shouldn't change expectations for Williams. Illinois offensive coordinator Rod Smith has been effusive about Williams' potential. The elusive 5-foot-10, 170-pounder seems to fit Smith's prototype for a quarterback who can run and pass.

The 6-5, 230-pound Peters is more of a pocket passer, but the Illini have a strong group of running backs led by Reggie Corbin. The quarterback competition should be considered open.

With two years of eligibility for Peters and four for Williams, Illinois has time to develop both.

5. Illinois has become a hot spot for transfers. Transfers seem to like the opportunity at Illinois. While wide receivers Jeff Thomas, A.D. Miller and Dejon Brissett reneged on their transfer plans, Peters is the sixth transfer to join the Illini this offseason.

The NCAA denied Georgia tight end Luke Ford's appeal to play immediately, but the other five — Peters, Alabama offensive lineman Richie Petitbon, USC defensive end Oluwole Betiku Jr. and USC wide receivers Trevon Sidney and Josh Imatorbhebhe — will be eligible this fall and could play key roles.

SKY 91, LIBERTY 83

Vandersloot keeps Sky riding high

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Courtney Vandersloot had 25 points, eight rebounds and six assists to help the Sky beat the New York Liberty 91-83 on Wednesday night.

Cheyenne Parker and Allie Quigley each had 13 points for the Sky (5-2), who have won four straight games.

The Sky led 61-56 after the third quarter and scored nine of the first 11 points in the fourth to open a double-digit lead. The Liberty (3-6) got to 82-78 with just under 2 minutes left.

Amanda Zahui B. missed a fast-break layup on one end of the court, and then Cheyenne Parker was fouled with 1:31 left. She made both free throws as the Sky made 9 of 10 from the line in the final 91 seconds to seal the win.

Asia Durr scored 19 points to lead the Liberty, and Tina Charles added 16.

BULLS

If Bulls go big, Hayes likely pick

Team could address depth in frontcourt in NBA draft

By K.C. JOHNSON

In 2017, the Bulls acquired the draft rights to Lauri Markkanen despite having power forwards Nikola Mirotic and Bobby Portis on the roster.

Last year, the Bulls drafted Wendell Carter Jr. with the No. 7 pick despite having big men Robin Lopez and Cristiano Felicio.

The Bulls haven't been afraid to add the best player available, regardless of position. And with big-man depth one of the team's more pressing needs, adding one either in Thursday's NBA draft or in free agency is a certainty.

That's not to say Markkanen and Carter aren't cornerstones. It is to say Lopez is likely gone via free agency and Felicio's deal remains the black mark on the Bulls books.

If the Bulls either keep the No. 7 pick or trade down in the first round, here are three big-man possibilities, with scouting reports culled from conversations with scouts and team executives:

Jaxson Hayes, 6-11 1/2, 219 pounds, Texas: His draft stock is rising perhaps as much as any player's, with the Hawks and Bulls among teams who have him ranked high on their draft boards, sources said.

His ability to run the floor and protect the rim are skills that should translate to the next level. His wingspan measured the fifth-longest at last month's draft combine.

He'll need to add strength and improve a raw offensive game that, for now, is limited basically to putbacks and dunks. But his form in posting a solid free-throw percentage suggests an ability to extend his shooting range.

His father, Jonathan Hayes, played 12 seasons as an NFL tight end, and Hayes has built a reputation as a solid worker committed to improvement. He's drawing pre-draft comparisons to fellow Texas product Jarrett Allen, now with the Nets.

Bol Bol, 7-2 1/2, 208 pounds, Oregon: Somebody will be tempted by the upside of the son of former NBA player Manute Bol. Between his size and shooting ability, he could prove to be a matchup nightmare. He is agile and skilled for his size and could be a solid rim protector if he avoids foul trouble.



ERIC GAY/AP

Jaxson Hayes' wingspan measured the fifth-longest at last month's NBA draft combine.

However, he underwent surgery for a stress fracture in his left foot nine games into his lone college season. And his skinny frame raises legitimate questions about his durability.

Goga Bitadze, 6-11, 250 pounds, Republic of Georgia: This potential pick also hasn't been linked to the Bulls and would again signify a trade down. His combination

of strength and mobility is most attractive. He's known as an excellent screener who can knock down a midrange shot.

Critics question his explosiveness in an age when big men are asked to play more athletically. And he also has a reputation as an emotional player who can lose focus.

Bitadze has drawn comparisons to Zaza Pachulia, a fellow countryman he openly modeled his game after.

Big move not likely for Bulls

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Zion Williamson, Ja Morant and RJ Barrett — can be had.

There's precedent for Paxson relinquishing a future asset to acquire a lottery target. In 2004, he traded a future first-round pick, \$3 million and the draft rights to Jackson Vroman to the Suns to acquire Luol Deng at No. 7. Deng, along with No. 3 pick Ben Gordon, helped form the nucleus of a perennial playoff team.

Coming off a 22-60 season, the Bulls are a long way from those years. But in LaVine, Otto Porter Jr., Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr., they feel they have a solid starting lineup from shooting guard to center. Management has preached patience with this rebuild, so it would have to be sold on Garland as a significant upgrade over Kris Dunn after viewing Garland's private workout to trade the No. 7 pick and a future asset.

North Carolina point guard Coby White, who shares the same agent as Dunn, could be a solid consolation prize, even if the Bulls' attempts to do more than interview him were unsuccessful. Some mock drafts have the Bulls selecting White at No. 6.

If Garland and White are off the board at No. 7, that means at least two of the wings with solid name recognition — Duke's Cam Reddish, Virginia's DeAndre Hunter and Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver — would be available. Questions about Reddish's motor and makeup are widespread throughout the league, and sources said he hasn't ranked high on the Bulls board.

Two players who have created internal debate, sources said, are Texas big man Jaxson Hayes and French forward Sekou Doumbouya. Both are considered projects, although Hayes impressed the Bulls throughout the draft process.

When the Bulls dropped to No. 7 after last month's draft lottery, Paxson appeared to crack open the possibility of drafting for need over the typical philosophy of best player available. But one aspect that is getting somewhat lost is that Paxson said need would win out only if the two available players are closely ranked in the same tier.

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ACROSS

- 1 Clenched hand
- 5 Summarize
- 10 Mont Blanc's range
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 Build
- 16 Twofold
- 17 Easter flower
- 18 One of Columbus' ships
- 20 Shameful grade
- 21 Has to
- 22 Insurance policy seller
- 23 Doorbell
- 25 Hurry
- 26 Contemptuous writing
- 28 Midwest state
- 31 Relish tray item
- 32 Weight revealer
- 34 Egggy drink
- 36 Ice on the sea
- 37 Actor Clark
- 38 Night twinkler
- 39 Element whose symbol is Sn
- 40 Untrue
- 41 Actor & director Lee
- 42 Accompany and protect
- 44 Elegant; stylish
- 45 Wheel center
- 46 Snapshot

DOWN

- 1 Pleat
- 2 Nastase of tennis
- 3 Choices
- 4 Gift for a child
- 5 Take up again
- 6 Clear the slate
- 7 Penny
- 8 ___ up; misbehave
- 9 School parents' org.
- 10 Proverbs
- 11 Tempt
- 12 Arthritis symptom
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- 24 Honey source
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- 26 Like a baby's skin
- 27 Yank Reynolds
- 28 ___ smoothie; healthy shake
- 29 Standoffish
- 30 ___ up; absorbs
- 32 ___ Lake City
- 33 Major TV network
- 35 Author Zane
- 37 Apparel
- 38 Falling-out
- 40 Located
- 41 Pig's lunch
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- 46 Irritate
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- 49 Breathing organ
- 50 Committed perjury
- 52 Peddle
- 53 Pesters
- 55 As blind ___ bat
- 56 Get ___ of; shed
- 57 Letter from Greece

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE		THURSDAY	
Cleveland	-129	at Texas	+119
at NY Yankees	off	Houston	off
LA Angels	-150	at Toronto	+140
Minnesota	-172	at Kansas City	+160
Tampa Bay	-112	at Oakland	+102
at Seattle	-134	Baltimore	+124

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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at Arizona	-153 Colorado +143
at Washington	off Philadelphia off
at St. Louis	-158 Miami +148
at Chi Cubs	-134 NY Mets +124
at Milwaukee	-145 Cincinnati +135
at LA Dodgers	-193 San Fran. +178

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At TD Ameritrade Park; Omaha, Neb. (Double Elimination; e-eliminated)

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

G7: Louisville 5, e-Auburn 3
G8: Vanderbilt 6, Mississippi State 3
G9: Texas Tech 4, Florida State 1

THURSDAY'S GAME

G10: Louisville (50-17) vs. Mississippi State (52-14), 7 p.m.

NBA

2019 DRAFT ORDER

Thursday at Barclays Center, Brooklyn

FIRST ROUND

1. New Orleans	31. Brooklyn
2. Memphis	32. Phoenix
3. New York	33. Philadelphia
4. New Orleans	34. Philadelphia
5. Cleveland	35. Atlanta
6. Phoenix	36. Charlotte
7. Chicago	37. Dallas
8. Atlanta	38. Chicago
9. Washington	39. New Orleans
10. Atlanta	40. Sacramento
11. Minnesota	41. Atlanta
12. Charlotte	42. Philadelphia
13. Miami	43. Minnesota
14. Boston	44. Miami
15. Detroit	45. Detroit
16. Orlando	46. Orlando
17. Atlanta	47. Sacramento
18. Indiana	48. LA Clippers
19. San Antonio	49. San Antonio
20. Boston	50. Indiana
21. Oklahoma City	51. Boston
22. Boston	52. Charlotte
23. Utah	53. Utah
24. Philadelphia	54. Philadelphia
25. Portland	55. New York
26. Cleveland	56. LA Clippers
27. Brooklyn	57. New Orleans
28. Golden State	58. Golden State
29. San Antonio	59. Toronto
30. Milwaukee	60. Sacramento

NHL

2019 DRAFT ORDER

In Vancouver, B.C. Round 1 begins Friday. Rounds 2-7 are Saturday.

Rd 1

1. NY 56. Was	109. Nas	163. Ana
2. NJR 57. NYI	111. Dal	165. Phi
3. Chi 58. NYR	112. NYR	166. Min
4. Colo 59. Car	113. Wpg	167. Chi
5. LA 60. Det	114. Fla	168. Phi
6. Det 61. NJ	115. Tor	169. Phi
7. Buf 62. STL	116. Cgy	170. Mon
8. Edm Rd 2	117. Was	171. Colo
9. Ana Rd 3	118. Was	172. Min
10. Van 64. LA	119. Fla	173. Dal
11. Phi 65. Phi	120. TB	174. Ari
12. Min 66. Det	121. Car	175. Buf
13. Fla 67. Buf	122. SJ	176. Ari
14. Ari 68. NYR	123. Chi	177. Buf
15. Mon 69. Fla	124. Tor	178. NYI
16. Colo 70. NJ	Rd 5	179. Nas
17. Vgs 71. Van	125. Ott	180. Van
18. Dal 72. Phi	126. LA	181. Car
19. Ott 73. Min	127. NJ	182. TB
20. Wpg 74. Ari	128. Det	183. Car
21. Pit 75. Nas	129. Was	184. SJ
22. LA 76. Ari	130. NYR	185. Bos
23. NYI 77. Mon	131. Mon	186. Ana
24. Nas 78. Colo	132. Ana	Rd 7
25. Was 79. Vgs	133. Van	187. Ott
26. Cgy 80. NJ	134. Wpg	188. LA
27. TB 81. CBJ	135. Vgs	189. NJ
28. Car 82. Vgs	136. Mon	190. Det
29. Ana 83. Ott	137. Fla	191. Buf
30. Bos 84. Tor	138. Mon	192. Bos
31. Buf 85. Edm	139. Vgs	193. Edm
Rd 2	86. Vgs	140. Colo
32. Ott 87. LA	141. Vgs	195. Van
33. LA 88. Cgy	142. Dal	196. Phi
34. NJ 89. TB	143. Det	197. Min
35. Det 90. Car	144. Wpg	198. TB
36. Car 91. SJ	145. Pit	199. Fla
37. Car 92. Bos	146. Tor	200. Ari
38. Edm 93. STL	147. NYI	201. Phi
39. Ana Rd 4	148. Nas	202. Colo
40. Van 94. Ott	149. Min	203. Pit
41. Phi 95. LA	150. Cgy	204. Tor
42. Min 96. NJ	151. Chi	205. NYR
43. Chi 97. Det	152. Car	206. Mon
44. Ott 98. Buf	153. SJ	207. Pit
45. Ari 99. Min	154. Bos	208. Tor
46. Mon 100. Edm	155. STL	209. NYI
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48. Vgs 102. Van	156. VA	211. Was
49. NYR 103. Phi	157. LA	212. CBJ
50. Mon 104. Fla	158. NJ	213. TB
51. Wpg 105. Chi	159. Det	214. Cgy
52. Fla 106. Fla	160. Buf	215. SJ
53. Tor 107. Ari	161. NYR	216. Car
54. Det 108. Mon	162. Edm	217. STL

SEASON AWARDS

Wednesday in Las Vegas Mandalay Bay

HART TROPHY (most valuable)

Nikita Kucherov, RW, Tampa Bay

2018 winner: Taylor Hall, New Jersey

SELKE TROPHY (defensive forward)

Ryan O'Reilly, C, St. Louis

2018 winner: Anze Kopitar, Los Angeles

LADY BYNG TROPHY (gentlemanly)

Aleksander Barkov, C, Florida

2018 winner: William Karlsson, Vegas

MASTERSTON TROPHY (perseverance)

Robin Lehner, G, N.Y. Islanders

2018 winner: Brian Boyle, New Jersey

VEZINA TROPHY (top goaltender)

Andrei Vasilevskiy, Tampa Bay

2018 winner: Pekka Rinne, Nashville

NORRIS TROPHY (top defenseman)

Mark Giordano, Calgary

2018 winner: Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay

KING CLANCY TROPHY (leadership)

Jason Zucker, LW, Minnesota

2018 winners: Daniel Sedin, Vancouver and Henrik Sedin, Vancouver

MESSIER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Wayne Simmonds, LW, Nashville

2018 winner: Deryk Engelland, Vegas

JACK ADAMS (top coach)

Barry Trotz, N.Y. Islanders

2018 winner: Gerard Gallant, Vegas

CALDER TROPHY (top rookie)

Elias Pettersson, C, Vancouver

2018 winner: Matt Barzal, N.Y. Islanders

LINDSAY AWARD (NHLPA top player)

Nikita Kucherov, RW, Tampa Bay

2017, 18 winner: Connor McDavid, Edm

GENERAL MANAGER OF YEAR

Don Sweeney, Boston

2018 winner: George McPhee, Vegas

JENNINGS TROPHY (lowest GAA)

Robin Lehner/Thomas Greiss, NYI

RICHARD TROPHY (top goal scorer)

Alex Ovechkin, Washington: 51 G

ROSS TROPHY (top point scorer)

Nikita Kucherov, TB: 128 PT

O'Ree Community: Rico Phillips

NHL ALL STAR FIRST TEAM

G Andrei Vasilevskiy, Tampa Bay 707

D Brent Burns, San Jose 828

D Mark Giordano, Calgary 546

C Connor McDavid, Edmonton 729

LW Alex Ovechkin, Washington 454

RW Nikita Kucherov, Tampa Bay 630

NHL ALL STAR SECOND TEAM

G Ben Bishop, Dallas 373

D John Carlson, Washington 428

D Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay 422

C Sidney Crosby, Pittsburgh 525

LW Brad Marchand, Boston 402

RW Patrick Kane, Chicago 445

NHL ALL ROOKIE TEAM

G Jordan Binnington, St. Louis 171

D Rasmus Dahlin, Buffalo 165

D Miros Heiskanen, Dallas 175

F Elias Pettersson, Vancouver 170

F Brady Tkachuk, Ottawa 161

F Anthony Cirelli, Tampa Bay 79

SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

GROUP A	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-France	3	0	0	7	1	9
x-Norway	2	1	0	6	3	6
Nigeria	1	2	0	2	4	3
South Korea	0	3	0	1	8	0

GROUP B	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Germany	3	0	0	6	0	9
x-Spain	1	1	1	3	2	4
x-China	1	1	1	1	1	4
South Africa	0	3	0	1	8	0

GROUP C	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Italy	2	1	0	7	2	6
x-Australia	2	1	0	8	5	6
x-Brazil	2	1	0	6	3	6
Jamaica	0	3	0	1	12	0

GROUP D	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-England	3	0	0	5	1	9
x-Japan	1	1	1	2	3	4
Argentina	0	1	2	3	4	2
Scotland	0	2	1	5	7	1

GROUP E	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Netherlands	2	0	0	4	1	6
x-Canada	2	0	0	3	0	6
Cameroun	0	2	0	1	4	0
New Zealand	0	2	0	0	3	0

GROUP F	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-U.S.	2	0	0	16	0	6
x-Sweden	2	0	0	7	1	6
Chile	0	2	0	0	5	0
Thailand	0	2	0	1	18	0

x-advanced to second round

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

England 2, Japan 0

Argentina 3, Scotland 3

THURSDAY'S MATCHES

Cameroun vs. New Zealand, 11 a.m. (Montpellier)

Canada vs. Netherlands, 11a (Reims)

U.S. vs. Sweden, 2 p.m. (Le Havre)

Thailand vs. Chile, 2 p.m. (Rennes)

U.S. MEN'S SOCCER (4-2-1)

a-Saturday: vs. Trinidad and Tobago in Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

a-June 26: vs. Panama in Kansas City, Kan., 7:30 p.m.

a-CONCACAF Gold Cup

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	4	4	31	31	20
Montreal	8	7	3	27	21	28
D.C. United	7	4	6	27	23	18
Atlanta	8	5	2	26	19	11
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	6	3	24	27	19
N.Y. City FC	5	1	8	23	17	17
Toronto FC	5	6	4	19	26	25
Orlando City	5	7	3	18	22	21
Chicago	4	6	6	18	24	23
Columbus	5	9	2	17	16	24
New England	4	8	4	16	17	33
Cincinnati	3	11	2	11	14	33

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	11	1	4	37	39	13
LA Galaxy	9	6	1	28	22	19
Seattle	7	4	5	25	26	21
Houston	7	3	24	21	14	14
FC Dallas	6	6	4	22	22	22
Minnesota	6	7	3	21	25	25
Real Salt Lake	6	8	1	19	21	27
San Jose	5	6	4	19	23	27
Vancouver	4	6	6	18	17	20
Sporting KC	3	5	7	16	26	27
Colorado	4	9	3	15	25	34
Portland	4	7	2	14	19	26

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

LA Galaxy at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#78 Jay Cutler

Much balleyhooded QB possessed skills, but didn't produce victories

BY WILL LARKIN

Ten years ago the city was in a tizzy. The Bears finally had found the answer at quarterback. Or so it seemed.

Since Sid Luckman, whose last season was 1950, the Bears and their fans had suffered through a litany of uninspiring passers as the position became more and more important in the NFL's aerial age.

In that time, even the team's best quarterbacks came with flaws. Johnny Lujack, Luckman's successful successor, retired at 26. Ed Brown and Bill Wade were up and down.

Jim McMahon was a winner but had trouble staying on the field. Jim Harbaugh and Erik Kramer were OK in the 1990s but nowhere near the league's elite.

Rudy Bukich, Bobby Douglass, Bob Avellini, Mike Tomczak, Jim Miller, Rex Grossman, Kyle Orton — the list goes on and on.

Enter Jay Cutler.

Looking as if he were put together in a quarterback lab, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Cutler had passed for 4,526 yards and 25 touchdowns with 18 interceptions for the Broncos in 2008. At 25 with a right arm to dream of and his first Pro Bowl appearance under his belt, Cutler appeared ready to join the NFL's elite.

And suddenly he was a Bear.

The Bears traded Orton, their first-round draft picks in 2009 and '10 and an '09 third-rounder to the Broncos for Cutler and an '09 fifth-rounder. The Broncos were willing to part with Cutler after he clashed with brash young coach Josh McDaniels, but still, it seemed surreal: the Chicago Bears with a young franchise quarterback.

Three Tribune columnists took different tacks in the April 3, 2009, edition.

David Haugh wrote: "Audacity always has been considered a second language at Halas Hall. ... Thursday marked the most exciting, significant day for the Bears since Super Bowl XLI. ... Welcome back to NFL relevancy, Chicago."

Rick Morrissey countered: "If Jay Cutler doesn't raise red flags, Bears fans, you are colorblind. From all appearances and indications, he has the maturity level of larva."

Dan Pompei summed it up: "Cutler, a durable, franchise-type quarterback, is expected to start every game between now and the 2016 Olympics. At that point, Cutler will light the Olympic torch, throw the javelin and win a gold, shine his Super Bowl trophies, get fitted for his Hall of Fame jacket and be sworn in as Chicago's new mayor. Or perhaps king. Yes, our expectations are a bit inflated."

Meanwhile, the Denver Post's Dave Krieger conveyed the mood in Colorado: "There's a reason they were celebrating in Chicago and we were shaking our heads in Denver. ... However you felt about Jay Cutler, there's no debate in the NFL about the importance of franchise quarterbacks."

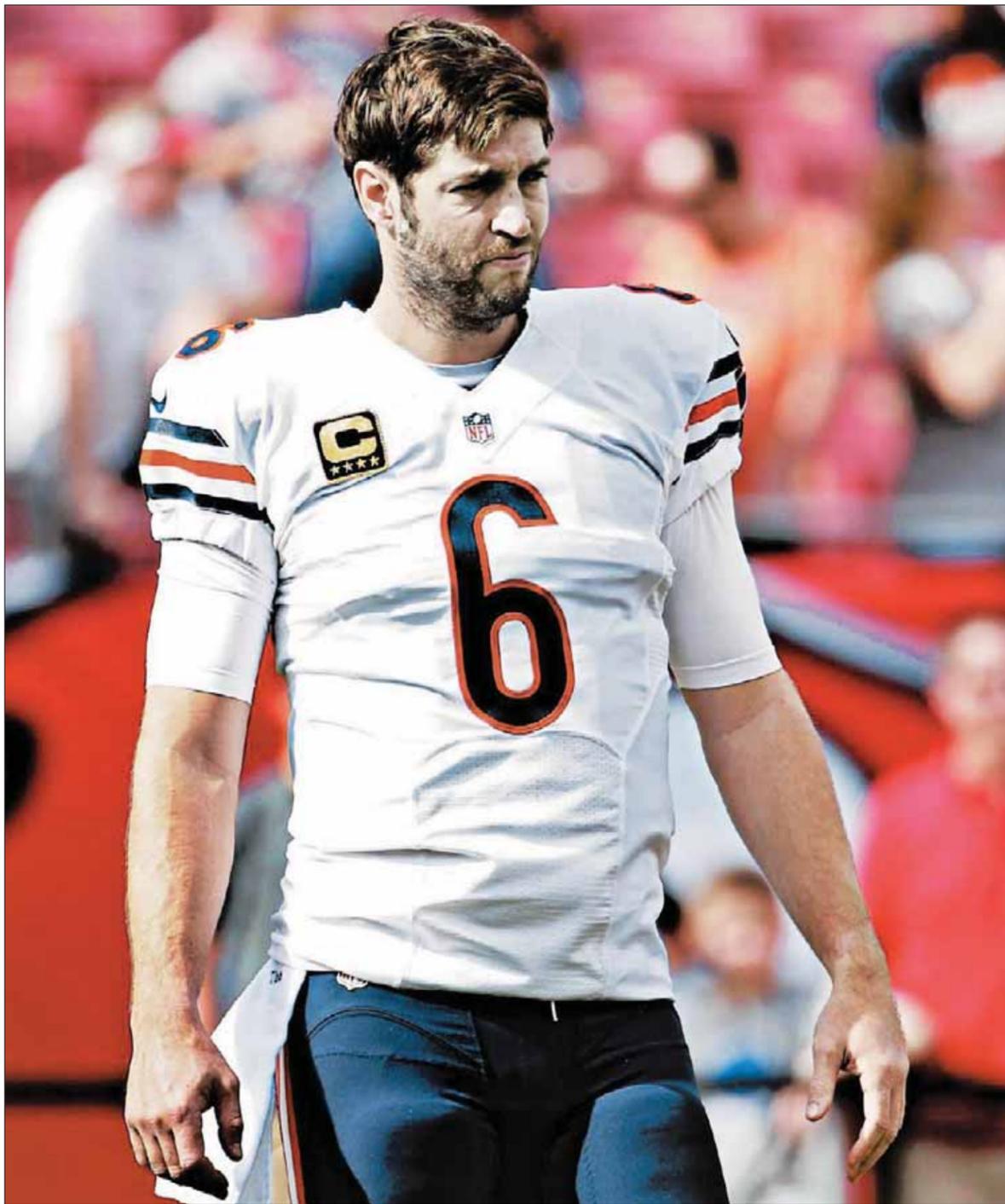
Tribune readers were lopsided in their approval. In an online poll, 78% of the 12,500 respondents voted "I love it" and 17% said the Bears gave up too much in the trade. Only 5% said they shouldn't have made the move.

When viewed through that lens, the Cutler era — eight seasons, two playoff games, a 52-52 record in games he started and no Pro Bowls — was a disappointment.

However, while he never lived up to the considerable hype in Chicago, he was far from a bad quarterback. Cutler left the Bears with team passing records of 2,020 completions, 3,271 attempts, 23,443 yards, 154 touchdowns, a 61.8 completion percentage and an 85.2 passer rating.

Before Cutler, the Bears' quarterback situation was annually among the worst in the league. His immediate predecessors, Orton and Grossman, played hot potato with the position while the Bears boasted a championship-caliber defense. Before that, things were even more dire, with Chad Hutchinson, Craig Krenzel, Jonathan Quinn and Grossman combining for a 61.7 passer rating in 2004. The year before, Kordell Stewart, Chris Chandler and a rookie Grossman had a combined 61.0 rating.

Still, Cutler got off to a rocky start in his first year as a Bear with 3,666 passing yards,



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Jay Cutler holds most of the major Bears passing records, but he had a .500 record as the starter and won only one playoff game.

CUTLER AS A BEAR

2009-16 | 8 seasons | 102 games

Bears record: 58-70 (.453).

Playoff appearances: 1.

Acquired: Trade with Broncos in 2009: Bears received Cutler and a 2009 fifth-round pick for QB Kyle Orton and their first-round picks in 2009 and 2010 and a third-rounder in 2009.

THE LIST

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 78. Jay Cutler | 90. Kevin Butler |
| 79. Jim McMillen | 91. Bill Karr |
| 80. Khalil Mack | 92. Matt Suhey |
| 81. Eddie Jackson | 93. Ed Brown |
| 82. Doug Plank | 94. Gary Famiglietti |
| 83. Zuck Carlson | 95. Akiem Hicks |
| 84. Bill Wade | 96. Joey Starnaman |
| 85. Kyle Long | 97. Hugh Gallarneau |
| 86. Brandon Marshall | 98. Tom Thayer |
| 87. Lee Artree | 99. William Perry |
| 88. Alshon Jeffery | 100. Patrick Mannelly |
| 89. Beattie Feathers | |

27 touchdowns, an NFL-high 26 interceptions and a career-low 76.8 passer rating for a 7-9 team. It didn't help that it coincided with Orton's career year, when he passed for 3,802 yards with 21 touchdowns and 12 interceptions in McDaniels' innovative offense.

The next year Cutler and the Bears bounced back for an 86.3 rating, an 11-5 record and the NFC North title. Cutler's first playoff game was perhaps his finest performance as a Bear. In a 35-24 win against the Seahawks in the divisional round, he completed 15 of 28 passes for 274 yards, two touchdowns and a 111.3 rating. For good measure he rushed for 43 yards

and two more scores.

The next week, it all fell apart. Cutler lost a significant portion of the Bears fan base after the 21-14 loss to the Packers in the NFC championship game. He was awful and then injured, going 6 of 14 for 27 yards with a pick. He hurt his left knee just before halftime, spraining the medial collateral ligament, and left the game early in the third quarter.

Todd Collins followed with four woeful incompletions. Third-stringer Caleb Hanie actually performed a reasonable Cutler impersonation with a thrilling touchdown drive followed by a back-breaking interception. The Packers were headed back to the Super Bowl, the Bears were going home and fans needed someone to blame.

Perhaps if the Bears had lost to the Eagles, Giants, Seahawks or a similarly benign NFC contender, Cutler would not have faced so much wrath.

Perhaps if more fans had known the severity of Cutler's injury, they would have cut him some slack.

He spent the rest of his time with the Bears trying to get back in the fans' good graces, but he never quite got there. His performances against the Packers were uniformly terrible.

Few remember that Cutler went 9-5 against the Vikings, but many Bears fans have his 2-11 record against the Packers burned into their brains.

Of course, Cutler's struggles with the Bears were not all his doing. The offensive schemes hardly ever put a defense at a disadvantage until coach Marc Trestman's arrival in 2013. In an oft-repeated — and meaningful — statistic, the team went through six offensive coordinators in his

eight seasons. While Cutler's .500 record as a starter was uninspiring, his backups combined to go 7-19.

For all of the day-to-day highs and lows of the Cutler era, his seasons with the Bears were consistent. He never had a great one and never was terrible. Among qualifying quarterbacks, his passer rating ranked between 13th and 21st in the league each season.

With Cutler, the Bears were in much better shape than the 15 to 20 teams each year that tied their hopes to retreats and soon-to-be-busted young quarterbacks. They were at a disadvantage, though, against teams with a top-10 quarterback — particularly the Packers' Aaron Rodgers, whose ascendance to the Brady-Manning-Brees elite level put Cutler's stalled development in stark contrast.

When the Bears released Cutler on March 9, 2017, it seemed to be a relief to him, the Bears and their fans. He planned to go into TV broadcasting before choosing a one-year reunion with Dolphins coach and former Bears offensive coordinator Adam Gase for another slightly above-average season. In retirement, supporters and detractors can keep track of him on his wife Kristin's "Very Cavallari" reality TV show.

Upon the end of Cutler's time in Chicago, Haugh summarized a bewildering eight years: "Cutler was as polarizing to fans as he was perplexing for coaches, a naturally gifted player whose powerful right arm teased us into expecting so much more. ... The man acquired to lead the Bears back to the Super Bowl instead leaves with the team stuck in football oblivion and No. 6 one of Chicago's most enduring sports symbols of unfulfilled promise."

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

Are there any realistic trade options when it comes to solving the kicker dilemma? *Jim L.*

The Bears will be closely monitoring the kicking competitions in other training camps. The Buccaneers have veteran Cairo Santos, who had a brief stay with the Bears, set to battle draft pick Matthew Gay. The Steelers have veteran Chris Boswell, who has performed at a high level in the past but is coming off an awful season, set to battle Matthew Wright. Kaare Vedvik could be a trade target with the Ravens as he is highly unlikely to unseat veteran Justin Tucker, one of the best in league history. Vedvik made 8 of 9 field-goal tries in the preseason last summer, including a 56-yarder, and attracted trade interest before he was injured in an assault in Baltimore and spent the season on the reserve/non-football injury list. If he kicks well again, Vedvik would put the Ravens in a position where they ought to

be able to get a solid return.

Which camp battle (other than kicker) are you most intrigued by? For my money it's probably third cornerback or second tight end. Amazing to think Bears fans can be so picky now. *@dawestley*

The Bears have built the roster to a point where it doesn't look like any starting jobs are up for grabs. There will be competition for spots on the bottom half of the roster but probably not as many as you might think. I wrote about the third cornerback spot on the outside last week and think that will be interesting. The second tight end is Adam Shaheen, provided he remains healthy. There isn't much of a battle there. Health will be important, and a significant injury or two could create camp battles. You make a great point. The Bears have come a long way in a short period for fans to be picky.

What do you think about the Bears breaking the team sack record of 72 this year? I see the defense being an unstoppable, high-pressure blitzing attack. The linebacker corps is comparable to 1984 and maybe even better. *Eric P.*

You are banking on the 2019 Bears being nearly 150 percent more productive at rushing the quarterback with pretty much the same personnel. That's a tall ask for them to set what would also stand as the NFL record for sacks in a season. It's a different game now. In the last decade, only one team has come within 12 sacks of the 1984 Bears — the Panthers in 2013. You don't see as many seven-step drops where quarterbacks are sitting ducks in the pocket. There are more quarterbacks who can move around in the pocket and tuck the ball and run. Offensive coordinators have gotten smarter and require their quarterbacks to get the ball out quickly.

What are the chances a rookie wide receiver takes a veteran's roster spot? *@24_fuelrunner*

Well, let's look at the players in the mix and the spots available. The Bears lost one wide receiver from last year's team — former first-round pick Kevin White — and they've added a draft pick to the mix in Riley Ridley. Barring an injury, a fourth-round pick is a virtual lock to make the roster. Cordarrelle Patterson will make it too. So you're looking at five wide receivers: Allen Robinson, Anthony Miller, Taylor Gabriel, Ridley and Patterson. The Bears will probably keep six on the 53-man roster, and that would put Javon Wims, Emanuel Hall and Marvin Hall in a battle for one spot. Could someone take the spot Wims held last year? It's possible, but if he performs well this summer, he should be in good position.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Major master: He played 'em all

N.C. man reaches goal of playing every course that has hosted major

By FRANK FITZPATRICK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, Pa. — Joey Hines' journey concluded on a rise above the Delaware River where, like some spiritual pilgrim at a mountaintop moment of awakening, he paused to contemplate the completion of a nearly 30-year journey.

After two-putting from 18 feet for par at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort's 230-yard, par-3 18th hole, the North Carolina club professional looked up at the blue skies that had pushed aside the last afternoon clouds, then toward a verdant Pocono hillside, and finally down at the river that bisects this historic course about 100 miles north of Philadelphia.

At that moment, Shawnee, where Paul Runyan won his second PGA Championship in 1938 by defeating Sam Snead in the match-play final, had added another distinction. The first design of famed golf architect A.W. Tillinghast, it was now also the endpoint in a daunting project that consumed nearly half of Hines' 60 years.

When he lifted his ball from that hole Friday afternoon, in view of the family members who golfed along with him and the old white clubhouse where Arnold Palmer met his first wife in 1954, Hines had played all 118 courses to have hosted the sport's four majors.

"It was a dream I never planned on having," he said afterward. "And I finished it on a perfect blue-sky day, surrounded by family. It doesn't get better than that."

Geographically, his golfing odyssey stretched from Pebble Beach in California to Carnoustie in Scotland. Chronologically, it began in 1990 at Northwood in Dallas (site of the 1952 U.S. Open) and finished on Friday, at Shawnee. Hines' scores over the 29 years ranged from a 66 at Northwood to an 87 at Hazeltine and included impressive 70s at Pinehurst No. 2 and Medinah.

"Sooner or later, my body's not going to let me do this," he said.

Shawnee marked the first time Hines had been joined by his entire family: his wife, two daughters and son-in-law. That wasn't because the round had added significance, but rather because Father's Day was approaching and his older daughter, Annie, lives in New York City.

Along the way, he'd played with course-maintenance workers, club pros, and members from his home course at Cape Fear, N.C. He had to overcome hurricanes, club restrictions, countless travel snafus and, just last year, throat cancer.

"The cancer kind of scared me to the point that I wasn't sure I was going to be able to finish this quest," said Hines. "I'd set up a trip a year in advance to go to Scotland. Then I got a call from my doctor telling me I had throat cancer. You hear those words, and everything else becomes secondary."

Though doctors advised against it, Hines insisted on making the overseas excursion. When treatments made him so weak he couldn't hit a golf ball for four months, he arranged for carts at the Scottish courses.

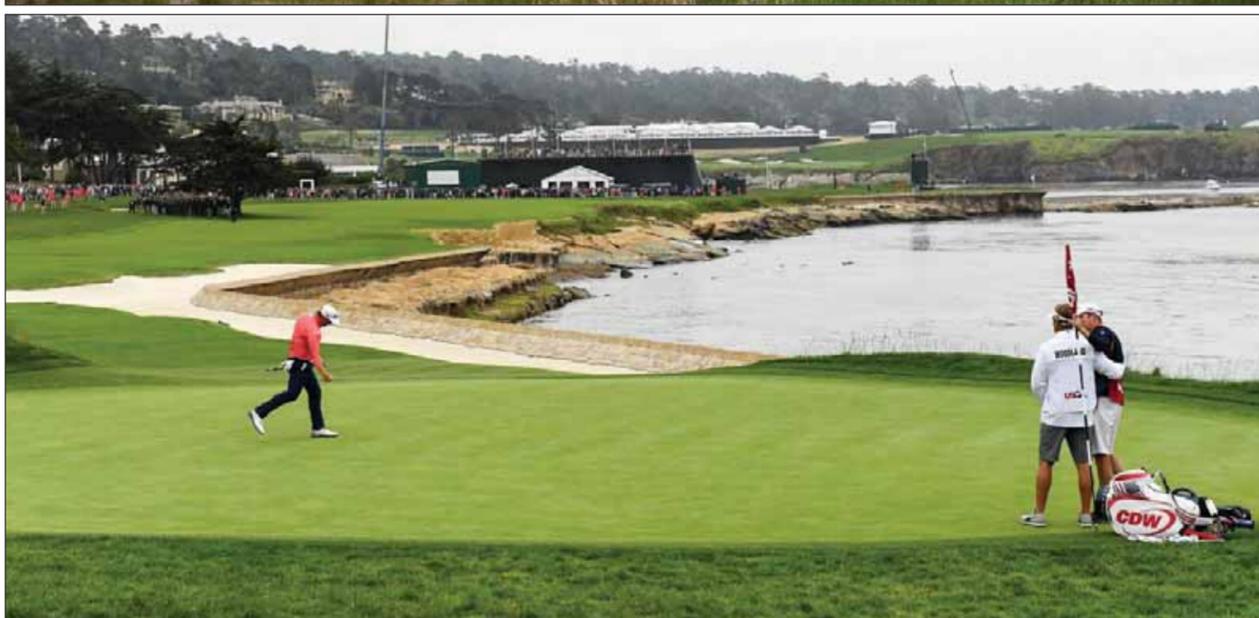
"But I got there, the adrenaline took over," he said. "I played 8½ courses — one was just nine holes — and walked all of them, made it through. I collapsed afterward, but there was something about it that got me through."

"Now I'm feeling great. My throat is clear. My doctor told me, 'Don't take this the wrong way, but I don't want to see you for six months.' And I said, 'Don't take this the wrong way, Doc, but I don't even want to see you then.'"

Hines' obsession has evolved through the decades. At first, he simply was playing quality courses. But when he realized how many had hosted U.S. Opens, he determined to play them all (50 at this point). When that goal was met in 2011, he decided to supplement it with all the other major venues.

That wasn't so difficult for the Masters, contested only at Augusta, or even the British Open, played on just 14 United Kingdom sites. But the PGA? There have been 70 locales, and at that point, he had 50 to go.

One he got to recently was Llanerch in Havertown, which hosted the 1958 PGA Championship. The fast greens there gave Hines fits. Another was the Park Country Club in Buffalo, where he



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A total of 118 golf courses have hosted major championships, and club pro Joey Hines recently completed a 30-year project to play them all.

tried unsuccessfully three times to play the 18 that also yielded Runyan a PGA title (in 1934).

"Each time, something happened," he said. "A mechanical failure the first time, a hurricane the second time, severe storms the third. When I finally played it last week, it was fantastic."

Now that it's over, Hines hasn't stopped. He's already played Harding Park in San Francisco, where next year's PGA will take place, and Royal Portrush, the Northern Ireland links hosting next month's British Open. He'll keep playing new venues as they emerge.

And if the golf powers ever add such well-respected but so-far major-less sites as Pine Valley,

Cypress Point or Seminole, he's played them, too.

"If the good Lord is willing, maybe I'll try to do the Ryder Cup courses next," he said. "That could be a little more challenging. I don't think I've missed more than four or five of the U.S. courses, but I'd have to go to Ireland, England, Spain, Italy, France."

A few of the major venues have disappeared. Most are private, and if Hines didn't know anyone at the most restrictive clubs, he relied on friends or Cape Fear members.

"They're all very private and very different in their rules and regulations about who gets to play," he said of those clubs. "Some were easy to get on, and

some were pretty daggone challenging. Getting on Baltusrol, Riviera, Chicago Golf Club was brutal. Sometimes you had to beg, borrow and cry. But more and more, as time went on, it was, 'Well, so-and-so knows a member. You could play there.'"

Has anyone else ever done what Hines has? Wherever he goes, he asks that question. To this point, as far as anyone knows, he's the only one.

"When I ask pros," Hines said, "they say, 'You've got to be kidding me.' Who's coming to Shawnee? Who's going to the Park Club in Buffalo? It's a lot of traveling, and it's not an inexpensive habit."

Hines played all 27 holes at

Shawnee — a new nine now intertwines with Tillinghast's original design — and shot 40-37-38. Before he left, he purchased a golf ball with a logo to add to the memorabilia he's collected on his long journey, all of which is displayed at his home course.

After his daughter picked him up Friday at Newark Airport and drove him to the Poconos course, Hines noticed that Trump National in Bedminster, N.J., which will host the 2022 PGA, was nearby. The wheels started to turn.

"We've got some family stuff tomorrow," Hines said. "But on Sunday, if there's a tee time there, I might just kind of fly by and play."

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Steelers like new offense

They're down a couple of big stars but believe there's more chemistry

BY JOHN CLAYTON
Special to The Washington Post

As much as NFL coaches complain about the lack of practice time they get to prepare players for the season, many of those players opted to skip one of their organized team activities or days of mandatory minicamp.

The limited volume and intensity of the workouts make it difficult to draw any definitive conclusions from offseason practices, but there were still some compelling story lines to follow throughout the league. Here are six takeaways from OTAs and minicamps:

The Steelers are less talented on offense, but they left workouts as a closer team.

Clearly, an offense that lost one of the NFL's best running backs in Le'Veon Bell and a 100-catch wide receiver in Antonio Brown runs the risk of taking a step back. But Pittsburgh players seem to think the offense will be just fine after Bell departed for the New York Jets in free agency and Brown was dealt to the Oakland Raiders following his trade demand.

Guard David DeCastro said the Steelers are more team oriented, while quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said he thinks the offense still can score between 27 and 30 points per game. JuJu Smith-Schuster is a star wide receiver in his own right, and the Steelers have been one of the best teams in football at drafting and developing young wideouts.

At running back, James Conner went to the Pro Bowl after taking over when Bell sat out last season.

Roethlisberger added that it was nice to get back to some normalcy after a few crazy years. If the Steelers are looking for a model of what a refreshed locker room can do for a team, the 2018 Seattle Seahawks provide an example.

After dismantling the Legion of Boom secondary — including cornerback Richard Sherman, who had lost faith in quarterback Russell Wilson — the team made the playoffs with a less talented roster.

It was a good offseason for several quarterbacks.

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was held out of workouts as he recovers from a torn ACL, but he was brought in for the final play of minicamp and threw a touchdown pass — and he's expected to be ready for training camp. Signs are similarly good for Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, who is trying to remake his game after undergoing another shoulder surgery. He has changed his throwing motion to take some pressure off the shoulder, while coaches continue to encourage him to alter his physical style of running by not risking his body against linebackers.

Seattle's Wilson and the Dallas Cowboys' Dak Prescott also have looked good this offseason. Wilson has worked on making his throwing motion more compact, and during workouts he had more velocity on his short throws and made some exceptional deep passes. Prescott is also working on improving his motion with coaches Kellen Moore and Jon Kitna, but what might help him most is the addition of veteran slot receiver Randall Cobb as a secondary option to top target Amari Cooper.

The 49ers, Panthers and Browns have really improved their defensive lines.

All three of those teams ranked in the bottom 14 of yards allowed last season and were among the nine worst teams at producing sacks.

But each team's defensive front looks very different now. Rookie Nick Bosa and trade pickup Dee Ford completed San Francisco's rebuild of a line that now starts four first-round picks. The Panthers signed Gerald McCoy to an \$8 million contract after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers released him, and he gives them a formidable trio with Kawann Short and Dontari Poe in their new base 3-4 defensive front. The Browns added defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson and edge rusher Olivier Vernon to pair with 2017 No. 1 pick Myles Garrett, giving Cleveland a talented group of rushers.



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Running back James Conner ably took over for holdout Le'Veon Bell in the Steelers offense last season, making the Pro Bowl.

Nick Foles' arrival might not be enough to fix the Jaguars.

The signing of Foles has a chance to get the Jaguars back in the playoff mix, but Jacksonville was still plagued by distractions this spring. Linebacker Telvin Smith said he's sitting out the season. Pro Bowl players Tashaun Gipson and Malik Jackson were released because of salary cap concerns. Cam Robinson (torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in his right knee) and Marqise Lee (torn ACL in his left knee) won't be ready to play at the start of training camp. The team needs running back Leonard Fournette to have a big season, but he missed some time at OTAs, and you have to wonder what kind of season he will have after a disappointing 2018.

Jalen Ramsey might be the Jaguars' best player, but he isn't in a good state of mind. The Pro Bowl cornerback missed OTAs, then made it to minicamp only to find out the team is not going to negotiate with him on a contract extension this season.

The Jaguars already are over the cap for next year and may have to shed some players after the season. If they don't make the playoffs, they could undergo major changes next year.

Kliff Kingsbury is bringing the Air Raid to Arizona. That could be good news for David Johnson.

The Cardinals are going through a lot of changes as their new coach installs his pass-heavy offense, and Johnson might be the most affected. The offense will feature plenty of plays with five wide receivers, meaning the running back could be split out wide on several occasions. And nearly

all of his running snaps will come out of the shotgun.

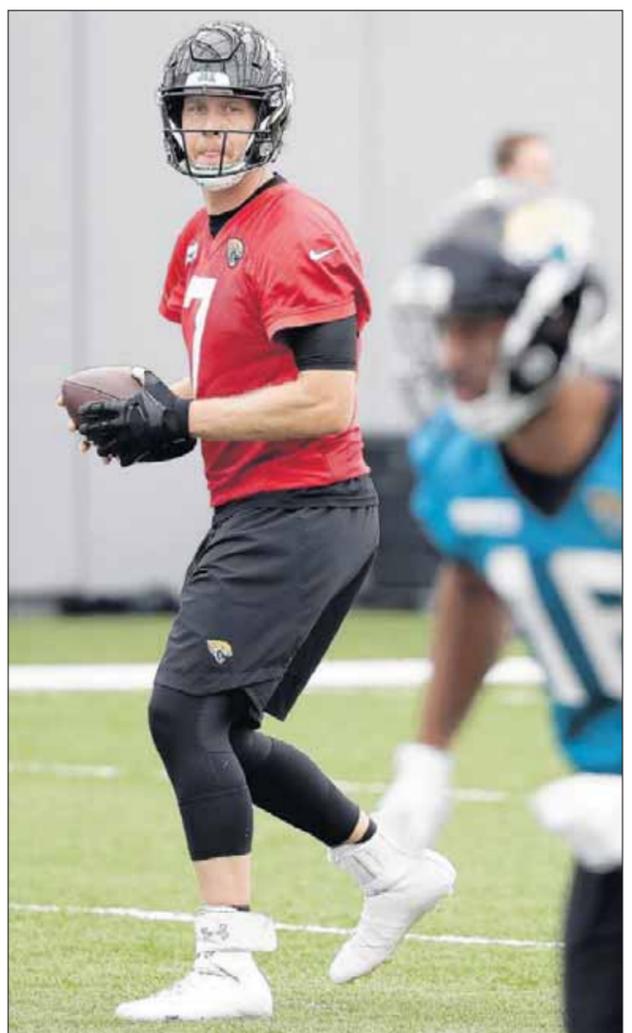
Johnson struggled last season after missing all but one game the previous year because of injury, but back in 2016 he rushed for 1,239 yards while catching 80 passes and recording 20 total touchdowns. He'll have a chance to produce a bounce-back campaign, and given the nature of Kingsbury's offense, it's possible he'll get more yards through the air than on the ground.

Coaches in the AFC have been getting their way.

Typically, general managers pick the players, and the coaches coach them. But in the AFC, at least, coaches seem to be getting more power.

The New York Jets stunned many by firing general manager Mike Maccagnan and letting first-year coach Adam Gase get the general manager of his choice, Joe Douglas. Bill O'Brien apparently didn't like what he saw of general manager Brian Gaine, and Gaine was fired after 1 1/2 years with the team. This is the same conference in which Andy Reid, Bill Belichick and Jon Gruden have significant control over their teams.

O'Brien reportedly wasn't happy that Gaine didn't add an offensive tackle such as Nate Solder or Trent Brown in free agency over the past two years, instead going with a pair of small-school tackle prospects in this year's draft to address a porous offensive line that has made life difficult for franchise quarterback Deshaun Watson. Gase might have had similar concerns, given the state of the Jets' front wall protecting second-year passer Sam Darnold.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Quarterback Nick Foles was a significant pickup for the Jaguars this offseason, but the team's problems might be beyond his help.

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Asadah Kirkland dances as DJ Duane Powell spins dance music at a deejay booth inside the renovated 95th Street CTA Red Line station on Friday.

TUNES IN TRANSIT

A Theaster

Gates-designed DJ booth in the 95th Street train station terminal demonstrates the importance of accessibility to art and culture in public spaces

BY NATALIE WADE

"When did they start doing *that*?" exclaimed a woman entering the CTA Red Line station at 95th Street. Before her stood the station's latest addition, AESOP (An Extended Song of Our People), a DJ booth. Like most people walking to and from the platform, she can't help but linger for a moment, letting her shoulders sway to the beat. The speakers, although loud, do not feel invasive or migraine inducing as the sound bounces along gray walls to spread a jazzy, hip-hop infusion throughout the station, and a feeling of warmth on a summer day that felt too much like early fall.

AESOP, built in cooperation with Theaster Gates — a Chicago based artist — the Rebuild Foundation and the CTA, is a space that hosts local DJs on Mondays and Fridays in an attempt to spread arts and music in public spaces on the South Side as the newest piece of the CTA's public arts program.

Gates is taking social infrastructure development to the next level as this DJ booth creates a space that can be repurposed for arts and programming collaborations. The goal of the Rebuild Foundation, his partner on the project, is similarly "To rebuild the cultural foundations of underinvested neighborhoods and incite

movements of community revitalization that are culture-based, artist-led, neighborhood driven," according to its website.

Street level on the north end of this CTA commuter hub, two glass doors are swung wide open to reveal a wall lined with records, a flashing red neon sign resembling a person growing out their Afro — the neon sign a staple of Theaster Gates' aesthetic — and in the center, DJ Duane Powell mixing beats behind a high-tech DJ set-up. With Powell at the helm of the soundboard, shiny new turntables, mics and speakers, the sound of the platform below — beeping, clanging and automated voice chanting "doors closing" — fade away.

Those passing through the station can't help but turn and look. The music playing and onlookers peering into the booth make it easy to spot but if it were silent, it might be easy for people rushing to and from work to walk past without noticing. "See the pleasant curiosity?" said Powell, as folks crane their necks to figure out the source of the sound. Once discovering the station's new addition, commuters began swaying, smiling and nodding toward Powell or approaching the booth to ask "what is this?"

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IN PERFORMANCE

Rosanne Cash and Ry Cooder put fresh twist on Johnny Cash songs

Collection of classic tunes were meant to be played and passed on

BY GREG KOT

Rosanne Cash gave fair warning at the top of her concert Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre. This wasn't going to be a typically reverent tribute concert, even if it was devoted to the songs written or recorded by her late father, Johnny Cash.

"We aren't interested in carbon copies of these songs," she said with her co-conspirator, guitarist Ry Cooder. "So hang on tight."

She wasn't kidding. Boundaries got stretched, and Cooder in particular seemed to be having a ball as he infused guitar solos with violent turns and brought a thespian's flair to his dramatic readings of some of the lyrics.

Even before a note was struck, it was shaping up as a landmark night on a number of levels. After several decades of avoiding her father's name to carve out her own identity as an '80s country star and an acclaimed songwriter and singer, Rosanne Cash had finally come around to the idea of addressing the country patriarch's canon in a handful of concerts last year with Cooder in San Francisco. The duo, accompanied by a band that included Cash's husband and longtime producer and guitarist, John



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rosanne Cash stretched boundaries as she performed songs written or recorded by her late father, Johnny Cash, Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre.

Leventhal, added a few additional shows this year, including Tuesday's Chicago stop.

There were songs of violence ("Hardin Wouldn't Run"), mourning ("Long Black Veil"), and salvation ("I Am a Pilgrim") that painted a broad picture of the human experience embodied in Cash's work, as performed by

an agile, swinging ensemble fronted by gifted singer whose musical DNA was shaped by many of these same melodies. Her dad was a poor Arkansas farm kid, as documented in "Pickin' Time," who transcended misfortune through music ("Get

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ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Museum of Broadcast Communications has a new exhibition, "Louder Than Words: Rock, Power and Politics," about the intersection of music, musicians such as Bob Dylan and the Village People, and politics and presidents.

A Woodstock vest and a Trump Grammy dress

Rock, politics come together in 'Louder Than Words'

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Neil Young's handwritten lyrics to the rapidly drafted Kent State protest song "Ohio." A swanky velour shirt worn by Bob Marley in concert. Ronnie Van Zant's Lynyrd Skynyrd tour jacket. FBI correspondence with NWA's record company about "Fight the Power." Original costumes worn by the Village People, all six of them.

If you were looking to find artifacts such as these in Chi-

cago, you might have expected them in the Hard Rock Cafe or old rock 'n' roll McDonald's.

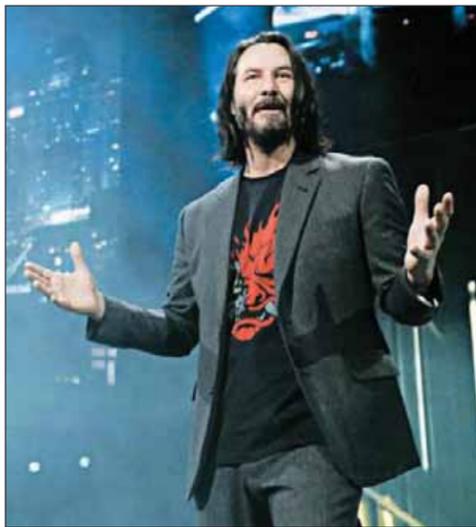
But no. Through the summer, they're at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, a one-time niche destination that has gone aggressively mainstream with the recent "Saturday Night Live: The Experience" and now this exploration of rock 'n' roll (and rap and folk) and the music's intersection with politics.

"Louder Than Words: Rock, Power and Politics," packed with compelling information, artifacts and music, if not the most exciting visuals, is on view at the North State Street institution

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CASEY RODGERS/INVISION

Keanu Reeves is on a roll with three recent films: "John Wick 3," "Always Be My Maybe" and "Toy Story 4."

Fans want Time to honor Reeves

Keanu Reeves, the internet's latest boyfriend and "the most wholesome person alive," is being championed for Time magazine's Person of the Year honorific, according to a fan petition.

It's the latest in the "John Wick 3" star's auspicious summer run, which includes a breakout cameo as a heightened version of himself in the Netflix comedy "Always Be My Maybe" and as daredevil toy Duke Caboom in "Toy Story 4."

With all the fanfare, an admirer launched a Change.org petition last week to "Make Keanu Reeves 2019 Time's Person of the Year." Since then, more than 32,000 people have signed the online petition, quickly gaining on the goal of 35,000 signatures.

"Keanu is the most wholesome person alive, make him the person of the year!" the petition states.

But odds of the actor getting it are probably slim as the magazine has moved toward champions of social and political justice for the honor, which has gone to groups of individuals rather than one person in recent years.

In December, Time named four journalists and a newspaper as "guardians" in "the war on truth" as its Person of the Year. In 2017, the magazine bestowed the title on the "Silence Breakers," honoring the legions of women who came forward about sexual harassment in the workplace.

But, hey, there's always space in its annual Time 100 list of most influential people.

Reeves recently said he was unaware of his new status as "internet-boyfriend," telling People magazine it's "wacky," but that "the positivity is great."

— Los Angeles Times



JOHN LAMPARSKI/GETTY

Modern home improvement: Jesse Tyler Ferguson, the actor best known for his turn as Mitchell Pritchett in the popular sitcom "Modern Family," will host HGTV's 10-episode remodel of the popular home improvement series "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." "I was so inspired by the original series and now I can't wait to help families as the new host," Ferguson said. Ty Pennington, the carpenter and home improvement expert, hosted the earlier run.

Love for sale: Dozens of love letters written by singer-songwriter, poet-novelist Leonard Cohen sold at auction last week for a total of \$876,000. The letters were written to Marianne Ihlen, Cohen's girlfriend in the 1960s, and the inspiration for one of his best-known songs, "So Long, Marianne."

New poet laureate: Joy Harjo has been named the country's next poet laureate, becoming the first Native American to hold the position. Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden announced Harjo's appointment, saying that the poet helped tell an American story of continuity and disruption, "reckoning and mythmaking." Harjo, 68, succeeds Tracy K. Smith, who served two terms.

June 20 birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 88. Actor Danny Aiello is 86. Musician Brian Wilson is 77. Singer Anne Murray is 74. Singer Lionel Richie is 70. Actor John Goodman is 67. Bassist John Taylor is 59. Actress Nicole Kidman is 52. Actor Josh Lucas is 48. Singer-actress Alisan Porter is 38. Actor Chris Mintz-Plasse is 30. Actress Maria Lark is 22.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Woman thinks she's a Mrs. Robinson

Dear Amy: I am a 53-year-old, never-married woman. I keep in shape, and I'm often told that I'm beautiful. I've had several relationships over the years but never found "the one" guy I wanted to marry.

Six months ago, I met a very interesting and intelligent man. I am falling hard for him. Here's the issue: He is 29 years old — 24 years younger than me. He is very mature, and I don't feel the difference in age when we are together.

My friends are horrified and remind me that he's young enough to be my son. They tell me it's inappropriate and urge me to be realistic about any future with him. He has told me that someday he does want to settle down and have children with a wife (obviously, because I am beyond child-bearing years, it won't be me).

Do you think our age difference is OK for now, or is it totally inappropriate? I understand his long-term plan, but I am enjoying the present and try not to think about the future.

All that said, do you find he's not age-appropriate for me? What is the cut-off relationship age for a 53-year-old woman?

— Mrs. Robinson

Dear Mrs. Robinson: You are not, actually, "Mrs. Robinson." The fictional character (from the book/movie "The Graduate") was a middle-aged woman having an affair with a naive 21-year-old man — after she basically hunted and harassed him, in the guise of "seducing" him.

Your guy is almost 30. Thirty-year-old adults should be able to engage in whatever healthy, non-

exploitative relationships they want. So should 53-year-olds. I fail to see what is "horrifying" about your choice to date this man. If the genders were reversed, your pals would be congratulating you.

Your guy has been honest about his longer-term goals. It sounds as if he is engaging in this relationship having already declared an exit plan. Perhaps this is what your friends are really responding to. It is tough to dive fully into a relationship knowing it has an end-date. You may be trying now to protect yourself from the inevitable, and this is bound to affect the dynamic between you two.

But there is something lovely about later-life love, and I hope you can enjoy yourself without worrying too much about how others react.

Dear Amy: It has been almost two years since our daughter-in-law stopped speaking to us or attending family events. I am not sure why. Our son (her husband) has had substance abuse issues and has been in treatment and in AA.

Right now, he seems to be doing fine, and he does come to visit us on Mother's Day and Father's Day, etc., but he comes alone. I imagine that she somehow blames us for his issues. This exclusion has also been extended to our other two sons. This breaks my heart. I don't want to pressure our son, as I know that battling his addiction issues is a daily struggle.

I have phoned, written and texted her but never get a response. She has blocked us from her Face-

book and Instagram accounts. What can I do to reach her and try to bring her back into our family?

— Broken-Hearted MIL

Dear Broken-Hearted: You have tried mightily to bring your daughter-in-law back into your family fold. She is refusing and is communicating that she does not want to be personally involved with you.

So ... stop. Your job now is to cope with your discomfort about this relationship, without dwelling on your heartbreak. You and your husband should attend an addiction "friends and family" support group, such as Al-Anon (find a local meeting through al-anon.org).

In addition to learning about the complicated relational ramifications of your son's addiction, you will also learn valuable lessons about creating and respecting boundaries and how to accept those things (and people) you cannot change.

Dear Amy: "Upset Mom" was losing sleep because of squabbles between her adult children. Why do parents intervene in these relationships? I'm sure it doesn't help.

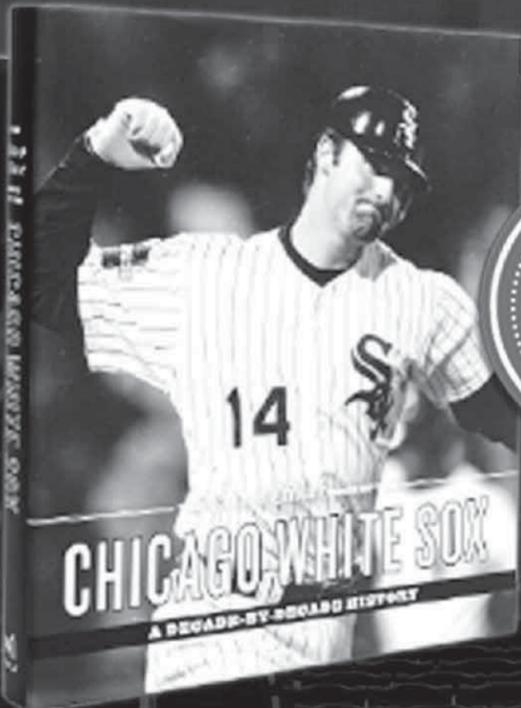
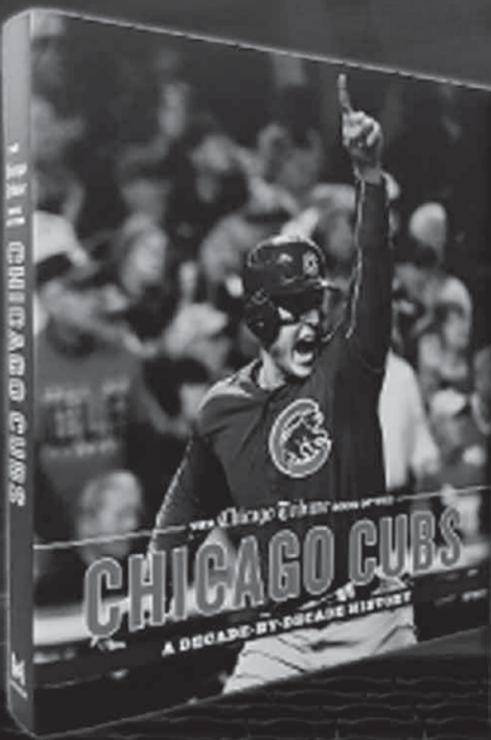
— Wondering

Dear Wondering: My theory is that parents get involved to allay anxiety about these relationships. Essentially, they are intervening so that they will feel better, even if intervention is only a short-term fix.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Hedwig and the Angry Inch' ★★★

Will Lidke rises to the challenge in 'Hedwig'

BY CHRIS JONES

Time has proven Hedwig Robinson to be quite the perennial: we fans have found her in these parts at what was then the Broadway Theatre in 2001 (with no less than Katrina Lenk as her sidekick), at American Theater Company in 2009 and, after she first popped up on Broadway courtesy of Neil Patrick Harris, even at the Oriental Theatre in 2017.

Evanston, though, is a professional first.

With Howard Street functioning as a kind of neo-Berlin wall, the one that Hedwig clambered over, metaphorically speaking, in the fall of 1991, Theo Ubique's intimate new home is what you might call a border theater. "Chicago-adjacent," Hedwig said, wryly and improvisationally, after parading out on to the stage dressed as Lady Liberty, by way of explaining her presence.

Very much of its time, this 1998 musical by Stephen Trask and John Cameron Mitchell is less than beloved by some mil-



AUSTIN D. OIE PHOTOGRAPHY

Will Lidke stars in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," playing at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre in Evanston through June 28.

lennials and trans activists — the show, which centers on a lovelorn, self-loathing character who underwent a botched sex-change operation, does not even remotely concern itself with the true challenges or realities of transgender lives and its central role historically has

not been played by a trans actor. As I have written before when reviewing this show, I understand this objection.

In 1998, it was far more common in off-Broadway circles to use a character like Hedwig as a radical metaphor for deconstruc-

When: Through July 28

Where: Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston

Running Time: 1 hour, 35 minutes

Tickets: \$39-\$49 at 773-347-1109 or www.theo-u.com

tion and border crossing, and to use a symbol of the personal to explore geopolitical change. That is what Mitchell and Trask were doing, along with a palpable and surely timeless embrace of survivorship. And the musical has retained an uncommon number of fans — I caught some of Mitchell's recent show at the Atheneum Theatre a few weeks ago and it was abundantly clear that the majority of the roughly 1,000 people in the room really had come for Hedwig.

And her music.

"Hedwig" has a gorgeous score — I rate "Wig in a Box" and "Wicked Little Town" as two of the best musical-theater numbers of

the 1990s and, at this point in my journey with this show, I am most interested in how the shows sounds. So, if you are a "Hedwig" veteran, kindly note that thanks to the superior musical director Jeremy Ramey, and the voice of the star, Will Lidke, it sounds marvelous. Lidke (whom I very much liked in "Little Shop of Horrors" at Drury Lane) is a phenomenal young talent. He can be a bit jumpy and, at times, he is overly anxious to punctuate Hedwig with a slap of the body or a fast jerk. I'd add further that he doesn't always relax into this role, especially as Hedwig gains confidence and independence. But Lidke's interpretations of the songs are formidable.

This is, of course, very much an up-close-and-personal Hedwig. Director Toma Tavares Langston, drawing on some of the changes made for the Broadway production, further expands the show's identity beyond its original conception as a musical where the band told the story. Brittney Brown, who

plays Yitzhak, is warmer than anyone I've seen previously in the role, which takes a while to embrace, although Brown very much won me over in the end. She fits the style of a production which does not wallow in the grunge but focuses on Hedwig and her audience, all of whom are right there with her.

Hedwig is always a show driven by a central star performance and there's no question that Lidke rises to that challenge. To like this piece, you have to be willing to go with its metaphors of wholeness and completion, of overcoming rejection of all kinds and loving yourself. I'm always most moved by the image of Hedwig, stuck in a dull Midwestern trailer park for good or ill, watching the wall that defined her life be smashed into pieces, not knowing whether she won or lost. It got me on Monday night in Evanston, as it usually does.

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BOOK REVIEW

Hemon offers 'a trail of homelands'

Memories of family fleeing Bosnia

BY JULIA M. KLEIN

Aleksandar Hemon has populated both his fiction ("Nowhere Man," "The Lazarus Project") and nonfiction ("The Book of My Lives") with stories and characters from his native Bosnia. His latest two-books-in-one memoir makes clear that a penchant for narrative — not to mention beekeeping, folk singing and righteous grievance — runs in his immigrant family.

A MacArthur Foundation "genius award" winner, Hemon traveled to Chicago in 1992 as part of a journalistic exchange. He was marooned in the United States when war and ethnic cleansing engulfed the Balkan region, began publishing in English to considerable literary acclaim, and is now teaching creative writing at Princeton University.

Hemon's parents also fled war-torn Sarajevo, settling in Hamilton, Ontario, where their community eventually included other displaced Hemons. Like most immigrants, they struggled, but in time managed to transplant their avocations and obsessions to Canadian soil.

One of Hemon's calling cards is formal experimentation. The new project joins two discrete but complementary works of nonfiction: "My Parents: An Introduction," a thematically organized family memoir, and "This Does Not Belong to You," fragmentary reminiscences of Hemon's own Bosnian childhood. Both works comment on the nature of storytelling, memory, history and homeland.

The more accessible of the two is "My Parents," which explores the Hemons' gradual, if erratic, adjustment to Canadian

life, as well as the dynamics of their imperfect marriage.

Hemon remembers his father — the family storyteller until Hemon professionalized the role — relating tales of World War II, "no doubt embellished." After their marriage, his father, Petar, worked in the energy field, his mother, Andja, as an accountant. They led an upper-middle-class life in Tito's Yugoslavia — not quite a socialist paradise, but a more congenial place than others in Communist Eastern Europe.

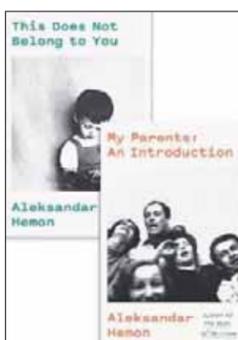
When the Bosnian war broke out, in 1992, Hemon was already gone. Soon afterward, his parents managed to catch the last train out of Sarajevo before a siege by Bosnian Serbs isolated the city. By 1993, the Hemons had reached Ontario.

"There is no such thing as historical destiny. Struggle is all," Hemon declares, one of the dicta with which he seeks to universalize his family's story. "True history is always played out on a personal level," he adds, noting that his mother "built the country (of Yugoslavia) as she was building herself." As a result of her migration to Canada, he writes, "she lost ... everything that had constituted her as a person."

Hemon's father was less devoted to Sarajevo.

"(O)ur family has left behind a trail of homelands, no longer available except by way of memory, music, and storytelling," Hemon writes in the memoir's most striking passage. "Our history is the history of unassuageable longing for the home that could never be had."

Displacement became, for his parents, "the central event of their lives." (One



'My Parents/This Does Not Belong to You'

By Aleksandar Hemon, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 368 pages, \$28

might say the same for Hemon himself.) But with the arrival of more family and some financial security, they adjusted. Buying a house was an important step, as was his father's immersion in beekeeping. Communal gatherings devoted to singing Ukrainian and Bosnian folk tunes brought joy.

The book's most relatable chapter candidly details the tensions in the Hemons' marriage. Like many of that era, it was characterized by "a gendered division of labor and duties," with Hemon's mother both working outside the home and shouldering most household tasks. His father's job-related travels meant that he was away even when Hemon's sister was born, an absence that still festered decades later.

"This Does Not Belong to You" is essentially a series of outtakes from the family memoir — short prose pieces and prose poems leavened by philosophical musings.

They evoke a childhood filled with mischief and casual schoolyard violence, as well as scholastic success and the heartbreak of first love.

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BOOK REVIEW

Actress Kate Mulgrew's true calling may be as memoirist

BY NORA KRUG

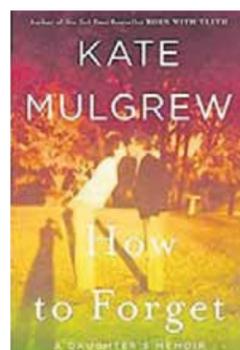
The Washington Post

You might know Kate Mulgrew as Galina "Red" Reznikov on "Orange Is the New Black," Capt. Kathryn Janeway on "Star Trek: Voyager," or perhaps as Sam Malone's girlfriend-who-wasn't-Diane-or-Rebecca on "Cheers." For all her talent as an actor, however, Mulgrew's true calling may be as a writer.

In her new memoir, "How to Forget" Mulgrew shares a moving personal story that's a scriptwriter's (and actor's) dream. It's full of love and heartbreak — of affairs and deaths and lives undone — as melodramatic at times as "Ryan's Hope," the soap opera Mulgrew once starred in. That the book is autobiographical makes it all the more powerful. When Mulgrew was a teen, for instance, her mother confessed to her that she was having an affair with their priest — a relationship she ended only when Mulgrew's 12-year-old sister was felled by a brain tumor.

Framed around the decline and deaths of Mulgrew's parents over the course of two years, "How to Forget" has a sorrowful heart. But it's rarely depressing.

Told in two parts — one for each parent — "How to Forget," is, never mind its title, about remembering. As her parents face the ends of their lives, Mulgrew takes us back to their beginnings. She regales us with sharply told tales of family life on Derby Grange, a 40-acre estate in Dubuque, Iowa, that's a kind of Midwestern Hyannis Port. There, Kate, the second of eight children, grew up in a boisterous Irish Catholic household — a place full of "good cheer, challenging repartee, spon-



'How to Forget'

By Kate Mulgrew, Morrow, 352 pages, \$27.99

taneous parties, song-and-dance, bonfires, bocce and even the occasional relay race," as a local obituary later described it. But a shadow hung over the lighthearted shenanigans.

Mulgrew's younger sister Maggie died in infancy. Her father, Tom Mulgrew, a handsome former Army lieutenant, drank too much. Her mother, Joan, an artist who'd once rubbed elbows with the Kennedys at the real Hyannis Port had, by her account, at least 18 miscarriages. Mulgrew grew up attending her father's drinking parties and helping her mother recover from her lost pregnancies: Her mother would pick up Kate early from school, whisk her away to the movies and then for greasy fast-food fried fish. "My mother at no time warned me to keep it a secret, as such a direct order would have been demeaning to both of us," Mulgrew writes. "She'd had a miscarriage, she'd had a migraine, this was her reward for having overcome them both, and who better to share it with than her oldest daughter?" That "How to Forget"

has been shelved in the "dysfunctional family" category is not surprising. But the book is not just a series of wild anecdotes from a therapist's couch. It's a story about how devotion and love persist despite those wild anecdotes. After her father is diagnosed with a brain tumor and refuses treatment, Mulgrew puts aside her complicated feelings for a man who never watched her on TV and tends to him. "So," Mulgrew writes, "he would choose stoicism and would not be going gentle, after all. This kindled in me a sentimental pride. ... Drunk or sober, he was what he was. Unchanging, and unchangeable, this character trait was potent, captivating and dangerous. ... I have loved you, I thought, ... but I have not known you."

Mulgrew knew her mother — perhaps too well, some might say. Joan Mulgrew called her daughter "Kitten"; Kate called her mother "Mums." Their relationship blossomed through their shared secrets and later, girl time in New York. Then one day, while Mulgrew was on the "Star Trek" set, a phone rang. "Kitten," Mums said, "I think something's wrong." It was Alzheimer's. Mums was in her 70s when the diagnosis was made, and from this point in the book, the tale becomes one of growing despair, as Mulgrew's irreverent, mischievous mother slowly becomes a blank.

Mulgrew's flair for drama might lead some readers to wonder about her precise recall of conversations that happened years ago but it makes for a captivating reading experience. You'll never forget Derby Grange and the family that lived there.

Cash

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Rhythm") and sprawling adventures that were both inspiring and heartbreaking ("Big River").

Rosanne Cash imbued these pieces of Americana poetry with her empathy, a voice touched by melancholy but sturdy and sure all the same, while Cooder played the virtuoso wild card.

The guitarist transformed "Take Your Guns to Town" into a noir-blues, a movie narrated by the artist's rumbling voice and guitar. On "Ring of Fire," he and Leventhal turned the deceptively playful song into something more

twisted and open-ended, with an extended guitar jam that even included a snippet of the Doors' "Light My Fire."

Johnny Cash likely would've approved. His songs weren't designed to be worshiped or embalmed. They were meant to be played and passed on, living entities always ready to be adapted, reinterpreted and recontextualized. Even a behemoth such as "I Walk the Line" got a makeover, with Rosanne Cash bringing the arrangement to a simmer as she lingered over her father's words of devotion.

Cooder also offered a tribute to another key player in the Cash universe: Luther Perkins, whose tick-tock guitar rhythms



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rosanne Cash and Ry Cooder, second from right, perform at the Chicago Theatre on Tuesday.

undergirded countless classic songs. Cooder held aloft the very same guitar that Perkins once played — a '55 Fender Esquire — and

turned it into a scalpel as he sliced and diced the groove in "Hey Porter" with such gusto that Cash could only smile in appreciation of a

performance that embodied the spirit of the evening: burrow into the master's music and then take it somewhere new.

Rosanne Cash-Ry Cooder set list Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre

1. Understand Your Man
2. Guess Things Happen That Way
3. Hey Porter
4. Pickin' Time
5. Tennessee Flat Top Box
6. Don't Take Your Guns to Town
7. Hardin Wouldn't Run
8. Home of the Blues
9. Get Rhythm
10. I Walk the Line
11. I Still Miss Someone
12. Give My Love to Rose
13. Long Black Veil
14. Big River
- Encore:**
15. Ring of Fire
16. I Am a Pilgrim

Poonie's Cabaret is back



LAUREN WARNECKE

In the summer of 2002, I remember improvising with my Columbia College classmates at Links Hall. We were dressed in black jazz pants and white T-shirts — in hindsight, white T-shirts in July may not have been the best choice.

In Links' old space above a bar in Wrigleyville, we tumbled and rolled over each other, dripping sweat in the unventilated space — because the humming of the window AC units in the background would ruin the art — as the Red Line shook the walls every 7 to 12 minutes.

It was a rite of passage for so many performers in those days: performing in Poonie's Cabaret. The quarterly series, first curated by Selene Carter, was an anything-goes space for improvisation and works-in-progress, modeled on Patrick's Cabaret, a showcase launched by Patrick Scully in Minneapolis (Patrick's Cabaret closed last year after 32 seasons).

"It does really come from being supported as a young artist by Links," said Carter in a phone interview. "That's the germ of it."

"Links was a place that would support my growth and development, and what I saw at Links so frequently was really high-level dance improvisation, unparalleled national, international and local artists. So I invested in this period of doing a lot of intensive study, traveling and writing grants to study

with master teachers all over the country. Then when I returned to Chicago, I was feeling like, now what do I do with everything I've learned?"

Carter knew that performing was an integral part of the formula.

"It's like that Samuel Beckett quote: 'Fail again, fail better,'" she said. "The only way you're going to get better at this if you do it a lot. Links was a place where I could do it a lot."

During her travels, Carter had trained with Scully and brought him to Links to teach a workshop. Scully was close with a dancer named Poonie Dodson, who moved to Chicago after dancing for Bill T. Jones in New York. Bob Eisen, the co-founder of Links Hall with Carol Bobrow and Charlie Vernon, wrote of Dodson in an e-mail:

"Poonie was a beautiful person, both in his physical presence and in his general sense of being in the world. He was a beautiful dancer, with a charismatic presence to go along with strong technical skills. ... But it was not in Poonie's sensibility to work continually under another's artistic direction — he was way too much a free spirit. It was always clear that Poonie was someone who was going to make his way in the world, no matter where he was or what he was doing."

Dodson died of AIDS-related complications in the early 1990s.

Though she'd never met Dodson, Carter said: "To honor this person who had been present in the Chicago dance community and also Patrick's contribution to the Midwest regional alternative dance scene, Patrick's



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chris McCray, left, and Ken Gasch curated the revived Return of Poonie's Cabaret show coming June 24.

Cabaret and Poonie's Cabaret would be sister spaces."

So in the spirit of Patrick's Cabaret, Carter created an inclusive space that valued improvisation and experimentation, providing opportunities for performers of all genres working in stand-up, burlesque, puppetry and theater, in addition to dance, and became an attractive and popular platform for LGBTQ artists.

"I think in some ways one of the more radical things about Patrick's Cabaret is that it was not just queer — it was open to everybody," said Scully in a 2018 interview with Minnesota Public Radio.

"That it was a rainbow umbrella that said anybody who wants to stand underneath this umbrella is welcome to be here."

Upon Carter's departure — she is currently an associate professor of dance at Indiana University — Poonie's Cabaret was curated by a plethora of performers and producers, including Jyl Fehrenkamp,

Matthew Hollis (aka Mat-trick Swayze) and Carol McCurdy. And it catalyzed other queer-positive spaces in Chicago such as Sal-nathon; Chances Dances; Queer, Ill and Okay and Fabitat. But in a way, that momentum also led to Poonie's demise.

"The culture in Chicago started not needing it after a while," said Ken Gasch.

Gasch and Christopher McCray are curating a reboot of Poonie's Cabaret launching June 24 at Links Hall.

"There was a rise of other alternative or queer arts events particularly geared toward industry people, unconventional art and the queer demographic," Gasch said. "So it was sort of like a Catch-22 — with Poonie's paving the way for events like that to exist, the more events that popped up, the less need there was for Poonie's to be the sole source of that. The market got saturated."

But as many of those other platforms shut their

doors there was once again a need for a space like Poonie's Cabaret.

Gasch and McCray are longtime Chicagoans, well-recognized in dance, burlesque and cabaret circles. Most recently, they've teamed up to create a company called The Vertical Sideshow.

"Poonie's was one of the first performance gigs I'd done when I moved to Chicago," said McCray, who before Vertical Sideshow served as the artistic director of Chicago Dance Crash and Corpo Dance Company.

"It will be nice to keep that space around so other performers just coming to the city can have the same sort of experience. It kind of feels like it's my turn to run with the torch."

The pair is focused on bringing back as many past curators as possible to kick off a new wave of Poonie's Cabaret, but their long-term vision is to cultivate a space for new and emerging experimental performers.

"The inspiration of the

original Poonie's was to celebrate the new and the weird, and what's on the edge now is very different than what it was back then," said McCray. "Coming in with a much broader vision, and having gone out and seen other things and then come back, we can push the boundaries."

Felicia Holman, director of Linkage partnerships at Links Hall, will be in the charge of the project moving forward — director Roell Schmidt, who conceived the return of Poonie's Cabaret and recruited Gasch and McCray, leaves her post as director at the end of the month.

"I'm looking forward to picking up the Poonie's baton and keeping it going," said Holman.

"The Return of Poonie's Cabaret" is 7 p.m. June 24 at Links Hall, 3111 N. Western Ave. Tickets are \$5-\$40; linkshall.org

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DJ Duane Powell spins dance music at a deejay booth inside the renovated 95th Street CTA Red Line station on Friday.

Tunes

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"It's probably one of the questions we've gotten the most," said Sabina Bokhari, a Rebuild Foundation representative, who was explaining the mixed-media art piece to the many people curious enough to ask about the new musical installation.

"This is cool!" one of the commuters shouts out to Powell who begins to spin a remix of Cardi B. with African percussion instrumental beats, to create a distinct sound that blends "something familiar and something unfamiliar," said Powell. His blend of house, Afrobeats and hip-hop gets a thumbs-up from a man walking by, and another pulls out his phone to Facebook Live the performance.

"House music allows me to get out of the mentality of Chicago segregation," said Powell who grew up on Chicago's South Side. He explains that anyone who lives south of 95th Street has to travel through this station to get home,

and he hopes that his music can help the commuter's day become a little brighter.

Author Asadah Kirkland was outside the booth in orange and green African garb, spinning and clapping to the beat. "I just came to dance," she said. She's one of Powell's biggest fans. "Wherever he is I just try to be there because he plays for the dancer, he watches us to see what makes us spin."

Kirkland isn't the only one who finds Powell's music irresistible. "A woman last week told me I made her miss her bus because she was jamming to the music," said Powell.

"They got a DJ here on the train!" says a woman with three toddlers trailing alongside her, each holding a large, bright yellow bouncy ball. The kids start to dance with Kirkland, clapping off beat, hopping up and down and bouncing their balls around the station. A few more people stop to enjoy the music and atmosphere. Even the CTA workers seem to have more pep in their step.

A man walks by, smiling at Kirkland and her danc-

ing toddler trio.

"What's up?" Kirkland calls out to him, "You know you can't resist!"

"Man, I love you!" he responds.

Powell opts for hugs instead of offered handshakes, as Kirkland lets anyone join in on her dance.

Life and color radiate from the booth manned by Powell and decorated by Kirkland's unapologetic dance moves. To find something so bright in a monochromatic station that could easily be described as dreary had a visible effect.

AESOP is thoughtful, purposeful and reflective of the neighborhood, while bringing together unique sounds and visuals into an Afro-centric multimedia piece. It has the ability to bring sparks of joy to any person shutting in and out of the city, even if they can only pause for a moment — and the promise of a future that emphasizes black arts and community infrastructure.

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E.J. Lenzi, family competing on new cooking TV show

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Former professional race car driver E.J. Lenzi has an enviable fine-dining resume. For years he worked for his grandfather, Eugene (Gene) Michelotti, at his famed River North steakhouse Gene & Georgetti.

After Michelotti died in 1989, Lenzi charted his own path, first opening Erie Cafe in River North in 1994 and then E.J.'s Place in Skokie in 1997.

So what are Lenzi; his wife, Toni; and his daughter, Gabriella, doing in a televised home-style cooking competition?

"I saw the casting call on Instagram. I texted my whole family and said, 'Hey, wouldn't it be fun to go out and do this?' And so we went to the open casting at the Chopping Block in the Merchandise Mart," said Gabriella Lenzi Littleton, who runs E.J.'s Place's party business and wine program and occasionally works the floor there.

Littleton said they didn't have an advantage in the competition because at their steakhouse, she and her dad "are business people. We run a business, and at the end of the day, my dad doesn't really go home and cook. My parents are empty nesters. All of their children are adults and out of the house. I probably cook the most because I have two kids, but I'm not formally trained. My dad's not formally trained. I taught myself how to cook in college by watching the Food Network."

Nevertheless, the Lenzi's restaurant background is not mentioned on the premiere of the new ABC network series "Family Food Fight," which is



ERIC MCCANDLESS/ABC

The Lenzi family, from left, Toni, Gabriella and E.J., compete on the ABC network series "Family Food Fight," which is scheduled to premiere June 20.

scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Thursday. According to the show's rules, contestants can be restaurateurs, but they are not allowed to compete if they have worked full-time as a cook, chef or baker in the past seven years or if they currently derive their main income from preparing/cooking food in a professional environment such as a restaurant, hotel or catering company.

On the show, eight families undergo a series of culinary challenges to impress host Ayesha Curry and fellow judges Cat Cora and Chicagoan Graham Elliot. Four families, including the Lenzi family, are introduced on Thursday's premiere. The rest of the competitors, including two other Chicago-area families, cook on next week's episode. The winner gets a \$100,000 prize.

Littleton leads her team in the battle, and one of the first dishes her family serves is a bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin inspired by a recipe from Toni

Lenzi's mom. E.J. Lenzi looks confused as he tries to follow his daughter's directions. At one point, he is described as a "deer in headlights." He said his family didn't prepare for the competition, and he felt pressure because he is a restaurateur. "The biggest preparation for the show was trying to figure out what your wardrobe was going to be," he said.

He added: "What I think we could have done differently is really taken seriously the fact that it was a competition, and people were competing. Instead, we were going in there just to have a good time as a family and go for the experience, where everybody else seemed to be way more prepared than us, and that's probably the thing that we could have done better is just practiced and get ready for competition. That being said, it was a fantastic experience."

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Chris Hardwick

“The Wall” (7 p.m., NBC): Not every wall has to be about political divisiveness, and the imposing barrier at the centerpiece of this game show — which opens its third season tonight with two back-to-back episodes — actually can dramatically change contestants’ lives for the better. They just need to answer questions correctly and hope the green balls — signifying cash winnings — keep coming. Chris Hardwick hosts.

“Siren” (7 p.m., FREE): As her health begins to deteriorate gravely, Elaine Pownall (Sarah-Jane Redmond) enrolls in treatment via the military’s medical trials involving mermaid cells in the new episode “All In.” That procedure comes at a cost to the mermaids themselves, however. Elsewhere, Helen and Rick (Rena Owen, Brendan Fletcher) glean more knowledge about the hybrids, as well as their history in Bristol Cove, suggesting that they’re far less alone than Helen had believed.

“Family Food Fight” (8 p.m., ABC): Cookbook author and restaurateur Ayesha Curry is host and a judge on this amiable new reality competition series in which family teams demonstrate their culinary skills by dishing up some of their most treasured family recipes, making the show a celebration of cultural diversity as well as mere cooking skills. Joining Curry as judges are Cat Cora and Graham Eliot.

“Spin the Wheel” (8 p.m., FOX): Emmy and Grammy Award winner Justin Timberlake executive produces this new game show, offering contestants a chance to win up to \$20 million, based on the luck of ... well, see the show’s title. There’s sure to be nail-biting, edge-of-your-seat moments that will keep you glued to the screen, as individuals have to make the tough decision to walk away or risk it all.

“Reef Break” (9 p.m., ABC): Poppy Montgomery is both star and executive producer on this new summer action drama, on which she plays former thief Cat Chambers, who has resurfaced in a legal(ish) capacity as the fixer for the governor of a Pacific Island paradise. Impulsive yet irresistible, she stirs up things for several old acquaintances. Desmond Chiam and Ray Stevenson also star.

“Klepper” (9:30 p.m., 10:36 p.m., Comedy Central): Jordan Klepper heads to California to meet African-American entrepreneurs trying to break into the marijuana industry in “The New Weed War,” the Season 1 finale. The West Coast may have a reputation for progressive politics and liberal drug laws, but the realities of marijuana legalization reflect America’s past of race-based discrimination.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Taylor Schilling.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Madonna; Ari Lennox performs.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Russell Crowe; Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot; The Raconteurs perform.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Kumail Nanjiani; journalist Jim Acosta; actor Himesh Patel.*

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	ABC 7	Holey Moley: “Putt Up or Shut Up.” (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Family Food Fight: “Meet the Families: Part 1.” (Series Premiere) (N)		Reef Break: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N)					WGN News at Ten (N)	
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FOOD	Chopped: “Scoop’s On!”		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby		
FREE	Siren: “All In.” (N) ©		(8:01) Zookeeper (PG, ’11) *	Kevin James. ©		700 Club ♦		
FX	♦ (6:30) Captain America: The First Avenger (’11) ***		Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets ©	Baskets ©		
HALL	Love in the Sun (NR, ’19)	Emeraude Toubia. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Christina (N)	Unspouse	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
HIST	Mountain Men ©		Mountain Men (N)		(9:03) Alone (N) ©	Mnt. Men ♦		
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Heartland ♦	
IFC	♦ (5) Knocked Up (’07) ***	Office Space (R, ’99) **	Ron Livingston. ©		Livingston. ©	Office ♦		
LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Ms. T’s Music Factory (N)	Little ♦		
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV	Double Shot at Love (N)		Tattoo (N)	Tattoo (N)	Tattoo (N)	Tattoo (N)	Dbl Shot ♦	
NBCSCH	Beer Money	Track & Field (Tape)			Elite Amateur Tug League			
NICK	♦ SpongeBob	LEGO Batman: DC Superheroes Unite			Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6:30) A Good Year (PG-13, ’06) **	Russell Crowe.			No Reservation	Bourdain ♦		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID ©		20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 ♦		
OXY	Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ©	Snapped ♦		
PARMT	♦ (6:30) The Goonies (PG, ’85) ***	Sean Astin. ©			Lip Sync (N) (9:32) The Goonies © ♦			
SYFY	Minority Report (PG-13, ’02) ***	Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell. ©				Krypton ♦		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Great Escape (NR, ’63) ***	Steve McQueen, James Garner. ©				Bridge ♦		
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Sean.” (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper ©	Stories ER ♦		
TLN	Humanit	The Nehemiah Project			Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
TNT	♦ (6) Flight (R, ’12) ***	Denzel Washington. ©			AFI Life Achievement Award (N)			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©				The Dead Files (N) ©	Dead Files ♦		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Queen of the South (N)	Law-SVU ♦		
VH1	Romeo Must Die (R, ’00) **	Jet Li, Aaliyah. ©			New Jack City (’91) *** ♦			
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta © ♦			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Night School (PG-13, ’18) **	Kevin Hart. ©			(8:55) Big Little Lies ©	Euphoria ♦	
	HBO2	Robin Williams: Come Inside My Mind (NR, ’18) ©				Espookys	Axios ©	
	MAX	Getaway (PG-13, ’13) * Ethan Hawke.		The Town (R, ’10) ***	Ben Affleck. © ♦			
	SHO	♦ Nightcrawler (7:25) City on a Hill ©				Fast Times at Ridgemont High (R) ***	Desus (N)	
	STARZ	Vida ©	(7:34) Vida	(8:09) Vida	(8:42) Vida: “Episode 10.”	(9:16) Vida	(9:48) Vida	
STZNC	Toy Story 3 (G, ’10) *** ©				(8:45) Brave (PG, ’12) ***	Voices of Kelly Macdonald.		

Words

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through Sept. 1. It’s a show originally developed by Cleveland’s Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Newseum (a much-better-than-you’d-expect Washington, D.C., paean to press triumphs and controversies that will, alas, finish its brick-and-mortar run at year’s end).

An even more apt exhibit from the Rock Hall will follow “Louder than Words” at the broadcast museum, Justin Kulovsek, vice president of innovation, said Tuesday.

That show, likely debuting in late October is “Stay Tuned: Rock on TV,” which has occupied three floors of the Cleveland museum since bowing there in May 2018. It looks to be about the synchronicities between the electronic baby-sitter and the music of recent generations.

Hello again, Ed Sullivan, “Soul Train” and, from another angle, “SNL.”

But for now there is “Louder Than Words,” which may be isn’t so much about broadcasting but certainly hits the popular-culture bull’s-eye. Since it premiered in Cleveland in 2016, it’s been on tour steadily, emulating the lives of many of the acts featured in the show, although it travels in semitrailers rather than buses dolled up like hotel rooms.

And as near as can be determined, “Louder Than Words” has no policy on brown M&M’s in the green room.

A favorite stop has been presidential museums, thanks perhaps to the show’s canny organization of rock-and-politics moments chronologically, by presidential administration. Once you figure this out, you will get over your shock at seeing “Dwight D. Eisenhower” in giant letters in an ostensible rock ‘n’ roll exhibit.

The show travels from Ike to Trump and makes most of the major stops along the way. A favorite



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Presidents are presented next to images of national events that happened during their stays in the White House, such as “We Are Trayvon” and “We Can’t Breathe” during Barack Obama’s terms, in “Louder Than Words.”

moment is the kiosk introducing the years of the 45th president that says, “President Donald J. Trump. Campaign Song: No official campaign song.”

And then there’s a photo of the current president with rocker Bret Michaels from Trump’s reality show “The Apprentice” shot in 2010, seven years before Trump took office. This is somewhat different in tone than the shots of Jimmy Carter with Gregg Allman, Barack Obama with Beyoncé or Lyndon B. Johnson with Nat King Cole.

But really the presidents are incidental here, a mere organizing tool. What matters, and what sticks, is the range of explored moments where music and politics came together, often to move the culture.

The beginning display has actor and activist Harry Belafonte tell the story of folk singer Pete Seeger playing “We Shall Overcome” for him and Martin Luther King during a protest and King decreeing “that would be a great song for the movement,” in Belafonte’s words.

Better still is the illustrative artifact, the Seeger banjo head stenciled with “This Machine Surrounds Hate and Forces It to

Surrender.”

That may be a touch hyperbolic, but the point is echoed throughout. Popular music has engaged with and often influenced the hot-button issues of its day even as it has been, in turn, influenced by them.

“Admission \$2.50 Per Person,” says a 1957 poster for a Little Richard concert in West Virginia. “Colored Spectators \$1.50.” The latter folks would sit in the balcony only, the wall text explains.

A section on African-American artists responding to racist violence highlights three tunes, Sam Cooke’s uplifting “A Change Is Gonna Come,” Nina Simone’s searing “Mississippi Goddam,” and James Brown’s “I Don’t Want Nobody to Give Me Nothing.” The latter was written in Brown’s hand on stationery from the Chicago-O’Hare Ramada Inn in Schiller Park “Luxury for Less,” documents shown in reproduction.

John and Yoko, the Vietnam War, and rock and global protest are treated too. The big group sings promoting liberal democratic values get their moments (“We Are the World,” “Sun City,” etc.). You get mention of Lilith

Fair, of “sex-positive feminist” Liz Phair and, a generation earlier, of Helen Reddy’s “I Am Woman,” written, she explained because she couldn’t find a song to express her liberated feelings.

Joe Strummer’s 1966 Fender Telecaster, his “principal instrument” during his tenure as Clash lead vocalist, is on display. So is a George Clinton P-Funk outfit. So is a Chrissy Hynde guitar. And an Odetta guitar. And a Tom Morello guitar. There are many guitars.

If you watch the videos scattered throughout, you’ll get a lot of Rage Against the Machine (and north suburban) guitarist Morello making the rock-politics connection explicit, as when he, as a high schooler, discovered the Clash album “Sandinista!” addressing the same issues of U.S. aggression in Central America in song that he was trying to talk about in his school paper.

You’ll also see, perhaps inevitably, a whole lot of Bono. Perhaps even more inevitably, you’ll hear Bono lovingly quoting his own lyrics, in this case from “Bullet the Blue Sky,” also about U.S. aggression in Central America.

And these mentions only scratch the surface of an exhibition swimming in items and info. If this show were an album’s liner notes, it would be one of those pull-out booklets rather than a handful of paragraphs printed on the sleeve.

It’s a shame, then, that the visual presentation is so utilitarian. It’s not unpleasant to look at, but it’s certainly not stirring.

Laid out on wordy wall placards and in vertical plexiglass boxes, it looks compact and efficient, as if it was designed to be packed into crates and remounted somewhere else.

There are a few curious choices here, but everybody will have their own ideas of what they are and will likely have a good time spotting them. It’s a pretty major gaffe in Chicago to talk about Disco Demolition at the White Sox home ballpark and label Steve Dahl a “Detroit” deejay. Yes, he had been there before Chicago, but by the time of the 1979 event, no, sir. The answer is: Chicago.

And from my perspective, I’m not sure Devo qualifies as political, at least not until the robots try to take over, and I’m even more not sure the over-the-top MAGA dress worn to a recent Grammys by Trump fan and singer Joy Villa qualifies as a rock artifact.

But in general you give the show credit for including rock from the right as well as from the left (“Ballad of the Green Berets” from the 1960s, for instance, or Lee Greenwood from the 1980s). It must be said, though, that, as in comedy, the left-leaning stuff is just better at sounding like the art form it wants to be rather than a propagandist imitation of that form.

There’s enough music here to satisfy too, although you have to work to find it: mostly in one jukebox-like kiosk where you can dial up, for instance, the Dixie Chicks, who essentially lost their mega-career for protesting the Iraq War, and then again in a series of

A/V booths worth exploring at the main entrance to the exhibit.

There I was reminded of Rod Stewart’s forward-thinking, unlikely 1976 hit “The Killing of Georgie (Part I and II),” a tale of an openly gay man murdered in New York City. Hearing it again after so many years, the story song is as affecting as Stewart’s vampy performance, in the accompanying video, is disquieting.

There have been some great rock ‘n’ roll exhibitions to come through Chicago in recent years. The biographical “David Bowie Is” at the MCA and “Bill Graham and the Rock and Roll Revolution” at the Illinois Holocaust Museum were both, in their own ways, superb. And the big “Rolling Stones: Exhibitionism” had a bevy of great qualities too, even if it wore its blockbuster ambitions on its sleeve.

“Louder Than Words” is not in their league; it’s more dutiful than inspired. But the chance to visit these mostly stellar artifacts and to learn or revisit these stories of rock history make it worth the trip.

One of them is that of Tipper Gore, perhaps the second-least-likely person to be featured, after President Eisenhower.

Ike made it in because he happened to be president when the rock era started. For Gore, it was an excess of motherly zeal. The future second lady wanted to protect kids from the supposed dark influence of rock lyrics in the mid-1980s. While the kids were not, in fact, turned into Satanists, Gore ended up with a permanent place in the history of a music that stuck around long enough to make it into museums.

“Louder Than Words” runs through Sept. 1 at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State St.; \$18; 312-245-8200 and www.museum.tv

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 20): Align forces with your partner this year. Disciplined action pays off. Have fun, collaborate and profit together. Extra summer income eases a shift with shared accounts. Together, reap a bounteous harvest inspiring new personal income sources. Encourage each other to flower.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Teamwork makes small potatoes out of a big job. A domestic agenda takes precedence this month, with the sun in Cancer tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Reminisce with teammates over five months, with Neptune stationing retrograde tomorrow. Let go of what you think it should look like. Keep showing up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Travel and study your objective. The next month can get lucrative. Launch moneymaking projects this month, with the Cancer sun tomorrow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Compute expenses. Review where you've been to reflect on what's ahead. Remember past adventures with tomorrow's five-month Neptune retrograde period. Cross a body of water.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. The next month is about following through and completing things. Finish up old business, with the sun entering Cancer tomorrow. Work behind the scenes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Get out and move. Exercise rejuvenates you. Neptune's retrograde tomorrow initiates a five-month phase favoring familiar work, allies and partners.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Have fun with people you love. Consider new assignments. Advance your professional status this month, with the Cancer sun. Get motivated by a new project.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Let romance develop naturally, with Neptune stationing retrograde tomorrow for the next five months. Reorganize your game. Review the rules.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Communication opens a door. Grow family fortunes, with the sun entering Cancer tomorrow for a month. Collaborate on the budget.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Your view clears with Neptune's retrograde tomorrow. What was hidden gets revealed. Over five months, use your heightened sensitivity for negotiations, compromise and diplomacy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. The pace picks up. You're especially busy this month, with the sun entering Cancer tomorrow. Provide excellent service. Prioritize your own health and well-being.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Nostalgic retrospection thrives over five months, with tomorrow's Neptune retrograde in your sign. Resolve a personal issue. Revise fantasies for who you are now.

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The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ A K J 10 9 6
 ♣ A

West
 ♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ Q J 10 9 7
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q J 8 7

East
 ♠ K Q 9 5
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ K 10 9 5 3

South
 ♠ J 6 2
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ Q 8 7 5 3
 ♣ 6 4 2

South's two-diamond response to the strong and artificial two-club opening was negative. It did not promise any diamonds, merely showing 0-6 points. It had the effect of making South the surprise declarer on this deal. The jump to five diamonds was a double negative, showing a diamond fit, but with only 0-3 points. North might have passed this, but he can't be seriously faulted for going on to slam. Some bad South hands would be enough for 12 tricks.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All pass		

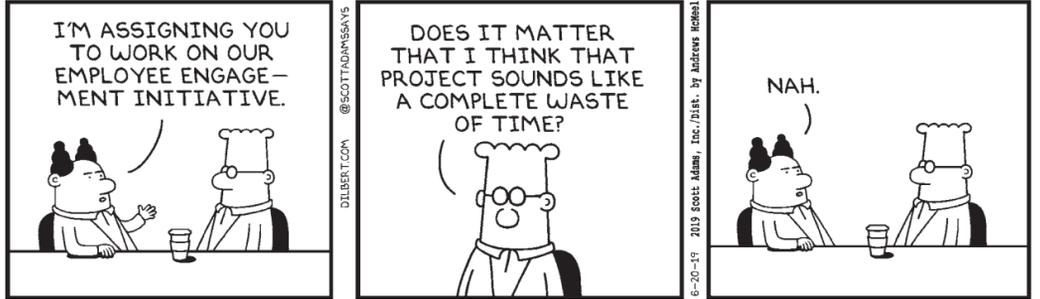
Opening lead: Queen of ♥

opening heart lead with dummy's ace and cashed the ace of diamonds, drawing trumps. He then cashed the ace of clubs and the king of hearts, followed by a heart ruff in his hand. A club was ruffed in dummy and South crossed back to his hand with the queen of diamonds to ruff his last club.

He had two choices now. The ace and another spade, hoping an opponent would be end-played, has several possibilities. West might have king doubleton or queen doubleton, or East might have king-queen, king-10, or queen-10 doubleton. Declarer found the superior play of leading a low spade away from dummy's ace. This would work if either opponent had a singleton king or queen, or if East had both. That was the winning play here and South scored up his well-earned slam.

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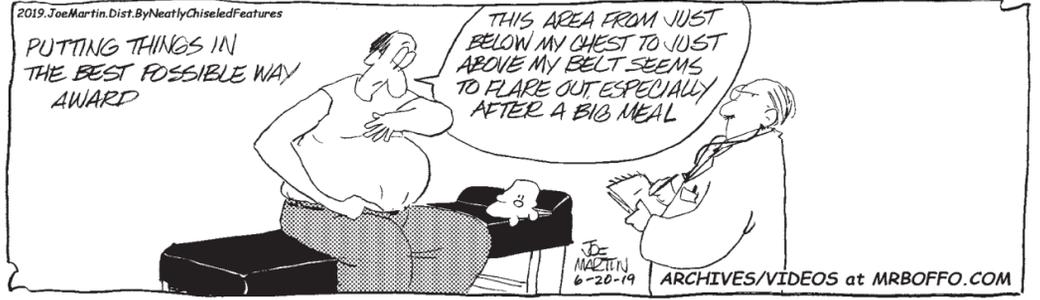
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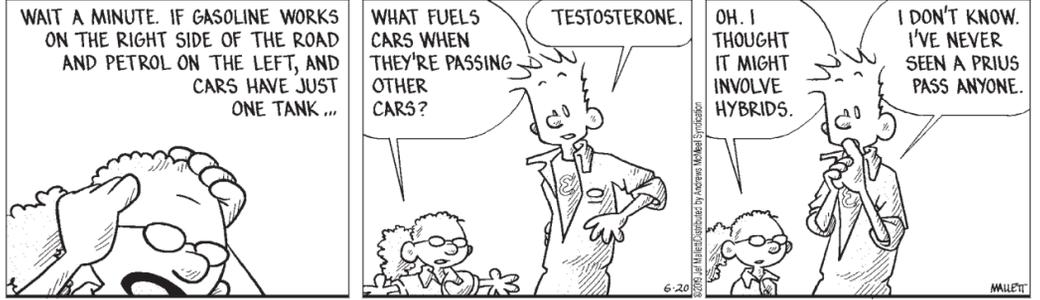
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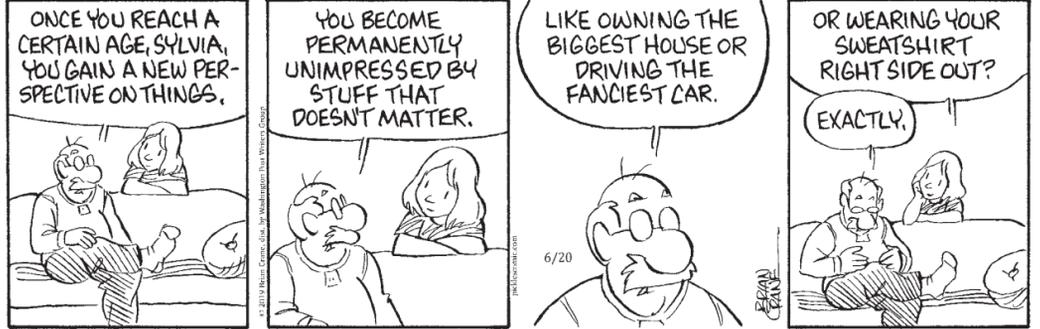
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Classic Peanuts



Pickles



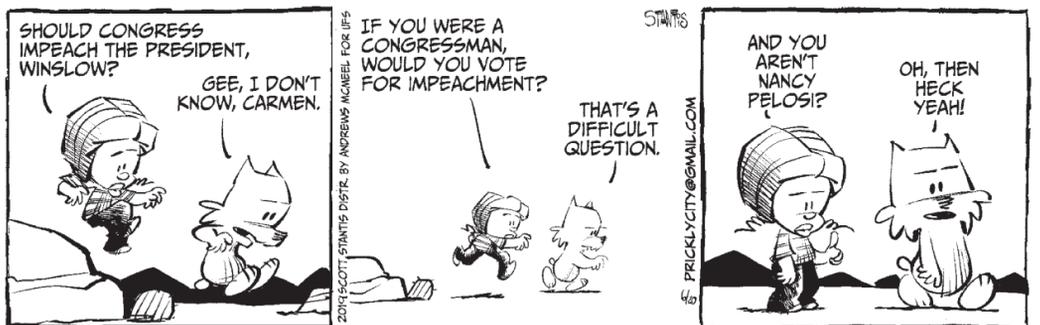
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Animal Crackers



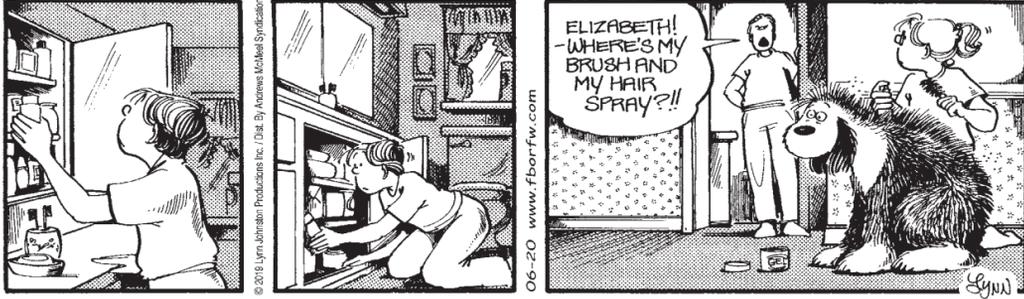
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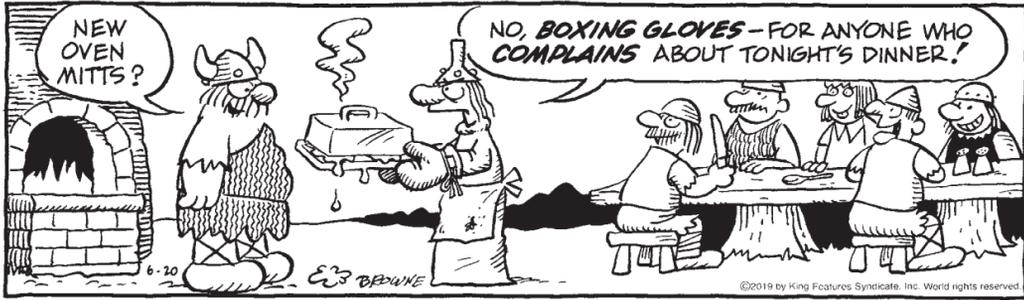
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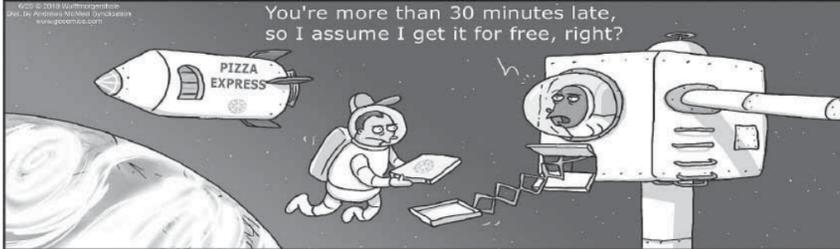
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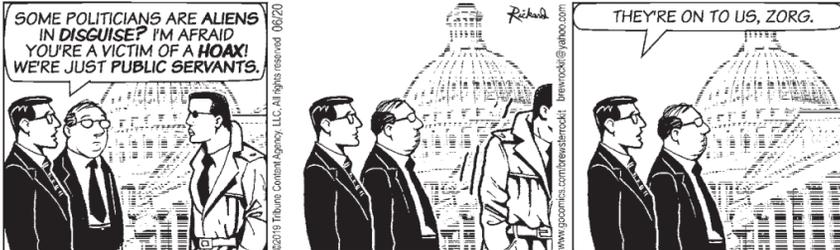
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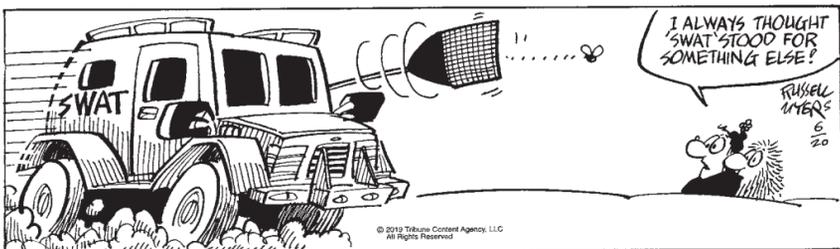
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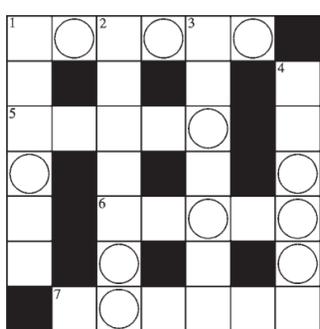
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

How many athletes represented the United States at the first modern Olympics in 1896?
A) 14
B) 25
C) 36
D) None. The U.S. didn't participate.
Wednesday's answer: Seedless navel oranges are a mutation first discovered at a monastery in Brazil.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Wine ____
5. ____ clock
6. Acquire information
7. Skilled
ANSWER
TETLBO
RALMA
RLNAE
IODATR

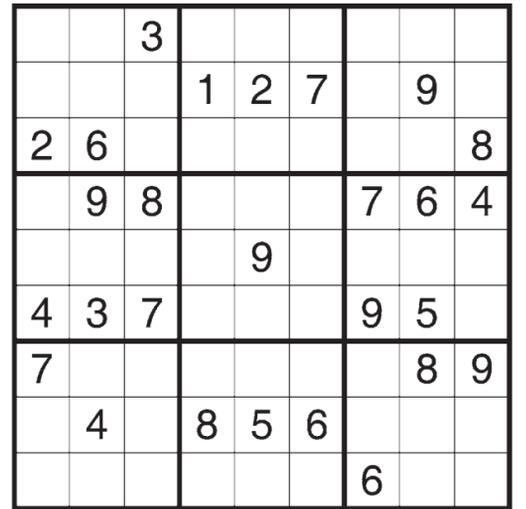
CLUE DOWN
1. Supported
2. Followed
3. Lower back pain
4. ____ tree
ANSWER
AECRBD
RTIDELA
BOGULMA
TUWANL

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Grid]
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ANSWERS: 1-A-Bottle 5-A-Alarm 6-A-Learn 7-A-Adapt 1-D-Prance 2-D-Trilled 3-D-Lumber 4-D-Waltz 5-F-Waltz 6-D-Waltz 7-D-Waltz
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

6/20



5	3	7	4	9	6	2	1	8
9	6	1	7	2	8	4	3	5
8	4	2	1	5	3	9	6	7
1	8	9	3	6	5	7	2	4
7	5	6	8	4	2	3	9	1
4	2	3	9	1	7	5	8	6
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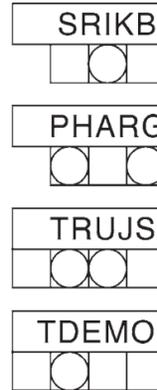
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Wednesday's answers

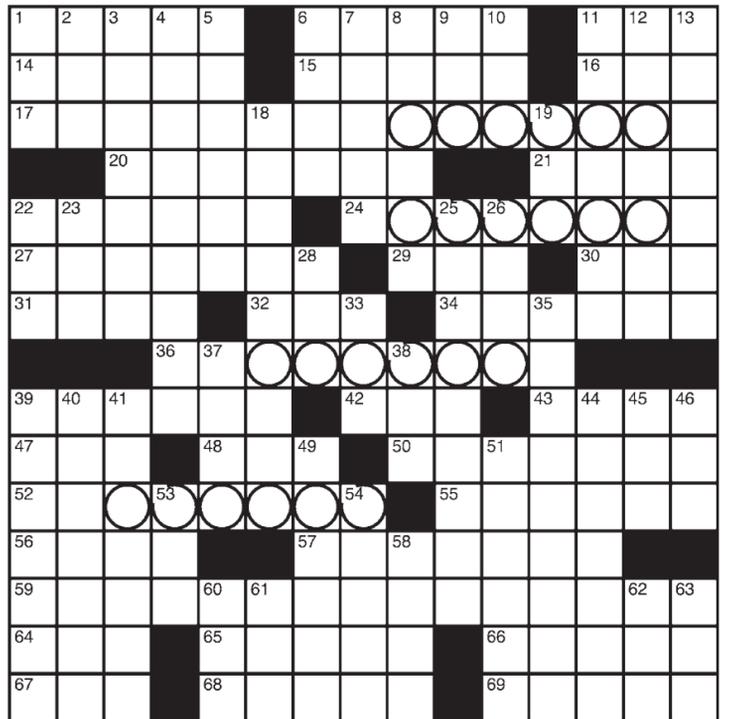
Jumbles: YACHT SCARF CHOOSY KEYPAD
Answer: The couple didn't trust banks and kept their money at home in their — CASH CACHE

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Crossword

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Across
1 Hogwarts professor played by Rickman
6 Monk style
11 "It's ___-win situation"
14 Groovier part of a 45?
15 Achille __: hijacked liner
16 Baseball commentator Darling
17 Brief CV
20 Ristorante rice dish
21 Votin' no on
22 The geographic center of the 48 states is in it
24 Make music with one's mouth closed
27 Decide that one will
29 Cargo unit
30 Spanish article
31 __ deck: cruise ship feature
32 System starter?
34 "Paper Moon" pair
36 Dessert potables

Down
39 Quarterly Nielsen ratings periods
42 Wind up
43 Free of charge
47 Ranch nickname
48 French pronoun
50 They may hold rosés
52 Some facial decor
55 Katmandu native
56 Hard to watch
57 Indentations
59 What happens tomorrow ... and a hint to this grid's circled letters
64 "Lord, is ___?"
65 Under-the-sink fitting
66 Get ready to refinish
67 Writer Rand
68 Some globe users
69 With great passion

Down
19 Took a load off
22 Kenan's Nickelodeon pal
23 "Green Book" Oscar winner Mahershala ___
25 Van Morrison hit with the line "A fantabulous night to make romance"
26 Writer Rice
28 Thanksgiving mo. in Canada
33 Fall behind
35 Reaches after getting away, as a safe haven
37 __-FREE: contact lens solution
38 Forbes rival
39 Lesser Antilles isl. country
40 Ponderous
41 Clarify
44 Qualifying phrase
45 "Hacksaw Ridge" director Gibson
46 Tire letters
49 Brush aside
51 Go over again
53 Rembrandt van ___
54 As of yet
58 Cookbook amts.
60 Modern rte. finder
61 Tour de France time
62 Zilch
63 Make like a mole

Wednesday's solution
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE

Easy ways to fix scratches on your hardwood floors

BY JENNA SCHUSTER
HomeAdvisor

There's nothing more satisfying than having shining wood floors in your home. But over time, normal wear and tear can result in scratches or dents that create a less-than-perfect appearance. Luckily, there are several options for wood floor repair — including some that can be found in your own pantry.

Walnuts: Take a quick peek into your cupboard. If you have walnuts, then you have a solution to light wood scratches. Simply crack open the shell and remove the meat of the nut. Then rub the inside of the walnut over any blemishes in the floor. Blend the oils from the nut into the wood using your finger. It should disguise the scratch.

Wood filler: If you'd like to try a DIY repair on a larger blemish or crack, look to wood filler. It comes in many varieties, but it's basically a putty-like substance used to fill gouges in wood. There are several colors



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Ready to see your wood floors gleam like new? Walnuts could be the answer.

available that can be matched to your existing flooring. Or you can choose a filler that accepts wood stain. Note that filler doesn't have the color variation of natural wood, so

the more problem areas you have, the more noticeable this fix will be. Consult a pro to figure out the best approach for your space.

Mayonnaise: Another

light-scratch solution that may be hiding in your pantry? Believe it or not, many DIYers swear by mayonnaise. To try this hack, first clean the affected area. Then apply mayonnaise

directly to the wood and let it sit for a few minutes. After a while, wipe it away with a towel. The oil from the mayonnaise should fill in the scratches to match the color of the wood.

Wood-staining marker: For slightly deeper scratches, a wood-staining marker may do the trick. These markers come in several shades and can darken problem spots so they blend right in with the floor. Just clean the area around the damaged floor, touch up with the marker and wipe away the excess. Don't forget to spot-test your marker color first to be sure it's a good match. If your home has several trouble areas, consider talking to a pro about getting the floor refinished.

Professional help: For deep scratches or significantly gouged flooring, you'll probably want to hire a professional. Depending on how bad the damage is, they can sand and refinish or repair your hardwood floors. Some projects may require replacing a few boards. But a quick call can have your floors gleaming again soon. To prevent future damage, consult with a pro about the best ways to maintain your home's hardwood flooring.

Gadgets: Grill scraper and bottle opener

BY GREGG ELLMAN
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The latest cool and innovative gadget from Cave Tools will make happy anyone whose job it is to clean the grill. It also assists in opening a bottle-cap beverage — and you can store it in your backpack!

Cave Tools' grill scraper with extended handle and bottle opener (\$9.99) is the perfect cleaning tool — without the bristles.

The company was founded in 2013 with a

mission to create high-quality barbecue and cooking tools that last for years. I've used many of their products from the start, and this one has to be among the most creative, useful and portable.

One end has specially crafted grooves to scrape the grill grates and fit most any size. I even took mine on a trip to my local big box home improvement store and sized it up on most every grill they had and it was perfect for every round and V snapped grill grate. A

flat side of the tool will also scrape the side or any flat surface.

The middle handle is leather-covered for comfort, looks and heat protection. And on the far end is a bottle opener. The tool is dishwasher-safe, but as mentioned in the instructions, hand washing is recommended.

The tool is about 7 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide at the scraping end, much narrower at the handle and bottle opener.

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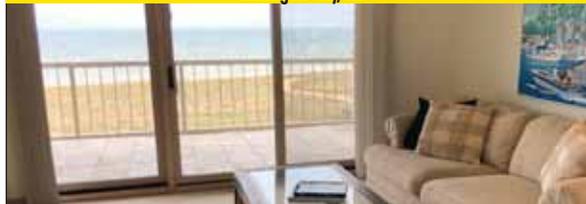


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A skylight above the dining table like this one costs about \$1,700 to install.



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This Velux skylight above the windows opens and closes and costs about \$3,000, including installation.

Let there be light

Skylights offer drama, no leaks

BY LEXI MAINLAND | Los Angeles Times

Creating a portal to the sky offers a substantial and surprisingly affordable way to integrate nature into a home. At their best, skylights provide an abundance of light, fresh air and design impact.

"In many cases, the ideal source of natural light comes not from a wall or a ceiling but from a combination of the two," said Ron Radziner, a principal of the Los Angeles-based design-build firm, Marmol Radziner. "More than anything, though, the drama of a good skylight is immense."

For many homeowners, skylights still represent exactly the wrong kind of drama. Exhibit A: The 20-year-old model in my in-laws' Brentwood, California, kitchen. At present, it is sealed shut by a heavy, potted strawberry plant that has acted like a rooftop paperweight ever since the hatch blew open during a torrential

rainstorm.

This may sound like a familiar tale, but today's skylights are almost universally waterproof. "Leaking is honestly not a problem we ever run into," Radziner told me.

Velux, a premier manufacturer of skylights headquartered in Denmark, goes so far as to dub its model "The No-Leak Skylight" and backs up that claim with generous warranties on both its products and installation. "We know skylights have gotten a bad rap for leaks," said Ross Vandermark, national sales manager for Velux. The company even extends its warranties to DIY installers. "We are that certain the new process and product are foolproof," he said.

There is also a persistent notion that skylights are bulky looking. But the design market has

pushed manufacturers in a more minimal visual direction.

Much of the credit for today's durable, minimalist-looking skylights is due to the new technologies that have also radically improved their energy efficiency and maintenance.

Radziner said perhaps the most unforgettable skylight he has ever encountered on a residential project was also, at first, the least compatible with modern life.

The Experimental Ranch House, a landmark 1952 home by architect Cliff May, had a 288-square-foot row of skylights in its main living area. "I remember meeting there with the client, and it was an oven," Radziner said. But the entire vibe was transformed by new state-of-the-art skylight glass with built-in heat protection that is now standard. "You can't overstate the difference updated glass can make."

Velux is one of several skylight manufacturers offering bells and whistles that make skylights easier to live with. Their products are heat-reflective, self-cleaning and smart. (Some models open and close automatically when a room is getting hot or rain is forecast, and they can also be manually controlled from a

mobile app.)

Installing a technology-enhanced skylight can also be cost-effective since they reduce monthly lighting and cooling bills. Furthermore, many new models are eligible for a federal tax rebate that shaves 30% off the price of purchase and installation — about \$800 to replace an old "fixed" or nonopening skylight up to around \$3,000 for a new, souped-up solar-powered model.

Conveniently, almost any skylight can be installed in less than a day.

If adding or redoing a skylight is starting to sound appealing, you might be wondering where to put one or how to best integrate it into your home's overall lighting plan.

"The goal is not to use them like a ceiling light in the middle of a room but at the edges, where shadows and light coexist, and where you can build a sense of mystery and connection to the environment," advised Radziner.

Farnham said bathrooms are one of her favorite spots for skylights. "The way light from above plays off tile is very striking," she said. "You just can't get that effect with LED or incandescent lighting."

Mason St. Peter, a designer

who specializes in bright, uncluttered spaces and is a co-author of a new book with a section on skylights, "Abode: Thoughtful Living With Less" (Abrams), takes every opportunity to include them in his projects. But, he stresses the benefit of designing skylights in atypical ways.

"It sounds counterintuitive," said St. Peter, "but you can get a lot of light out of a really small skylight." What matters much more than the size of the opening is the positioning, he noted. "If you angle the ceiling shaft around a skylight, you can spread the light around to fill a space much bigger than your skylight opening."

He also suggests placing a skylight wherever light can bounce off nearby walls or mirrors.

Another new idea is to install skylights where they can take advantage of moonlight.

"You can be walking around in the dark, and you have these shafts of light pouring in and moving across the floor," said Radziner of the skylights in his own home. "Daylight is one thing, but appreciating the cycle of the moon in your home is what really puts you in touch with the outside environment."



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If you're still planting the garden in early summer, arrange to give the plants extra attention and watering. Hot weather is especially difficult for new plants.

Supply extra water to trees, shrubs after transplanting

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Spring storms have delayed planting not just for farmers but for many Chicago-area gardeners. Is it too late to plant now that summer has begun?

"You can keep on planting trees, shrubs and perennials in June and even early July, as long as you're prepared to give your plants extra attention and care," said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "They'll need careful watering."

Plants need a steady supply of water to stay alive, grow and cool off in hot weather. All that water must come in through the roots, but plants often lose a big share of their roots in transplanting.

When you dig up a perennial or shrub to move it elsewhere in the yard, you will likely dig up only a portion of the root system, slicing through most of the roots and leaving them behind.

The same is true of trees or shrubs that you buy in a nursery, if they were dug up from a grower's field. The ball of soil wrapped in

burlap around the plant usually includes only 10 or 15% of its original root system.

"New plants simply don't have the equipment to absorb as much water at one time as established plants," Janoski said. Even if there's been enough rain to maintain mature plants, "you need to water new plants more to make up for the roots they lost."

Eventually, the plants will grow enough new roots to soak up and store the water they need, but it takes time. "New trees will need supplemental watering for two or three years," Janoski said. "Perennials will need it for at least the whole first year."

Check often throughout the summer to see if the soil feels moist an inch below the surface. If it doesn't, it's time to water. "You don't want to keep the soil sopping wet, but you do want it to be steadily moist," she said.

If you bought a tree, shrub or perennial in a pot, check the moisture in the actual root ball, right by the main stem. That's because the potting mixes used to grow potted plants are formulated to drain

better than your garden soil. "Even if the garden soil a foot away from the plant feels moist, conditions may be drier in the potting mix that is still around the roots," Janoski said.

As the weather gets hotter, new plants will need more frequent watering. Plants cool themselves by letting water evaporate from their leaves, so in hot weather they need to move more water up from their roots.

Heat itself can stress plants. "Even established plants with plenty of water will pause their growth when it's too hot," Janoski said.

Plants also suffer from transplanting, and it takes them a while to get over that shock. "Don't expect your new plants to start growing or blooming right away," she said. "They need time to rest and recover."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org.

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Take care when filling leaf blowers with gas and oil mix

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

My blower stopped working yesterday, and I could not pull the cord to get it started again. The mechanism is frozen. A neighbor told me I might have used the wrong type of gas. Could this be the case?

— Jamie Thomas, Evanston

It's very likely that the problem you had with your blower is the gas and oil mix that you have been using. I have also ruined a couple of leaf blowers by using too lean (not enough oil) of an oil mix for the two-cycle engines; I suspect that has happened in your case.

Two-cycle engines, like those in leaf blowers, require a gas and oil mix — the oil is a special type designed to mix with gas, and not motor oil. The oil bottles will generally be for mixing with either a gallon of gas or 2½ gallons of gas, depending on the volume of the oil. Be sure to read the instructions on the label.

The mechanic that I have worked with suggested using a premium grade of gas, not the basic grade, for these two-cycle engines and mixing the oil at a higher rate than recommended on the label to better protect the engine. I use about 2¼ gallons of gas instead of the 2½ gallons recommended on the oil label to make the oil mix richer.

Excessive smoke while using the blower will indicate you mixed in too much oil. If you are using too lean of a gas mix, the pistons will not be lubricated properly, and they will freeze up in time. This happens very quickly when you use regular gas in a two-cycle engine. You will not be able to pull the draw cord to start the blower once the pistons



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Two-cycle engines like those in leaf blowers require a gas and oil mix. The oil, not motor oil, is specially formulated to mix with the gas.

have locked up.

The repairs are expensive so you will need to purchase a new blower if this happens. Keep separate cans for mixed gas and regular gas, and mark them accordingly.

Most home gardeners work with gas-powered equipment while maintaining their gardens. Keep in mind some safety tips. Gas is a toxic, very flammable product that can harm you, the environment and your equipment if used improperly. Start by filling your equipment's gas tank before you begin using it. Avoid filling an engine that is hot after being used, and never add fuel to any machine that is still running.

People have had severe injuries while fueling a hot piece of equipment because of the gas igniting after being spilled on the muffler or other hot engine component. In a situation where the gas ignites, you will likely be burned before having time to react. If you have been using the equipment, let it cool down for a short bit before refueling.

Gas will kill plants and contaminate the soil if spilled on them, so it is best to fuel the equipment in an area where any spilled gas will not harm the surface it falls on. Avoid overfilling

your equipment and gas can, as the fuel tanks need room for the gas to expand. It is a good idea to leave the neck of the tank or container empty. The gas will expand more during hot weather.

Take care to slowly open the gas caps during warm weather, as pressure can build up inside the tank or gas can. It is safer to release this pressure slowly to avoid getting any spray on you or in your eyes. I have been surprised a few times by a burst of air with a fine mist of gas coming out of a gas can that has been in the sun.

Fill up your gas cans with the can on the ground and not in the bed of a truck. Vehicle fires sometimes occur when people are filling metal gas cans placed on plastic surfaces. This type of fire usually involves a gas can in the back of a pickup truck with a plastic bed liner. Gasoline tends to carry a static electric charge, which can build up on the can as it is being filled. If the can is sitting on concrete or the ground, the static charge can safely flow away.

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PLASTIC PIPES 101

Choose size according to your project

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

Q: I went to buy some plastic drain pipe, and after looking at all the types, my head started to hurt. I decided to leave the store and do some research. I've got several projects for which I need a plastic pipe: I need to add a bathroom in a room addition; I need to replace old, cracked clay downspout drain lines; and I want to install one of the linear french drains I saw on your website to dry out my basement. Can you give me a quick tutorial on the sizes and types of plastic pipe the average homeowner might use around her/his home?

A: It's fairly easy to get flummoxed, as there are so many different plastic pipes. Not long ago I installed a somewhat special plastic pipe to vent my daughter's new high-efficiency boiler. It is made from polypropylene and can withstand much higher temperatures than standard PVC that most plumbers might use.

It's very important to realize that there are lots of different plastic pipes that you might use, and the chemistry of them is quite complex. I'm just going to stick with the most basic ones you might run into or might be required to use by your local inspectors.

PVC and ABS plastic pipes are perhaps the most common ones you'll run into when it comes to drainage pipes. Water supply lines are another ball of wax, and I'm not even going to try to confuse you further about those.

I used PVC for decades, and it's fantastic material. As you might

expect, it comes in different sizes. The most common sizes you'd use around your home would be 1.5-, 2-, 3- and 4-inch. The 1.5-inch size is used to capture water that might flow out of a kitchen sink, a bathroom vanity or a tub. The 2-inch pipe is commonly used to drain a shower stall or washing machine, and it may be used as a vertical stack for a kitchen sink.

A 3-inch pipe is what's used in homes to pipe toilets. The 4-inch pipe is used as the building drain under floors or in crawlspaces to transport all the wastewater from a home out to the septic tank or sewer. The 4-inch pipe may also be used in a home if it's capturing two or more bathrooms. Plumbers and inspectors use pipe-sizing tables to tell them what size pipe needs to be used where.

The wall thickness of the pipes is different as well as the inner structure of the PVC. Many years ago, all I would use would be schedule 40 PVC pipe for house plumbing. You can now buy a schedule 40 PVC pipe that has the same dimensions as traditional PVC but is lighter weight. It's called cellular PVC. It passes most codes and may work for you in your new room addition bathroom. Be sure to clear this first with your local plumbing inspector.

Give SDR-35 PVC a good look for the outside drain lines you want to install. It's a strong pipe, and the sidewalls are thinner than the schedule 40 pipe. I've used the SDR-35 pipe for decades with fantastic success. The last house I built for my family had over 120 feet of 6-inch SDR-35 pipe that connected my house to

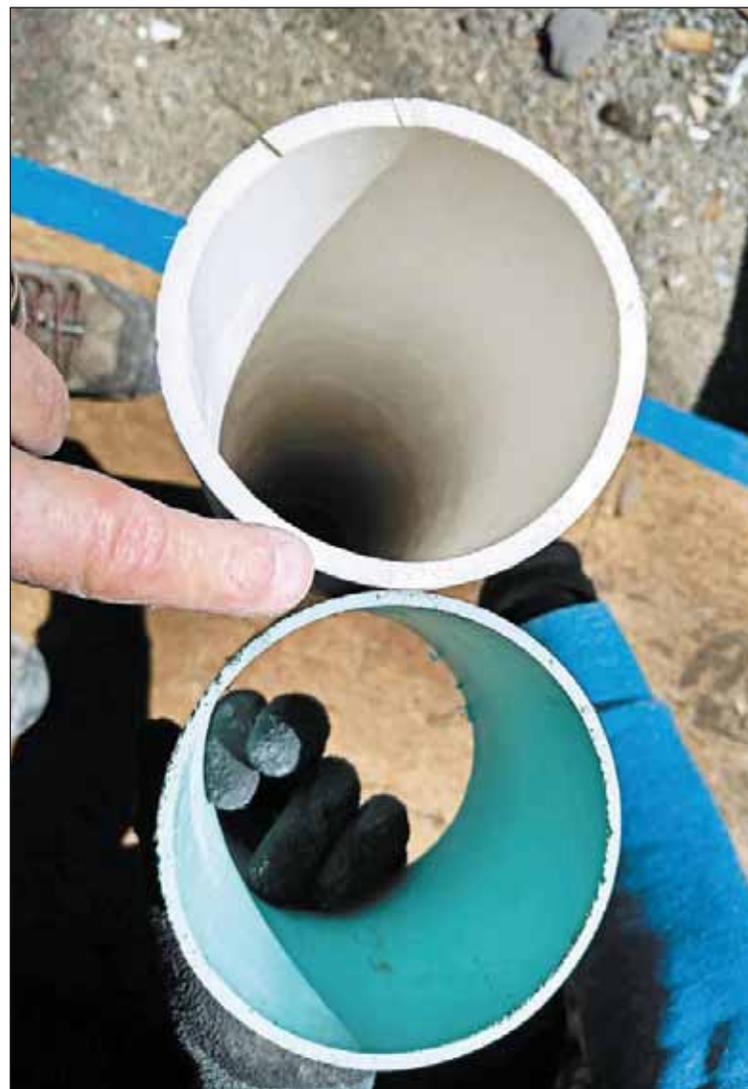
the city sewer.

Lighter-weight plastic pipe with holes in it will work fine for that buried linear French drain. Be sure the two rows of holes aim down. Don't make the mistake and point them up to the sky as they may get plugged with small stones as you cover the pipe with washed gravel.

Q: I had a plumber install some new ball valves in my boiler room months ago. I went into the room the other day to check on something, and a puddle was on the floor. I was stunned. Fortunately, there was no damage. I could see drops of water forming at the handle of the ball valve just above the puddle. I have no idea how it could be leaking there. Instead of waiting for the plumber, is this something I can fix myself? I'm terrified of creating a larger leak, so tell me the truth. Is it better to just call the plumber?

A: I've been a master plumber since age 29 and love the craft. I did almost all the plumbing on all the projects I built. It was always a pleasure to share my knowledge with curious homeowners, and I especially love being able to help readers save the money of a simple service call.

Ball valves, as well as other valves, have moving parts. They need to have a seal along the moving parts so the water inside the valve doesn't make it outside into your home. Over the years, all sorts of materials have been packed into this very tight space to keep water from leaking. This is why the materials, as a whole,



TIM CARTER

Both pipes are 4 inches in diameter, but the schedule 40 white one has much thicker sidewalls than the green SDR-35 pipe.

have been called packing.

All you have to do is remove the hex nut that secures the ball valve handle to the valve shaft. When you do, you will likely discover another smaller nut right at the valve body.

This is the packing nut. Use an adjustable wrench and get a nice tight grip on the two faces of the nut. Turn it clockwise just a very small amount while facing it. You

might only have to turn it $\frac{1}{16}$ of a turn or less to get the dripping to stop. Do not over tighten packing nuts.

To prevent a catastrophic flood should something go wrong while making the repair, be sure to locate your main water line shutoff valve. Understand how it works and have a wrench handy should you have to turn it off in a jiffy.

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HOME REMEDIES

Power, pressure washing best left to professionals

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

Pressure washing offers a great way to blast dirt and grime from exterior surfaces such as driveways and decks, quickly and efficiently freshening up the surface.

Pressure washing basically uses a water pump and electric or gasoline motor to power a high-pressure hose and sprayer to generate an extremely powerful spray. In some cases, detergents or other chemicals are used to enhance the effect.

Sometimes, the term is used interchangeably with "power washing," but they're not quite the same thing. They use very similar tools, but power washers also heat up the water to loosen up dirt or grease.

You should take great care when it comes to both pressure washing and power washing, as both require the use of potent tools typically best left to the professionals.

Hiring a power washing service: On average, you can expect to pay between \$180 and \$380 for a pressure washing job. When you hire a pressure washing or power washing service, make sure they're up to date on EPA regulations regarding runoff water and environmentally safe chemicals. Also, be sure they have experience with the type of house you have and verify that they carry their own insurance to cover any damage to your home that may occur.

Most professionals suggest you avoid power washing siding. Siding is particularly vulnerable to damage, and the vents in most siding can allow water to get caught in between the siding and the home, causing wood rot.



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Power or pressure washing can clean your driveway, decks and other exterior features.

This is a case where it's best to rely on a professional who has the expertise to use the right pressure settings and who can identify whether your siding will be easily damaged.

If your house's exterior contains lead paint, the work needs to be done by an EPA-certified specialist who can safely wash the exterior without contaminating the nearby area.

Doing it yourself: If you do decide to rent a pressure or power washer and do the job yourself, take care to do it correctly and safely. A rental washer will generally cost you between \$40 and \$75 per day. You can buy your own electric model for between \$70 and \$200, while a more powerful gas model ranges between \$300 and \$1,000.

Protect your face with safety goggles or a face shield. And, before you use the washer, inspect it for damage such as cracked hoses, broken seals or rusty nozzles.

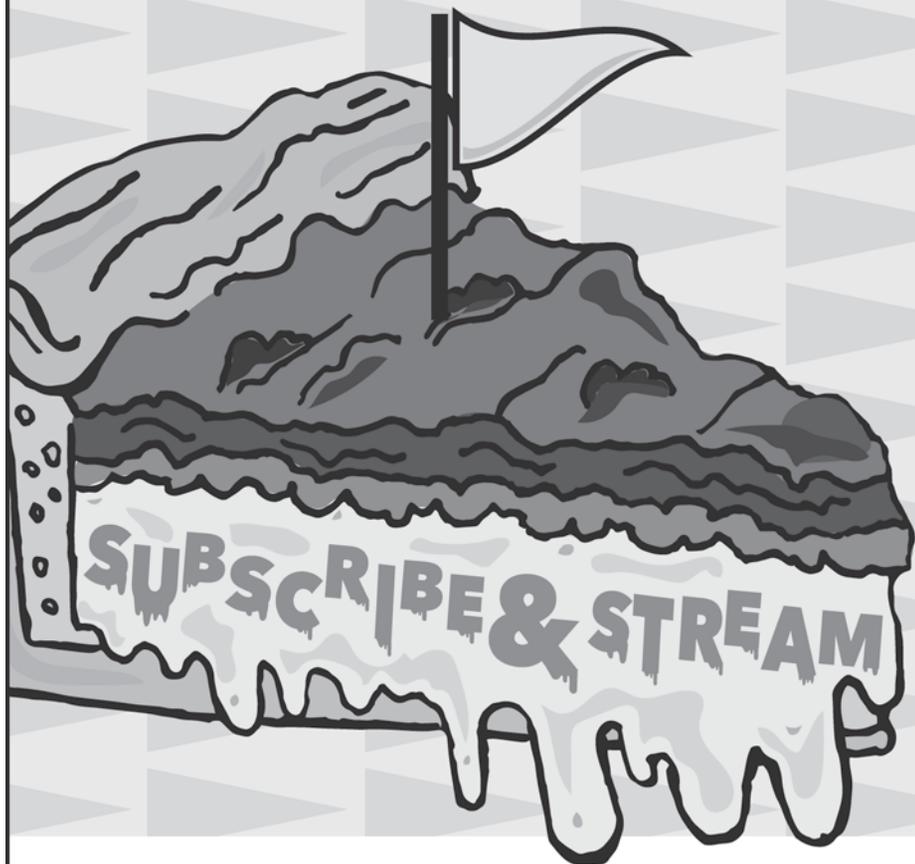
Read the instructions carefully, and follow them. Familiarize yourself with the various power settings; in many cases, more power is not necessarily better, and it can make damage more likely.

Treat the washer itself with proper respect. The stream can strip skin from the body, so never aim it at another person, and make sure the area is well clear of bystanders while you work.

Take special care to protect your doors, windows and plants from the stream. A pressure washer can break glass and even doors.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

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With so much emphasis on the preservation of the environment these days, homebuyers are naturally interested in what homebuilders are doing to ensure maximum energy efficiency and conservation-oriented land planning in new home communities.

Toll Brothers, a national company that builds luxury single-family homes in the Chicago area, has made protecting the environment a key goal.

"At Toll Brothers, we are conscious of our environmental impact," says Jennifer Mencias, sales director for the Chicago Division. "Our Toll Green program works to make every new Toll home as comfortable, economical and energy-efficient as possible."

Toll Brothers homes include many Smart Home solutions with energy-efficient furnaces, central air conditioning, hot water heaters, Energy Star® qualified appliances, water conserving features, high performance windows, insulated exterior doors and more. Energy-efficient products are also used in the construction of homes, including house wrap, attic insulation, tightly sealed air ducts and high quality manufactured wood components.

"Combined with careful land planning, these energy-efficient homes are popular with buyers, both for their comfort and their care for the environment," Mencias says.

Shodeen Homes is a leader in quality-build, energy-efficient homes and award-winning land planning in several new home communities in the Fox River Valley and Kane County, Illinois, and as well as the Lake Geneva region of Wisconsin.

"Shodeen Homes has a long history of innovative land planning that has earned many awards," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations. "For over 55 years, the company has been committed to creating communities of enduring value by maximizing green space and green belts, implementing efficient water conservation and employing construction practices that result in energy-efficient, comfortable and environmentally respectful homes.

"Our Mill Creek development in Geneva, with more than 45 percent open space, is an example of conservation-oriented land planning, abundant landscaping and impressive homes that have earned it the title of 'Best Overall Community in the Midwest' by the National Association

of Homebuilders. In addition, Shodeen Homes has also been involved with historic preservation."

Shodeen homes exemplify the best practices in architectural design and energy-efficiency. The homes are equipped with energy-efficient heating and air conditioning, appliances including GE dishwashers and ranges, smart thermostats, water conserving features, LED lighting fixtures, quality insulation in all areas of the home for maximum comfort and energy-efficiency, humidifiers and dehumidifiers in every home and architectural roof shingles with extensive warranties.

Just 1½ hours from Chicago, master-planned Harbor Shores Resort near Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan, benefits from a comprehensive approach to community design that creates a unique sense of place.

Harbor Shores Resort blends an outstanding array of recreational amenities with inspired land planning that preserves the natural environment. The 350-acre community has been created by Evergreen Development, a company that has developed resort communities internationally. Harbor Shores Resort is highlighted by the scenic Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024. In addition, The Inn and Spa, a 92-room waterfront hotel, overlooks a 60-slip deep water marina, and many other attractions accessed by 12 miles of walking trails make Harbor Shores Resort a premier destination in the Midwest.

Home sales are currently taking place in 11-acre Harbor Village, where townhomes and single-family custom homes are available for sale within walking distance of the Inn, golf course and marina. Prices for townhomes start at \$335,000 for townhomes, \$435,000 for Cottage Court homes and \$400,000s to \$600,000s for custom single-family homes. Harbor Village also includes a 2,000-square-foot clubhouse with an outdoor pool and gathering room with kitchen.



Builders are protecting and enhancing the environment with innovative land planning that includes bike trails and walking paths preserving natural surroundings.

"Every aspect of Harbor Shores Resort is designed to be part of a harmonious whole," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing. "The homes are carefully sited to minimize the impact on the land and landscaping plans enhance the natural habitat through the use of indigenous vegetation. Trees have been preserved and protected to enhance the natural beauty as well as home values. The tree-lined streets, sidewalks and open space foster a strong sense of community."

Architecture continuity also plays a key role in creating the ambiance of the community. The homes feature Coastal Shingle Style architecture, which was popularized in the Atlantic coastal towns of the northeast at the turn of the 20th century, and is also reminiscent of the styles of homes in the southwest Michigan lakeshore towns. This style has a casual, charming look that

reflects the resort ambiance and nautical influence. Shingle-clad exteriors, varied roof-lines, front porches, balconies and courtyards are among the design elements. An Architectural Review Board approves the custom builders and plans for homes in the community, which include energy-efficient features that keep the homes cozy during four-season use.

Interested buyers can take advantage of the Harbor Shores Resort Discovery Package, which enables visitors to meet with Resident Ambassadors who can provide valuable insights into the community. The \$349 package includes overnight accommodations for two at The Inn, dinner at Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities including two rounds of golf or a spa experience.

For more information, visit tollbrothers.com, shodeenhomes.com and harborshoresresort.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Homes at Harbor Shores Resort feature golf course views in southwest Michigan.

Harbor Shores Resort provides opportunity for luxury living

Recently, Geoffrey Baer, the award-winning star of WTTW documentaries on Chicago neighborhoods, unveiled his newest effort, "Chicago on Vacation." Traveling in a vintage station wagon reminiscent of those used for family road trips in the past, Baer revisited favorite vacation destinations of Chicago area residents in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, including the twin towns of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Using old footage of beaches, an amusement park and other area attractions, the documentary brought simple family road trip vacations back to life. Returning to the area today, visitors will find a new level of luxury living at prestigious Harbor Shores Resort in Michigan.

Harbor Shores Resort is a 530-acre golf course community near Lake Michigan at the confluence of the Paw Paw and St. Joseph rivers. The resort is highlighted by the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design golf course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024. Visitors can stay at a luxurious 92-room hotel and spa with panoramic water views and the scenic golf course. In addition, the nautical character of the resort with its 60-slip deep-water marina makes it an ideal destination for sailors and power boat enthusiasts. Those who prefer canoeing and kayaking will enjoy the two rivers, and all residents will enjoy the serenity of waterfront and golf course views.

"We are currently celebrating the recent Grand Opening of a townhome and a Coastal Cottage home, so this is an ideal time to visit," says Kerry M. Wright, II director of real estate sales and marketing for



Harbor Shores Resort adds a luxurious new dimension to the historic vacation tradition of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area of southwest Michigan.

Harbor Shores resort. Harbor Village is the newest and largest neighborhood at Harbor Shores Resort, and its location is within walking distance of the major attractions that have made this the premier recreational community in the Midwest. "Just 1½ hours from Chicago, Harbor Shores Resort offers diverse housing choices for those who are seeking either a vacation home or a year-round home."

Among the newest attractions at Harbor Village is a 2,000-square-foot clubhouse for neighborhood residents. The clubhouse includes a gathering room and kitchen as well as outdoor pool and fire pit. Other amenities located within walking distance are the Renaissance Athletic Club, North Pier Brewery, Canoe and Kayak Launch, five sandy Lake Michigan beaches and 12 miles of walking paths that connect residents with recreational destinations.

Sales are underway in the first phase of
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Own single-family home for less than \$1,900 a month in Elburn

Shodeen offers move-in ready home options

Buyers who want to leave their landlord behind can own a home, for less than rent, at Elburn Station, where Shodeen Homes is offering low maintenance, single-family Village Homes, within walking distance of the Metra train station, at the master-planned community just west of Randall Road in Elburn.

"The Chicago area is the tenth most expensive rental market in the country with monthly rental fees for a two bedroom averaging around \$2,280 a month," says Anna Harmon, director of Public Relations and Marketing for Shodeen Homes. "Renters can become homeowners for under \$1,900 a month, including mortgage, taxes, insurance and homeowners association fees at the Village Homes at Elburn Station. Homes are up to 2,300 square feet in size with two or three bedrooms, spacious island kitchens, two-car attached garages, private patios and more. Buyers can enjoy the privacy and tax benefits of home ownership while still enjoying a low-maintenance lifestyle and the convenient location, walking distance of the Metra train station."

Six floor plans, including two ranch designs, ranging in size from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet of space, are offered in the Village Home collection. Priced from the \$190s, homes include two or three bedrooms, 1½ or 2½ baths and two car garages. Optional finished basements are available.

"Elburn Station offers other amenities popular with today's buyers such as telecommuting ease being an AT&T Fiber community," Harmon says. "The 505-acre master-planned community, when complete, will offer miles of walking paths and retail center. Downtown Elburn, with



Shodeen Homes is offering low maintenance, single-family Village Homes in Elburn Station.

shops, restaurants and a Jewel food store, is a short walk from Elburn Station and the Geneva Commons Shopping Mall as well as Northwestern Delnor Hospital, restaurants and other services are a short drive from Elburn Station along Randall Road."

Buyers who are at the end of a current lease have move-in ready options at Elburn Station.

The two-story Denver, available now at 939 Station Boulevard, offers 1,920 square feet of living space with three bedrooms, 2½ baths, brick front exterior with charming covered front porch, master bedroom with tray ceiling and private luxury bath, wide plank wood flooring through most of the first-floor, and island kitchen with 42-inch cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances.

Elburn Station is served by Kaneland District 302 schools including Stewart Elementary School, Harter Middle School and Kaneland High School.

Charming downtown Elburn features a public library, quaint shops, diners and restaurants. The village hosts numerous community events such as a Memorial Day and Veterans Day parade, the Christmas Stroll hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Elburn Days, a three-day festival in late August that features music, carnival games and food at Lions Park.

For more than 58 years, Shodeen Homes, a family-owned and operated developer, has been building architecturally distinctive, quality built new construction homes in Chicago's far west suburbs and southern Wisconsin.

The Elburn Station sales center is located west of Randall Road at the corner of Anderson Road and Elburn Station Boulevard. The sales center is open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment. Call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.



An island kitchen floor plan in Elburn Station.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Harbor Village at Harbor Shores Resort features three-level townhomes.

HARBOR SHORES continued

the development at Harbor Village. This phase includes 78 homes, including 30 single-family homes and 48 attached townhomes and rowhomes.

Of major interest to homebuyers are a pair of townhomes including a model and two Cottage Court homes also featuring a model, offered for sale and quick delivery. Harbor Village will also include side yard cottages and traditional semi-custom single-family homes. Reflecting the historic character of the area, the homes feature Coastal Shingle Style architecture with high-pitched roofs and welcoming front porches contrasted with state-of-the-art interior features. Evergreen Development has planned the community with a neighborhood park and abundant landscaping to complement the distinctive homes. Tree-lined streets and sidewalks help to foster a strong sense of community and an inviting feeling of home.

The three-level townhomes include 1,700 square feet of living space, some with first-floor master suites as well as additional bedrooms and 2½ baths. Large decks provide golf course and water views. These homes feature open concept living areas on the main floor, an upstairs family and media room plus a laundry. The townhomes are priced at \$335,000.

The Cottage Court homes are 2,400-square-foot residences arranged in groups of five homes around an inner courtyard. These designs include three bedrooms and 2½ baths on two levels, including an open concept living room with fireplace, dining room and kitchen as well as a sun room and patio. The main floor also features the master suite, laundry and two-car attached garage. Upstairs, two or three more bedrooms and a media room complete the spacious plan. Lavishly landscaped courtyard spaces are ideal for

relaxation or visiting with neighbors. The Cottage Court homes for quick move-in are priced at \$435,000 and at \$445,000 for the home in an end location.

In addition to the townhomes and Cottage Court homes, semi-custom single-family homes are offered, including a traditional single-family home and a single-family side yard cottage. These homes are enhanced by lush landscaping and shade trees, with garages located in the rear. Housing styles include the single-family side yard cottages, with homes placed to one side of the site, creating a large side yard. The side yard cottages range from 1,600 to 2,100 square feet with three or four bedrooms, 2½ baths and popular open concept living areas, priced from the low \$400s.

Traditional single-family homes range from 1,800 to 3,000 square feet with three or four bedrooms or more, three baths and views of green space and the Paw Paw River, priced from the low \$400s to the low \$600s. Quality interior features packages are offered.

Homeowners can rent or purchase a boat slip at the marina, and they can also rent their vacation homes when they are not using them, a rare opportunity in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area. In addition, train service links the area with Chicago.

Interested buyers can take advantage of the Harbor Shore Resort Discovery Package. The Harbor Shores Discovery Package enables visitors to meet with Resident Ambassadors who can provide valuable insights into the community. The \$299 package includes overnight accommodations for two at The Inn at Harbor Shores, dinner at the inviting Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities such as two rounds of golf or a spa experience.

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