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At Big and Little's sandwich shop, which has a Logan Square location, co-owner Tony D'Alessandro says labor costs are forcing menu cuts.

Battles waged to minimize minimum wage hike's pain

Wary of price increases chasing clients off, restaurants cut items, use less staff

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Fabulous Freddie's Italian Eatery prides itself on selling hearty Chicago classics, like house-made sausage and Italian beef, at affordable prices. But co-owner Stephanie Fitzpatrick worries about remaining affordable as the Bridgeport restaurant raises menu prices to cover the city's rising minimum wage, which last week climbed a buck to \$13 an hour.

"We're struggling to keep a good price and keep the same quality we've always had," said Fitzpatrick, the middle of three sisters who run the 29-year-old restaurant with their parents. Restaurants known for their cheap eats have been raising prices as they grapple with a marked rise in labor costs, causing some proprietors to worry that price-sensitive customers will opt to swing by the grocery store instead.

At Freddie's, the all-beef hot dog that five years ago cost \$2.95 is now \$4.75, and the restaurant scrapped its \$1 specials three years ago because the math became "impossible," Fitzpatrick said. She has been pushing to raise the price of a slice of pizza, now \$3.25, which has caused some family turmoil. "I have been fighting with my sister all week," said Fitzpatrick, whose restaurant and catering operation employs 47 people. At the sandwich shop Big and Little's, co-owner Tony D'Alessandro said a regular hamburger

he priced at \$5 when the restaurant opened a decade ago is now \$6.99, and a pork po'boy that used to be \$6.99 is now \$9.99. D'Alessandro said he has removed more than two dozen items from the menu, including popular dishes like the salmon poke taco, to cut back on expensive ingredients as well as prep time so that he can staff fewer people per shift. "The food costs have gone up a little bit, but it's the labor (that's prompting the changes)," said D'Alessandro, who employs

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Cop beats charge in recorded assault

Citing uncooperative victim, Foxx's office drops felony charges

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A surveillance camera captured the shocking moment inside a sterile hospital room: A veteran Chicago police officer appeared to push a patient with his hands cuffed behind his back violently into a wall. As Rayshon Gartley bounced off the wall, Officer Clauzell Gause, with the department nearly 10 years at the time, allegedly punched him flush on the face with a sweeping right hand. Gartley, involuntarily admitted to Jackson Park Hospital for a mental health evaluation, collapsed onto a bed on his right side. The 6-foot-6, 235-pound Gause held Gartley down with his right hand while striking him with two swipes with his left hand, Cook County prosecutors said in charging the officer with official misconduct. It was over in less than 10 seconds. The surveillance video appeared to show that another officer witnessed the attack. Five hospital personnel entered the room just seconds later to find Gartley lying prone on the bed.

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President defends embattled Labor chief

White House to take a look at handling of Epstein's plea deal

BY JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump praised Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta and on Tuesday said he felt "very badly" for him, as calls mounted for his Cabinet member to resign over his handling, as a U.S. attorney, of an earlier sex-crimes case involving wealthy financier Jeffrey Epstein. Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump also said the White House would look at the circumstances surrounding a plea deal overseen by Acosta that a growing number of Democrats argued Tuesday was far too lenient on Epstein. "I feel very badly, actually, for Secretary Acosta because I've known him as being somebody who works so hard and has done such a good job," Trump said of Acosta's tenure as Labor secretary. "I feel very badly about that whole situation, but we're going to be looking at that, and looking at it



Acosta

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Support blooms after memorial tree was axed

Suburban teen lost to cancer to get new honors

BY JOHN KEILMAN

The tree had grown tall since Lee Ann Meiborg planted it next to West Chicago Community High School in 2004. Towering over the roof on the building's west side, the autumn blaze maple was a living reminder of Meiborg's daughter Amanda, a West Chicago valedictorian who died from cancer a year after her graduation. Meiborg visited regularly, bringing flowers on her daughter's birthday, mini pumpkins on the Oct. 14 anniversary of Amanda's death and ornaments around Christmas. She pulled weeds and tended the mulch, keeping its bed tidy. But last month, when she stopped by to do a spring cleaning, the tree was gone. In its place were mounds of dirt, the first stage of a construction project Meiborg



Amanda

said she had been told nothing about. Even the memorial plaque that had been embedded in the ground was gone. "I'm sitting outside (the high school) where Amanda's tree USED to be ... crying," Meiborg wrote in a Facebook post. "They apparently removed three different memorial trees without letting families know. This cuts one more tie with living in the suburbs, but more importantly and more upsetting, it cuts another tie to Amanda." Yet with that mishap came a surge of support. Friends and strangers alike stepped forward to try to mitigate the loss, and in short order ensured that not one but two trees will soon celebrate Amanda Meiborg's memory.

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FAMILY PHOTO

A maple that the mother of Amanda Meiborg planted outside West Chicago Community High 15 years ago was removed to make way for a renovation.

Officials say alligator living in park's lagoon

Report of 4- to 5-foot long reptile draws curiosity-seekers to Humboldt Park. **Chicagoland, Page 4**



H. ROSS PEROT 1930-2019

Self-made billionaire ran for president

H. Ross Perot, the colorful Texas billionaire who rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty and twice mounted outsider campaigns for president, died Tuesday in Dallas. He was 89. **Nation & World, Page 13**

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■ Headlines in Tuesday’s Business section and on Page 1 of the main section about an expansion project at O’Hare International Airport incorrectly implied that Skidmore, Owings & Merrill was the only designer chosen for the project. The firm was chosen to design two satellite concourses as part of the expansion. The city earlier signed a contract with a design firm headed by architect Jeanne Gang to lead the expansion design.

■ A front-page caption in Tuesday’s newspaper incorrectly stated which part of the photo depicted a house owned by Todd Ricketts that was torn down. It is the top portion of the photo. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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Demonstrators at the Supreme Court last month as justices ruled a citizenship question couldn’t be added to the census.



JOHN KASS

Win on census could be costly for Democrats

After a long day at the resistance, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez comes home to find me sitting completely alone and uninvited at her kitchen table.

While I wait, I do not raid her fridge for a sustainable snack of a few celery sticks with spicy hummus. And I suppress the urge to turn on her garbage disposal to see if it’s as terrifying as she found it to be in that video she posted awhile back.

In this completely made-up scenario, I am simply in her home illegally. She knows this as she comes in. On my blue blazer I’ve pinned a name tag that says “Hello my name is John. Hate Has No Home Here”

It doesn’t have to be AOC’s home. You might fashion your own nightmare dream sequence and put yourself in Bernie Sanders’ home, or Joe Biden’s or Kamala Harris’. Or the home of any of the other Democratic presidential candidates who raised their hands promising taxpayer-subsidized health care to those who crossed the border illegally, and also raised their hands supporting the decriminalization of illegal crossing, thus endorsing de facto open borders.

So, no criminal penalty for crossing. And if you make it here, you get free stuff at taxpayer expense. Sounds like a great deal to me.

Does it apply to the kitchen table? “Who ARE you,” asks AOC. “WHY are you HERE? Do you belong in my house?”

These are simple, reasonable questions any homeowner might ask of a stranger at her or his kitchen table.

So why can’t Americans ask it of people in our country? Why can’t we ask people in this country — on the 2020 census — if they are citizens of the United States?

But if you dare ask it, or support the idea that it’s a reasonable question, you’ll be denounced by the Democratic left as a racist, a tool of Trump, and you’ll be exiled for your sins.

Is it racist and evil for a nation to ask if its residents are citizens of that

nation?

No. Every citizen should have the right to know how many citizens are here. We are not the subjects of the government. We are citizens. And for now, at least, citizenship still counts. You must declare your citizenship if you wish to get a U.S. passport. So why shouldn’t the 2020 census be able to ask if you are a citizen?

Polls aren’t everything, but a Harvard CAPS/Harris poll released the other day shows that 67 percent of people agreed that the question, “Is this person a citizen of the United States?” should be allowed on the 2020 census. Eighty-eight percent of Republicans, 52 percent of Democrats and even 63 percent of independents said it was a legitimate question.

If those who agreed to the question are wise, they’ll keep their mouths shut, lest they be denounced for Thought Crime.

As with almost everything in America, politics is involved. The provocateur in chief, President Donald Trump, is behind the question. He ran successfully on a platform of promising to stop illegal immigration, which Republicans and Democrats have allowed and encouraged for decades.

Republican politicians danced for Chamber of Commerce types who wanted cheap labor. Democrats once opposed illegal immigration, but now they realize their future lies not just with African Americans, but with immigrants coming north across the southern border.

Trump pushed to have a question of citizenship on the census. The Supreme Court in a narrow 5-4 decision, blocked it, at least temporarily, and tossed the issue back to the lower courts.

Democrats argue that such a question would frighten noncitizens and depress the census count, especially in blue states like Illinois, which has lost thousands of residents. And states that lose population risk losing seats in Congress.

Attorney General William Barr said

the other day that he sees a legal path to the question of citizenship on the 2020 census. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Democrat locked in her own intraparty political civil war with AOC’s Democratic socialists, said asking about citizenship on the census is all about white racism.

“This is about keeping — you know his hat — make America white again,” Pelosi sniffed at an event in San Francisco, referring to the red Make America Great Again hats popular with some Trump supporters.

“They want to make sure that people, certain people, are counted,” Pelosi said. “It’s really disgraceful. And it’s not what our founders had in mind. What they want to do is put a chilling effect so certain populations will not answer the form.”

It is an issue that Pelosi’s Democrats may win in the courts but lose at the ballot box.

Citizenship has nothing to do with race. We are all races here.

And citizens should have the right to dare ask who is in their country. What is disgraceful is that Pelosi would play the race card to protect her power.

What is equally disgraceful is that she’s not roundly condemned for such talk by a media so enamored of the Democratic “resistance” against Trump that they willfully ignore danger signs in the culture. And this is a clear danger sign. But what else is new?

There is a chilling effect, but it comes from the Democratic left in shaming Americans from asking a legitimate question they would ask of any stranger in their home.

It is deplorable, and it is precisely this kind of thing that will drive independents toward Trump in 2020.

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Grass? Pot? Dope? High time for a good name.



MARY SCHMICH

I was talking with a colleague the other day about the advent of legal recreational marijuana in Illinois when out of my mouth came words that horrified me the minute they emerged.

“I’ve never really liked dope,” I said.

I wasn’t horrified to admit I don’t like dope — I’m not embarrassed to say I prefer other paths to an altered state — but I cringed to hear myself call it that.

I mean, dope?

Did saying “dope” make me look old?

The minute I said it, I knew it did. It was like wearing a halter top, flowered bell-bottoms, a string of love beads and a middle part in my hair. All of which, I regret to say, I used to do, even though I’ve never really liked dope — or whatever it’s cool to call it now.

Is it still cool to say “cool?”

Whatever the word — marijuana? cannabis? weed? pot? — everybody’s talking about it these days, but as we talk, the question grows more urgent: What are we supposed to call this stuff?

Some of the groovy old words for it seem as outdated as “groovy.”

“I use ‘marijuana’ because that is the most common, widely understood term for it,” says my aforementioned colleague, Bob McCoppin, who’s covering the state’s legalization for the Tribune.

Many media organizations still use the word “marijuana.” It’s the generally preferred word in the AP Stylebook. But it, too, could soon seem outdated, stained as it is by racist associations.

If you said, “Really?” you’re not alone. I didn’t realize until recently that in the early 1900s, “marijuana” — aka “marihuana” — came to be associated in racist ways with Mexican immigrants to the United States, a connection that played a role in the move to ban it.

There remains debate about the word’s racist roots, but there’s no doubt that the rise of the word “marijuana” — for a substance previously known as “cannabis”



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

What to call the drug that’s on the precipice of being legal for recreational use in Illinois isn’t a big question, but it’s certainly worth contemplating.

Reefer. Ganja. Grass. The slang for dope is vast, much of it redolent of distant times.

state Sen. Heather Steans, a leader in the state’s legalization movement, said when I asked for her preferred term. “‘Marijuana’ has a pejorative history.”

In the vernacular, Steans said, the current common terms are “weed” or “pot.”

But here in 2019 even “pot” comes with a whiff of Grandma’s attic.

“Well, I used to say ‘pot’ until my daughters upbraided me and instructed me that it is now ‘weed,’ ” says a friend with millennial children. “Does anyone still call it Mary Jane?”

Sorry, Granny, I don’t think so. But how would I know? I’m still saying, “dope.”

Reefer. Ganja. Grass. The slang for dope is vast, much of it redolent of distant times.

“Because it’s such a widely consumed substance and it’s been

illegal for almost a hundred years, there had to be code words for it,” says Dan Linn, executive director at the Illinois chapter of NORML, which is the acronym for National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Despite the organization’s name, Linn, too, prefers the term “cannabis” these days, though sometimes he’ll say “weed” or “pot” when talking with high school and college friends.

“Nostalgic terms from my youth,” he said. He means the 1990s.

And “dope?”

“If I’m talking amongst friends or purposely being tongue-in-cheek, then I might call it ‘dope,’ ” he says. “You’d have to go back to the ’80s or 1990s to find it referred to as that with consistency.”

Ouch.

The legalization trend raises

more pressing questions than what to call this weed. Questions like: Who will reap the profits of the booming business? Have the potentially harmful effects been sufficiently explored?

But the smaller questions like what to call it matter too. The etiquette guru Lizzie Post addresses nomenclature in her new book “Higher Etiquette: A Guide to the World of Cannabis, From Dispensaries to Dinner Parties.”

Her answer is: Call it cannabis.

But don’t be surprised if the prediction by my friend who still calls it “pot” comes true:

“I’m betting that some of the truly old lingo will be reclaimed and repackaged as vintage. Reefer madness! If it was good enough for 1936, it’s good enough for 2019.”

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A volunteer animal expert dubbed Alligator Bob from the Chicago Herpetological Society scours the lagoon.

Gator in Humboldt Park Lagoon draws in gawkers

Effort underway to trap reptile whose presence officials have confirmed

BY MARIE FAZIO

Chicago officials confirmed an alligator was living in Humboldt Park Lagoon after several people reported seeing the animal there Tuesday morning and others shared photos of it.

Chicago police were called to the 1400 block of North Humboldt Drive about 12:15 p.m. after someone called 911 “saying they saw a Facebook post saying there is an alligator in the lagoon area,” said Chicago police spokeswoman Karie James.

Police had “independently confirmed the alligator is in the lagoon and state reptile specialists” said it was 4 to 5 feet long, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a tweet. The animal was expected to be trapped Tuesday night “and relocated to a zoo for veterinary evaluation.”

Earlier, as Officer Michelle Tannehill, a police spokeswoman, gave a statement about 3:30 p.m. explaining that the call was unconfirmed, witnesses watching the water from the nearby boat-house screamed, “It’s there, I see the alligator!”

Immediately, a volunteer animal expert known as “Alligator Bob,” who had searched for the animal without success earlier, hopped back in his canoe and paddled to the edge of the lagoon. Alligator Bob is a fixture of exotic

animal searches in Chicago and often helps the city’s animal control staff capture them.

A crowd gathered as Alligator Bob sat in his canoe with a fishing line dangling out the back, paddling slowly around an area full of lily pads where the animal was believed to be hiding.

Animal control officials had set up bait traps, and state conservation officials also were at the scene.

A few people, including photographer Rencie Horst-Ruiz, took to social media to say they had seen the animal. At least one video journalist at the scene Tuesday afternoon said the animal had been spotted through a zoom lens.

Initially, officials refused to speak to reporters.

When he began his first search for the animal, Alligator Bob paddled out alone in his green canoe, wearing binoculars and a fishing hat. He completed a circuit of the lagoon a little before 3 p.m., finding nothing, then huddled with officials.

Groups of the curious, hoping to spot the alligator, gathered around the lagoon.

Charlie Serrano, a lifelong resident of Humboldt Park, speculated the animal might have been put in the lagoon by someone who owned it illegally, after it grew too big for them to take care of.

“This place is historical for people throwing a whole bunch of things in the lagoon,” he said.

On runs around the lagoon, Serrano has seen 18-inch turtles and goldfish or carp more than a foot long, which he says most

likely were thrown into the lake by owners who grew tired of them.

Regina Allen, raised in Humboldt Park, looked through binoculars she borrowed from another anxious observer.

“I was hoping I’d get to see it because I want to see how big it is,” she said.

Allen, who goes fishing in the lagoon almost every day for bass, catfish and bluegills, also worried that the animal could be eating fish she might catch.

This isn’t the first alligator found in the Chicago area. Last year, a kayaker found an abandoned alligator near Waukegan. And other exotic animals have been found in area waterways over the years.

In 2010, Alligator Bob helped capture an alligator in the North Branch of the Chicago River near Belmont Avenue. A 2008 capture in the South Branch of the river was billed at the time as the first time an alligator was found in the river. But a Tribune article from 1902 claimed one was found that July near what’s now Roosevelt Road.

In 1953, two boys from Wheeling found an alligator in the Des Plaines River while they were turtle hunting, according to reports from the time, including in the Tribune.

Last month, Chicago Park District officials put up signs at the lagoon, warning people to stay out of the water because of potentially toxic blue-green algae.

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‘The next thing he knows, she’s gone’

Girl’s grandfather didn’t know ship window was open, attorney says

BY JOHN KEILMAN

An attorney for the family of a 1-year-old girl from Indiana who plunged to her death from an 11th story cruise ship window Sunday said her grandfather didn’t realize the window was open.

Michael Winkleman said at a Miami news conference Tuesday that the grandfather, whom authorities have identified as Salvatore Anello of Valparaiso, Ind., had placed the girl, Chloe Wiegand, on a wooden railing so she could beat her hands on the glass as if she were at one of her brother’s hockey games.

“She goes to bang on the glass, and the next thing he knows, she’s gone,” he said.

Winkleman said the window was in a children’s play area, an opening in what otherwise appeared to be “a wall of glass.” He blamed the Freedom of the Seas cruise ship, which was docked in Puerto Rico, for having windows passengers are able to open, a feature he said newer ships don’t have.

“It was reasonable for ... the grandfather to think this was all glass, because from his perspective it was all glass,” said Winkleman, from the Miami-based law firm Lipcon, Margulies, Alsina & Winkleman. “... Clearly this is a hidden danger.”

Police in Puerto Rico declined to comment on Winkleman’s account of the events leading up to the child’s fatal fall.



LIPCON, MARGULIES, ALSINA & WINKLEMAN

Indiana toddler Chloe Wiegand fell to her death from a cruise ship Sunday in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Police Sgt. Nelson Sotelo told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the girl’s family will remain in the U.S. territory until the investigation is complete. He said officers have not been able to interview any relatives yet.

“They’re in shock,” he said.

Authorities said Chloe was traveling with her parents, two siblings and two sets of grandparents aboard the ship, which docked in Puerto Rico on Sunday after a weeklong trip through the Caribbean. The death occurred Sunday afternoon at the Panamerican dock in the capital, San Juan.

Sotelo said Anello is under investigation. He said the rest of the family is from Granger, Ind.

St. Joseph County Auditor Michael Hamann said Anello works in the county’s information technology department, troubleshooting computers and tech equipment.

“He is a very gentle soul, very dedicated and hardworking,” Hamann said. “He would do anything

for you. He’s just a very humble human being who would give you the shirt off his back.”

A Valparaiso neighbor who declined to give her name described Anello and his family as “wonderful,” and offered her sympathy.

“It’s such a horrible thing that happened,” she said.

The South Bend Police Department said in a statement that the girl was the daughter of Officer Alan Wiegand and asked “the community to pray for the entire Wiegand family as they grieve and to respect their privacy.”

Puerto Rico Ports Authority spokesman Jose Carmona told the AP that the family was gathered in or near a dining hall on the 11th floor and that the grandfather sat the toddler on the edge of a window. He said officials are investigating whether the window was already opened or if someone had opened it.

Royal Caribbean Cruises called it a tragic incident and said it was helping the family. A spokeswoman said the ship departed Puerto Rico on Monday for St. Maarten on a new itinerary and declined to comment further.

The cruise line had not responded to messages left Tuesday seeking comment on Winkleman’s statements about the circumstances of the child’s death.

Winkleman said the family was still in Puerto Rico on Tuesday, waiting to reclaim Chloe’s body.

“Terrible is probably the euphemism of the year to describe how they’re doing,” he said.

The Associated Press contributed from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

If Chicago’s crime woes don’t go away, then Johnson must



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Eventually, Mayor Lori Lightfoot will have to let Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson go.

It isn’t that Johnson hasn’t tried to stop the killings in Chicago. He worked hard the past three years to reduce the number of homicides from 795 when he took over in 2016 to 572 last year. But his hard work simply hasn’t been good enough.

Chicago is the third-largest city in the country, yet it still has more murders than the two biggest cities — New York and Los Angeles — combined. That statistic does not bode well for a new mayor who was elected on a platform of reform.

Johnson is a Chicago Police Department insider who worked himself up through the ranks over the last three decades. Lightfoot is a political outsider, who seemingly came out of nowhere to suddenly become mayor. People with such vastly different backgrounds often don’t gel.

So far, Lightfoot has been willing to give Johnson a chance to show what he can do on his own. Until Rahm Emanuel’s departure in May, Johnson had worked in the shadow of a bigfoot mayor who sought to control every aspect of city government.

It was hard to figure out where Johnson’s policies began and Emanuel’s ended. Many Chicagoans were willing to give him a pass, though, because it was so much better to have him as the top cop than Garry McCarthy, whom Emanuel fired amid the fallout over the murder of Laquan McDonald.

Now, without Emanuel hovering overhead, Johnson has a unique opportunity to start over and set a more progressive course for a police department that has long been viewed as protector of the status quo.

But he has not. Quite possibly, it is because he does not fully buy into the idea that the Police Department needs to change how it goes about business. Or maybe it is because he thinks the violence problem can be policed into oblivion, simply by locking people up.

While Lightfoot seemingly has gone out of her way to publicly show support for Johnson, it is obvious that they aren’t on the same page about everything.

Lightfoot has talked about the need for a comprehensive approach to curbing violence, one that addresses the social and economic forces that contribute to Chicago’s homicides and shootings. Law enforcement is not the only tool needed to stop the cycle of violence that has destroyed generations of families, but it certainly is a crucial tool in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Johnson is old school, though. He seems to suggest the city could police its way out of this mess if everybody else — the judicial system, the gun manufacturers and the state legislature — does what they need to do. He likes to talk about how much he despises the violence, but rarely do we hear what his department could have done differently in the aftermath of a deadly weekend.

So after 66 people were shot, five fatally, over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Johnson came to Chicagoans the following Monday with the same tired line he’s been using for three years: It’s somebody else’s fault.

This week, he blamed the criminal justice system for failing to keep gun offenders behind bars. Sometimes, he blames weak federal laws that land illegal firearms in the hands of criminals. Other times, he blames the Illinois General Assembly and border states such as Indiana for allowing the illegal flow of weapons into our city. Sometimes he blames the people in the neighborhoods for being too scared to come



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot has gone out of her way to show support for Superintendent Eddie Johnson. But for how long?

forward and tell police what they know.

Of course, there is some truth in what he says. Reforms need to take place in the judicial system and gun laws need to be strengthened across the board. But in the meantime, Johnson needs to make sure the Police Department is doing all that it can to get to the root of the problem and help weed it out.

We know that the city deployed an additional 1,500 police officers to the streets during the holiday weekend. What we don’t know is how effective the move was. It’s impossible to gauge how many shootings were prevented because of the additional police presence. What we do know, though, is that whatever difference it made won’t be sustained once those cops return to normal duty.

It would be wonderful if we could suddenly get every illegal gun off the streets. But that’s unrealistic. Even if we did manage to achieve such a feat, we learned from the Fourth of July incident at Navy Pier that people are going to attack whether they have a gun or not. That day, they used knives.

Chicago’s violence is solvable. But it’s not going to happen using the same tired tactics that have been in place for decades. It will require someone who can think outside the box and who shares the mayor’s vision that solutions require a long-term, comprehensive effort, not a news conference at the end of the year hailing a few less killings than the year before. Without the proper remedy, the numbers inevitably will rise again.

The problem with Johnson is that he doesn’t seem to have any new ideas. He seems comfortable doing things the way they’ve always been done, and then looking for someone else to blame when things don’t go as well as he’d hoped.

He needs more time, some might argue. But a more forward-thinking police superintendent would have started to chart a new course as soon as Emanuel announced that he would not seek reelection in September 2018. He would have been ahead of the game when the new mayor kept him on.

The police superintendent and his deputies should have saturated the city, not locking people up, but talking to residents in open forums about how police officers can do their jobs better. He should have embarked on a trust-building mission in communities where the department is seen as the enemy, convincing those who know their neighborhoods better than anyone that a new era of joint partnerships, accountability and mutual respect is on the horizon.

It’s not too late to do those things. But it is too late for making excuses.

It would be unfair to place all of the responsibility for solving the city’s violence on the police superintendent’s shoulders. But he is the mayor’s eyes and ears on the streets.

His department is the first line of defense, and he is the one who can best inform her of the tactics that work and those that don’t. His people are out there every day interacting with the shooters, the victims and the bystanders.

Johnson’s job is to keep the people of Chicago safe. If he can’t do that, the people are going to demand that the mayor find someone who can.

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Mike Ditka, Sister Rosemary Connelly and Misericordia residents and twins Paul, left, and Patrick P.

BUILDING COMMUNITY, FINDING ANSWERS

When Chicago football legend **Mike Ditka** met Sister Rosemary Connelly in 1982 and toured Misericordia's 31-acre North Side campus, his life was forever altered. Connelly, a Catholic Sister of Mercy, serves as the executive director of the residential care facility that provides compassionate care for more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. What he saw inspired his loyal support and friendship over the next several decades.

"The residents of Misericordia have an opportunity to live an extraordinary life," Ditka said. "And the care and love they get is unbelievable."

The Chicago Tribune, the University of Chicago Medicine, Misericordia Heart of Mercy and Ditka have joined together to raise awareness of the need for increased funding and support to provide compassionate care for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to expand neuroscience research into the causes of epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease and other disorders affecting the brain.

With increased support, the neuroscience physicians and researchers at UChicago Medicine can get closer to treatment breakthroughs that improve quality of life for everyone impacted by neurological and nervous system disorders.

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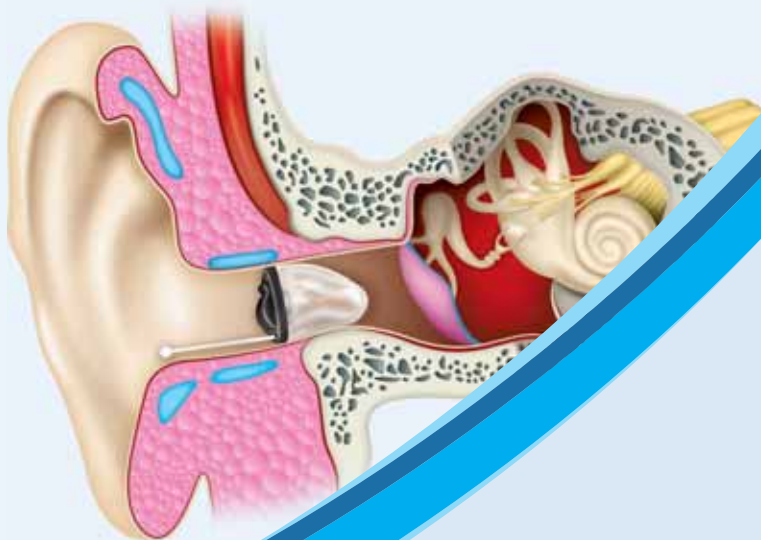
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HGTV
Alison Victoria Gramenos co-stars on HGTV's "Windy City Rehab."

City orders 'Windy City Rehab' to stop work

BY TRACY SWARTZ

"Windy City Rehab" stars Alison Victoria Gramenos and Donovan Eckhardt are in trouble with the city again, which could affect the HGTV show's second season. The Chicago Department of Buildings recently notified Gramenos and Eckhardt they cannot file new permit applications, and the city is moving to suspend Eckhardt's real estate developer and general contractor licenses for a year for a variety of alleged violations.

Buildings Department spokesman Gregg Cunningham said officials met with Eckhardt on Monday to discuss his appeal of the license suspension and a lawyer for Gramenos last week on the permit issue. No decisions have been made in either matter, though Eckhardt did lose his appeal to restore his permit privileges, Cunningham said.

In the meantime, orange stop-work signs were posted to 1846 N. Damen Ave., in the Bucktown neighborhood; 1924 W. Berenice Ave., in North Center; 1815 W. Augusta Blvd., in East Ukrainian Village; and 3352 S. Carpenter St., in Bridgeport. It's unclear which of these properties will be featured on Season 2 of "Windy City Rehab."

"The Dept. of Buildings takes this issue very seriously and takes action against developers and contractors who perform work that compromises safety for the public, workers or building occupants. We have been monitoring the work of Greymark Development Group closely and have taken progressive disciplinary actions to stop what has become a pattern of unsafe work and building code violations at multiple properties," Cunningham said in a statement. Eckhardt, who is the president of Greymark Development Group, did not immediately return a Tribune request for comment.

Gramenos, who goes by Alison Victoria on "Windy City Rehab," talked to the Tribune last week about her plans to mentor the winner of the Super 8 by Wyndham hotel suite design challenge. She declined to comment about the recent troubles she has faced filming her HGTV series.

The series premiered in January, and Gramenos and Eckhardt were shown restoring and flipping 11 Chicago properties amid flooding issues and neighbor drama. HGTV greenlighted a 10-episode second season in February. Gramenos told the Tribune last week that cameras did not stop rolling between the first and second seasons.

It's unclear how Gramenos and Eckhardt's troubles with the city will affect Season 2, which Gramenos said could premiere in early 2020. The city is not allowing the two to pull new permits because they allegedly performed or directed work that required a permit without having that permit, work outside of approved plans without the appropriate permission, work that resulted in a stop-work order and work that poses an immediate or imminent threat to the health and safety of workers or the public. They also allegedly made a false statement on a permit application or aided and abetted another in making a false statement. A letter laying out the claims was addressed to Gramenos and Eckhardt on June 20.

Eckhardt's licenses are in jeopardy for also allegedly failing to schedule final inspections and allowing residential units to be sold and occupied before final inspections. Cunningham said Eckhardt met with building department representatives on March 22, April 10 and April 24.

Gramenos, meanwhile, has other projects on her plate. The Chicago native threw out the first pitch and sang the seventh-inning stretch at the June 20 Cubs game. Gramenos said she is working on Cubs-related ideas, but declined to give details.

Gramenos said she soon will be in Los Angeles filming HGTV's new home renovation competition series, "Rock the Block." And in September, she's slated to meet with the winner of the Super 8 by Wyndham Room8 Design Challenge to dream up an innovative shared-room concept. Applications for the competition are due July 20.

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City won't install water meters until fix found for lead problem

Program halted after brain-damaging metal levels spiked in homes

BY JOHN BYRNE

The city won't restart its residential water meter program until officials can figure out how to install the devices without increasing the amount of lead in Chicagoans' tap water, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Tuesday.

"For now we've paused it, and what we're doing is looking at other alternatives, taking additional steps with the current meters, looking at other alternative solutions, testing those internally in a lab," she said. "And once we get to a place where we believe that the meters are safe we'll start the program anew."

Lightfoot stopped the meter program last month after additional city testing showed spikes of brain-damaging lead in more than 1 in 5 metered homes sampled. She offered no timeline Tuesday for getting to the bottom of the problem and kicking off meter installation again.

"We don't know specifically

what the issue is with the meter," Lightfoot said at a news conference she called to address the issue after the Tribune reported on it Tuesday. "We just know that in a certain number of meters, we saw an increase in lead levels. Therefore we're taking the precaution to make sure that we stop the installation, and encouraging those homeowners who have the meters to take the steps of getting their water tested and to use filters. Until we get to a point where we believe the meters — whether it's these meters or there are other models out there that we're testing — don't produce elevated lead levels, we won't reinstall, we won't start the program again until we get to that point."

Lightfoot stopped the meter installations within two months of taking office, after former Mayor Rahm Emanuel spent five years denying there was a widespread problem with lead in Chicago's drinking water.

Yet the new mayor didn't lay blame with her predecessor for not stopping the installations sooner.

"I'm not going to speculate

about what Rahm Emanuel should or should not have done," she said. "What I know is I have data that gave me pause, and as a result of that I've directed that the water meter installation should be paused."

Nor did Lightfoot fault Water Commissioner Randy Conner, an Emanuel administration hold-over.

"This meter issue isn't a Randy Conner issue," Lightfoot said. "This is a strange coincidence with the meters that we learned about because of the testing and the study that was ongoing to make sure that our water was safe. And again, I want to emphasize, our water is safe. It meets and exceeds relevant standards."

Lightfoot called on residents to get their water tested and to avail themselves of free filters the city offers to those who have had a meter installed. The mayor said she has a meter and uses the free filter pitcher from the city at her Logan Square home.

According to the city, the testing of homes with meters that started during Emanuel's administration and first showed elevated levels of lead in some homes in

2018 has continued and reached "statistically significant" levels recently. In all, 510 homes with meters have been tested.

That's up from 300 homes when Conner and Health Commissioner Julie Morita held a news conference in November to announce they were offering free pitchers with six water filters to all 165,000 residences with water meters because of elevated lead in the water in some homes with the meters installed.

Twenty-two percent of the homes with meters that have been tested have shown lead levels went up by at least 2.5 parts per billion after the meters were installed, according to the city.

In all, after the meter was installed, 36 homes that were tested showed the lead level rising to above 15 parts per billion, the Environmental Protection Agency standard for utilities to meet. Lead is unsafe to consume at any level, according to the EPA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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You can almost taste it

A jogger runs by while Emanuel Alaniz, sweeps up dirt at the Farm to Festival exhibit on Tuesday on the eve of the Taste of Chicago opening in Grant Park. There will be 82 restaurants featured this year at the annual five-day festival.

Father of slain scholar: 'It's completely unbearable'

Chinese family testifies as jurors weigh death or life term for killer

BY JAMIE MUNKS

PEORIA — Slain Chinese scholar Yingying Zhang's father burst into tears Tuesday when he was asked if a photo shown on the courtroom screen was taken on the day he last saw his daughter.

Zhang was bound for the United States to study at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and she stood smiling, arm-in-arm with her parents.

Ronggao Zhang sobbed for a few moments before continuing to answer questions in Chinese, which was translated into English for the jury.

"It's completely unbearable," Ronggao Zhang said through a translator. "To tell you the truth, I do not know how to live the remainder of my life."

The emotional testimony from Ronggao Zhang and other family members came in the penalty phase of the trial of Brendt Christensen, 30, who was found guilty last month in Yingying Zhang's June 2017 kidnapping and slaying. The same jury is now deciding whether he should be sentenced to death or serve a life sentence in prison.

Yingying Zhang's younger brother, Zhengyang Zhang, 25, said his sister always took care of him, trying to help him find a job even after she had left for college.

"What Yingying is to me is, she is a sister, she is a friend and she's also a teacher," Zhengyang Zhang



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Yingying Zhang's father, Ronggao Zhang, foreground, arrives this week at court during the penalty phase for Brendt Christensen, 30.

said. "Since I lost her, I feel lost because I no longer have my teacher to guide me."

Prosecutors played a video of the trial with Zhang's mother, Lifeng Ye, that was translated into English. Christensen sat with his head bowed and eyes closed, and appeared to cry just before the video was played.

Ye, who also traveled to Peoria for the trial with her husband, son and Yingying Zhang's fiancé, was not in the courtroom Tuesday. In the video interview, she said she doesn't know how to carry on without her daughter.

"This wonderful daughter of mine, she is my everything," Ye said.

"It is really, really painful. It is really, really hard," Ye said. "It is so, so difficult. Our entire family do not know how to carry on. It is just so, so hard these two years."

As the recorded interview played, a juror abruptly left the courtroom, and U.S. District

Judge James Shadid called for a recess.

The juror appeared to be crying, and defense attorney Elisabeth Pollock said she had "serious concerns" the juror's ability to be fair and impartial was compromised.

"That's the first time I've seen a juror get up and run out of the courtroom because she couldn't contain her emotions," Pollock said.

The juror met with the judge and lawyers from each side in Shadid's chambers. The judge said the juror gave "satisfactory" answers related to impartiality, and testimony continued.

Ye cried during her interview as she recounted how she hoped for her daughter to have a family of her own. "I also so much wanted to see her in a wedding dress," she said.

Tuesday was the second day of the trial's penalty phase. Jurors have also been shown recorded

interviews with some of Yingying Zhang's closest friends from high school and college, as well as video of the Zhang family home and photos of Zhang giving a presentation about her research at Peking University in China, and on her graduation day.

Xiaolin Hou said he and Yingying Zhang planned to marry in October 2017 and eventually planned to return to China, where she wanted to teach at a university. "It totally changed my track of life," Hou said of Zhang's disappearance.

Her parents have struggled to sleep and eat, and are troubled over not being able to bring their daughter home for an "honorable burial," Hou said. Zhang's body has not been found.

Prosecutors also played some of the conversations between Christensen and his then-girlfriend, Terra Bullis, who wore a wire for the FBI. Christensen detailed how he killed Zhang and told Bullis that no one would find the body. In text messages, he told Bullis that the victim spoke in broken English.

Prosecutors also played phone calls between Christensen and his parents and ex-wife that were recorded while he was in jail. During one talk with his mother, Christensen speculated that Zhang was probably "a sex slave somewhere."

The prosecution is expected to rest their case in the sentencing phase Wednesday, and Christensen's defense attorneys expect to call his father, Michael Christensen, as their first witness.

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Tree

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“This was a moment of hope, just the generosity of people caring for a complete stranger’s memorial,” said Amanda’s childhood friend, Katie Kammes, who led a fundraiser to replace the tree. “It really has given me some fuel to get back up and fight for what really matters.”

Amanda Meiborg was a violinist, animal lover and straight-A student who started aiming for West Chicago’s valedictorian honor her sophomore year. Her mother said she planned to study zoology at Iowa State University, but toward the end of her senior year in 2002, she was stricken with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer that attacks muscle tissue.

Sick as she was, she persevered to claim the valedictorian spot, and continued to achieve high grades at College of DuPage, her mother said. But about 16 months after her high school graduation, Amanda died.

Looking for a way to memorialize her daughter, Meiborg bought a small autumn blaze maple to plant outside the school where Amanda had achieved so much. The school arranged for an outside company to do the planting, she said, and on Labor Day 2004, it hosted a small ceremony.

“Lots of friends and family were there,” Meiborg said. “One of her classmates from orchestra played the violin for us. It was nice.”

The tree thrived over the years; its trunk grew sturdy, and photos Meiborg took show its expansive branches glowing with fiery leaves. She visited often, and sometimes drove by just to look.

She said she hadn’t been aware that the school was planning to add a second story to its west wing this year, a project former Community High School District 94 Superintendent Douglas Domeracki said required the removal of the trees along the building’s west side.

“While we have been the grateful recipients of many class gifts and memorials in the 93-year history of our building, it would be costly to the taxpayers to preserve



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Lee Ann Meiborg stands in the shade of one of the new trees dedicated to her late daughter, Amanda Meiborg, at the Morton Arboretum.



Lee Ann Meiborg holds the plaque that stood next to a tree dedicated to her late daughter that was unexpectedly torn down.

them all indefinitely, and therefore impossible to do so,” he wrote in a June 18 statement.

“We are a school with changing needs to accommodate our growing population, therefore there is

no place on our campus that is exempt from modification.”

Domeracki, who retired toward the end of June, could not be reached for comment. The current administration declined comment.

Meiborg said the district ultimately offered an apology, though not an explanation for the lack of notice. The memorial plaque was returned as well. But as word spread of the tree’s removal, some stepped forward to help.

One was Alex Carbonara, owner of DuPage Cremations and Memorial Chapel in West Chicago, who saw the news on his phone.

“In the business I’m in, I understand how important it is for families to have a memorial to go to,” he said. “It kind of hit home. If I was able to do something to help

out, I wanted to.”

He said he worked with the city and the park district to secure a spot for a new tree in Reed-Kepler Park, about a mile north of the high school. Greenway Landscape Nursery and Teerling Nursery went in to donate a new autumn blaze maple, he said, while he is contributing a plaque and a bench.

A dedication ceremony will be held once the weather cools enough to allow for planting, he said.

Another effort came via Kammes. Incensed by the tree’s removal, she started a social media campaign to fund a replacement. Within five days, the effort raised \$2,620, much of it donated by complete strangers. That was enough to have a tree dedicated to Amanda at Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Meiborg chose a black oak planted in 1992, a hardy specimen capable of reaching 60 feet and living for more than a century. Located in a small grove, it’s already nearly as tall as the tree that was cut down.

Standing in its shade recently, Meiborg recalled how Amanda collected leaves at the arboretum for a high school botany class project. Such memories are what make the tree a fitting monument to her daughter, she said.

“I just can’t believe people are so kind and generous, some of them strangers who donated after hearing about it,” she said. “I’m dumbfounded at how amazing these people are ... It’s just really great.”

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Charges

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In spite of the video’s clarity, Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s office quietly dropped the felony charges that Gause had been facing for more than three years, saying it couldn’t go to trial that day because the victim had repeatedly refused to cooperate and show up in court.

“We cannot proceed and meet our burden without the testimony of Mr. Gartley,” Assistant State’s Attorney Kenneth Goff said moments before Judge James Obbish granted a prosecution motion to “nolle pros” the case — drop the charge, according to a transcript of the brief June 20 hearing.

Then-State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez’s office had charged Gause in May 2016, two months after the two-term officeholder lost the Democratic primary to Foxx, a reform candidate whose campaign centered on criticism of Alvarez for not aggressively prosecuting police misconduct.

The video of Gartley’s beating, made public shortly after Gause’s first court appearance, made headlines in a city still raw from the fallout over the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald that sparked protests and a push for police reform.

Andrew Stroth, an attorney who represented Gartley in a lawsuit that the city settled for \$175,000 last year, was surprised to learn from a Tribune reporter that prosecutors had dropped the two criminal counts against Gause, saying the officer “unjustifiably” beat Gartley and should be “held criminally responsible for his actions.”

Gause’s attorney did not return calls seeking comment.

At the court hearing June 20, Goff said prosecutors had made “numerous attempts” to speak to attorneys who represented Gartley in the lawsuit in an effort to contact Gartley, but the lawyers never returned their calls, according to the transcript.

Stroth, however, denied that claim, saying he didn’t recall anyone from the state’s attorney’s office trying to contact him or his partner in the case.

He also disputed prosecutors’ characterization that Gartley was uncooperative, saying he was simply hesitant to relive “one of the most traumatic events that’s ever happened to him.”

Stroth also questioned the decision to drop the charges, given the strength of the video and the existence of additional evidence.

Officer Leshawn Hawkins, who witnessed the attack, was available in court to testify, Goff noted at the hearing last month.



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Police Officer Clauzell Gause leaves the Leighton Criminal Court Building in 2016 after his bond hearing.



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Officer Leshawn Hawkins, right, witnessed the incident between Gause and Rayshon Gartley and could have testified, a lawyer for Gartley said.

If Hawkins defended Gause’s actions, the prosecution could have used the video to undercut his testimony.

“I think anyone could look at that video and make a determination that it’s excessive force. I understand where they’re coming from,” Stroth said of the prosecutors. “I just think there’s other evidence that supports prosecution. ... To just drop the charges? That’s not appropriate given the situation.”

Gause, who has been on paid desk duty since shortly after the beating five years ago, now faces the possibility of disciplinary action for the beating.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates allegations of police misconduct, is continuing its probe into the incident, according to a spokeswoman.

A less-than-ideal prosecution witness?

The incident took place in June 2014 after one of Gartley’s family members called police to a house on the Far South Side asking for help because Gartley was off his medication, according to court records.

After Gartley was involuntarily admitted to Jackson Park Hospital for a mental health evaluation, prosecutors said, he suddenly stood and punched Gause in the face as medical personnel took his blood pressure. Another officer quickly restrained Gartley and handcuffed him.

But that alleged assault was not captured on surveillance cameras, and Gartley’s lawsuit claimed it never happened. Instead, the suit alleged, Gause had taunted Gartley, slammed him to the floor

without warning and beat him — all before entering the empty observation room, where the attack caught on camera took place minutes later.

“Rayshon suffered great pain and physical injury and trauma to his head, face, wrists, arms, shoulders, legs and torso,” the suit said of Gartley, described as more than a foot shorter and 75 pounds lighter than Gause. “He suffered great emotional distress, which exacerbated the condition that brought Rayshon to Jackson Park Hospital in the first place.”

There were early hints that Gartley might not be a reliable witness even beyond why he ended up at the hospital. Prosecutors did not approve charges against Gause until two years after the attack — in part because Gartley could not be located, authorities said at the time. At last month’s hearing, Judge Obbish noted that Gartley had never once been in court since the case was charged.

Even if Gartley had taken the stand, Gause’s attorney appeared to have plenty with which to attack his credibility, including convictions for aggravated battery and robbery, court records show. The attorney could also have tried to undermine his reliability by pointing out any inconsistencies in his testimony compared with what he said in his deposition from his lawsuit.

Richard Kling, a longtime defense attorney and professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, said a clever prosecutor can find a way to work without putting a recalcitrant or less than ideal witness on the stand — especially with the existence of a video.

“If it’s a creative prosecutor ...

you’ve got it on videotape, and you’ve got another officer willing to testify,” Kling said. “I don’t know what the problem would be.”

But other lawyers told the Tribune that a damning video alone won’t always be enough for a conviction.

Longtime criminal defense attorney Jennifer Blagg said Gartley’s participation at trial might have been especially important if the defense made claims that could not be refuted by the video itself.

“A video really just shows a tiny flash of the entire context,” she said. “It’s like the flash of a camera. You have the flash of that moment, but there’s moments before it and there’s moments after.”

David Gaeger, also a criminal defense attorney, found the video a bit choppy, enough to make it hard to determine if Gause’s fist hit Gartley’s face, he said.

“While it is clear as day to the average citizen who’s watching it, in terms of proof beyond a reasonable doubt in court you’d need a victim to corroborate, say, ‘Yeah, that hand made contact with my face,’” Gaeger said. “Videos seem to tell tales, but with a high burden (of proof), they don’t always. ... You would just hope that (prosecutors) evaluate every case, not just cases against police officers, in the same method.”

Gartley’s testimony could also have been vital since the video contains no audio.

‘As a new start’

In court last month, prosecutors said they had been trying to contact Gartley for months but had only been able to reach his mother — who said she didn’t know his whereabouts.

In March, prosecutors finally located Gartley in Cook County Jail, where he was being held on a probation violation, records show.

Goff, the prosecutor, said Gartley told prosecutors during an interview at the jail that he did not want to come to court on Gause’s indictment. After his release from custody, prosecutors subpoenaed Gartley twice to appear in court, but he never showed up.

“He was aware that if he did not show, the state would have no choice but to dismiss this action,” Goff told the judge last month.

Gause would have faced probation or two to five years in prison if he had been convicted of official misconduct.

With the charges dropped, Judge Obbish advised Gause to “look upon this as a new start.”

“Yes, sir,” Gause replied, according to a transcript.

“Not as anything other than that,” the judge said.

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Savio's kin pushing wrongful death lawsuit

Drew Peterson's ex-wife family want suit against convicted killer revived

BY ALICIA FABBRE AND CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

Attorneys for the family of Drew Peterson's slain third wife are asking a Will County judge to reconsider his April decision to dismiss a wrongful death lawsuit against the former Bolingbrook police sergeant.

The lawsuit, filed in 2009, has sat dormant for years while Peterson's conviction for the murder of the woman, Kathleen Savio, was on appeal. The U.S. Supreme Court declined late last year to hear the appeal.

In April, Will County Judge Raymond Rossi dismissed the wrongful death lawsuit for "want of prosecution" after the family's

attorney, Martin Glink, failed to appear for a court date. Glink promptly filed a motion to vacate the judge's decision, noting he had been ill with "stomach pains" and as a result had missed previous court dates, according to court documents.

The motion was set to be argued before Rossi on Monday, but Glink requested to have the motion stricken from the court call. When reached late Monday, Glink said he had another matter in court in Cook County and was unable to make Monday's hearing. He also noted he filed a request on July 3 to have the hearing before Rossi rescheduled to July 24.

One of Peterson's attorneys, John Heiderscheidt, considers the case closed for now.

Heiderscheidt also said he still has "deep reservations" about his



Peterson

client's criminal conviction.

"The record established at trial was insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a crime had been committed," said Heiderscheidt, who was an attorney for Peterson in both his criminal appeal and the civil matters. "It may have been popular at the time to pursue the prosecution, but it's worth remembering, there was a time in the United States that it was also popular to accuse and condemn women of witchcraft without evidence."

"There are significant unresolved issues of evidentiary and procedural law that will, hopefully, never be used in another modern-day criminal proceeding,"

Savio's bathtub drowning in 2004 initially was ruled an acci-

dent, but after the October 2007 disappearance of Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, authorities exhumed Savio's body and ruled Savio's death a homicide.

Stacy Peterson remains missing. The Illinois State Police long ago named Drew Peterson, a former sergeant in Bolingbrook, as a suspect in her disappearance. No one has been charged in that case.

Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow rebuffed Heiderscheidt's concerns about the criminal case and finding of guilt.

"Heiderscheidt's comments are reckless and irresponsible," Glasgow said in a written statement.

Glasgow pointed to "voluminous records" and lengthy evidentiary hearings that eventually led to Peterson's conviction and the



Savio

decision by both an appeals court and the Illinois state Supreme Court to uphold his conviction.

Peterson also was convicted of soliciting someone to kill Glasgow and was sentenced to an additional 40 years in jail on top of his 38-year sentence for killing Savio.

Peterson, 65, is being held in a maximum-security federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

He was moved to the federal prison from a southern Illinois state prison in early 2017 for security reasons following the murder-for-hire plot, Illinois correction officials said at the time.

Peterson is eligible for parole on May 2081.

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Trial looms in dispute over Puerto Rican flag on shirt

BY BRIAN L. COX

A Chicago man who was seen on viral video last year berating a woman wearing a shirt emblazoned with the Puerto Rican flag at a Cook County forest preserve will go to trial charged with a hate crime unless a plea deal is reached by next month, a judge said Tuesday.

Timothy G. Trybus, 63, was charged following the June 14, 2018, incident in Caldwell Woods.

A video of the incident, taken by the woman wearing the shirt, went viral about month later. It showed Trybus confronting the woman, Mia Irizarry, while a Cook County Forest Preserve police officer stands by and watches, ignoring repeated requests from Irizarry that he intervene. The officer later resigned.

Trybus was originally charged with misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct. But after pressure from then-Cook County Commissioner Jesús "Chuy" García, the Chicago-based Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois and others, Trybus was charged with a hate crime.

Trybus is seen in the video stabbing a finger at Irizarry, who was celebrating her 24th birthday, and demanding to know why she is wearing a shirt displaying the Puerto Rican flag. He also asks her whether she is an American citizen, even though Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory and its residents are U.S. citizens.

"You should not be wearing that in the United States of America," Trybus tells her.

The incident prompted an apology from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who later said she expressed her regrets in a phone call to Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rossello.

Cook County Circuit Judge Aleksandra Gillespie on Tuesday told defense attorney David B. Goldman that he would have to hammer out a plea deal with prosecutors by Trybus' next court date Aug. 13 or the case would be set down for trial.

It appeared in court that a deal has been discussed, but the state offered no details.

"There is no deal," Goldman said after the hearing. "Not yet. We've talked about potentials. We have not agreed upon anything. We haven't even got the parameters down. We're either going to reach a deal on the 13th or we're going to set for trial. That's it."

He also said he believes the state's attorney should not have charged Trybus with a hate crime. "I think it's overcharged, but I'm not the prosecutor," said Goldman said.

Trybus was in court on Tuesday but did not say anything. "He's OK," Goldman said. "He'd like to get it over with."

Irizarry could not be reached for comment but she noted in a post on her Facebook page that it's been a year since "my video went viral" and she provided an update "for those who care."

She said she "was able to have the pleasure of speaking to a high school about the incident and have real serious conversations about racism with some pretty amazing teenagers." She also noted that her dog's day care is located across the street from where the incident took place, "so I am constantly reminded of what happened and how you can't assume people are good natured."

Irizarry held a news conference last year after the video went viral. She said at the time she hoped the incident "shines a light on what's going on with racism."

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Big and Little's server Maria Montesdeoca hands over drinks to a group at the restaurant's Logan Square location in Chicago last week

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more than 40 people at his five locations. "Every time we're doing payroll it's like — Wow — it hits us."

The July 1 jump in Chicago's minimum wage to \$13 an hour, from \$12, was the final step in a gradual increase that began in 2015, when the city's wage floor was \$8.25. Starting next year the wage rises annually with the consumer price index, though an ordinance introduced last month seeks to raise the city's minimum wage to \$15 by 2021, plus eliminate the subminimum wage for tipped workers and exceptions for groups like teens and workers in transitional programs. Meanwhile, Illinois' minimum wage is set to gradually rise to \$15 by 2025, from \$8.50 currently, part of a wave of minimum wage increases sweeping U.S. cities and states amid heightened awareness of income inequality.

In Cook County, a single person working full time must earn \$13.54 an hour to pay for basic needs, according to a living wage calculator developed by a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Some research has found that raising the minimum wage has a modest impact on consumer prices. A University of California at Berkeley study published last year examined online menu prices at nearly 900 restaurants in San Jose, California, before and after the city raised its minimum wage from \$8 to \$10 in 2013 and found an average price increase of just 1.45%.

But other studies find steeper price effects as the wage climbs higher. And as the price gap widens between eating out and eating in, some consumers may be more inclined to cook at home than pay \$8 for a burrito they used to get for \$6.

The price of food at U.S. fast-food and fast-casual restaurants, which tend to employ a large share of minimum wage workers, rose 3.2% over the year that ended in May, far greater than the 1.2% increase in the price of food eaten at home, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Full-service restaurants saw a 2.8% price increase.

The fast food giants are still offering cheap meals, including McDonald's reintroduction of its \$5 deal for two items and Burger King's newly announced addition of \$1 crispy tacos to its menu. But overall patterns suggest people

are spending more at the register in Chicago at the same time that the minimum wage is going up. The average transaction size at McDonald's restaurants in Chicago increased 6.2 percent in the last quarter compared to a year before, outpacing the average increase at McDonald's restaurants nationally, according to market research firm Technomic.

Lower-income households feel the pinch of higher food prices the most because they spend a greater proportion of their income on food than their wealthier peers, said Craig Gunderson, professor of agricultural and consumer economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. And as restaurants struggling to make payroll cut their staff or employee hours, some low-income workers might find themselves facing those higher prices without a bump in their own paychecks, he said.

"In areas with higher food prices, you have more food insecurity," said Gunderson, who has been researching food insecurity for 20 years. He believes expanding the earned income tax credit and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, a government aid program formerly known as food stamps, is a better way to help the poor than raising the minimum wage, whose benefits "leak" to middle-class teens in summer jobs and others who often earn minimum wage.

Economists have long debated the impact of raising the minimum wage, and a report out Monday from the Congressional Budget Office exemplifies the complexity of predicting how much it helps or hurts. The nonpartisan government agency, in evaluating a bill from House Democrats to gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025, from \$7.25 now, estimated such a hike would increase the pay of at least 17 million people, but also could put 1.3 million Americans out of work. The report did not include the potential impact on prices.

At Freddie's in Bridgeport, co-owner Fitzgerald said the family has worked to avoid raising prices and has tried a number of other ways of offsetting higher labor costs. The restaurant recently signed on with a third-party delivery service in hopes of increasing revenue, and to cut costs it has nixed overtime and instructed managers to cut workers' shifts short when business is slower than expected. One year, instead of raising prices it passed along the credit card fee to customers, but people com-

"Every time we're doing payroll it's like — Wow — it hits us."

— Tony D'Alessandro, co-owner of Big and Little's

plained, Fitzgerald said.

"We get a lot of backlash from customers no matter what we do," she said.

The pressure comes not only from having to pay employees more, but also from vendors who raise prices as they confront their own higher labor costs, Fitzgerald said. Combined with taxes and city fees, the rising minimum wage has squeezed the restaurant's margins so thin that sometimes it doesn't seem worth it, she said.

"We've had a few family discussions of if we stay in Chicago are we going to make it," she said. "It's disheartening."

Not all menu price increases stem from the rising minimum wage, and not all mom-and-pop shops are struggling.

Sandwich shop J.P. Graziano in the West Loop tries to raise prices conservatively once a year to keep up with pork and milk prices as well as rising insurance premiums and other costs. The shop never raises prices more than 75 cents on a given item to avoid giving regulars sticker shock, said owner Jim Graziano.

Graziano said he hasn't felt the pain of the minimum wage increase because his nine employees earn at least \$15 an hour, and the workers who have been around a while earn \$18 or \$19, a wage he is happy to pay to good workers so they don't have to worry about finding a second job.

"You're nothing without your employees," he said. "When you take care of them, they take care of you."

But Graziano can afford the higher wage because of two advantages the 82-year-old business has over its competitors: longtime relationships with wholesalers that allow him to save money when buying product, and ownership of his building in arguably the hottest neighborhood in Chicago, with a steady stream of new residents and office workers for clients.

"I would not be selling a \$10 sandwich if I was renting," said Graziano, whose great-grandfather founded the business in 1937 as a grocery store after immigrating from Sicily.

Many restaurateurs don't have those advantages. Big and Little's, which started as a shack in River North 10 years ago, has enjoyed enough success to expand to five locations, including an outpost at Midway Airport and a new spot in Logan Square with a patio. The Logan Square location is the first to serve alcohol, which helps with profit margins, and will likely serve as a model if the business continues to expand, its owners say. But that expansion is a big "if."

"It's so extremely stressful that it comes to a point where if you're profiting, but not profiting well, is it worth closing the business down?" said D'Alessandro, who founded the business with his best friend since elementary school, Gary Strauss.

Scheduling fewer people to work a shift is "the only way to get through" the higher labor costs without raising prices so much that it alienates customers, D'Alessandro said, but that has its own consequences as workers get stretched, lines grow long and customers grow impatient. Many diners who don't want to wait go home and order delivery instead — which costs the restaurant high third-party delivery fees.

"We're just getting beat up," Strauss said.

At Calumet Fisheries, a seafood takeout shack on the South Side renowned for its on-site smokehouse, management has been brainstorming ways to offset its swelling payroll, such as by getting rid of a second telephone line or closing early, manager Carlos Rosas said. He also is being more cautious about how many people he staffs on a shift, which is tricky given the unpredictability of Chicago's weather because it's hard to know how busy it will get, he said.

About half of the restaurant's 15 employees earn minimum wage, most of them high school and college students who "love" the increase but have been told, "the higher your wages go, the less we may be requiring of you," he said.

The seafood restaurant also has raised prices, which it was loath to do, Rosas said. A half pound of shrimp that last year cost \$9.35 is now \$9.45.

Rosas hopes his customers are loyal enough to understand.

"They complain," he said, "but eventually we see them back again."

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A leap of faith for 2020 Democrats

Candidates now embracing religion in their campaigns

By ELANA SCHOR
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WASHINGTON — When 10 Democratic presidential candidates were pressed on immigration policy during their recent debate, Pete Buttigieg took his answer in an unexpected direction: He turned the question into a matter of faith.

Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, accused Republicans who claim to support Christian values of hypocrisy for backing policies separating children from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border. The GOP, he declared, “has lost all claim to ever use religious language again.”

It was a striking moment that highlighted an evolution in the way Democrats are talking about faith in the 2020 campaign. While Republicans have been more inclined to weave faith into their rhetoric — particularly since the rise of the evangelical right in the 1980s, several current Democratic White House hopefuls are explicitly linking their views on policy to religious values. The shift signals a belief that their party’s eventual nominee has a chance to win over some religious voters who may be turned off by President Donald Trump’s abrasive rhetoric and questions about his character.

“The bar for Democrats on reaching broad swaths of the American faith community is lower than ever because of Donald Trump,” said Michael Wear, who led White House faith outreach during President Barack Obama’s first term and re-election. Wear said Democrats have an opportunity to show faith voters they don’t just “have a seat at the table, the values table is our table.”

Buttigieg, an Episco-



AMR ALFIKY/AP

Sen. Elizabeth Warren is one of several 2020 Democratic presidential hopefuls not shying away from discussions of faith.

palian who married his husband in his home church, often invokes his faith on the campaign trail and has tangled over values with Vice President Mike Pence, an evangelical Christian. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a practicing Methodist and former Sunday school teacher, recently declared that all of her expansive policy proposals “start with a premise that is about faith” as she cited a favorite biblical verse about Jesus urging care for “the least of these.” New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker has called Jesus “the center of my life” and excoriates Trump for what he calls “moral vandalism.”

John Carr, founder of Georgetown University’s Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, urged Democrats to focus more on their personal faith and avoid wielding religion as a political weapon.

“When you use faith as a way to go after your adversaries, it sounds more like a tactic and less an expression of who you are,” said Carr, who spent more than two decades as an adviser to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Regardless of Democrats’ changing tactics, Trump and Republicans are all but certain to maintain their grip on one of the most influential religious voting blocs, white evangelicals; 8 in 10 who self-identified with that group voted Republican in the 2018 midterm elections, according to AP’s VoteCast survey. Though Trump rarely discusses his own religious identity and isn’t seen as particularly devout, he’s won the loyalty of many evangelicals through his administration’s successful push for conservative judicial nominees and focus on anti-abortion policies.

Democrats have more

appeal, and opportunity, with other religious voters. VoteCast showed Democrats captured half of self-described Catholics and 42% of Protestants in last year’s midterms.

Democrats have long had to walk a tightrope with religious voters, given that their support for abortion and LGBTQ rights is at odds with leaders of several prominent denominations.

The 2020 candidates aren’t shying away from those differences. Warren, for example, opposes the United Methodist Church’s prohibition on same-sex marriages and LGBTQ pastors, which has prompted more progressive congregations to weigh a split.

“Elizabeth believes equal means equal, and that’s true in marriage, in the workplace, and in every place,” spokeswoman Saloni Sharma said.

Instead, they see an opening to talk about religion as a driver of their

basic values, not a litmus test. Immigration offers one such opportunity, given that Trump’s detention policies have drawn criticism from leaders of multiple faiths, including some evangelicals.

Jim Wallis, founder of the Christian social justice group Sojourners, described the drowning of a father and his toddler daughter who attempted to cross the border as a test of faith for policymakers. Many devout Latino voters who are being courted to vote Republican next year “believe that’s a religious question,” Wallis said.

The Democratic candidates come from a variety of religious backgrounds and differ in how they speak about faith on the campaign trail.

New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand identifies as Catholic but regularly attends evangelical services as well as Mass, her campaign said. Former Texas

Rep. Beto O’Rourke said in a statement to The Associated Press that he was raised attending Catholic Mass, but, “As an adult, I have found a stronger connection with God outside of the church.”

California Sen. Kamala Harris and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders speak about their faith less frequently than some of the others. But Sanders — who would be the first Jewish president — recently joined liberal Jewish activists for a picture that identified them as Jews against Israel’s policies toward Palestinians.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has openly struggled to reconcile his Catholic faith with his party’s more liberal position on abortion. In the 1970s, he said the Supreme Court went “too far” in legalizing abortion nationwide and later said abortion should be legal but not government-funded. He reversed that position only last month under intense pressure from his Democratic opponents, drawing a public reprimand from the archbishop of Philadelphia.

But Biden flouts his church’s hard-line positions against homosexuality and same-sex marriage. “We are all God’s children,” he explained last month at a Human Rights Campaign gala in Ohio.

Booker speaks often about his faith as he campaigns. His home church is Metropolitan Baptist in Newark, New Jersey, and his campaign said he attends services whenever he isn’t traveling to early voting states.

Booker generally avoids direct use of religion to criticize the GOP, but he told a South Carolina pastor during a CNN town hall in March that “the Bible talks more about poverty, about greeting the stranger, about being there for the convicted ... than it talks about the kind of toxic stuff you often hear the president spewing.”

House Judiciary will vote on subpoenas

Kushner, Sessions among 12 tied to Mueller report

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee is moving to authorize subpoenas for several people tied to special counsel Robert Mueller’s report, including President Donald Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

The resolution coming up for a vote Thursday would authorize subpoenas for documents and testimony from 12 people in all, also including former national security adviser Michael Flynn, former White House chief of staff John Kelly and former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Lawmakers will also be voting on subpoenas for documents and testimony on the Trump administration’s handling of immigration, including the abandoned “zero tolerance” approach of separating migrant families at the southern border. The resolution authorizes an investigation into whether there have been any discussions of Trump offering pardons to Homeland Security officials who work on immigration issues.

Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., will make the final decision about issuing the subpoenas. He said they can be avoided if the information is provided voluntarily.

The Judiciary panel is investigating whether

Trump obstructed justice after Mueller’s report detailed several episodes in which Trump tried to influence his investigation. Mueller said he could not exonerate Trump on obstruction and indicated in a May news conference that it was up to Congress to decide what to do with his findings. Mueller is scheduled to testify to Congress next week.

Democrats have had little success so far in their attempts to investigate beyond what Mueller detailed in his 448-page report, as the White House has blocked several witnesses from answering questions. It’s unclear if they would have better luck with the latest group of witnesses, as most worked for the White House or the administration.

Still, Democrats say they will call in the witnesses as they attempt to keep public attention on Mueller’s report. And Nadler has said the panel is preparing a lawsuit to challenge the efforts to block testimony.

Among the other subpoena targets are Corey Lewandowski, Trump’s former campaign manager; Jody Hunt, Sessions’ former chief of staff, and former White House aides Rob Porter and Rick Dearborn.

Three other names on the list are related to the National Enquirer’s efforts to help kill potentially embarrassing stories about Trump over the years by paying hush money in a practice known as “catch-and-kill.” Former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen discussed the practice in testimony before the House



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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler has said the panel is preparing a lawsuit to challenge the efforts to block testimony regarding the Mueller report.

Oversight and Reform Committee earlier this year.

They include David Pecker, the chief executive of the National Enquirer’s parent company and a longtime Trump ally; Dylan Howard, who Cohen said was personally involved in coordinating payments to two women who said they had affairs with Trump; and Keith Davidson, an attorney who initially represented the women and negotiated their payments.

Republicans have fought the Democratic efforts to investigate obstruction, saying the issue should be laid to rest after the Mueller report.

“Even if Chairman Nadler still believes subpoenas are conversation starters, it’s hard to imagine this handful of subpoenas will do anything but reinforce the principal conclusions we’ve been able to read about for months,” said Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the Judiciary panel.

On immigration, Democratic lawmakers have

sought answers from the administration since more than 2,700 children were separated from their parents at the border last year as the result of the zero tolerance immigration policy pursued by Sessions. Under the policy, the administration criminally prosecuted anyone caught crossing the border illegally. There was renewed outrage in recent weeks after squalid conditions were reported at border facilities where scores of children are detained well beyond the 72-hour limit by which they are to be transferred to more suitable facilities.

A Justice Department official says the agency has turned over more than 1,200 pages of documents in six separate productions to the House Judiciary Committee related to the zero tolerance policy. The department is also processing and working to produce additional batches of documents soon, the official said. The official wasn’t authorized to speak publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Phoenix police to get body-worn cameras

Outcry followed video of black family’s ordeal

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Phoenix police officer yelled obscenities and forced an unarmed black man suspected of shoplifting up against a patrol car. Another aimed his gun at the man’s pregnant fiancée, ordering her out of the car with the couple’s two small children.

Dramatic video of the confrontation stirred outcry last month, and it came from bystanders’ cell phones rather than from officer-worn body cameras.

The police weren’t wearing them.

Although body-worn cameras are becoming a police standard nationwide, Phoenix was among the last big departments to adopt their widespread use. Leaders of Phoenix, the fifth-largest U.S. city with about 1.6 million people, quickly moved to fix that after the video emerged.

“Every single precinct will have body-worn cameras by August,” Mayor Kate Gallego said after the May confrontation she called “completely inappropriate and clearly unprofessional.”

The couple said their 4-year-old daughter took a doll from a store without their knowledge and rejected police suggestions they stole, too. No charges were filed. The couple has filed a \$10 million legal claim against the city, alleging civil rights violations.

The department has had several hundred cameras for years, but it wasn’t until February that city leaders

approved \$5 million to buy and maintain 2,000 devices for a force approaching 3,000 officers. About 950 cameras were being distributed starting this month.

The purchase followed a city-commissioned National Police Foundation study that says Phoenix police had more officer-involved shootings than any other U.S. department last year. A separate database that tracks fatal shootings by police showed Phoenix officers also killed more people than any other agency in 2018.

The use of body cameras has burgeoned over the past decade following several high-profile killings of black people by mostly white officers in places like Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore.

When a Missouri grand jury in 2014 decided not to charge a white officer who fatally shot unarmed African American 18-year-old Michael Brown, his family called for police nationwide to use cameras.

Cameras are supposed to promote accountability and transparency and reduce officers’ use of force. A survey by the Washington-based Police Executive Research Forum says U.S. law enforcement agencies overwhelmingly support using them. A third now use cameras and nearly 47% plan to adopt them.

“When body-worn cameras first came out, there was some trepidation among officers that use of cameras would have unintended consequences,” said Chuck Wexler, the group’s executive director. “The reality is working cops now feel it is an essential part of defending what they do.”

H. ROSS PEROT 1930-2019

Self-made billionaire ran for president twice

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS — H. Ross Perot, the colorful, self-made Texas billionaire who rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty and twice mounted outsider campaigns for president, died Tuesday in Dallas. He was 89.

The cause of death was leukemia, a family spokesman said Tuesday.

Perot, whose 19% of the vote in 1992 stands among the best showings by an independent candidate in the past century, died at his home in Dallas surrounded by his family, said the spokesman, James Fuller.

As a boy in Texarkana, Texas, Perot delivered newspapers from the back of a pony. He earned his billions in a more modern fashion, however. After attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a salesman for IBM, he went his own way — creating and building Electronic Data Systems Corp., which helped other companies manage their computer networks.

But the most famous event in his business career didn't involve sales and earnings. In 1979, he financed a private commando raid to free two EDS employees who were being held in a prison in Iran. The tale was turned into a book and a movie.

"I always thought of him as stepping out of a Norman Rockwell painting and living the American dream," said Tom Luce, who was a young lawyer when Perot hired him to handle his business and personal legal work. "A newspaper boy, a midshipman, shaking Dwight Eisenhower's hand at his graduation, and he really built the computer-services industry at EDS."

Perot first attracted attention beyond business circles by claiming that the U.S. government left behind hundreds of American sol-



RICHARD DREW/AP 1992

Some Republicans blame Texas billionaire Ross Perot for President George H.W. Bush's loss to Bill Clinton in 1992.

diers who were missing or imprisoned at the end of the Vietnam War. Perot fanned the issue at home and discussed it privately with Vietnamese officials in the 1980s, angering the Reagan administration, which was formally negotiating with Vietnam's government.

Perot's wealth, fame and confident prescription for the nation's economic ills propelled his 1992 campaign against President George H.W. Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton. In June of that year, polls briefly showed Perot leading his major-party rivals, but he dropped out in July, then rejoined the race less than five weeks before the election.

Perot spent \$63.5 million of his own money, much of it on 30-minute television spots. He used charts and graphs to make his points, summarizing them with a line that became a national catchphrase: "It's just that simple."

His homespun quips were a hallmark of his presidential campaign. Other memorable lines included his take on negative campaigning ("let's get off mud wrestling") and on getting things done ("don't just sit here slow dancing for four years").

Some Republicans blamed Perot for Bush's loss to Clinton, as Perot garnered the largest percentage of votes for a third-party candidate since former President Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 bid.

Perot's second campaign four years later was far less successful. He was shut out of presidential debates when organizers said he lacked sufficient support. He got 8% of the vote, and the Reform Party that he founded and hoped to build into a national political force began to fall apart.

However, Perot's ideas on trade and deficit reduction remained part of the political landscape. He blamed

both major parties for running up a huge federal budget deficit and allowing American jobs to be sent to other countries. The movement of U.S. jobs to Mexico, he said, created a "giant sucking sound."

Perot continued to speak out about federal spending for many years. In 2008, he launched a website to highlight the nation's debt with a ticker that tracked the rising total, a blog and a chart presentation.

Henry Ross Perot was born in Texarkana on June 27, 1930. His father was a cotton broker; his mother a secretary. Perot said his family survived the Depression relatively well through hard work and by managing their money carefully.

From Texarkana, Perot went to the U.S. Naval Academy even though he had never seen the ocean. After the Navy, Perot joined International Business Machines in 1955 and became a top salesman. In his last year at

IBM, he filled his sales quota for the year in January.

In 1962, with \$1,000 from his wife, Margot — they met on a blind date — Perot founded Electronic Data Systems. Hardware accounted for about 80% of the computer business, Perot said, and IBM wasn't interested in the other 20%, including services.

The company's big break came in the mid-1960s when the federal government created Medicare and Medicaid, the health programs for seniors, the disabled and the poor. States needed help in running the programs, and EDS won contracts — starting in Texas — to handle the millions of claims.

EDS first sold stock to the public in 1968, and overnight, Perot was worth \$350 million. His fortune doubled and tripled as the stock price rose steadily.

In 1984, he sold control of the company to General

Motors Corp. for \$2.5 billion and received \$700 million in a buyout. In 2008, EDS was sold to Hewlett-Packard Co.

Perot went on to establish another computer-services company, Perot Systems Corp. He retired as CEO in 2000 and was succeeded by his son, Ross Perot Jr. In 2009, the Dell computer company bought Perot Systems for \$3.9 billion.

It was during the Nixon administration that Perot became involved in the issue of U.S. prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. Perot said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asked him to lead a campaign to improve treatment of POWs held in North Vietnam. Perot chartered two jets to fly medical supplies and the wives of POWs to Southeast Asia. They were not allowed into North Vietnam, but the trip attracted enormous media attention.

After their release in 1973, some prisoners said conditions in the camps had improved after the failed missions.

In 1979, the Iranian government jailed two EDS executives and Perot vowed to win their release. "Ross came to the prison one day and said, 'We're going to get you out,'" one of the men, Paul Chiapparone, said. "How many CEOs would do that today?"

Perot recruited retired Army Special Forces Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons to lead a commando raid on the prison. A few days later, the EDS executives walked free after the shah's regime fell and mobs stormed the prison. Simons' men sneaked the executives out of the country and into Turkey. The adventure was recalled in Ken Follett's best-selling book "On Wings of Eagles" and a TV miniseries.

Former President George W. Bush said "Texas and America have lost a strong patriot."

Appeals court rules Trump cannot block Twitter critics

BY ANN E. MARIMOW
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump cannot block his critics from the Twitter feed he regularly uses to communicate with the public, a federal appeals court said Tuesday, in a case with implications for how elected officials nationwide interact with constituents on social media.

The decision from the New York-based appeals court upholds an earlier ruling that Trump violated the First Amendment when he blocked individual users who were critical of the president or his policies.

Public officials who take to social media for official government business, the court said Tuesday, are prohibited from excluding people "from an otherwise open online dialogue because they expressed views with which

the official disagrees," wrote Judge Barrington Parker in the unanimous decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

"In resolving this appeal, we remind the litigants and the public that if the First Amendment means anything, it means that the best response to disfavored speech on matters of public concern is more speech, not less."

Trump's Twitter habits through his @realDonaldTrump account were central to the case brought by seven people blocked after posting disapproving comments in 2017.

The First Amendment prevents the government from blocking or excluding views it disagrees with in what is known as "viewpoint discrimination." The Supreme Court has not directly addressed how the law applies to expanding

digital spaces for public debate, and the case involving the president's account — with more than 61 million followers — was a high-profile legal test.

Elected officials throughout the country are also learning to navigate how those principles apply to their social media accounts. The ruling from the New York-based appeals court echoed an earlier decision from the Richmond-based appeals court involving the Facebook page of a Virginia politician.

In the president's case, attorneys from the Knight Institute at Columbia University, representing the blocked users, said Trump's Twitter account is an extension of the presidency that is routinely used by Trump to announce government nominations, defend his policies and promote his legislative agenda. The com-



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President Trump announces the location of his summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

ment section is no different from a traditional town hall meeting, they said, and citizens must be allowed to respond directly to government officials and engage in public policy debates.

"Public officials' social media accounts are now among the most significant forums for discussion of government policy," Knight Institute Executive Director Jameel Jaffer said after the ruling. "This decision will ensure that people ar-

en't excluded from these forums simply because of their viewpoints."

Justice Department lawyers defending the president said in court that @realDonaldTrump is a personal account on a privately owned digital platform and that Trump may block followers he "does not wish to hear." The president's lawyers drew parallels to the physical properties Trump and other presidents owned before taking

office. A president's residence — or social media account — does not become government property when the president conducts government business there.

Trump had unblocked the seven people behind the initial lawsuit while the case was pending on appeal.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said Tuesday, "We are disappointed with the court's decision and are exploring possible next steps."

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Prime minister finalists debate how best to lead UK out of EU

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — The two men vying to be Britain's next leader traded verbal blows in a televised debate Tuesday about who is more likely to break the country's Brexit deadlock and lead the United Kingdom out of the European Union.

About 160,000 Conservative Party members are voting for a successor to Prime Minister Theresa May, who announced her resignation last month after failing repeatedly to get Parliament to back her divorce deal with the EU.

The two finalists, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, used their only televised debate to argue that they were best placed to negotiate Britain's twice-postponed exit, currently scheduled for Oct. 31.

Johnson, a populist former mayor of London whom polls suggest is the front-runner, argued that Britain leaving on schedule, with or without a divorce deal, is a "do or die" issue.

"Delay does not deliver a deal. A deadline will deliver a deal," Johnson said, adding that his "energy and optimism" would help Britain "get back our mojo."

Hunt, a long-serving but lusterless senior minister who is foreign secretary, said he offered experience, realism and a broader appeal than the divisive Johnson.

"I'll be your prime minister whoever you vote for," he said.

Unlike Johnson, Hunt said he would be prepared to delay Brexit for a short time in order to strike a deal with the EU.



Hunt



Johnson

That led Johnson to call Hunt "defeatist." Hunt accused Johnson of setting a "fake deadline" and asked whether he would resign if he failed to deliver on his promise to leave by Oct. 31.

Johnson did not answer. "It's not do or die is it?" Hunt snapped back. "It's Boris in No. 10 (Downing St.) that matters."

Hunt and Johnson have both vowed to succeed where May failed and take Britain out of the EU — even if that means leaving without an agreement on divorce terms and future relations.

Most businesses and economists think a no-deal Brexit would plunge Britain into recession as customs checks take effect at U.K. ports and tariffs are imposed on trade between the U.K. and the EU.

But many Conservatives think embracing a no-deal Brexit may be the only way to win back voters from the upstart Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage.

Growing concern about the chance of a no-deal Brexit and signs that the British economy could be heading toward recession have weakened the pound, which fell Tuesday to \$1.2440, near a two-year low.

For underdog Hunt, Tuesday's showdown offered a chance to turn the contest around, though it may be too late. Ballot

papers have already gone out, and many Conservatives have made their choice.

The candidates also faced questions about leaked cables from Britain's ambassador in Washington offering unflattering assessments of President Donald Trump's administration.

In the memos, Ambassador Kim Darroch called Trump's White House dysfunctional, inept and chaotic.

The president let rip with tweets branding Darroch "very stupid" and "a pompous fool," and saying the administration would no longer deal with him.

Trump also renewed criticism of May's handling of Brexit. In contrast, he has spoken warmly of both Johnson and Hunt.

Hunt reprimanded Trump, saying he should not meddle in Britain's choice of ambassador.

Johnson would not commit to keeping Darroch in his post.

As the two Conservatives battled over who was the bigger champion of Brexit, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn shifted his party's position, calling on May's successor to call a new referendum on Britain's EU membership, in which Labour would campaign to stay in the EU.

In a letter to party members, Corbyn said that the new prime minister "should have the confidence to put their deal, or no-deal, back to the people in a public vote."

Corbyn had resisted calls for a second referendum, saying Labour must respect voters' 2016 decision to leave.

All-Afghan conference appears to push nation closer to peace

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — All-Afghan talks that brought together Afghanistan's warring sides ended Tuesday with a statement that appeared to push the country a step closer to peace, by laying down the outlines of a road map for the country's future and ending nearly 18 years of war.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has said he is hoping for a final agreement by Sept. 1, which would allow the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops. He was scheduled to begin an eighth round of peace talks with the Taliban later Tuesday also in Qatar's capital, Doha, where the two-day conference was held.

Tuesday's statement said that a post-war Afghanistan would have an Islamic legal system, protect women's rights "within the Islamic framework of Islamic values," and ensure equality for all ethnic groups. The much-touted conference was attended by Taliban, Afghan government representatives, women and members of the country's nascent civil society. It aimed to produce a new level of consensus among Afghanistan's factionalized society.

No date was given for the tougher negotiations to follow, when the many sides in Afghanistan's protracted conflict will sit down to hammer out the details of what an Islamic system will look like, how constitutional

reform will come about, and what will become of the many local militias affiliated with the country's powerful warlords, who are affiliated with Kabul. They will also have to tackle how women's rights fit into the definition of the "Islamic values," as well as whether to set up an interim administration and when elections should be held.

The conference agreed to keep the momentum going with confidence building measures. These included the unconditional release of old, disabled and sick prisoners — though there was no mention of the affiliation of the prisoners or whether it included those captured in the war. The warring sides also agreed not to attack institutions such as hospitals and schools, as well as national infrastructure such as hydro-electric dams. They also agreed to be more diplomatic in their references to each other.

There was no mention of a cease-fire, which Khalilzad has said the negotiations on the final deal would address.

Both sides did agree, however, to do more to protect civilians. The United Nations has expressed growing concern over civilian deaths in the conflict, and has criticized all sides for rising casualty rates, including from stepped up U.S. airstrikes.

Even as the conference was ending, an airstrike in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province killed seven people, six of them children.

Early Tuesday, a strike hit Kotuk Khil village. The residents carried the bodies of the dead to the provincial capital of Pul-e-Kumri, where Afghanistan National Defense Forces had blocked the road.

Safdar Moheeni, the provincial council chief, said the airstrike was carried out by "foreigners," a reference to the United States. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military.

The Taliban have also been criticized for their attacks that have killed or wounded civilians, including a suicide car bombing Sunday in Ghazni province that killed 12 people and wounded more than 150 others.

Tuesday's statement also said all sides in the conflict would want international guarantors of any final agreement.

It said that future meetings would be all-inclusive. The Taliban have refused to talk with President Ashraf Ghani's government calling it a puppet.

Participants attending the all-Afghan conference, which Germany and Qatar sponsored, attended as ordinary Afghans "on equal footing" and while there were senior government officials in attendance they were there as ordinary Afghans.

Meanwhile, Khalilzad's talks with the Taliban will continue on the timeframe for U.S. and NATO troop withdrawal, anti-terror guarantees, intra-Afghan negotiations, and a cease-fire.



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Italy's own 'dinosaur' not yet extinct

Despite tax fraud and sex scandals, Berlusconi is back

By KEVIN SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

MILAN — Carmen Barbagallo has a rule about voting: “Always Berlusconi!”

The 80-year-old waitress has been impressed by, amused by and voting for Silvio Berlusconi, 82, the flamboyant billionaire and scandal-splattered former prime minister, for as long as she can remember because, “He is so smart and always helps people.”

In May her vote helped Berlusconi win a seat in the European Parliament, an improbable act of political resurrection and resilience for a grandfather just out of the hospital for bowel surgery. And she said she will continue to vote for him until either he or she is no longer around.

“So will my whole family,” she said.

Berlusconi, a three-time prime minister, has been a force in Italy a tornado of power, wealth, charm, wit, ego, dirty jokes and swirling scandals of sex and money — since he was first elected in 1994.

His new job in the European Parliament — the first elected office he’s held since he was forced out of Italian Senate over a tax-fraud conviction in 2013 — means that, while diminished, “He’s still important,” said Giovanni Orsina, director of the School of Government at Luiss-Guido Carli University in Rome.

“It’s remarkable, because anyone else would be dead and buried politically by now,” Orsina said. “This man really has an uncommon vitality. ... He doesn’t want to die. He has strength and stamina and desire to lead.”

Berlusconi took his seat July 2 in Strasbourg, France, as one of the 751 members of the European legislative body. He has long been skeptical of the European Union, but he has said he will use his new post to



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Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi took his seat last week as one of 751 members of the European Parliament.

promote a more united Europe at a time when Italy is dominated by a fervently populist and anti-European government.

He declined to be interviewed for this story.

But announcing his candidacy in January, he said he felt a “sense of responsibility to head for Europe, where there is a lack of deep thinking about the world.” He also blasted the current Italian government, which, he said, “is led by people who have no experience and no competence.”

Berlusconi was premier for more than nine years between 1994 and 2011. While that tenure wouldn’t break records in many countries, it’s longer than any other Italian leader since World War II; 22 of Italy’s 29 postwar prime ministers served less than

three years.

Italians are expecting Berlusconi to spice up the dull hum of EU politics. Like President Donald Trump, to whom he is often compared, Berlusconi over the years has infuriated his critics, dazzled his fans and created a unique style of showboat, personality-driven politics.

Joking about his most infamous scandal, over “bunga bunga” parties at his villa involving lots of young women and allegations of paid sex, Berlusconi told a crowd in 2011: “When asked if they would like to have sex with me, 30% of women said, ‘Yes,’ while the other 70% replied, ‘What, again?’”

When Berlusconi was convicted in the 2013 tax fraud case, he railed that he had been subjected to “judi-

cial harassment that is unmatched in the civilized world.” He was sentenced to public service, which he performed at a nursing home, playing a piano he donated and singing for Alzheimer’s patients.

Berlusconi has always been a Trumpian figure — albeit one who quotes poetry and speaks at least three languages. He is known for his joyous mirror-worship, once calling himself, “The best political leader in Europe and in the world.”

On the campaign trail in 2006, he rated himself even higher: “I am the Jesus Christ of politics. I am a patient victim, I put up with everyone, I sacrifice myself for everyone.”

He is also close — critics say uncomfortably close — to Russian President Vladi-

mir Putin. As prime minister, he brokered a remarkable 2002 meeting between Putin and President George W. Bush to sign a new cooperation deal between Russia and NATO.

In 2008, a prostitute alleged that she had sex with the famously libidinous Italian leader on a bed given to him by Putin. Berlusconi’s indignant response was that he had “never paid for a woman.” In return, Berlusconi marked Putin’s 65th birthday by giving the Russian leader a duvet cover featuring a huge image of the two men shaking hands.

Berlusconi has a personal approval rating of just 21% nationally, according to Ipsos Public Affairs. His party, Forza Italia, which he created and still dominates like a private social club, won 14% of the vote in last year’s

general election but just 8.8% in May. And his voters are getting older and older: Ipsos research shows that 35% of voters for Berlusconi and his party in the recent election were over 65.

Yet Berlusconi marches on. The media-and-real-estate mogul — who is worth more than \$6 billion, according to Forbes — has evolved into an elder statesman, flawed but familiar. Even for many Italians who can’t stand him, he looks almost centrist compared to the country’s nationalist government.

“Berlusconi is a dinosaur, and we cannot take him too seriously,” said Piero Colaprico, a journalist from La Repubblica newspaper, which has long battled Berlusconi. “But this vote means that in Italy, dinosaurs are not yet extinct.”

Adding to his lore, Berlusconi won his seat in the European Parliament despite his ongoing trial on charges of witness tampering.

Berlusconi was convicted in 2013 of paying for sex with a 17-year-old girl at a party at his villa near Milan. He received a seven-year suspended prison sentence and a lifetime ban on holding public office. The conviction and ban were later overturned by an appeals court that said there was no proof Berlusconi knew the girl was underage.

Giorgio Mulé, a member of the Italian parliament from Forza Italia and a close Berlusconi ally, said Italy’s judiciary, which has long been dogged by allegations of partisanship, was stacked against Berlusconi.

“He is the symbol of the Italian Dream — everything he touches transforms into gold,” said Mulé, who argued that most Italians don’t care who has sex with the twice-divorced Berlusconi.

“For the Italian people, ‘bunga bunga’ is not a problem; it’s like a medal,” he said. “The Italians are pragmatic. He can do anything he wants to do. He was a successful man. He had money. They look at him like a symbol of Italy.”

Acosta

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very closely.”

Shortly beforehand, Acosta said in a tweet that he was pleased that federal prosecutors in New York are pursuing a new sex-trafficking case against Epstein involving minors.

“The crimes committed by Epstein are horrific, and I am pleased that NY prosecutors are moving forward with a case based on new evidence,” Acosta wrote on Twitter.

His tweet followed calls for him to resign by lawmakers including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., as well as several Democratic presidential candidates, all of whom argued that he mishandled the earlier case as a U.S. attorney.

During a floor speech Tuesday, Schumer said Trump should fire Acosta if he does not voluntarily step down after Monday’s indictment of Epstein.

The indictment has renewed scrutiny of a plea deal that led to two felony solicitation charges and 13 months in county jail for Epstein at a time when he

had been facing the possibility of life in prison.

“It is now impossible for anyone to have confidence in Secretary Acosta’s ability to lead the Department of Labor,” Schumer said. “We cannot have as one of the leading appointed officials in America someone who has done this, plain and simple.”

Schumer’s remarks echoed a tweet from Pelosi on Monday night in which she said Acosta needed to step down.

“As US Attorney, he engaged in an unconscionable agreement w/ Jeffrey Epstein kept secret from courageous, young victims preventing them from seeking justice,” Pelosi said.

“This was known by @POTUS when he appointed him to the cabinet,” she added, referring to Trump.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Pelosi seemed to rule out launching impeachment proceedings against Acosta.

“It’s up to the president; it’s his Cabinet,” she told reporters. “We have a great deal of work to do here for the good of the American people, need to focus on that.”

The earlier plea deal — about which Epstein’s victims were not informed — came while Acosta was a

U.S. attorney in Florida. At the time, he opted not to prosecute Epstein on federal sex trafficking charges but agreed to lesser counts.

On Monday, in the indictment issued in federal court in New York, Epstein faced charges resulting from allegations similar to those in the Florida case.

The indictment says that “in both New York and Florida,” Epstein “perpetuated this abuse in similar ways.”

During his remarks, Schumer also called on the Justice Department to make public its review of Acosta’s handling of the Epstein case and for Trump to explain his past statements about his relationship with Epstein.

In a 2002 magazine interview, Trump called Epstein a “terrific guy” and said he “likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side.”

Schumer noted that Epstein had appeared in the past at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida.

Trump told reporters that he knew Epstein from Palm Beach but that the two “had a falling out” about 15 years ago. The president did not elaborate on what happened.

“I was not a fan of his,” Trump said of Epstein.

Meanwhile, Trump lav-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump said he feels “very badly, actually, for” Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, right, over an earlier sex-crimes case involving wealthy financier Jeffrey Epstein.

ished praise on Acosta and said that many people can second-guess decisions they made years ago.

“I can tell you that for 2½ years, he’s been just an excellent secretary of Labor,” Trump said.

Trump also said he understood that Acosta did not reach a plea deal with Epstein on his own.

“I do hear that there were a lot of people involved in that decision, not just him,” Trump said.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday afternoon, Senate

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called the accusations against Epstein “horrendous” and said he was glad “they are being pursued further.”

But he said it was up to Trump to decide whether to retain Acosta.

“He serves at the pleasure of the president, and I defer to the president,” McConnell said.

On Tuesday morning, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway gave no indication to reporters that Acosta would be leaving the

Cabinet.

“He’s doing a great job. I mean, look at the economy,” she said.

Conway also chided Pelosi for calling on Acosta to step down.

“It’s classic her and her Democratic Party to not focus on the perpetrator at hand and instead focus on a member of the Trump administration,” she said. “They’re so obsessed with this president that they immediately go to Acosta rather than Jeffrey Epstein.”

Barr won't recuse himself from Epstein prosecution in New York

By MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr will not recuse himself from the federal prosecution of billionaire Jeffrey Epstein in New York, but he will remain uninvolved in “any retrospective review” of Epstein’s previous plea deal in Florida, a senior Justice Department official said Tuesday.

Barr had telegraphed at his confirmation hearing in January that he might have

to step aside from any Justice Department reviews of Epstein’s case, because another lawyer at his then-firm, Kirkland & Ellis, had represented the wealthy financier.

The other lawyer, Jay Lefkowitz, helped secure a plea deal for Epstein in 2008 that has been widely criticized as being too lenient, in that it allowed Epstein to spend just 13 months in jail in Florida, with work release privileges, to resolve allegations that he abused dozens of



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Attorney General William Barr: “I need to sort out exactly what my role can be.”

young girls.

The split nature of Barr’s recusal suggests that federal prosecutors in New York — who unsealed new sex traf-

ficking charges against Epstein on Monday — might not be investigating authorities’ handling of the previous allegations.

The Justice Department’s Office of Professional Responsibility has been reviewing the handling of Epstein’s 2008 plea deal for possible misconduct, and Barr is recused from that.

But the senior Justice Department official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Barr will not be recused from the

prosecution in New York.

Epstein is a well-connected money man with ties to former President Bill Clinton and President Donald Trump. His case has drawn significant attention for the generous plea deal he previously received, which his victims have alleged was a result of his wealth, connections and high-powered legal defense team, including Lefkowitz, Barr’s former colleague.

The Miami Herald reported that Lefkowitz had a one-on-one meeting with

then U.S. Attorney Alex Acosta — who supervised the Florida case and is now Trump’s labor secretary — at which Acosta agreed not to prosecute Epstein in federal court.

Asked at his confirmation hearing whether he would investigate the handling of the Epstein case, Barr said he had been advised he had to recuse himself from matters that involved Kirkland & Ellis and added: “I need to sort out exactly what my role can be.”

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Arrests at US-Mexico border drop for the first time in 2019

WASHINGTON — The number of people taken into custody along the U.S. southern border fell 28% in June, a drop that U.S. authorities say reflects the early impact of Mexico's crackdown on Central American migration.

Border crossings typically rise in the spring and slump during the scorching summer months.

But the drop registered from May to June was significantly larger than in previous years, according to Homeland Security statistics released Tuesday.

U.S. authorities detained 104,344 along the border last month, down from 144,278 in May.

June was the fourth month in a row that border arrests exceeded 100,000, and the total was more than twice the 43,180 taken into custody in June 2018 and a nearly fivefold increase over June 2017, when authorities detained 21,673.

Billionaire Tom Steyer says he will run for president after all

WASHINGTON — Tom Steyer, the billionaire activist who considered a run for the Democratic presidential nomination earlier this year only to decide against it, will enter the race after all.

In a four-minute video released Tuesday morning, Steyer announced that he will run on a platform of reducing corporate influence in politics and addressing climate change.

In January, when he announced he would not run for president, Steyer said that rather than entering the race he would turn his attention fully to pressuring members of Congress to start impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

On Tuesday, Steyer did not mention impeachment or Trump, although the president was briefly seen in the video.

Harvard coach fired over sale of home to prospect's father

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University has fired a fencing coach over the sale of his home for nearly double its assessed value to a wealthy businessman whose teenage son was later admitted to the school and joined the team.

Athletic Director Bob Scalise said in an emailed statement Tuesday that head fencing coach Peter Brand has been fired for violating Harvard's conflict-of-interest policy.

The Boston Globe reported in April that Brand received nearly \$1 million in 2016 for his three-bedroom house, which was assessed at the time at about \$550,000.

The buyer, Jie Zhao, never lived in the home and sold it at a steep loss 17 months later. Both men deny wrongdoing, Brand's lawyer says his client is considering his legal options.



Chris Riley trims animal-shaped topiary at Hall Place in Bexley, England, on Tuesday. Although Riley retired as head gardener five years ago, he returns once a year to tend to the Queen's Beasts, installed in 1953 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

US no longer wants Flynn to testify against his ex-partner

WASHINGTON — Michael Flynn will not testify against his former business partner at a trial starting in Alexandria, Virginia, federal court next week because prosecutors no longer believe his version of events, according to recently unsealed court filings.

The judge who will decide Flynn's sentence in D.C. federal court quickly asked the Justice Department to explain how the decision in Virginia will affect Flynn's case.

Flynn, President Donald Trump's onetime national security adviser, had promised full and truthful cooperation with the government when he pleaded guilty in 2017 to lying to the FBI. His sentencing has been on hold pending that cooperation.

The decision by prosecutors could imperil Flynn's ability to avoid incarceration unless he is pardoned by Trump.

Flynn's lawyers asked for proceedings to be delayed so Flynn could continue to cooperate with federal prosecutors in hopes of a probationary sentence — a request recently renewed so he could testify at the Virginia trial of Bijan Rafiekian, with whom he ran a consulting business.

The newly unsealed filings include an email that Assistant U.S. Attorney James Gillis ended by saying prosecutors "do not necessarily agree" with Flynn's "characterizations" of how he came to make an inaccurate filing under the Foreign Agent Registration Act for an influence campaign that benefited the Turkish government.

Prosecutors said they now consider Flynn a co-conspirator — a legal distinction that would allow them to introduce his prior statements at trial.

Judge says US can't change legal team in census fight

NEW YORK — A New York judge says the Justice Department can't change lawyers so late in the dispute over whether to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Judge Jesse Furman ruled Tuesday, saying lawyers must cite satisfactory reasons for withdrawing.

Furman said the urgency to resolve the legal claims and the need for efficient judicial proceedings had only grown.

The Justice Department sought to change its lawyers after the Supreme Court barred the inclusion of the question, at least temporarily.

The Justice Department asked Furman on Monday to let them switch lawyers after an embarrassing episode last week when lawyers seemed to be giving up the legal fight as President Donald Trump vowed to keep trying to include the question on the census.

In Italy: The nation's hard-line interior minister on Tuesday closed a migrant center in Sicily he called the largest in Europe, as he underlined the decrease in migrant arrivals since the populist government took office a year ago.

Matteo Salvini told reporters that the number of migrants in centers across Italy has gone down from 182,000 a year ago to 107,000. Asylum requests had halved to about 30,000, he said.

The center in Mineo, which held as many as 4,000 migrants, has been slated to close for years, with prosecutors uncovering illegal activities inside, including an alleged drug trafficking ring. It was also part of a bribery and kick-back scandal involving migrant housing.





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EDITORIALS

How Chicagoans can get the lead out of their children's drinking water

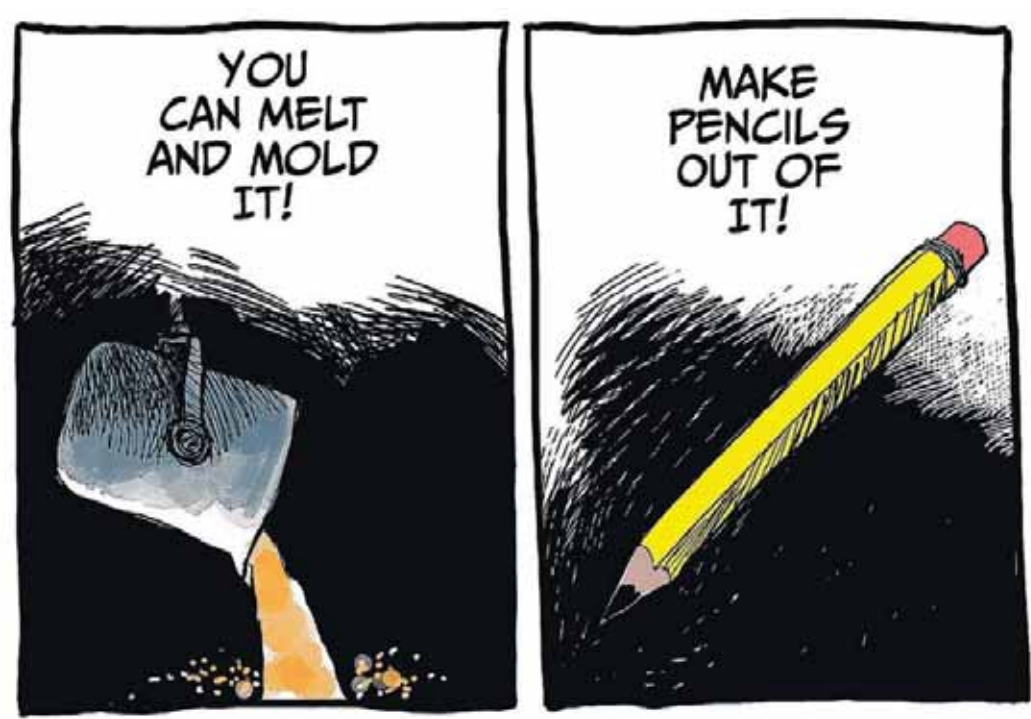
Some problems are easy to ignore because they're far from obvious. Lead in drinking water is one of them. We can't taste it, we can't see or smell it. But if it's there, it's dangerous. Even trace amounts can damage a child's growing brain. It also can contribute to heart disease, kidney failure and a host of other health troubles.

Chicago has had a long-standing problem with lead in drinking water, a peril well-documented by the Tribune's Michael Hawthorne. This week, he reported that Mayor Lori Lightfoot has put a hold on the installation of new water meters in homes with lead service lines after city officials learned that lead was showing up in the drinking water of more than 1 in 5 of the metered homes sampled.

Under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the city expanded its water conservation efforts, including the installation of water meters at homes. Emanuel also oversaw a massive water main replacement program across the city. Each of those initiatives has a downside — the work can cause lead levels in tap water to rise because it disturbs a chemical coating that keeps lead service lines from leaching lead into drinking water.

Service lines run from the water main to Chicago's households. Any home built before 1986 likely has a lead service line. The city required the use of lead service lines until 1986, when Congress banned the practice. Four of every 5 houses and small apartment buildings in Chicago rely on lead service lines.

In the past, we have taken Emanuel to task for refusing to acknowledge the severity of the city's lead problem. Lightfoot's actions this week signal an acknowledgment. But it's just a start. Much more needs to be done.



The best way to permanently solve the city's lead troubles is to remove and replace those lead service lines. Other cities, including Madison, Wis., Cincinnati and Lansing, Mich., have taken that course. Chicago has talked about it. It's time to stop talking about it, and begin planning it.

The work is costly. Last year,

Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, estimated that replacement can cost from \$4,000 to \$7,000 per house, which would put the citywide price tag at between \$1.6 billion and \$2.1 billion. While lead service lines are on private property, we've maintained that City Hall — that is, all of us Chicagoans — should

shoulder part of the cost.

Why? Because the city shoulders part of the blame for lead in tap water. Lead service lines are there because the city mandated their use. And there's the linkage between the city's water infrastructure modernization and the potential for lead finding its way into drinking water.

Other cities have shared the cost with homeowners — that's a solution for Lightfoot's administration to explore and perhaps execute. What's not a "perhaps" is that Chicago needs a long-term fix to this vital public health problem. That's for the sake of everyone's health — particularly Chicago's children.



SCOTT STANTIS

Tax payment is due on Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts' house. The real one.

It's time for another tale of moneyed public figures not paying their fair share of property taxes as the system flails around them. Today's installment features Todd Ricketts, co-owner of the Chicago Cubs.

Ricketts owns a 5,000-square-foot home with a Japanese garden near Lake Michigan in Wilmette. Turns out, he has been paying taxes based on the value of the much older, smaller house he tore down to make way for the swank new one. That has likely saved him — and therefore cost his neighbors — tens of thousands of dollars over the years, reports Hal Dardick in the Tribune.

All property owners pony up for shared costs like parks, libraries and schools, which in Wilmette and other North Shore suburbs include the elite, home value-boosting New Trier school district. If one person is paying too little, others pay more to reach the total amount needed.

It doesn't help that problems with Cook County's assessment system run deep. A Tribune investigation exposed widespread errors and inequities under former Assessor Joseph Berrios. Low-income areas paid too much



Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts likely paid tens of thousands of dollars less in taxes on his Wilmette property than should have been levied.

and prosperous ones too little. Appeals were abundant, with the results further favoring the wealthy. Fritz Kaegi, the current assessor, ousted Berrios last year on the promise of reforms and has begun some heavy lifting to improve the system.

Ricketts sought permits to build his new house, which should have triggered an asses-

sor's inspection. It didn't, and it's unclear why. State law required Ricketts to notify the assessor of the new home; the office says it has no such records. The county Board of Review is now investigating the situation, which spans 12 years and three county assessors.

Personal honor and diligence

are also part of taxpaying in America. Ricketts' attorney appealed the property valuation in 2013, seeking to lower the assessment based on the age and size of the old house, according to records. The paperwork included a photo — showing not the new home but the century-old one that had been demolished years earlier. There was another tax appeal on a side yard the following year; again no mention of the new home, and no assessor's inspection.

A family spokesman issued a statement saying Ricketts had "retained a real estate attorney ... and assumed everyone involved had the correct information. If a mistake was made, he will work in good faith to fix it."

Ricketts, finance chairman of the Republican National Committee, is part of a billionaire family that got an \$8.5 million county tax break for its rehab of historic Wrigley Field, a project also in line to receive more than \$100 million in federal tax credits. His wife, anti-tax and free-market advocate Sylvie Légère, wrote to board members of Wilmette Public Schools District 39 in 2017 to note that taxes were high and the board should seek to reduce

administrative costs rather than increase taxes again.

Then there's Gov. J.B. Pritzker, owner of a Gold Coast mansion where toilets were removed during a renovation, allegedly in order to have the property assessed as uninhabitable, and lowering property taxes by \$330,000. Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard called the move a scheme to defraud fellow taxpayers. Two years after the exit of the toilets, Pritzker entered the governor's race on a pledge to raise taxes on the wealthy. He said the rules were followed but has since paid the old taxes.

Such stories are a bit rich for Cook County property owners, many of whom just received fresh tax bills that are much higher than those of a year ago. The last thing those taxpayers want to hear as they budget the extra dollars is that they're carrying water for the wealthy.

Every taxpayer, rich or poor, deserves an accurate and fair assessment — the foundation of his or her tax liability. Every taxpayer also deserves a rational, effective system that recognizes what's literally happening in plain sight.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

To: All Democratic candidates
There may be no magic bullet to guarantee President Trump's reelection, but support for reparations for slavery may be awfully close. Even before Charlottesville, Trump's record on race was horrific, and his winking appeasement of the white nationalist alt-right has been a running theme of Trumpism. But Democrats can neutralize Trump's most glaring weaknesses by redoubling their support for reparations. You have already made the hyperdivisive issue a big theme of the campaign. ... As Politico reported: "Support

for considering reparations has also quickly gained support in the 2020 Democratic primary, with contenders like Senators Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris expressing their interest in Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's plan. It's a stark shift from previous presidential campaigns in which Barack Obama opposed reparations." The problems here are obvious. No one really knows how reparations would work. The historic wrongs committed against African Americans are undoubtedly unique, but as the debate heats up, the questions will be: Who

pays? Who is owed? How do we pick the winners and losers? And then there are other inevitable questions: Who else? The Irish? Jews? Native Americans? Asian Americans? Gays and lesbians?
What is clear, however, is that reparations are opposed by somewhere between 80 and 90 percent of white voters, so your support is a huge gift to Trump's reelection campaign, which would like nothing more than to drive a deeper wedge between black and white Americans.
Charles Sykes, Politico

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



JOHN KONSTANTARAS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2016

As a Democratic state senator, Michael Noland voted to cut lawmakers' pay. Now that he's a private citizen, he's suing to get that money he so publicly declined.

Hypocritical ex-lawmakers show that you can't shame the shameless



ERIC ZORN

High-mindedness oozed out of a May 2012 statement from the Illinois Senate Democrats.

The news release quoted then-Senate Majority Leader James Clayborne, D-Belleville: "Rejecting this pay raise is the right thing to do at a time when so many people are struggling to make ends meet," he said. "As legislators, it's wrong to ask our fellow Illinoisans to make responsible decisions if we are unwilling to do the same."

The quote from Sen. Michael Noland, D-Elgin, was similarly sanctimonious: "The least we can do is cut our own pay again," he said. "I know most working families in Illinois are not seeing raises this year, so we shouldn't either."

Both had added their votes to the upper chamber's unanimous, bipartisan approval of House Bill 3188 that called for members of the General Assembly to take furlough days and forgo the regular cost-of-living raise built into state law as a show of support and solidarity with the citizenry during tough economic times.

Both have now gone back to private

life, and together they are suing to get back the money that they so ostentatiously declined.

Democratic Comptroller Susana Mendoza branded their effort as "shameless ... disgraceful and selfish," in a recent statement. In an interview Sunday on WGN-AM with the Tribune's Rick Pearson, she called the suit "a nasty money grab" that is "so sick on so many levels."

The hypocrisy is, indeed, breathtaking.

In 2009, Noland was a chief co-sponsor of a bill to cut lawmakers' pay that Clayborne voted for. Both cast similar self-sacrificial votes in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. In 2015 Noland approved another measure along these lines, but Clayborne was recorded as "not voting." And in 2016 Clayborne voted yes on reductions, but Noland did not record a vote.

After Noland left the legislature in 2017 he decided he wanted that money after all and sued to get it back. Clayborne, who chose not to run for reelection in 2018, joined the suit this year. Their complaint asks that the state reimburse them and all other impacted lawmakers for the costs of their phony grandstanding (my words), a cost Mendoza's office estimates at \$10 million.

And yes, their effort is almost comically brazen, so cynical and ethically corrupt that both men deserve to have their portraits hung in Illinois' political

rogues' gallery.

But it also appears legally sound. Article IV, Section 11 of the Illinois Constitution says that "changes in the salary of a member (of the General Assembly) shall not take effect during the term for which he has been elected." And while some have seen this as merely an effort to prevent lawmakers from giving themselves raises, Cook County Chancery Division Judge Franklin Valderrama issued an 18-page opinion concluding that the reference to "changes" clearly "evinces an intent to encompass a broader prohibition on any alterations, modifications or substitutions to salary ..."

That sounds right to me, and also sensible.

It's wrong to allow lawmakers and executive office holders to use such salaries as tools — for extortion, for bribery or for pandering to voters. In 2013, recall that Gov. Pat Quinn was slapped down by the courts when he tried to use his line-item veto authority to assure that neither he nor members of the Illinois General Assembly would be paid until the lawmakers passed "a comprehensive pension-reform solution." Gov. Bruce Rauner tried to use similar leverage in 2016 to break the budget stalemate and was similarly blocked.

Elected officials should earn fair and predictable wages that increase along with the cost of living. It's a false economy to cheap out and therefore

limit those who can afford to serve. And it's wrong to force them to take symbolic pay cuts.

Clayborne, now an attorney in private practice, did not respond to several messages seeking comment I left with his law firm. And Noland, who is now an elected judge in Kane County, referred me for comment to his lawyer, Michael J. Scotti III.

Scotti sent along a statement that decried the use of officials' salaries "as a political football ... to advance a political agenda (or) to curry favor with voters."

I'd sympathize if Noland and Clayborne hadn't themselves repeatedly spiked that very football.

But even rank phonies sometimes have the law on their side.

Judge Valderrama set the next status date in the case for Aug. 7, and it looks likely he will soon order Mendoza to start the process of cutting checks for back pay, a process that Mendoza's office said will require the General Assembly to vote to offer money we don't have to many current and former lawmakers who've said in the past that they don't want it.

How will they vote? Who will take the money?

And will there still be wall space in the rogues' gallery when this story is over?

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Could the '95 heat deaths happen again?

Climate change, income disparities keep Chicago at risk

BY ERIC KLINENBERG
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Friday marks 24 years since the start of the 1995 Chicago heat wave, when temperatures hit 106 degrees and more than 700 people died over the course of one sweltering week. The tragic images from that week are forever imprinted on those most affected by the losses.

Hundreds of deceased residents, most of them black, elderly and poor, filled nine 18-wheel refrigerated food trucks parked outside the Cook County medical examiner's office for weeks. These trucks were an emergency stopgap measure to hold the overflow of heat death victims. The irony was not lost on anyone. While awaiting autopsy, the deceased residents in these refrigerated trucks were finally getting the air conditioning that might have saved their lives.

Another mind-bending image

from that week was from Homewood, of a 160-foot-long trench, with a row of more than 40 plain plywood coffins. Each held an unclaimed heat death victim, each affixed with a yellow tag. Not what you expect to see in one of Chicago's suburban cemeteries.

Despite all the bodies, despite all the trucks, Mayor Richard M. Daley spent most of the heat wave denying that people were dying because of the heat. At news conferences he referred to them as "nonviolent" deaths — meaning that no guns had been used, no homicides reported. But ask yourself: How nonviolent is it to die alone, slowly and painfully, behind closed doors?

Steven Whitman, the city's chief epidemiologist in 1995, plotted the official final tally of 739 deaths on a community area map and confirmed what he expected: The neighborhoods with the greatest poverty, on the South and West sides, were those with the highest concentration of heat deaths.

Nearly a quarter-century later, the map of Chicago's inequality has hardly changed.

The black dots and gray shad-

ings representing the heat deaths and extreme poverty of 1995 are now overlaid with the city's highest number of school closings and rates of unemployment, fewest grocery stores, most uninsured, most breast cancer deaths, most abandoned buildings, highest rates of violent crime, most incarcerated. And on and on.

According to one recent New York University study, these racial and spatial health disparities in Chicago contribute to a startling life-span gap. Residents in Streeterville live to be 90 on average, while residents of Englewood, just 9 miles south, die at an average age of 60. This 30-year difference in life span is the largest within any American city.

The heat trap of 1995 that left some Chicago residents having to choose between staying "safe" and staying cool, was, and still is, the result of deep-rooted segregationist policies stemming from real estate redlining, restrictive covenants and Mayor Richard J. Daley's refusal to place public housing in white neighborhoods. It is a disaster of our own making.

The story of the heat wave matters because it's our history. It

also matters because, with climate change, it's most certainly our future. Chicago summers will get hotter and hotter. Unless we reduce our consumption of greenhouse gasses, summers like 1995 will be typical.

But climate is not the only danger.

In June, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele signed a resolution officially declaring systemic racism a "public health crisis." It calls for local government to take a leadership role in actively addressing disparities in employment, education, income and access to resources.

Chicago needs the same kind of emergency plan.

This year, Chicago is in the midst of a historic political transition. New leaders at the state and city level have declared their commitment to reform. They need new language as well.

Chicago needs an emergency plan for dealing with long-term structural racism and for the climate crisis — issues that are now inextricably linked. How we name, frame and define these urgent issues shapes how we prepare for, respond to, recover

from and — most important — prevent future public health crises like the one we experienced in 1995. It also shapes how we deal with the slow-motion emergencies that afflict Chicago's most vulnerable communities every day.

Can we agree that a 30-year disparity in the life expectancy for two neighborhoods in the same city is a public health crisis?

Can we agree that the thousands of Chicagoans dying from treatable diseases and the cumulative impact of segregation and social inequality is an everyday disaster?

If we can, we need to place health, economic equity and racial justice at the center of Chicago's new political map, regardless of ZIP code. If we can't, Chicago is doomed.

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PERSPECTIVE

Ross Perot paved the way for Donald Trump



STEVE CHAPMAN

A nationally known tycoon with a boastful personality, a penchant for tough talk, an aversion to illegal immigration and free trade, and a contempt for Washington norms: Before there was Donald Trump, there was Ross Perot. His two presidential campaigns planted seeds that would bear poisonous fruit 20 years later.

Perot, who died Tuesday, was the improbable candidate in 1992. Entering as a third-party challenger against President George H.W. Bush and Gov. Bill Clinton, he captured the spotlight and soon led in the polls. Despite pulling out in July, only to reenter in October, he got nearly 19% of the vote, the strongest showing by a non-major party candidate since 1912. Running in 1996 as the nominee of the Reform Party, which he founded, he got 8.4% of the vote.

In his races, Perot provided a road map for a populist charlatan to reach the White House. He was an unconventional candidate peddling crude and shallow solutions, many of which bear a strong resemblance to what Trump would later propose. Consciously or not, Trump borrowed liberally from Perot's formula in his own campaign, and he made it work.

The parallels are many. NAFTA was a terrible deal? Perot fulminated against it in 1992. Stop spending money protecting our allies? Perot had the same idea. Slap tariffs on our biggest Asian trading partner for its unfair practices? Trump has gone after China the way Perot threatened

to go after Japan.

Trump threatened to "send in the feds" to stop crime in Chicago, which apparently meant deploying the National Guard. Perot's idea was to "declare civil war and the drug dealer is the enemy."

Perot didn't make the blatant appeals to white racism that Trump does. But in 2000, the Reform Party nominated someone who did. Pat Buchanan extolled the Confederacy, warned that immigration would make America "a Third World nation" and earned the praise of neo-Nazi David Duke. Trump is what you would get if you blended Perot and Buchanan over high heat.

Serious policy ideas are not the essence of Trumpism or Perotism. What distinguished the Texas computer magnate — who was the self-made billionaire Trump pretends to be — was his glib, cocksure manner, suggesting that all problems would yield to the blunt hammer of his common sense. After years of watching career politicians fall short, Americans were taken with his claim that a savvy business mogul would do better.

Like Trump, Perot was thin-skinned and given to bizarre fantasies. At one point, he whined bitterly, "The Republicans have had a nonstop saturation bombing to recast my personality." He withdrew in 1992, he said, out of fear the GOP would smear his daughter and ruin her wedding.

Trump promised to "drain the swamp" in Washington, much as Perot vowed to "take out the trash and clean out the barn." Trump's demand to "remove bureaucrats who only know how to kill jobs (and) replace them with experts who know how to create jobs" sounds like it was plagiarized from Perot.

Like Trump, Perot had no appetite for complexity or details. His idea for educa-

tion? "Let's stop having two-day summits for governors that don't amount to anything, and let's get down to blocking and tackling and fixing it now." The tax code? "No. 1, it's got to be fair. No. 2, it's got to raise revenue."

Politicians, in his mind, were guilty of overthinking. "I've got a lot of experience in not taking 10 years to solve a 10-minute problem," he bragged. Trump talks in exactly the same way, offering simplicity spawned by ignorance.

Perot did have a positive impact on the federal budget deficit. He laid out a bold plan to eliminate it, including tax increases and spending cuts that included both entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare and the military budget.

When Clinton became president, he was forced to take steps, in concert with Republicans in Congress, that yielded a surplus. Without Perot, it might not have happened.

Trump said he would not only balance the budget but pay off the entire national debt in eight years. But unlike Perot's budget promises, Trump's were utterly fraudulent. He signed a tax cut that was guaranteed to boost a federal debt that was already on a soaring trajectory.

For the most part, though, Perot was a false prophet, relying on glib bromides, a pugnacious attitude and a disdain for the compromises and trade-offs that democratic government requires. In 1992 and 1996, we managed to resist the coarse nativist demagoguery being offered. In 2016, we succumbed.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Help from Chicago's finest

My husband, our newborn and I spent the long holiday weekend in Chicago. While exploring the city, we hit a pothole, which flattened our tire. Two cops who were on duty, Officer Pausha and Officer McLean-Hill, saw what happened and offered to help. These officers went above and beyond their duty. Genuine and helpful, they changed our tire and sent us on our way. I think these cops really deserve some recognition — for their efforts and big hearts.

— Anisa Patel, Toronto

Canada's health care excellent

In reply to letter writer Carole Cohen's criticism of Canada's universal health care system ("Socialized medicine is not utopian," July 6), we also lived in Canada recently and found the care to be excellent, efficient and prompt. Unlike here in the U.S., there were no bills, deductibles, co-pays, coinsurance or monthly premiums. I never had to depend on the generosity of an employer as I do here, and that provided a tremendous amount of security and peace of mind for my family and me.

I don't think Ms. Cohen can really judge the current system in Canada since she left before the current universal system was implemented, as she states. It's very popular there, with most polls showing Canadians would never dream of adopting our private for-profit system. She also doesn't take into consideration that no one in Canada is without health care, unlike here where approximately 35 million cannot gain access mostly due to unaffordability.

The "Medicare for All" system being proposed here would ensure everyone has an equal shot at getting health care that everyone has a right to and can afford. Something that Canada long ago solved.

— Richard Fischer, Glen Ellyn

Trump's July 4th event majestic

Kudos to President Donald Trump for pulling off such a great, patriotic display of our heritage at the Washington celebration. The flyovers and music were magnificent and no more militaristic or threatening than similar displays at the Super Bowl, Chicago Air and Water Show or other major events. His speech rose to the rhetoric of Ronald Reagan in its perspective of our outstanding and God-blessed heritage.

So much for all of the whiners and resisters who have such a problem with the U.S. officially touting our strengths and uniqueness. The leftists are so far out of touch with reality that they should rethink their whole agenda and rhetoric.

— Allen Klay, Wheaton

Think tank is anti-immigrant

Neil Gaffney's letter ("Free health care for immigrants?," July 4) contains research numbers that confused me. I have worked with many immigrant families — legal and illegal — and so I found the numbers he cites questionable. His statistics come from the Center for Immigration Studies, an anti-immigration organization known to skew its numbers.

I found many sites that dispute the center's claims — such as www.clasp.org/press-room/news-clips/verify-are-most-immigrants-welfare — and so I will stand by my contention that undocumented immigrants cannot and do not receive the aid Gaffney listed. (I will acknowledge that any children born in the United States to undocumented parents are eligible to receive aid, but only for themselves.)

— Marilyn Sala, Addison

Peaceful symbols co-opted

Since the Middle Ages, the capirote has been used by penitents to hide their faces during Easter celebrations. You might know it better as the official headgear of the Ku Klux Klan: the long, pointy white hood with eyeholes.

Likewise, the swastika for millennia has been a Hindu talisman for peace and prosperity, used to promote happiness and well-being. Then the Nazi Party in Germany made it a symbol of hate.

Some have bemoaned the "political correctness" of those seeking to drop the Betsy Ross flag and the OK sign because those symbols have been co-opted by white supremacists. Why, they ask, should we abandon such innocent icons just because some jerks decided to twist them into something ugly?

Of course, some people ask the same thing about displaying the Confederate flag.

— John Houck, Lake in the Hills

Capitalism's underbelly

The upside of capitalism: If we are bright, smart and aggressive, we can make a great deal of money in America.

The downside of capitalism: If we treat people unfairly, we can make even more money.

— William Dodd Brown, Chicago



FREDERICK FLORIN/GETTY-AFP

Despite a number of business and sex scandals, ex-Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, center, continues to be active in politics.

What Italy can teach Democrats about running against Trump



CLARENCE PAGE

I used to wonder how a society as old, grand and sophisticated as Italy's could choose an elderly businessman as flamboyant, scandal-prone and inexperienced in government as Silvio Berlusconi for the position of prime minister. Then the U.S. elected Donald Trump and I found out.

Three years after Trump's election, it should bring more caution than comfort to his critics, including myself, to remember that Berlusconi served for a total of nine years, making him Italy's longest-serving prime minister since World War II.

And, despite a string of business and sex scandals that include a 2013 conviction for tax fraud, Berlusconi continues to be active in politics, elected in June to the European Parliament.

And well into the Trump presidency, a lot seems obvious to me now that I missed before.

For one thing, voters will forgive all manner of political high jinks and suspicious insider deals if they feel as though, one, you are always ultimately on their side and, two, all of your critics are their enemies too.

It is this art of being perceived as a voice of "the people" and "the forgotten American," as the newly sworn-in President Trump put it, that will cause your own political base to armor themselves against any discouraging words or subpoenas aimed against you or your political allies.

Unlike the old days of on-the-ground

political campaigns, television and other media have become the new precinct captains. Trump showed us that by rising to stardom in gossip columns and as the host of a popular reality TV show. Berlusconi also knows show business from the inside — he was a musician and cruise ship crooner in his youth who went on to own television networks and a sports team.

Now a new Italian study published by the prestigious American Economic Review takes a closer look at the role that television, particularly the network owned by Berlusconi, played in his political rise. Unlike those who have looked at the influence of biased news, the study by Ruben Durante, Paolo Pinotti and Andrea Tesei looks at the impact of entertainment TV through Berlusconi-controlled Mediaset, which happened to be growing as Italy's first privately owned TV network in the 1970s.

The study concludes that "individuals with early access to Mediaset all-entertainment content," as Berlusconi bought up regional stations in the 1980s and into the 2000s, "were more likely to vote for Berlusconi's party in 1994," when he first ran for office. That pattern continued "for five elections and is driven by heavy TV viewers, namely the very young and the elderly."

Here's the touchy part: "Regarding possible mechanisms," the authors write, "we find that individuals exposed to entertainment TV as children were less cognitively sophisticated and civic-minded as adults, and ultimately more vulnerable to Berlusconi's populist rhetoric."

In other words, the paper argues that the spread of entertainment TV competing with the comparatively sedate government-owned channel made a new generation of voters less prepared intellectually to resist or question simplistic, emotional

appeals to beat "the elites."

So, does TV make us stupid? After reading the paper, I am not totally convinced, although it is tempting to think so. Nevertheless, similarities between the successes of Trump and Berlusconi offer important lessons to aspiring candidates in democracies everywhere.

First, regardless of how sophisticated the voters may be about the issues, it is essential to let them know that you hear them in their own words and respond as though you really care.

Second, populism — the rallying of "the people" against "the elites" — is not limited to one party. Both sides can play this game and often do. Berlusconi's party ran into its toughest opposition when populist voices rose up on the left, particularly the Five Star Movement, led by Beppe Grillo, a comedian, actor and blogger who could match Berlusconi's showbiz appeal with his own.

Three, a direct, simple and candid-sounding appeal works best to draw the largest support, leaving the details to be hashed out later. Look for an example in the mileage Trump gained from such slogans as "Build that wall" and "Dump Obamacare," even after the details proved to be more complicated than he apparently expected.

Finally, voters need to beware too. If the slogans and plans sound too good to be true, they probably are. Candidates of whatever party aren't going to deal with the tough questions unless we demand it. That's not too much to ask, whether the answer entertains us or not.

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N.C. firm invests \$100M in Fulton Market

Pair of deals shows continued interest in fast-changing district



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

A North Carolina-based real estate firm has plunked down more than \$100 million for several Fulton Market buildings, becoming the latest out-of-town investor to join the land rush in the fast-changing district once known for meatpackers.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Asana Partners gobbled up the retail

and office buildings in two separate deals with East Coast sellers.

The deals show there's no letup in interest in the area west of the Kennedy Expressway, where companies such as McDonald's and Google have established huge offices. New office tenants are joined by shops, restaurants, boutique hotels and residential towers, and the wave of construction shows no sign of slowing down.

Local developers such as Sterling Bay and Shapack Partners have been joined in recent years by investors from other cities, including several from New York, amid soaring rents.

In its first Chicago deal, Asana on June 21 spent almost \$41.6 million to buy out Acadia Realty Trust's stake in a cluster of low-rise former industrial buildings on Randolph, Sangamon and Lake streets, according to Cook



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The Fulton Market District sign illuminates the intersection as the sun sets on west Fulton Market St. and Halsted in the Fulton Market district.

County property records.

Highland Park-based Tucker Development maintained its ownership stake in the deal, and will continue managing the

properties, CEO Richard Tucker said. Tenants in the building include shared office space provider Spaces, Lululemon and the Bonci Chicago pizzeria.

Tucker and Rye, N.Y.-based Acadia bought the property for \$52 million in 2015.

Not included in the 90,000-square-foot sale was a parking lot where Tucker and Related Midwest are seeking zoning approval for a condominium high-rise.

In its second deal, Asana earlier this month paid more than \$59 million for more than 77,000 square feet of space on Fulton Market and Carpenter Street that had been owned by New York-based Madison Capital and Bethesda, Md.-based ASB Capital Management, according to sources.

Tenants in the buildings, at 936 and 939 W. Fulton and 312 N. Carpenter, include the headquarters of Vital Proteins and an Aesop store. More than one-

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AP 1938

Adolf Hitler, above, envisioned Volkswagen's Beetle would spread auto ownership in Germany much as the Ford Model T did in the U.S.

From Nazis to hippies: Beetle reaches the end

VW will this week halt production for its classic model that took on iconic status

BY DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Volkswagen is halting production of the last version of its Beetle model this week at its plant in Puebla, Mexico. It's the end of the road for a vehicle that has symbolized many things over a history spanning eight decades since 1938.

It has been: a part of Germany's darkest hours as a never-realized Nazi prestige project. A symbol of Germany's postwar economic renaissance and rising middle-class prosperity. An example of globalization, sold and recognized all over the world. An emblem of the 1960s counterculture in the United States. Above all, the car remains a landmark in design, as recog-

nizable as the Coca-Cola bottle.

The car's original design — a rounded silhouette with seating for four or five, nearly vertical windshield and the air-cooled engine in the rear — can be traced back to Austrian engineer Ferdinand Porsche, who was hired to fulfill Adolf Hitler's project for a "people's car" that would spread auto ownership the way the Ford Model T had in the U.S.

Aspects of the car bore similarities to the Tatra T97, made in Czechoslovakia in 1937, and to

sketches by Hungarian engineer Bela Barenyi published in 1934. Mass production of what was called the KdF-Wagen, based on the acronym of the Nazi labor organization under whose auspices it was to be sold, was canceled due to World War II. Instead, the massive new plant in what was then countryside east of Hanover turned out military vehicles, using forced laborers from all over Europe under miserable conditions.

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'A lack of mental health services'

Holy Cross expanding on the Southwest Side to address issue

BY LISA SCHENCKER

For years, health care leaders and advocates have decried a lack of mental health services in Chicago.

Now, Holy Cross Hospital on the city's Southwest Side seeks to address the issue with the opening of a \$6.5 million unit this week to treat patients experiencing mental health crises. The 12,000-square-foot unit, housed mostly in new construction on the east side of the hospital, can treat up to 32 patients at a time.

It will accept patients brought by ambulances and police as well as walk-ins and people sent from the hospital's emergency room. Patients will be able to get treatment in the unit for up to a day before being connected with other services or admitted to the hospital, if necessary.

"We know patients will often end up going to emergency departments to receive this kind of help," said Paul Berkowitz, chairman of the department of psychiatry for Sinai Health System, which includes Holy Cross. "Emergency departments aren't necessarily the best equipped to handle patients with these unique needs. They don't necessarily have the staffing for that or the physical space for that."

Currently, when patients with mental health emergencies arrive at emergency departments, they sometimes have to wait for days for an appropriate placement. Or worse, they might end up in jail if they don't receive long-term, effective treatment.

"The crisis stabilization unit allows us to really focus on those unique, specific needs of a patient who has a behavioral health crisis," Berkowitz said.

Psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners will be on hand to help patients, and the unit will be open 24 hours a day. The interior is designed for patients with mental health needs, featur-

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Amazon may be liable for items sold by third-party vendor



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Filled boxes receive an address label at an Amazon fulfillment center Aug. 1, 2017 in Romeoville.

Federal rulings to allow lawsuit against online retailer to continue

BY TRAVIS LOLLER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee family can press its lawsuit against online retailer Amazon over a hoverboard fire that destroyed their home, an appeals court has ruled, saying the company was aware of complaints about the devices catching fire and exploding.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' Friday ruling also noted that the Seattle-based company had even launched an investigation that led to its ceasing all

hoverboard sales worldwide.

But Amazon's notice to consumers consisted of an email saying there had been "reports of safety issues," with no mention of fires and explosions.

In the complaint, Megan and Charles Fox say their son had left his hoverboard downstairs in their home when it caught fire in January 2016. The fire trapped two of the children upstairs and they had to jump from second floor windows to escape. The family's home was destroyed along with all of their possessions. They are seeking more than \$30 million in damages.

One legal question involves whether Amazon was the seller of the hoverboards or merely a pass-through between a third-

party Chinese seller and customers like the Foxes.

A separate, related case in the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals last week found that under Pennsylvania product liability law, Amazon was the seller of a defective retractable dog leash that snapped and blinded a woman in one eye.

The Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit court's ruling likewise rejected Amazon's arguments that the term "seller" should be narrowly construed, finding that under the Tennessee Products Liability Act, a seller "means any individual regularly engaged in exercising sufficient control over a product in connection with its sale." However, the court found

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Rush leaders publish their own hospital rankings

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Which Chicago hospital is the best? It depends on whom you ask.

U.S. News & World Report says it's Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Another ratings organization, The Leapfrog Group, gave University of Chicago Medical Center a higher grade than Northwestern. The federal government scores Rush University Medical Center higher than both Northwestern and U. of C.

Many other Chicago-area hospitals seem to rise on some lists and sink on others.

Hospital leaders have long had a love-hate relationship with hospital ratings, advertising high marks to help attract patients while often disagreeing with unfavorable ratings. They say the many different ratings systems, with their varying outcomes, confuse consumers.

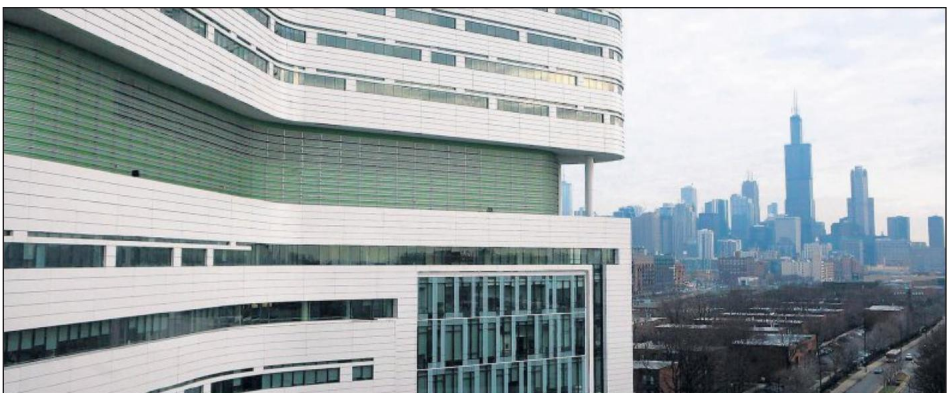
In what they say is an

attempt to clear up some of that confusion, Rush leaders recently published their own research on hospital ratings. Their paper ranks 70 hospitals across the country based on combined ratings from five major groups, also taking into account how consistently the hospitals perform across all those groups.

"This is an attempt to make it more understandable for people," said Dr. Bala Hota, Rush's chief analytics officer and lead author of the paper, which recently was published in the peer-reviewed American Journal of Medical Quality. "We want there to be measures of quality, and we just don't feel like we've gotten there on measures that are providing the most meaning and use for patients."

Rush CEO Dr. Omar Larteef is also listed as an author on the paper.

The paper's authors assigned the 70 hospitals num-



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Rush hospital in Chicago. Leaders at the hospital recently published a study designed to clear up some of the confusion around hospital ratings.

bers from one to 10, with one being the highest.

The top Chicago hospital in that group, according to the Rush researchers? Rush, with a grade of 4.

Hota said that wasn't by design. "Even if it weren't, we would have published the paper," he said.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Loyola Uni-

versity Medical Center were the only other Illinois hospitals scored in the paper. They got a 5 and a 7, respectively.

Under the researchers' system, only two hospitals in the country earned the highest mark: the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and the Mayo Clinic in Arizona.

Ben Harder, chief of health analysis for U.S. News &

World Report, called the Rush's work an "interesting" study.

"I think trying to sort out which ratings are good for what is an important thing for scientists to look at," Harder said.

But he cautioned that ratings systems may deliver differing results because each one is designed to answer a

different question about hospitals. Leapfrog, for example, looks at patient safety, while U.S. News & World Report shows which hospitals a patient might want to use for a specific clinical service.

"They may all be right," Harder said of the ratings systems. "Depending on what lens you're looking at a hospital through, they may be good at one thing and not another."

This isn't Rush's first foray into the contentious world of hospital ratings. Rush was one of a number of institutions and groups that pushed back against federal star ratings in recent years, in which hospitals are awarded up to five stars for quality. Rush, which got four stars, has been working with the federal government and other organizations to improve the methodology.

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Microsoft initiative to bring broadband to 815,000 people

BY JULIE CARR SMITH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Microsoft Corp. and an Ohio-based provider of telecommunications services announced an agreement Tuesday to extend broadband internet access to underserved rural areas of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois over the next three years.

The deal between Microsoft and Lima-based Watch Communications aims to make reliable high-speed internet available to another 815,000 people throughout the region.

The project is part of Microsoft's national Airband Initiative, which is seeking to fill regions unserved by high-speed internet across the country.

This is Microsoft's second Airband deployment in Illinois; in September 2018 it teamed with Network Business Systems to announce a plan to bring broadband internet to residents of Illi-

nois, Iowa and South Dakota.

A Federal Communications Commission report says more than 680,000 people in Illinois do not have access to broadband. Microsoft says its data suggests more than 6.6 million Illinois residents are not using the internet at broadband speeds.

Last year Microsoft also struck a deal in Ohio with Canton-based Agile Networks to reach 110,000 unserved people in rural areas of the Buckeye State.

Microsoft is not the only tech giant working to solve a connectivity problem in rural, often poor areas of the U.S. that has confounded policymakers for decades. Facebook, the social media powerhouse, launched a broadband initiative in neighboring West Virginia in March.

Ohio Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, who heads a new state office devoted to the state's technology future, said he applauds any private-sector

company that steps up to provide solutions. His office, InnovateOhio, recently issued a request for information seeking such ideas, he said.

"It's very important for the people who live there, because they cannot participate in the modern economy or modern education system without that access," Husted, a Republican, said. "It is critical for the people that live there who really want to participate in what most of America has access to."

Shelly McKinley, Microsoft's head of technology and corporate responsibility, said Microsoft has done its own research to figure out what areas lack high-speed internet. That's because problems with the way the Federal Communications Commission has collected data have left service providers with little real idea of where high-speed internet exists and where it doesn't.

"It's a very imperfect way

of collecting data," she said. "And ultimately what that means is we just don't know where there isn't internet. So how do you solve a problem when you don't even know what the problem is you're trying to solve?"

The Watch Communications project will zero in on areas Microsoft's own data maps have identified in all 88 Ohio counties, she said. The project seeks to extend broadband to 288,000 of the roughly 1 million Ohioans who federal figures show are not using the internet at high speeds.

The project will involve closing gaps between existing broadband networks using a combination of technologies. Fiber optic cable will be installed where practical, wireless networks will be used where geography allows and, in the most remote areas, gaps will be filled by employing unused broadcast frequencies between TV channels known as TV white spaces.



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A Microsoft office is seen in New York in 2016. An agreement between Microsoft and Lima-based Watch Communications, announced July 9, aims to bring broadband internet to customers in rural Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Husted said the project will advance Ohio toward its goal of closing the gap between the number of digitally connected residents and the number of residents who are digitally disconnected.

"Cleveland is going to be the first 5G city in Ohio,

which is faster connectivity than anyone's ever had before, at the same time we have all of these folks that live in rural areas who don't have any access," he said. "It's creating a digital divide, which creates both an economic and educational divide."

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Producers of cocoa create cartel

W. African nations hope price boost addresses ‘injustice’

BY PETER WHORISKEY
The Washington Post

While the global chocolate industry takes in an estimated \$100 billion annually, many of the hundreds of thousands of West African cocoa farmers who provide most of chocolate’s key ingredient live in poverty.

This imbalance amounts to a “manifest injustice,” Ghanaian President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo said last month.

Now the world’s leading cocoa producers, Ghana and Ivory Coast, are joining together in an attempt to raise the commodity’s price, a move government officials say will boost farmer incomes, reduce the incidence of child labor and give West African farmers a more equitable cut of global chocolate profits.

“We will not continue to be victims or pawns of the global cocoa industry that is dependent on the work of our farmers,” Akufo-Addo said at a state dinner after the proposal — dubbed “cocoa-pec” after the OPEC cartel established by oil-producing countries — was announced.

As a start, the two-country cartel would set the minimum price for a ton of cocoa at \$2,600, roughly 10% above the world price at the time of the announcement. In announcing the proposal, the countries, which produce about 60% of the world’s cocoa supply, said they were suspending cocoa sales “for the time being.”

“The goal is to protect producers and their families from the various fluctuations in cocoa prices,” Benjamin Walker, of Ivory Coast government’s cocoa board, said in an email to The Washington Post. As for



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Ivory Coast, where these women are sorting cocoa beans, and Ghana account for 60% of the world’s cocoa production.



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Ghana and Ivory Coast last month set the minimum price for a ton of cocoa at \$2,600.

curbing child labor on cocoa farms, “this can only be positive as everyone recognizes that one of the causes of this phenomenon is poverty. Partly because of poverty, some parents find it difficult to send their children to school.”

Consumers would be un-

likely to notice a significant change in the cost of a chocolate bar — cocoa is just one of several ingredients — but the world’s chocolate companies have responded cautiously to the proposal.

The industry has repeatedly faced criticism stemming from its West African

cocoa supply. While global profits are in the billions, cocoa production in West Africa has been blamed for impoverishing cocoa farmers, relying on widespread child labor and, in part, the deforestation of millions of acres.

The typical farm family makes as little as \$2,400 annually and, according to a 2015 U.S. Labor Department report, more than 2 million children were engaged in dangerous labor in West African cocoa-growing regions. While most of the child laborers on West African cocoa farms are working on family plots, thousands are believed to have been trafficked from other African countries.

Exactly how the governments’ proposed cocoa price floor would alleviate farmer poverty, however, is unclear.

In Ghana and Ivory Coast, the cocoa harvest is highly regulated and crucial to the economy: In Ghana, a government board sets the price and then sells the cocoa to exporters, typically at higher prices. In Ivory Coast, cocoa exports are heavily taxed.

In sketching out the proposal, the government did not disclose how much of the higher price would go to farmers. Nor did the presentation discuss how the countries would prevent the higher price from spurring surpluses and more deforestation, which already has spread into national parks.

Groups seeking to eradicate child labor on West African cocoa farms praised the move, noting that the price hike could reduce the economic desperation that leads to child labor.

While the proposed price

increase is too small to eliminate farmer poverty, the modesty of the price increase means that the world’s cocoa buyers are less likely to turn to other sources for cocoa.

“The \$2,600 per ton they have proposed is not a strange number — they were paying that a few years ago,” said Antonie Fountain, managing director of the Voice Network, an umbrella group seeking to end child labor in the cocoa industry. “It won’t break the bank.”

At a presentation on the proposal last month, the governments presented a chart showing industry profits ranging between \$10 billion and \$20 billion annually, despite dips in the cocoa price.

Exactly how much farmer incomes would have to rise to eliminate child labor on cocoa farms has been a matter of debate. A few small companies have raised the prices they pay for cocoa by as much as 40%.

An academic analysis published last month found that raising the prices paid to farmers by 12% could eliminate the worst forms of child labor in Ghana.

Farmers, meanwhile, have offered varying opinions on the proposal. While farmers generally favor raising prices, at least one farmers group would prefer that the governments get out of the cocoa business — and stop acting as an intermediary between cocoa farmers and the world market. Warren Sako, secretary general of a group called the World Cocoa Farmers Organization, said his group would prefer to be able to negotiate directly with world markets.

“Why should the government set the price?” Sako said. “Cocoa is produced by millions of individuals, independent cocoa farmers. The government should not be setting prices for which they do not grow.”

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ing a living room area where patients can sit or meet with family members, Berkowitz said. Soothing colors and murals of city parks will adorn the walls.

“It has more of a calming and healing environment to it,” Berkowitz said.

The hospital has had success with a smaller version of the unit, one that could serve 12 patients at a time, that it began trying out in 2015. In the pilot, the hospital has been able to discharge about 70% of patients to lower levels of care within 24 hours, with the rest needing inpatient hospitalization, Berkowitz said.

Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart said in a statement that the unit is needed to provide appropriate care for those experiencing mental health emergencies.

“A lack of mental health services has plagued Chicago for decades,” Dart said. “We know that 60 percent of those diagnosed with mental illness never receive treatment and unfortunately, the police and our jails are picking up the brunt of this.”

It should also help to end the in-and-out-of-the-emergency-department cycle many patients find themselves falling into, said Alexa James, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Chicago. And it will be more conducive to patients experiencing mental health



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Eric Lenzo, executive director of behavioral health at Sinai Health System, is seen in the new \$6.5 million crisis stabilization unit at Holy Cross Hospital on the Southwest Side.

crises than waiting in an emergency department for appropriate treatment.

“The trauma associated with that is huge and the cost to the hospital associated with that is huge,” James said of making patients in mental health crises wait in emergency departments. “If you’re at Mount Sinai Hospital and

someone next to you is dying of a gunshot wound, it’s just not the place to be if you’re experiencing mental health emergencies.”

In recent years, Cook County Health has supported similar centers on the South and West sides for patients experiencing mental health emergencies, though those centers are

not attached to hospitals. The county health system estimated at the time its South Side center opened in 2016 that about 20% of detainees at the county jail had a behavioral health issue that may have led to their detention.

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Re-launched as a civilian carmaker under supervision of the British occupation authorities, the Volkswagen factory was transferred in 1949 to the Germany government and the state of Lower Saxony, which still owns part of the company. By 1955, the millionth Beetle — officially called the Type 1 — had rolled off the assembly line in what was now the town of Wolfsburg.

The United States became Volkswagen’s most important foreign market, peaking at 563,522 cars in 1968, or 40% of production. Unconventional, sometimes humorous advertising from agency Doyle Dane Bernbach urged car buyers to “Think small.”

“Unlike in West Germany, where its low price, quality and durability stood for a new postwar normality, in the United States the Beetle’s characteristics lent it a profoundly unconventional air in a car culture dominated by size and showmanship,” wrote Bernhard Rieger in his 2013 history, “The People’s Car.”

Production at Wolfsburg ended in 1978 as newer front drive models like the Golf took over.

But the Beetle wasn’t dead yet. Production went on in Mexico from 1967 until 2003 — longer than the car had been made in Germany. Nicknamed the “vochito,” the car made itself at home as a rugged, Mexican-made “carro del pueblo.”

The New Beetle — built on a modified Golf platform — resurrected some of the old Beetle’s cute, unconventional aura in 1998 under CEO Ferdinand Piech, Ferdinand Porsche’s grandson. In 2012, the Beetle’s design was made a bit sleeker.

The end of the Beetle comes at a turning point for Volkswagen as it rebounds from a scandal over cars rigged to cheat on diesel emissions tests.

The company is gearing up for mass production of the battery-driven compact ID.3, a car that it predicts will have an impact like that of the Beetle and the Golf by bringing electric mobility to a mass market.

The last of 5,961 Final Edition versions of the Beetle is headed for a museum after ceremonies in Puebla on Wednesday to mark the end of production.

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quarter of the space in that portfolio is vacant.

A representative of Asana Partners did not respond to requests for comment. Madison Capital declined to comment.

Madison Capital and ASB were represented in the sale by Newmark Knight Frank brokers Andy Gallas and Gino Tabbi.

The Madison Capital venture bought the buildings from Economy Packing owner Jim Lustman in 2015, and invested extensively in renovations. The \$26 million deal included a devel-

opment site at 328 N. Carpenter that Madison Capital sold earlier this year for almost \$76 million, according to property records.

The Real Deal first reported Asana’s deal for Acadia’s stake, and Crain’s Chicago Business first reported the deal with Madison Capital and ASB.

Asana, which focuses mostly on retail properties, also owns real estate in markets including Los Angeles, Dallas, Houston, Boston, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Asana recently said it closed an \$800 million investment fund.

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that in the specific case at hand, the Foxes had not proven that Amazon acted as a seller of the hoverboard they purchased.

The court let the case go forward on a different claim. It found that Amazon had assumed a duty to warn the Foxes of the dangers posed by the hoverboards when it sent them an email.

It will be up to the lower court to decide whether Amazon’s warning was negligent.

According to court documents, Amazon became aware of complaints about hoverboards sold through its marketplace in November 2015.

On November 30, 2015, for example, a customer sent an email to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos stating that a hoverboard had burst into flames with “fireworks-like explosions” while his

daughter was riding it. The email said the fire damaged the customer’s home and narrowly avoided injuring three of his children.

Damon Jones, the leader of Amazon’s products safety team, became concerned enough to remove his own hoverboard from his home, according to court records. And on Dec. 11, 2015, Amazon ceased all hoverboard sales worldwide.

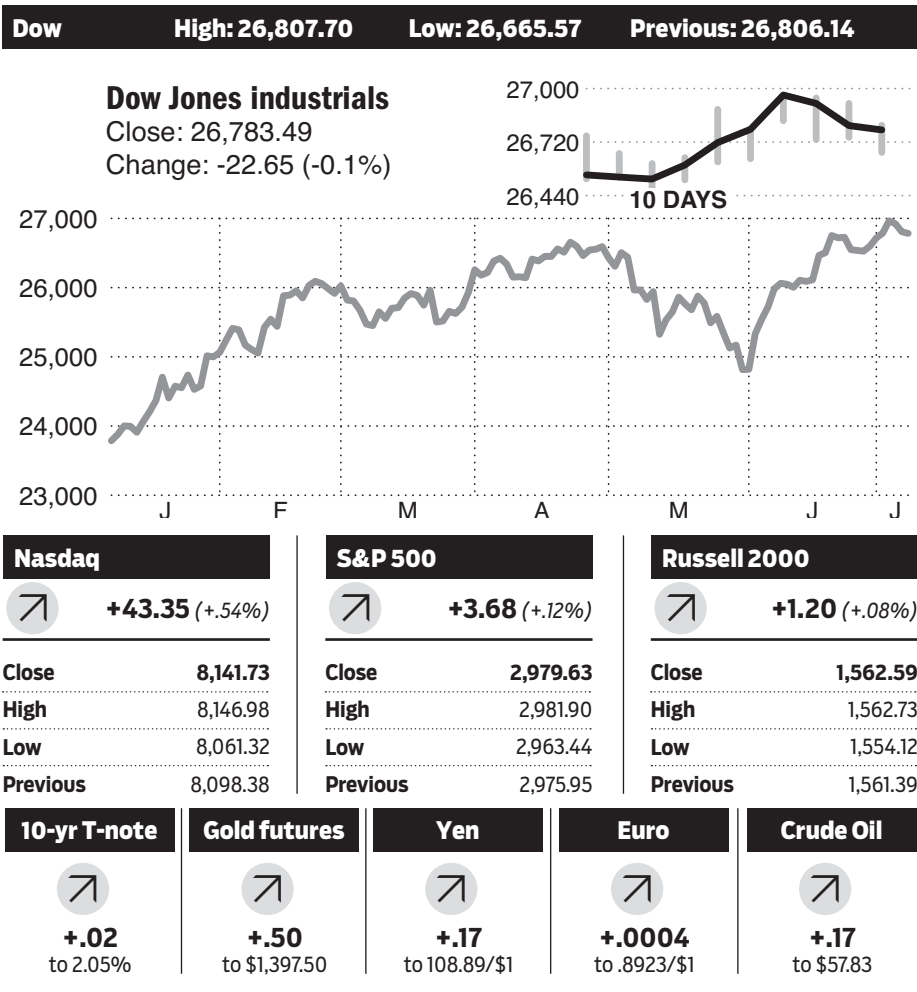
The next day Amazon sent an email to customers who had already purchased

hoverboards that was intended to be “non-alarmist.” The email mentioned “reports of safety issues” with a link to “information and safety tips” and another link to initiate a return.

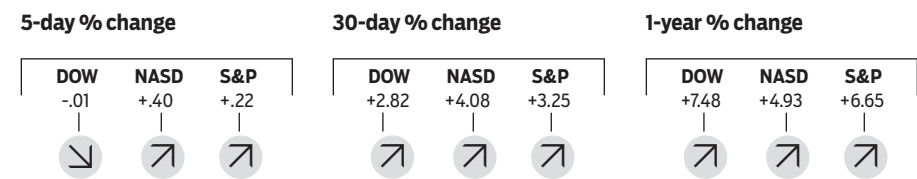
Megan Fox said in court documents she does not remember receiving the email, but she would have gotten rid of the hoverboard had she known there was a possibility it could explode.

The case now goes back to the federal district court in Nashville.

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FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	513.75	513.75	508.50	509.75	-7
		Sep 19	510	511	498.75	502.75	-8.25
		Jul 19	437.25	437.75	429.25	431.75	-6.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	437.25	437.75	429.25	431.75	-6.75
		Sep 19	439.25	439.50	429	432.50	-7
		Jul 19	872.25	882.75	870.75	882.75	+7.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	872.25	882.75	870.75	882.75	+7.50
		Sep 19	880	886.25	871.75	886	+7
		Jul 19	27.86	27.88	27.82	27.88	+0.02
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	27.89	28.14	27.74	28.01	+0.02
		Sep 19	306.00	307.90	303.70	307.90	+3.70
		Jul 19	304.00	307.90	303.70	307.90	+3.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 19	57.56	59.10	57.29	57.83	+0.17
		Sep 19	57.69	59.00	57.42	57.94	+0.18
		Aug 19	2.397	2.437	2.360	2.425	+0.022
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 19	2.382	2.423	2.347	2.416	+0.032
		Sep 19	1.8989	1.9407	1.8935	1.9269	+0.0256
		Aug 19	1.8505	1.8871	1.8445	1.8746	+0.0212

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS											
Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.						Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ					
STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.27	+18	Equity Commonwth	N	33.33	+24	Middleby Corp	O	132.99	-2.80
AbbVie Inc	N	71.24	+0.2	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	127.63	+9.8	Mondelez Intl	O	55.38	-0.06
Allstate Corp	N	104.66	+28	Equity Residential	N	79.32	+49	Morningstar Inc	O	146.29	+0.69
Aptargroup Inc	N	124.07	+0.8	Exelon Corp	N	48.98	+21	Motorola Solutions	N	170.35	+1.29
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.77	-0.7	First Indl RT	N	37.70	+16	NiSource Inc	N	29.56	+0.16
Baxter Intl	N	81.40	-18	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	55.70	-24	Nthn Trust Cp	O	91.59	-0.08
Boeing Co	N	353.09	+1.97	Gallagher AJ	N	90.76	+39	Old Republic	N	22.98	-0.05
Brunswick Corp	N	44.16	-39	Grainger WW	N	266.69	+80	Packaging Corp Am	N	99.65	+0.16
CBOE Global Markets	N	110.98	+36	GrubHub Inc	N	77.31	+1.51	Paylocity Hldg	O	102.45	+1.50
CDK Global Inc	O	50.15	+19	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.99	+62	RLI Corp	N	88.28	+0.85
CDW Corp	O	112.76	+2.36	IDEX Corp	N	169.98	-66	Stericycle Inc	O	46.23	-0.87
CF Industries	N	44.39	-1.13	ITW	N	146.41	+17	TransUnion	N	73.75	-0.09
CME Group	O	201.99	---	Ingredion Inc	N	82.46	-43	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.40	---
CNA Financial	N	48.18	+20	John Bean Technol	N	120.31	-1.06	US Foods Holding	N	36.30	-0.26
Caterpillar Inc	N	134.29	-55	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	137.27	-1.23	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	348.48	-4.21
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.00	-47	Kemper Corp	N	89.99	+35	United Airlines Hldg	O	89.46	-1.21
Deere Co	N	163.35	-54	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.50	-19	Ventas Inc	N	70.38	+0.28
Discover Fin Svcs	N	80.52	+24	LKQ Corporation	O	26.03	-10	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.50	+0.07
Dover Corp	N	100.39	-87	Littelfuse Inc	O	172.64	+23	Wintrust Financial	O	72.09	+0.91
Envestnet Inc	N	69.54	-24	McDonalds Corp	N	212.09	-0.07	Zebra Tech	O	211.72	+1.28

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.81	---
Gen Electric	10.25	+0.05
AT&T Inc	33.54	-20
Bank of America	29.35	+15
Snap Inc A	15.25	+11
Ford Motor	10.14	-06
Freepor McMoRan	10.87	-35
Infosys Ltd	10.42	-14
Turquoise Hill Res	1.09	-07
Square Inc	77.96	+4.53
Social Capital Hedo	10.69	+26
EnCana Corp	4.84	---
Verizon Comm	56.41	-1.48
Nokia Corp	5.03	-01
Alibaba Group Hldg	168.80	+35
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.77	+03
US Steel Corp	13.73	+14
Vale SA	13.36	+06
Oracle Corp	59.60	+07
Twitter Inc	37.65	+1.20
Ambev S.A.	4.96	+02
Petrobras	16.05	+05
Halliburton	23.57	+32
Pfizer Inc	43.37	+07

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	33.15	+1.11
Taronis Technologies	.20	-08
SELAS Life Sciences	.17	-03
Caesars Entertain	12.09	-02
FuelCell Energy	.62	-13
Micron Tech	41.35	+94
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.96	+03
Apple Inc	201.24	+1.22
Microsoft Corp	136.46	-50
Cisco Syst	56.34	+15
Overstock.com Inc	17.15	+51
Amarin Corp	22.14	-1.02
Intel Corp	47.75	+07
Zynga Inc	6.22	+05
Comcast Corp A	42.98	+35
Ameri Holdings Inc	.37	+01
Facebook Inc	199.21	+3.45
Acacia Communicat	64.91	+16.85
Symantec Corp	25.56	-05
Applied Matis	43.97	+52
Naked Brand Group	.18	-08
Roku Inc	103.40	+15
VEON Ltd	3.10	-01
Wstn Digital	51.48	+1.61

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2928.23	-5.1/-2
Stoxx600	387.92	-2.0/-5
Nikkei	21565.15	+30.8/+1
MSCI-EAFE	1922.76	-9.4/-5
Bovespa	104530.21	+440.7/+4
FTSE 100	7536.47	-12.8/-2
CAC-40	5572.10	-17.1/-3

LARGEST COMPANIES		
Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	168.80	+35
Alphabet Inc C	1124.83	+8.48
Alphabet Inc A	1124.29	+7.50
Amazon.com Inc	1988.30	+35.98
Apple Inc	201.24	+1.22
Bank of America	29.35	+15
Berkshire Hath B	214.75	-38
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.43	-05
Facebook Inc	199.21	+3.45
HSBC Holdings prA	26.42	+05
JPMorgan Chase	113.35	+48
Johnson & Johnson	141.41	+44
MasterCard Inc	273.34	+2.11
Microsoft Corp	136.46	-50
Procter & Gamble	112.91	-1.14
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.94	+07
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.44	+02
Visa Inc	177.73	+1.54
WalMart Strs	112.88	+16

TREASURY YIELDS		
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.19	2.21
6-month disc	2.07	2.075
2-year	1.90	1.88
10-year	2.05	2.03
30-year	2.54	2.52

SPOT METALS		
	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1397.50	\$1397.00
Silver	\$15.068	\$14.972
Platinum	\$809.10	\$814.30

INTEREST RATES		
Prime Rate	5.50	
Discount Rate Primary	3.00	
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50	
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.70	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE		
A U.S. Dollar buys...		
Argentina (Peso)	41.7999	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4434	
Brazil (Real)	3.7999	
Britain (Pound)	.8022	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3135	
China (Yuan)	6.8899	
Euro	.8923	
India (Rupee)	68.578	
Israel (Shekel)	3.5670	
Japan (Yen)	108.89	
Mexico (Peso)	19.1212	
Poland (Zloty)	3.81	
So. Korea (Won)	1183.05	
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.18	
Thailand (Baht)	30.81	

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS			
Based on total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.53	+0.08	+3.4
American Funds AmronBaIA m	27.46	-0.02	+6.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	49.11	+0.02	+1.8
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.29	-0.07	+4.4
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	59.64	+0.02	+3.7
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.97	+0.16	+3.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.60	-0.03	+5.7
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	38.48	+0.03	+2.7
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	45.09	+0.07	+5.7
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	46.13	-0.02	+8.4
DFA IntlCorEqIns	12.88	-0.08	-5.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.90	-0.02	+7.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.62	-0.15	-2.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	188.38	+0.38	+1.8
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.66	---	+6.1
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	103.58	+0.16	+9.2
Fidelity Contrafund	13.45	+0.08	+7.2
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInPrm	84.47	+0.15	+7.5
Fidelity USBdIdxInPrm	11.77	-0.01	+7.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	-0.01	+4.9
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.87	-0.01	+7.8
PIMCO Inc2	12.12	---	+6.5
PIMCO Incstln	12.12	---	+6.0
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.31	-0.01	+7.0
Schwab SP500Idx	46.02	+0.07	+9.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	118.22	+0.64	+9.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	70.14	+0.35	+7.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	275.08	+0.42	+9.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.74	-0.04	+18.4
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	75.98	-0.01	+8.6
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	85.77	+0.41	+9.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	82.40	+0.29	+3.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.39	+0.01	+6.4
Vanguard InslIdxIns	269.93	+0.42	+9.2
Vanguard InslIdxInslPlus	269.94	+0.41	+9.2
Vanguard InstTlSMlInslPlus	64.27	+0.12	+7.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	94.12	-0.07	-1.9
Vanguard MCDpIdxAdmrl	209.72	+0.67	+6.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.95	+0.19	+3.2
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.68	-0.01	+5.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	75.43	+0.10	-0.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.98	-0.01	+5.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.21	-0.01	+6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.07	-0.01	+5.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.56	-0.01	+4.9
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.90	-0.01	+7.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.90	-0.01	+7.5
Vanguard TtlnBdIdxAdmrl	22.99	-0.01	+8.2
Vanguard TtlnBdIdxIns	34.50	-0.01	+8.2
Vanguard TtlnBdIdxInv	11.50	---	+8.1
Vanguard TtlnSdIdxAdmrl	28.22	-0.09	-1.1
Vanguard TtlnSdIdxIns	112.84	-0.36	-1.1
Vanguard TtlnSdIdxInslPlus	112.86	-0.36	-1.1
Vanguard TtlnSdIdxInv	16.87	-0.05	-1.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	73.97	+0.14	+7.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	73.98	+0.14	+7.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxInslv	73.94	+0.13	+7.4
Vanguard WlngtMAdmrl	71.84	-0.05	+9.6
Vanguard WlslyInlAdmrl	64.73	-0.02	+9.6
Vanguard WndsrInlAdmrl	63.99	+0.03	+5.3

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET BLACKSHERE 1940-2019

Force in labor, politics known for being tough but charming

BY RICK PEARSON

Margaret Blackshere was a powerful and historic force in Illinois labor and politics, from her time as the first woman to head the state AFL-CIO to her tenure as a member of the Democratic National Committee and as a delegate to the party's presidential nominating conventions.

Blackshere, 78, of Arlington Heights, died July 6 of complications of Parkinson's disease.

Known as tough but charming, she went from being a kindergarten teacher to taking on union and political posts while working to modernize the labor movement.

"A very dynamic person and just a great sense of humor. She would have had to have a great sense of humor to do the work she did," said Dan Montgomery, the president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the union in which Blackshere began her labor advocacy.

"Shrinking violets don't prevail in that setting," Montgomery said, citing Blackshere's interaction work with politicians in Springfield. "So she was tough there. But she had to be tough to get to the position she got to when you're trying to mediate trades and industrial unions and public sector unions, when you're talking about tough issues in Illinois politics and Illinois finances, human rights.

"You have to be savvy. You have to be smart and you have to build relationships — and she had all of



HANDOUT

Margaret Blackshere in a 1994 photo when she was the head of Illinois' AFL-CIO.

that."

Blackshere was raised in the Metro-East area of southwestern Illinois across from St. Louis, an area that retains strong union roots and had been a dominant Democratic region in the state.

She received her master's degree in education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and became a kindergarten teacher in nearby Madison. There, she launched the organizing drive that led to the school's teachers becoming affiliated with the IFT.

She rose in the ranks of the statewide IFT and in 1993 was elected secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-CIO. Seven years later, following a rare, bitterly contested battle for control, she was elected president of the umbrella organization for labor unions in Illinois. It was a post she held until retiring from the position in 2007.

Her union presidency came during a time of

change for organized labor as power shifted from private-sector unions to organizations representing public-sector workers.

"She came out of the public sector as a teacher, but I think people felt she was a leader for every union," Montgomery said. "She was not seen as just a teacher or public sector unionist. She operated in very high circles."

She also sought to make union leadership more inclusive along racial and gender lines so it was more representative of membership. And she brought a higher level of union activity to the Democratic Party, including leading coordinated campaigns among candidates, along with serving on the DNC and as a convention delegate.

In addition to her labor and political work, Blackshere served on boards, councils and coalitions that included the United Way of Illinois, American Red Cross in Illinois, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Advisory Council.

She is survived by two sons, Michael and Thomas; a sister, Patricia Smith; and four grandchildren.

A visitation is set for 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Cooney Funeral Home, 625 Busse Highway, in Park Ridge. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 7400 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago.

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ment.

In 1509, John Calvin, the Protestant Reformation theologian, was born in Noyon, France.

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore succeeded to the presidency upon the death of Zachary Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate and urged its ratification.

In 1925, Tass was established as the Soviet Union's official news agency.

In 1938, industrialist Howard Hughes, accompanied by a crew of four, completed a flight around the world.

In 1940, World War II's 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces attacked southern England by air.

In 1943, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.

In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1970, Chinese communists freed Roman Catholic Bishop James Walsh after 12 years of solitary confine-

In 1885, bowing to pressure from irate customers, Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 1889, the Bulls named Phil Jackson head coach. Also in 1889 Mel Blanc, the "man of a thousand voices" whose work included such cartoon characters as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Yosemite Sam, died at 81 in Los Angeles.

In 1991, Boris Yeltsin took the oath as the first elected president of the Russian republic.

In 1992, a federal judge in Miami sentenced former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega to 40 years in prison on drug and racketeering convictions.

In 1994, in the first meeting of its kind, Russian President Boris Yeltsin joined leaders of the Group of Seven nations for talks after their annual summit in Naples, Italy.

In 1998, the Diocese of Dallas agreed to pay \$23.4 million to nine former altar boys who said they'd been molested by a priest.

In 1999, six African governments signed a cease-fire deal aimed at ending the

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
July 9
Mega Millions 12 26 40 48 64 / 1
Mega Millions jackpot: \$107M
Pick 3 midday 073 / 3
Pick 4 midday 1246 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday 03 04 15 26 32
Pick 3 evening 604 / 5
Pick 4 evening 5415 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 06 11 13 19 24
July 10 Powerball: \$180M
July 11 Lotto: \$7M

WISCONSIN
July 9
Pick 3 767
Pick 4 4474
Badger 5 06 10 17 19 24
SuperCash 05 15 16 19 27 39

INDIANA
July 9
Daily 3 midday 761 / 3
Daily 4 midday 3845 / 3
Daily 3 evening 097 / 7
Daily 4 evening 1950 / 7
Cash 5 09 21 27 31 45
MICHIGAN
July 9
Daily 3 midday 867
Daily 4 midday 8998
Daily 3 evening 036
Daily 4 evening 7527
Fantasy 5 02 09 18 25 35
Keno 04 07 11 13 14 15
17 23 27 37 39 42 45
47 52 54 57 67 71 74 79

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war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Rebel groups involved in the fighting did not sign. Also in 1999 the U.S. women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless play.

In 2000, at least 202 people were killed when a mountain of garbage collapsed on a Manila shantytown.

In 2001, the White House backed off a plan to let religious groups that receive federal money, such as the Salvation Army, ignore local laws that ban discrimination against gays and lesbians. Also in 2001, for the second time in a month, a jury in New York rejected the death penalty for one of the men convicted in the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, opting instead for life in prison without parole.

In 2002, a long-lost painting by Peter Paul Rubens, "The Massacre of the Innocents," was sold at auction in London for \$77 million.

In 2003, astronomers announced they had found the oldest and most distant planet yet, a huge, gaseous sphere 13 billion years old and 5,600 light years away. Also in 2003 Spain opened its first mosque in 500 years.

In 2005, the body of a missing U.S. commando was found in eastern Afghanistan, bringing an end to the search for the last member of an ill-fated, four-man special forces unit that had disappeared the previous month.

In 2007, China executed the former head of its food and drug agency for approving untested medicine in exchange for cash. Also in 2007 The American League defeated the National League 5-4 in the All-Star baseball game.

In 2015, the Confederate battle flag was permanently removed from the Statehouse grounds in Columbia, S.C. Also in 2015 the U.S. women's soccer team was celebrated for its World Cup win with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.



Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Alfonso, Jorge Hernando

Jorge H. Alfonso, 78, passed away on January 4, 2019. He is survived by two children, Caroline and David; four grandchildren, Emma, Gabriela, Carly, and Avery; a great aunt, Gilma; and eight siblings. He immigrated from Colombia in the 1960s. He was a loyal employee for Delta Airlines for over 25 years. He was a devout Catholic and lover of travelling, cars, and the TV show Jeopardy. A funeral mass will be held for Jorge at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles on July 13 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. His ashes will then be placed at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

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Barabasz, Robert J.

Robert J. Barabasz, 82, of Belvidere, died Wednesday, July 3, 2019 in his home. Born September 24, 1936 in Chicago; son of Bruno and Eleanor (Trznadel) Barabasz. Married his loving wife, Genevieve L. Gillis on May 4, 1957 at St. Boniface in Chicago. Robert worked for the Chicago Police Department until his retirement in 1994. Member of St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere.

Robert is survived by his children, Robert B. (Dawn) Barabasz of North Aurora, Kathleen K. (Vincent) Scotellaro of Belvidere and Jeffrey S. (Laurie) Barabasz of Rockford; 8 grandchildren, Robert, Samantha, Ryan, Anthony, Kelly, Michelle, Jason and Matthew and three great-grandchildren, Ava, Tyler and Charlotte; sister, Barbara (Thomas) Janicak of Hampshire. Preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Funeral Mass 12 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church, 402 Church Street, Belvidere. Visitation 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2019, at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Road, Rockford with a rosary recited at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2019 at the funeral home. Inurnment will be held in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Winnebago. To express condolences online, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com

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Cechura, Edward A.

Edward A. Cechura, World War II Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Rita (nee Benbow). Loving father of Edward J. (Rosemary) Cechura, Maryann (the late John) Lukis, Judy (Glen) Falesch, Rosemary (Robert) Kufta and Renee Sheeran. Dear grandfather of John, Jason, Julie, Brandon, Robbie, Ryan, Samantha, Megan and Allison. Dearest great-grandfather of Zack, Cienna, Alex, Austin, Cole and Cora. Cherished son of the late Joseph and Josephine Cechura. Dear brother of the late Charles, Rose Bambas, Joseph and Anne Pekarek.

Visitation, Thursday, July 11, 2019, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Friday, July 12, 2019, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Rene Goupil Church, 6340 S. New England Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Cohen, Adrienne 'Cookie'

Adrienne "Cookie" Cohen; beloved wife of the late Bernard "Bernie"; loving mother of Stuart (Geri) Cohen and Sandi (Neil) Bauer; proud grandmother of Allison (Dr. Jeffrey) Goldstein, David (Arielle) Cohen, Andrew Cohen, and Matthew (fiancee Jenna Harris) Bauer, and Joey Bauer, and great grandmother of Chloe, Mason, and Noah Goldstein, and Nellie Cohen; dear sister of the late Adele (the late Philip) Wallerstein; fond daughter of the late Abe and Rae Solomon. Service Wednesday 11:00 AM in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Contributions may be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077, 847-679-3311, lesturnerals.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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Domabyl, Carol

Carol Domabyl nee Thomas, age 82; beloved wife of James; loving mother of James III, Anthony (Diane), Patrick (Debbie), Joseph (Kim), Thomas (Karen) and the late Margaret; devoted grandmother of Heather Domabyl, Shelby (Cassandra) Domabyl-Deiters, Buck Domabyl, Charlsie Domabyl, Michael Domabyl, Jocelyn Domabyl, Marie (Jacob) Engler, Jill (Reid) Domabyl, Emily Domabyl and Nate Domabyl; proud great-grandmother of Riley and Fitzgerald; fond sister of the late Jean (the late Ray) Kadlec; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 8:30 A.M. until time of prayers at 10:45 A.M. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Thomas Hospice appreciated. For Funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Goerner, Gloria M. 'G.G.'

Beloved sister of Carol (the late Bob) DeMonte and the late Paul (Jean) Goerner; loving aunt of Paul (Nicole) and Scott Goerner and Debbie (Jeremy) Groh; great aunt of Paul and Jaimee Goerner and Sean, Joshua and Tyler Groh. Long time parishioner of St. Benedict Church and volunteer at The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Funeral Friday, prayers at 9:45 a.m. going to St. Benedict Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Eden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club (2501 W. Irving Park Rd.) would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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ITURRIETA, LAUREL R.

Laurel R. Iturrieta, age 69 years, of Naperville, IL. Beloved wife of Arnaldo; loving mother of Katie(Eric) Johnson and Tony Iturrieta. Visitation Friday, July 12, 2019 from 4-8 p.m. and Funeral Services Saturday 10 a.m. at Toon Funeral Home, 4920 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL. For additional information, www.toonfuneralhome.com or 630-968-0408.

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Jaffe, Hyman

Hyman Jaffe, age 95, passed away at home on June 30. Hyman was born on February 23, 1924, to the late Jacob and Mary Jaffe. From an early age, Hyman was an avid violinist. An Army veteran, he served his country from 1943-1946. After his military service, Hyman spent over 30 years as a dedicated educator in the Chicago Public Schools, serving as a principal and as the Head of the Department of Curriculum. He is survived by his loving wife Norma of 63 years. For funeral service information, please visit, www.powellfuneraldirectors.com. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**, 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Jennings, Brian Patrick

Brian Patrick Jennings. Age 54 of Park Ridge. Brian passed away on July 6, 2019 surrounded by family. He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ellen (nee McNicholas) of County Mayo, Ireland, and father Laurence Jennings of County Sligo, Ireland. He is survived by his beloved wife, Frances, and wonderful son, Liam, as well as his four siblings—Evelyn, Garrett, Larry and Colleen. Brian possessed a rare sincerity and infectious humor that made everyone lucky enough to know him feel at ease. He will forever be sorely missed. Visitation Friday, July 12, 3-8 p.m. at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, 9:00 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Maryhill Catholic Cemetery.

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Johnson, Edith

Edith (Kuehn) Johnson, 86, a resident of Chicago, IL, died at Artis Senior Living of Elmhurst on July 6, 2019. She was born on March 20, 1933 in Chicago, IL. She is survived by her husband, Willard Johnson of Chicago; by her son Eric (Bettina), son Kurt (Michelle), daughter Kristin (Louis); her sister Ruth (Curry); and her six grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Saturday July 13, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., at which time there will be a time for sharing of personal memories of Edith, at **Hultgren Funeral Home**, 304 N. Main St., 60187. Friends are encouraged to leave memories on the Guestbook so the family may read them during this time. For more information, please visit www.hultgrenfh.com for a full obituary or call **Hultgren Funeral Home** at 630-668-0027.

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Lampert, Joseph

Joseph Lampert, 78, born February 7, 1941 in Long Island, New York and born into eternity July 3, 2019. Beloved husband of 35 years to Janice (Rachmaciej); fond brother-in-law of Joyce and Marge Rachmaciej. Joe served honorably in the United States Navy and spent his business career in the Insurance Industry with Liberty Mutual, Indiana Insurance, Peerless and AIG. Joe was a member of the American Legion. He loved spending time with family and his many dear friends. He will be sadly missed. Funeral Friday, July 12, 2019 9:30 a.m. from **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, to St. Constance Church, 5843 W. Strong St., Chicago, for 10 a.m. Mass. Visitation Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association at donatenow.heart.org, or the American Legion Post 0777 P.O. Box 361625, Indianapolis, IN 46236. For more info, call (773)545-3800 or visit www.muzyka-funeralhome.com

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Lea, Lorenzo Bates

Lorenzo Bates Lea, Born, April 12, 1925, St. Louis, Mo., son of Lorenzo Bates Lea and Ursula Lea. Died July 8, 2019. Survived by wife Marcia, children Victoria Chaney (William), Jennifer and Christopher, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren, a sister Ursula Johnson, nephews and nieces. BS, M.I.T., JD, Univ. of Michigan and AMP, Harvard. U.S. Navy 1943 to 1946.

When Bates finished law school, the typical first job of law students was with a law firm, but Bates had the opportunity of going directly to a large corporation. He became the first lawyer ever hired directly out of law school by Standard Oil Company (later renamed Amoco), starting in its Chicago headquarters and retiring as Vice President and General Counsel in 1989, after being in charge of worldwide legal and patent matters for 17 years.

When the Arab Embargo and energy crisis of the 70's hit the country, he headed a group of general counsel of the 20 largest companies to deal with it and the increasingly complex regulations of all kinds affecting the industry.

Over the years he was an active member of the Chicago, Illinois and American Bar Associations, the Economic Club of Chicago, and boards of directors of the Legal Club of Chicago (Chairman), Law Club of Chicago, Chicago Crime Commission, United Charities of Chicago (Chairman), Association of General Counsel, Midwest Council for International Economic Policy (Vice Chairman), Legal Aid Bureau of Chicago (Chairman), Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago Area Foundation for Legal Services and an arbitrator and board member of the American Arbitration Association, Community Foundation of Collier County and Naples Botanical Garden.

Advisory Visiting Committees for Michigan, Northwestern and University of Chicago Law Schools, and long involvement with Northwestern's Corporate Counsel Institute.

At the same time Bates was enjoying the business and professional side of life, his family life was thriving. He had met Marcia who also had moved to Chicago, and they married in 1953. They moved to suburban Glenview in 1955 and loved being involved in raising and educating a young family, from local and school activities, to travel for a day or weeks visiting relatives, looking at colleges or just enjoying new experiences. This continued for decades, as jobs and marriages spread the family throughout the country. After Bates retired they divided their time between Glenview, IL, Naples, FL and a vacation home in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Member of Glen View Club, Golf IL and Naples Yacht Club and Hole in the Wall Golf Club, Naples. Member since 1955 of Glenview Community Church, and in recent years, Naples United Church of Christ.

A private funeral service is planned, with interment in Green Bay, WI. Any memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Marquett, Charles J.

Charles J. Marquett, age 70; beloved husband of the late Rita M. Marquett, nee Malinowski; loving father of Dr. Renee Marquett (Chris Motola) and Scott (the late Kansas) Marquett; cherished grandfather of Alexander and Christopher Marquett and step-grandfather of Devon and Alex Motola; dear son of the late Mary and Howard Marquett; dear brother of Sandra Chmielewski, Rosemary Crofton and the late Frank Marquett, fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, July 11th, from 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Friday, July 12th, 9:15AM from Adams Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St., (1 blk So. of Ogden) Downers Grove to St. Scholastica Church, Mass 10:00AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Masella, Marian L.

Marian Masella nee Moore, 90; beloved wife of the late Anthony; loving mother of Anthony (Mary), Sheila (Jim Hobt), Kenneth (Margaret), Maureen and Kathleen (Marvin McClure); cherished grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 5; dear sister of the late Joan Ceconni; fond aunt and friend to many. Funeral Friday 11 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. Mass 11:30 AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Pro-Life Action League, prolifeaction.org. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Moore, Robert K

Robert K Moore, age 89; Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Moore (nee Blake); Loving father of Robert (Nancy) Moore, Lynn (James Haniacek) Hartman, Kathleen (James) Memmesheimer, Susan (the late Garrett) Hueske, Michael (Barbara) Moore and Scott (Melissa) Moore; Cherished grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Visitation at Blake Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on July 12 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass on July 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn. For more information, call 708-636-1193.

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Murphy, John J.

Murphy, John J. of Chicago and The Villages Florida (85) passed away peacefully on June 21, 2019 surrounded by his family. Loving husband for 60 years to Mary Murphy (nee Lynch) from Ballybunion, Ireland; son of the late John "Jack" Murphy and Ita Murphy of Mountcollins, County Limerick, Ireland; brother to the late Denis Murphy of Chicago and Connie Murphy of Mountcollins, Limerick, Ireland; beloved father of Kathryn (Ita) Heneghan and husband Mark, John (Sean) and wife Laurie, Patrick and wife Kelly, Maria Lopez and husband Gabriel, and Barry and wife Beata.; proud Grandfather to Emily, Colleen, Kailee, Joseph, Margaret, Michael, Thomas, Kevin, Patrick, and Connor; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews in the US and at home in Ireland.; friend to many in The Villages Florida and Chicago. John came to the United States in 1955 and proudly served in the US Army. John worked as a Local 399 Operating Engineer for 40 years for Sears Roebuck at the west side power house and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in Rosemont to finish his career. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 11 from 4pm to 8pm at **Cooney Funeral Home** (625 Busse Highway, | Park Ridge, IL). Funeral Mass will be held Friday July 12 at St. Monica at 10:00 a.m. (5136 N. Nottingham, Chicago, IL). Burial will follow at Queen of Heaven in Hillside, IL (1400 S. Wolf Road). For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Olaszewski, Philip T. 'Phil'

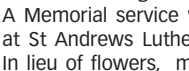
Philip "Phil" T. Olaszewski of Bartlett, 79, died July 6, 2019. Phil was the beloved husband of Susan for 45 years; loving brother of Roberta (Raymond) Abbott and Mark (Sharon); proud uncle of Donna (Jerry) Brand, Raymond Abbott, Adam (Nicole), Justin, Matthew (Nicole) Olaszewski and Aubrey (Josh) Willms; cherished great uncle of 9 great nieces and nephews. An Army veteran, Phil enjoyed woodworking, he was an avid fisherman and loved fishing in Canada. He was known for his bread, and a master handyman, never having to hire anyone. Visitation Thursday, July 11, 3:00pm - 9:00pm, at Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Road (at Stearns Road) Bartlett, prayers at 7:30pm. Following services cremation will be private at Countryside Crematory. Memorial Service Saturday July 20, 12Noon at The Church of St. Columba 1800 W. Irving Park Road, Hanover Park. In lieu of flowers donations to Brunos Pro Bone O Pet Pantry www.brunospantry.com or Wounded Warriors Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org would be appreciated. For information (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Peterson, Louis Harold

Louis Harold Peterson, Age 83, of Glenwood IL, passed away at his home with family by his side, on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Louis is survived by his loving wife Evelyn nee Coons, son Thomas (Marcia), and daughters Diana (Michael) Ehlenfeldt, Sandra (Steven) Guziar, Debbie (William) O'Keefe and Penny (Douglas) Maize. An only child, Louis was the proud grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 13. A Memorial service will be held Saturday July 13, at St Andrews Lutheran Church in Glenwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either St Andrews Lutheran Church of Glenwood or Alzheimer's Research. Arrangements entrusted to **Cremation Society of Illinois** 708-206-2000.



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Ringwald, Leo H.

Leo H. Ringwald, age 66, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1978, formerly of Madison, IN, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born July 10, 1952 in Madison, IN. Leo was a longtime employee of Nokia (formerly Alcatel-Lucent/Bell Laboratories) in Naperville.

Visitation Friday, July 12, 2019, 5:00-9:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville. Additional services will be held in Madison, IN. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Schatzman, Martin R.

Martin R. Schatzman, 65. Beloved husband of Barbara Jean nee Moser; Loving stepfather of Maurine (Roman) Conti, Michael (Regina) Conti, Marianne (Craig) Burt, Matthew (Susan) Conti, Mark (Alma) Conti, and Martina (Robert) Carr; Dearest grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; Beloved brother of Joan, Elizabeth (William) Reagan, Raymond, Paul, Daniel (Kathy) and the late Marietta. Wonderful uncle and friend of many. Preceded in death by his parents Robert and Joan. Memorial visitation Saturday 9 am at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Itasca, IL. until Mass of Christian Burial 10 am. Inurnment at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Center for Independence through Conductive Education NW. www.cfimove.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Belmont Funeral Home** Information 773.286.2500

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Schroeder, Nora Kay

Beloved daughter of Raymond and Beatrice; fond sister of Gail (Joe) Johnson. Visitation Thursday July 11, 2019 at THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., from 10:00am to 11:30am with service at 11:30am. Int: Irving Park Cemetery. For info: 773-276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com Memorials may be given in her name to Shriners Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park, Chicago, IL 60707 or N.F. Midwest, 473 Dunham Rd. Ste 3, St. Charles, IL 60174

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Seigle, Susan Gilbert

Susan Gilbert Seigle of Chicago passed away on Tuesday, July 9 of natural causes following a stroke. She was 76. Susan was born in Alma, Michigan, raised in Flossmoor, Illinois, and educated at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and The University of Michigan. She worked at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs in the 1960s and 1970s, and championed causes related to women's rights and Judaism throughout her life. She raised her family in Elgin and East Dundee, Illinois and later moved back to Chicago. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Harry Seigle; her three sons, Benjamin, Max, and Joe; three daughter-in-laws, Rebekah Scheinfeld, Marri Seigle, and Camille Seigle; two grandchildren, Phoebe Seigle and Lora Seigle; and her siblings Tom Gilbert of Flossmoor, Illinois and Nancy Carson Lasin of Highland Park, Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30pm, Thursday, July 11 at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W Delaware Place in Chicago. A burial service will follow at 5:30pm at Bluff City Cemetery, 945 Bluff City Blvd, in Elgin. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago or The Community Crisis Center of Elgin, IL. Laird Funeral Home, Elgin is assisting the family. For information call 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservice.com.

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Taylor, Carolyn Landvogt

Carolyn Taylor nee Landvogt, 89 of Buffalo Grove, beloved wife of John W. "Jack" Taylor; loving mother of Kathleen (Wilfred) Hegg nee Clarke; loved grandmother of Lauren Esther Hegg; dear sister of John (Geraldine) Landvogt, the late Lois (Quentin) Daly, and Robert (Nancy) Landvogt; fond aunt of many. Visitation from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Friday at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arl. Hts., Illinois and from 9:00am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am, Saturday at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, Illinois. Interment private. In lieu of flowers contributions to JourneyCare Foundation 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL, 60025 journeycare.org, appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Thorpe, James H.

James H. Thorpe 88 years, Beloved husband of Mary Ellen (nee Saunders) of 64 years, loving father of Jim (Julie), and late baby Patrick Thorpe, Sandy (Ralph) Adas, Sharon Collins, and John (Susan) Thorpe. Cherished grandfather of Stefanie (Kevin, RGFD) Brennan, Lauren Adas, Sara (Christopher, CFD) DeAngelis, Megan and Rachel Collins, Justin and Madeline Thorpe. Cherished great grandfather of Brynn and Charlotte Brennan. Dearest brother of the late Ruth (late Robert) Lowe. He was very involved with the St. Symphorosa Parish, serving as Eucharistic Minister, Senior Choir, and Super Club Member. Retired member of Sheet Metal Workers with the city of Chicago Local 73, and St. Rita High School Band Boosters. Resting at the Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Avenue, Summit, IL 60501. Funeral Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. to St. Rene Goupil Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Feeley Balto Funeral Service 773/239-9095

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Tomsovic, Robert J.

Robert J. Tomsovic, 83, of Arlington Hts., formerly of Chicago; beloved husband of 58 years to Roselle (nee Primeau); loving father to Robert V. (Tina), Michael (Jim Saunders) and Karen; cherished grandfather to Michael (Rachel) and Maria; fond brother to Rita (the late James) Peterson, David (Cristina) and the late James; beloved brother-in-law to Farol; and dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 3 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Funeral Mass 10 am, Friday, July 12, 2019 at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 7958 West Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656. A 12 pm Graveside Committal Service will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, 1185 West Algonquin Rd., Palatine, IL 60067. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Parkinson's Foundation www.parkinson.org/chicago. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Wightman, Rosemary

91, passed away July 2, 2019 with her children by her side. She was born on September 25, 1927. She married the late Robert F. Wightman on May 10, 1947 in St. Louis. Rosemary loved music, gardening, dancing, enjoying the beautiful outdoors, reading, and watching old movies. Rosemary worked most of her life making a warm and loving home for her family. She had a real love of life and it affected everything she did. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 10 am at St Patrick's Church, 991 S. Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest, Illinois. In lieu of flowers Donate to HospiceAlliance.org or racinodominicans.org

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Winie, Arnold

Arnold C. Winnie age 87 of Crest Hill, IL formerly of Evergreen Park. Beloved husband of the late Adele Winnie; loving father of Arnold Jr. (Kathy) Winnie, Maureen (Frank) Coglianese, Richard (Jayne) Winnie, Susan (Bob Whitehouse) Clarke and Allen Winnie; devoted grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 6; fond brother of Doris (Bob) Peterson, late Shareen Winnie, late Irving (Theresa) Winnie and late David (late Eleanor) Winnie; many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday July 13, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at **Anderson Memorial Home**, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544 with services at 3:00 pm Saturday afternoon. (815) 577-5250 (andersonmemorialhomes.com)

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Wulff, Peter Matthew

Peter Matthew Wulff passed away suddenly on July 7, 2019 at the age of 41. Loving son of Robert and Marion Wulff, devoted brother of Andrew (Regina) Wulff, Ellen (Drew) McCormick, and Stephen Wulff. Proud uncle of William, Grant, and Duncan McCormick, and Jonathan Wulff. Passionate about music, chess, literature, film, sports, social justice, and politics. Multi-instrumentalist, gifted songwriter, lifelong mandmate to countless friend-filled groups. Director of Education at Riveredge Hospital, a psychiatric facility in Forest Park, IL, where he dedicated his life's work treating and counseling marginalized youth, as well as establishing the suicide prevention program. Empathetic, compassionate, humble, funny, intellectually curious, naturally cool without having to try, caring, and generous person. The wake is Thursday, July 11th from 4-8pm at **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 1100 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091. The funeral service is on Friday, July 12th at 10:30am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chess Without Borders: Peter Wulff Scholarship, 5 Sara Lane, Barrington, IL 60010. For funeral information please call 847-251-8200.

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Wysocky, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Wysocky, 88, died peacefully July 9th. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Simonne, children: Simonne Soudan, John (Rebecca) Wysocky, Kathryn (Doug) Wysocky-Johnson, Michael (Tracy) Wysocky, and 14 grandchildren: Kat (Matt) Lighthouse, Colton, Makenna, and Weston Soudan; Zara, Margeaux, Tommy, and Violet Wysocky; Isabel and Soren Wysocky-Johnson; and Harry, Suzy, Beau, and Livy Wysocky. He was an admired uncle, cousin, and friend to countless.

He was chairman emeritus of Thatcher Foundations Inc. where he was well known for his integrity, ingenuity, commitment to safety, and sense of humor. A 1953 graduate of The Citadel with a B.S. in civil engineering, he joined Thatcher in 1957 after a short stint in the US Army Corps of Engineers. He was a board member of the American Subcontractors Association (ASA), director of the Builders Association and the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council, trustee of the Construction Advancement Foundation, trustee of the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI), president of the Industrial Contractors and Builders Association of Indiana, board member of the Society of American Military Engineers, member of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings, and president of the Pile Driving Contractors Association. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the ASA, Chicago Chapter. The DFI awards two annual scholarships in his name for undergraduate or graduate study. He will be the 2019 recipient of the DFI Legends Award in Construction. He enjoyed golf and was an avid sailor, both competitively and for pleasure with family travels. He sailed all over the world. He piloted his own plane, 522PN. And his stories were even better, a true raconteur. He lived well and loved well. He was one of the great ones. Visitation Friday, July 12, 2019, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, July 13, 2019 10:00 am at Divine Mercy Parish at Sacred Heart Church, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to the DFI - Thomas J. Wysocky Scholarship Fund, 326 Lafayette Avenue Hawthorne, NJ 07506 or Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info:www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

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Zaransky, Steve

Steve Zaransky, 68. Beloved husband of Julie. Loving brother of Michael (Barbara) Zaransky and Marc (Heidi) Zaransky. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Steve was an active member of the Sauganash and Edgebrook communities and chambers of commerce. Steve was a noted Barbeque Master and active in the global foodie community such as the LTH Forum. All who knew him realized he made us all better people. Memorial service Tuesday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom Attn: The Zaransky Family Tickitt Jewish Community Memorial Fund, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062, www.bethshalomnj.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com

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ZENISEK, ROBERT

Robert Zenisek, 89 of Racine, WI passed away on June 3, 2019. Robert and his loving late wife Marty enjoyed a full and wonderful life together, visiting 60 countries as well as making their homes in Champaign, Berwyn, Riverside, Milan-Italy, Connecticut, California, Virginia and Texas. They relocated to Racine to be near their only daughter Diane (Jorge) Garces and grandchildren Karla, Kristina, Jason and Luis. survived by sisters Catherine and Dorothy Zenisek and many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. with services at Noon at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside. Funeral info 708-447-2261.

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PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Angel Coleman Amiyaha Coleman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Katrena Jackson**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00108 19JA00109**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jermaine Coleman (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 7, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **07/30/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Marcus (Unknown Last Name) (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tony Allen (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Abed Nouwodou (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 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
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Taffy Bevers (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Adarius Curtis (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Marcus Jones (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kirby Franklin (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 10, 2019

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CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Thomas Gibbs (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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July 10, 2019

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill**
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dennis Tabor (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **07/30/2019, at 9:30 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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July 10, 2019

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(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

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TO: Clyde Apartments LP, Clyde Apartments LP c/o Nick Lambros, BCL-Home Lending LLC c/o LP Agents, LLC, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Occupant, Occupant, and BCL-Home Lending LLC, ; ; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001803 FILED June 21, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006426 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2101-2109 East 79th Street and 7901-7911 South Clyde Avenue, Chicago, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-202-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 6, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 6, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on November 20, 2019, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 6, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: June 21, 2019 Pub: 7/8, 9, 10/2019 6352333

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TO: SHAWN SIMMONS; KAREN ANDERSON; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000973 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0005609 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2954 E. 82ND ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 21-31-220-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: June 28, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/8, 9, 10/2019 6358181

TO: CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001013 FILED: May 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0005750 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 8744 S. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 25-03-101-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 1, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 20, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 1, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 5 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 1, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/8, 9, 10/2019 6361689

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TO: Westberry Village West Condominiums; Ali Katbeh; Abdel Meshal; Maha AlQawasmeh; Omar Meshal; Musa Abdulrahman Meshal; Occupant, 16145 Creekmont Ct., Tinley Park, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001923. FILED: 7/2/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/3/2017. Certificate No. 15-0001803. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16145 Creekmont Ct., Tinley Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 27-23-104-026-1007. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 11/26/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/26/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 12/4/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/26/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. REALTY CHICAGO LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 7/2/2019. Pub: 7/8, 9, 10/2019 6362997

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NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 am on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 am on the stated bid opening date below:

CONTRACT 19-023-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER LAB CHEMICALS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost: Group A: \$120,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group A: None
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$10,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group B: None
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$130,000.00	

Bid Opening: July 23, 2019

CONTRACT 19-049-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS WORK GLOVES TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost: Group A: \$8,500.00	Bid Deposit: Group A: None
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$5,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group B: None
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$25,500.00	Bid Deposit: Group C: None
Estimated Cost: Group D: \$10,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group D: None
Estimated Cost: Group E: \$49,000.00	

Bid Opening: July 23, 2019

CONTRACT 19-056-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER HARDWARE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost: Group A: \$28,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group A: None
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$22,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group B: None
Estimated Cost: Group C: \$24,000.00	Bid Deposit: Group C: None
Estimated Cost: Group D: \$74,000.00	

Bid Opening: July 30, 2019

CONTRACT 19-656-11 INSPECT AND MAINTAIN TARP ELECTRICAL CONTROL CHAMBERS AND TIDE GAGE MONITORING SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Estimated Cost: \$500,000.00	Bid Deposit: \$25,000.00
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Mandatory Pre-Bid Technical Conference: Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 11:00 am Chicago Time, Stickney WRP, Office Bldg 185, Conference Rm A266, 6001 W Pershing Rd, Cicero IL

Bid Opening: August 6, 2019

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

CONTRACT 19-717-21 FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL AN UPGRADED OPERATOR FOR TARP GATE 1 AT THE O'BRIEN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Estimated Cost: \$450,000.00	Bid Deposit: \$22,500.00
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Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through: Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 8:30 am Chicago Time, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, Process Control Bldg 4th floor Conference Rm, 3500 Howard St, Skokie IL

Mandatory Technical Conference: Same location as Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through, approximately 10:00 am Chicago Time

Bid Opening: August 6, 2019

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrd.org; click the Contracts and Proposals quick link on the District's Home page. Go to Contracts Being Currently Advertised and click for further information.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 am and 4:15 pm. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312)751-3042. The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
July 10, 2019

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

With his friend Tyler Skaggs on his mind, the White Sox's Lucas Giolito threw a scoreless fourth inning in Tuesday night's All-Star Game.

MLB ALL-STAR GAME AL 4, NL 3

A starry night

Cubs, Sox stars relish opportunity in Cleveland



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

CLEVELAND – The Cubs got an earful. Lucas Giolito made a heartfelt tribute to a friend and James McCann made a diving catch of a foul popup to help stave off a late rally.

The Chicago guys had their moments in the American League's 4-3 win in the All-Star

HOW THE CHICAGO ALL-STARS FARED

Cubs
Javier Baez Starting shortstop
Went 0-for-2 with a strikeout and a popup.
Willson Contreras: Starting catcher
Went 0-for-2 with a groundout and a strikeout.
Kris Bryant: Entered the game in left field in the 4th
Struck out in his only at-bat.
White Sox
Lucas Giolito: Pitched in fourth inning
Walked one batter, struck out one and had two groundouts.
James McCann: Entered the game at catcher in the 6th
Singled to right in the 7th, and caught a foul pop to end a rally in 8th.
Jose Abreu: Entered the game at first base in the 7th
Gounded into an inning-ending double play in the 8th.

Game on Tuesday night, which ended with former Cub Aroldis Chapman striking out the side in the ninth, finishing off a fast and furious Midsummer Classic at Progressive Field.

The game had a few laughs and tender moments, beginning

with the pregame introductions when the three Cubs — Javier Baez, Kris Bryant and Willson Contreras — were roundly booed by Indians fans, who can't seem to get over that Game 7 loss in the 2016 World Series.

"It definitely brought back that

time in our lives," said Bryant, who played left field instead of third base and joked he was the "utilityman" of the NL team.

"But if I was a fan, I'd boo too," he continued. "That was such a crazy World Series. But really good to be back here and step on the field again. Really brought back a lot of memories."

Baez pumped his fist in the air to answer the vociferous crowd, seemingly relishing a chance to show he was back and ready to do some more damage to Cleveland's delicate psyche.

"I heard K.B.'s (boos) first," Baez said. "I was just hoping mine wasn't worse."

Baez laughed. "It was (worse)," he admitted. "It's really fun to be back home in Cleveland."

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FIRE

Team set to change venues

Fire reach \$65.5M deal with Bridgeview to leave SeatGeek Stadium

BY JEREMY MIKULA

The Chicago Fire no longer will have to play their home matches at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview starting next season.

The team and village on Tuesday announced an agreement for the Fire to amend their lease at the soccer-specific stadium in the southwest suburb.

Under the terms, the Fire will pay \$65.5 million to break their lease, which originally ran through the 2036 season. As part of the deal, the Fire will put money toward a "multisport recreation and entertainment center" in Bridgeview.

"SeatGeek Stadium will now have year-round availability for consistent high-revenue-generating entertainment events for years to come," Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek said in a statement. "Additionally, the expanded recreation venue will create even more growth opportunities for the village."

"I'm extremely excited about the benefits this agreement will bring to our community and for the future of a sports team that all of us in Bridgeview and the region have come to love."

The Fire will pay \$10 million upfront plus \$5 million for up-

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BLACKHAWKS

Jokiharju exiting, Nylander arriving

Young defenseman shipped to Sabres for 8th pick in '16 draft

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Last October, the start of Henri Jokiharju's NHL career couldn't have gone better.

The Blackhawks defenseman looked comfortable playing nearly 20 minutes each of his first two games and picked up a couple of assists for good measure, but most striking was the high praise he earned from a coach not known for throwing around compliments.

"All aspects of his game — his gap, his presence in the puck area, his decision-making offensively and defensively, supporting the attack," then-Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "Looked like he has played the game for a long, long time at this level."

Jokiharju, the No. 29 pick in the 2017 draft, may end up having a long NHL career, but it won't continue with the Hawks, who unclogged their crowded group of defensive prospects Tuesday when they dealt their former first-round pick to the Sabres for forward Alex Nylander, the No. 8 pick in the 2016 draft.

Nylander, 21, has three goals and three assists in 19 NHL games, including a pair of goals and two assists in 12 games last season. In 165 games with Rochester, the

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Brown made huge impact on defense

Our pick at No. 58, safety **Mike Brown**, had a knack for turnovers and big plays, powering the dominant defenses of the the Lovie Smith-era Bears.

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TRACK AND FIELD

College runner has disability — and goals

Evanston's Holzmuehler eyes Paralympic Games

BY SHANNON RYAN

When Aaron Holzmuehler was a child, he was so active in sports, the physical therapist he worked with to ease the difficulties of cerebral palsy told Holzmuehler to cancel the rest of his appointments.

"After running so much, they said, 'We don't need you to come here because these are the stretches you're doing with the team,'" Holzmuehler said. "It's helped me stay physically fit."

A 2018 graduate of Evanston Township High School, Holzmuehler played soccer and baseball, ran track and cross-country and swam in his youth, and he continues to challenge himself as

an athlete. Even a last-place finish doesn't deter him from his mission of improving his times and performances.

He was recently named Beloit College's inspirational athlete of the year, competing in track and cross-country as a freshman for the Division III program in Wisconsin. His sights are set on competing in the Paralympic Games, likely aiming for 2024 in the 800- and 1,500-meter races.

This summer, he's competing in local road races and working out with his father, Keith, at the Evanston track and cross-country course to continue his conditioning before his sophomore

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Aaron Holzmuehler, 19, and his father, Keith, train at Evanston Township High School. Holzmuehler is an athlete at Beloit College.

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Interest in HR Derby strong

Squint just so and you could see how Major League Baseball's annual Home Run Derby on Monday, which featured the Mets' Pete Alonso outslugging fellow rookie Vlad Guerrero Jr. of the Blue Jays, might be a warped vision of baseball's future.

You either hit a home run or you don't. Nothing else matters.

After all, in separate ESPN interviews earlier in the day:

- Astros ace and American League starter Justin Verlander ripped baseball's leadership for using "juiced balls" this season, calling it "a (bleeping) joke."
- Commissioner Rob Manfred asserted the game's recent uptick in homers is "not the worst thing in the world" as "our fan data suggests fans like home runs."

Appropriately, the Home Run Derby had more pop than usual with 312 total dingers and Guerrero, in a mighty second-place performance, racking up 91 by himself.

Here are four takeaways from the pre-All-Star Game event that seems to grow each year even as the supposed main event struggles to define its *raison d'être*.

- 1. If you weren't watching the Statcast coverage of the Derby on ESPN2, you were doing it wrong.**

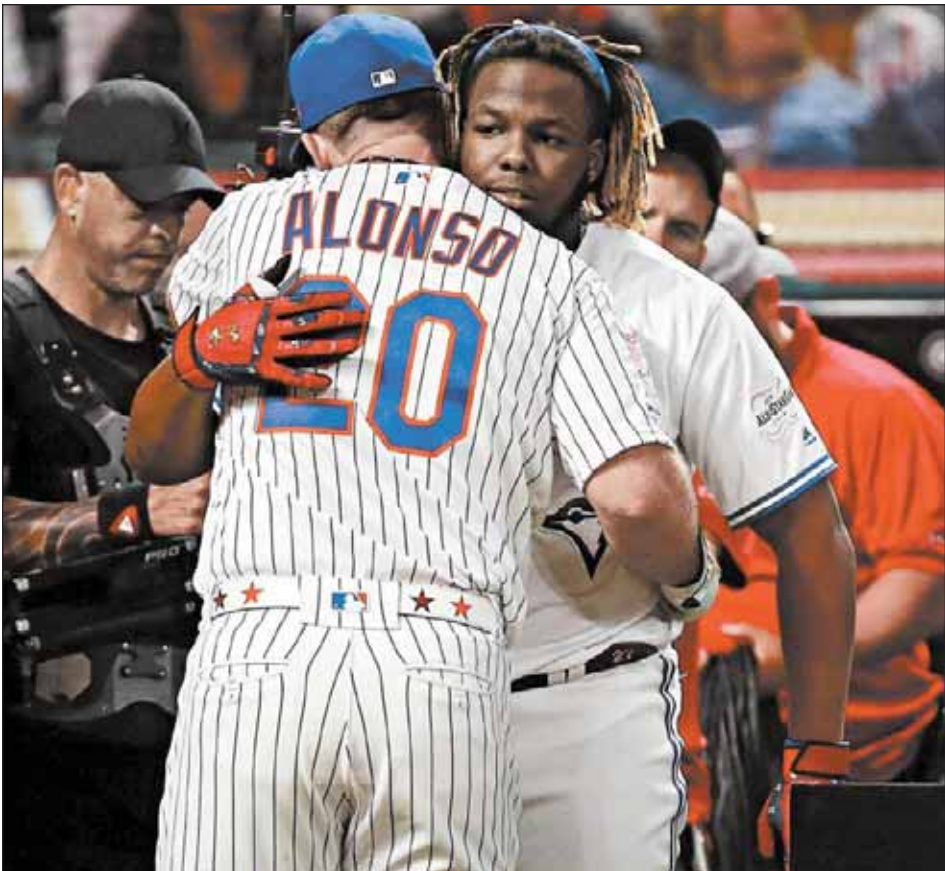
While Karl Ravech and Co. oohed and aahed on ESPN, ESPN2 had White Sox announcer Jason Benetti, ESPN commentator Eduardo Perez and MLB Statcast analyst Mike Petriello talking strategy and actually making sense of the competition.

Even as someone who typically feels Statcast data should be used sparingly, lest the viewer drown in statistics, the graphics and commentary were interesting. Plus, it was fun to hang with the Benetti-led combo.

One unexpected highlight: An apparently peckish Perez bought a hot dog from a vendor during a break in the action.
- 2. Using Harry Doyle from the "Major League" movies was thinking "just a bit outside" the box.**

Ricky "Wild Thing" Vaughn, Jake Taylor, Roger Dorn, Pedro Cerrano and Willie Mays Hayes may not be real ballplayers, but they always will be among the most beloved stars associated with Indians baseball.

Ditto for Doyle, who called their games in the "Major League" films, which is why



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Pete Alonso gets hugged by Vladimir Guerrero Jr. after winning the Home Run Derby.

- ESPN revived the character Bob Uecker played for its Home Run Derby intro bit, set to a cover of "Wild Thing."
- It was a reach, but you'll never get a complaint from us about airtime for Uecker, the Brewers announcing great, Miller Lite pitch man and former star of TV's "Mr. Belvedere."
- In fact, the only thing better would have been to have Uecker (aka "Mr. Baseball") call the Derby for ESPN.
- 3. So does the Home Run Derby wreck a player's swing or not?**

Perhaps the most interesting statistic brought up during the Statcast coverage was an examination of whether competing in the Home Run Derby affects a player after the All-Star break. The answer seems to be no.

The on-base plus slugging percentage

- (OPS) for All-Star participants as a group has tended to decline in recent seasons after the break, a dip that may be attributed to the fact a hot start helps earn some players their All-Star appearances in the first place.
- But it seems Home Run Derby competitors suffer less decline, and some — Charlie Blackmon, Giancarlo Stanton and Gary Sanchez in 2017 and Bryce Harper and Rhys Hoskins last year — had their OPS go up after the break.
- 4. Maybe the reason the Home Run Derby resonated is that something real was at stake.**

The finals came down to two guys with \$555,000 salaries this season. The top Derby prize was \$1 million. So, yeah, you may have sensed Alonso and Guerrero wanted to win this thing. Everyone did.

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Bidding opens for Rizzo, Bryant World Series gloves

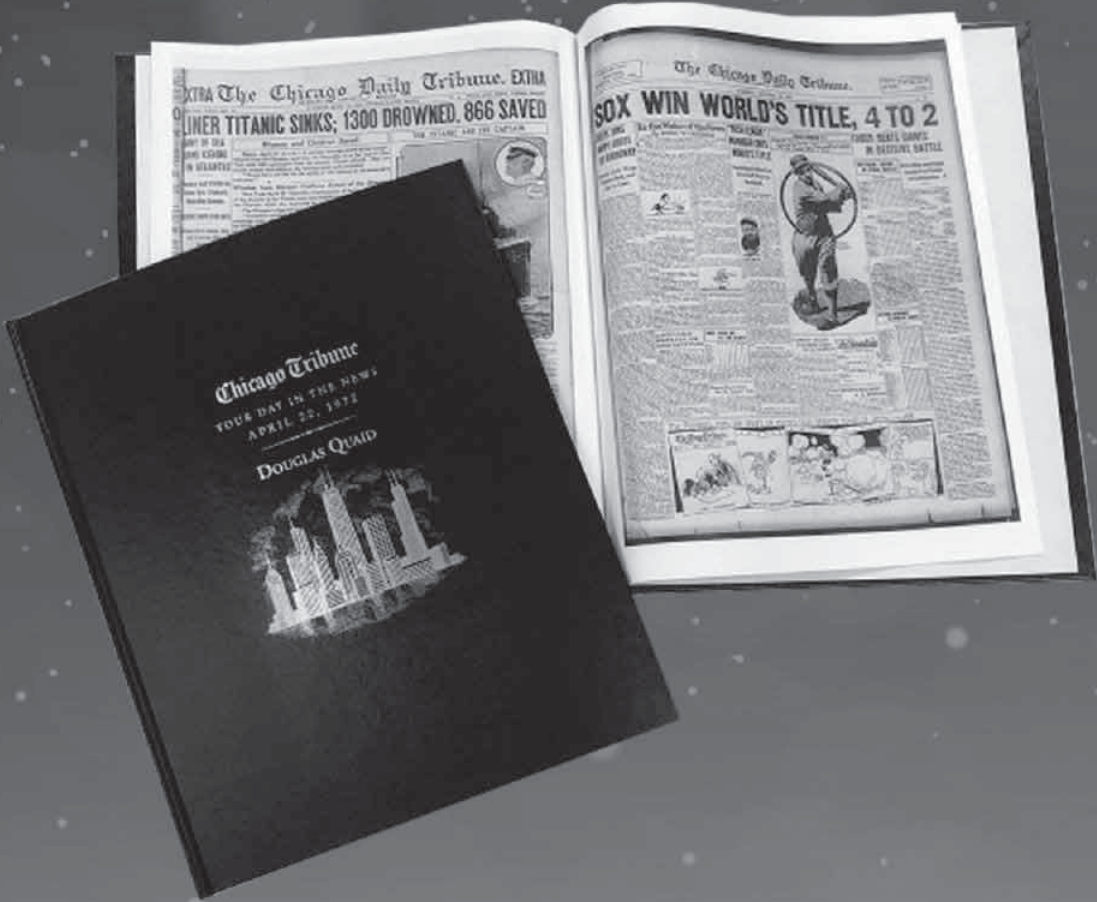
Bidding has opened for the gloves Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo used during the final out of the Cubs' 2016 World Series championship, and the auction house selling them thinks they'll go for \$750,000 or more.

"To me the gloves represent the single most important and significant item of Cubs history in 100 years that will ever be sold publicly," said Ken Goldin, founder and president of Goldin Auctions.

Bidding, with a minimum of \$250,000 for the two gloves, opened online Monday at goldinauctions.com and will conclude Aug. 1.

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Commissioner Rob Manfred is interviewed as the American League players warm-up for Tuesday's All-Star Game.

On the defensive

Manfred on juiced balls: 'There is no evidence the baseball is harder'

By PAUL SULLIVAN

CLEVELAND — Commissioner Rob Manfred continued to dispute allegations of an intentionally juiced baseball by major-league players and managers who believe the evidence is overwhelming. The all-time home run record is on pace to be obliterated, and even the Tommy La Stellas of the game have suddenly found their power strokes. "There is no evidence from the scientists the baseball is harder," Manfred said Tuesday at a meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. "The basic characteristics of the baseball, as measured by the independent scientists who we asked to do the study, provides no support for that. What there is support for is the drag is a little less, and when you have less drag, it goes farther. "We had a spike (in homers) this year. We went back to those scientists and they said, 'Look, you have baseballs with less drag.' We've acknowledged that, said it a number of times. We went back to the scientists and said, 'We need to figure out why.' "Not only do we need to figure out why,

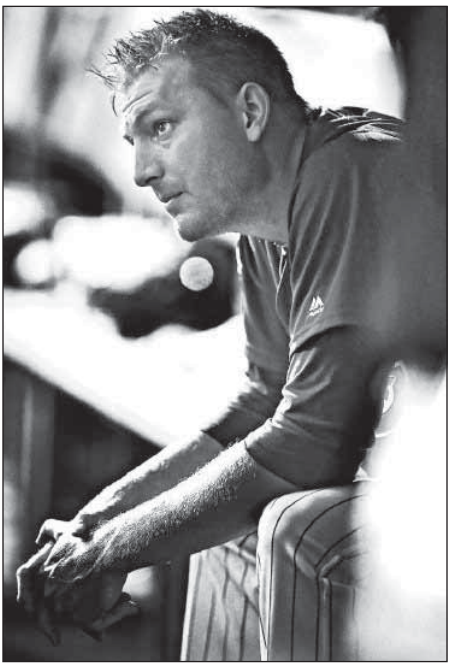
but we need to figure out a process that lets us manage in advance how a ball is going to perform. We're working on that." Astros pitcher Justin Verlander, the American League All-Star starter, told ESPN that Major League Baseball has intentionally changed the balls to add more offense, pointing to the fact MLB owns ball manufacturer Rawlings. Verlander called it "a (bleeping) joke." Manfred wouldn't discuss Verlander's comment but said: "How you manipulate a human-dominated, hand-made manufactured product in any consistent way is for a smarter human being than I." Players union chief Tony Clark told the BBWAA in a separate session he agrees the ball has "suddenly changed, and I don't know why." Manfred insisted MLB is "concerned about the topic" despite the suggestion it likes seeing more home runs because younger fans seemingly prefer the long ball. "That's why we're spending money and time trying to get a better handle on the way the baseball performs," he said. Manfred said he has received input from pitchers. "Pitchers have raised issues about particularly the tackiness and the seams on the baseball," he said. "We do believe those could be issues that are related to the ball." Manfred brought up Cubs manager Joe Maddon while pointing out a baseball is

not the same as a golf ball. Maddon recently said you could stamp "Titleist" on the sides of balls, referring to the golf ball manufacturer. Maddon is a newfound skeptic, as he noted after a recent game at Wrigley Field in which balls were flying out with the wind blowing in. "It's like a UFO took off," he said. "I don't know what I'm witnessing, but the way the ball is coming off the bat right now, I guess it's just extraterrestrial. ... Because this is my fifth year (in Chicago) and I know what I've seen. And whenever the wind is blowing in, you don't see that." Verlander has served up a major-league-high 26 home runs, so the allegedly juiced ball has affected his performance. Not every pitcher is taking the same tack. "We can sit here and talk until we're blue in the face about the ball," the Cubs' Jon Lester said after a recent loss. "Every pitcher in the big leagues has to pitch with it. You can comment on it all you want, but it's just an excuse. I don't make excuses. Got to make better pitches." White Sox All-Star Lucas Giolito, who allowed only nine home runs in the first half, believes the ball is juiced but said it doesn't really bother him. "For me it's not a big deal because it's not just me that's facing guys with a juiced ball," he said. "Everybody faces everybody with a juiced ball, so it all kind of balances out, I guess."

Baseball size throws pitchers for curve

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

When esteemed New York Times baseball writer Tyler Kepner set out to examine the history of baseball in 10 pitches, he devoted the third chapter of his new book, "K," to the curveball. Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown is featured prominently, as are curveball maestros Sandy Koufax, Bert Blyleven, Clayton Kershaw and Max Scherzer. The first pitcher examined, though, is none other than the Cubs' Mike Montgomery. His 0-1 yakker to the Indians' Michael Martinez was the final pitch of the 2016 World Series. "He interviewed me after the World Series and then I kind of forgot about it," Montgomery said. "I read that part and saw the first (pitcher) was me. Awesome. Pretty incredible." What's even more incredible is that in the space between Montgomery earning his first career save and this week's All-Star break, his curveball has changed. "Mine is not the same as it was in 2016," he said. "A lot of it is due to the change in the baseball." Nearly half of the teams in the majors are projected to surpass their franchise records for home runs in a season, and it's not because of syringes or better lumber. The baseball is juiced. "There's no getting around it; it's absolutely true," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said Sunday. "I was on the mound the other day with two (baseballs) and one felt smaller than the other. I asked the guys to check it out. You can see it in the way the balls have been flying. They could easily have stamped 'Titleist' on the side." Several of Maddon's pitchers, including Montgomery, have mentioned tinkering with their grips on breaking balls because of the lower seams. "I'm moving toward sliders because with lower seams, you can't get that same



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The Cubs' Mike Montgomery said the change in the shape of baseballs has made it harder to throw a 12-6 curveball. vertical break," Montgomery said. Montgomery said the change in the shape of the ball makes it harder to throw a 12-to-6 curveball, the kind that drops from a batter's chest to his knees. "Pitchers have been making adjustments with their grips," Maddon said. "It's not just him." Like the Cubs, Montgomery has not had an easy time of it this season. He gave up at least a run in three of his first four outings and then missed a month with a left lat strain. He got his ERA down to 4.26 but has been dinged in his last three outings and reached the All-Star break at 5.67. The Pirates' Adam Frazier took him deep last week on a 1-2 curveball on the

inner half that Montgomery thought would produce an out. Instead it reached the first row of the seats in right. "I thought it was a popup," Montgomery said. "It was the pitch I was trying to make, and I threw it where I wanted to. "If those are the kind of balls that are home runs now, I have to adjust with it. The hitters know that home runs are going to be easy to come by. I've got to pitch more to the top of the zone." Montgomery, 30, said the challenge of adapting is the "fun part" of the game. Perhaps not as much fun as what transpired after the Cubs won Game 7 of the 2016 World Series. Montgomery and wife Stephanie wisely stuck around Chicago in the aftermath, eating their way through the city. Cubs fans would spot them at locales such as Chicago Cut, Bandera and Sunda and buy them drinks or pay for their meals. A few took it further, naming their kids "Montgomery." Mike and Stephanie learned of it from handwritten letters and on Twitter. "Wow, I was just throwing a ball and the next thing someone names their kid after you," he said. "What the heck is going on? It was a surreal experience. Cubs fans have been awesome and this city is such a special place for me. "But it seems a long time ago. We're in it, we're grinding and things haven't been as easy for us and me personally." Asked if he feels his legacy is secure, Montgomery replied: "I can't rest on that moment. The accomplishments are there, you can't take them away, but guys who have been in this game a long time are never satisfied. And then when you're done, you can go back and look. "Go as hard as you can as long as you can and then look back when you're done and enjoy some of those accomplishments. When you're in it, it's such a short window. Put the blinders on."

Guerrero, Wrigley a nice combo

Maybe they can be together for All-Star Game in 2022

By PAUL SULLIVAN

CLEVELAND — The All-Star Game was still scheduled to take place Tuesday night at Progressive Field, but it probably proved anticlimactic. Topping the excitement of Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s coming-out party Monday would have been almost impossible. The 20-year-old Blue Jays rookie lost to Mets rookie Pete Alonso in the Home Run Derby finals, but with 91 home runs totaling more than 7 miles, he easily became the star of the show. Standing on the left-field patio during the second round as Guerrero sprayed baseballs into the bleachers one after another, the spectacle was everything Major League Baseball could've asked for to promote the sport. The crowd was in awe, enjoying every second of the aerial attack. Before the Derby, Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant was asked how he handled coming up to the big leagues under a spotlight, as Guerrero has in his first few months of 2019. "It's just adapting to the attention," Bryant said. "Obviously he's gotten a ton of it since last year in spring training. He seems to be handling it great and seems to be a great kid. "I can't wait to meet him, can't wait to watch him. How old is he, 20? I was just learning to do my own laundry in college. "That's so crazy he's in the big leagues (at 20). I couldn't imagine being on this stage at that age. It says a lot about him and how he's grown up and his father obviously being an influence in his life. Just a really cool story. Super proud that he's part of this."

Guerrero didn't play in the All-Star Game, but he figures to be a fan favorite for years to come. Hopefully by the time the Cubs get their All-Star Game, if they ever do, we'll be watching him aim for the apartment buildings on Waveland Avenue. When will that happen? It's anyone's guess. The Dodgers will host the 2020 All-Star Game in Los Angeles, and the Braves were awarded the 2021 game in Atlanta. Cubs business president Crane Kenney said at the Cubs Convention that MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred wants a city to earn a bid rather than be selected for nostalgic reasons. "The last time our pitch wasn't strong enough," Kenney said, referring to losing out to the Dodgers for the 2020 game. The best the Cubs can hope for is 2022, but that would give NL teams three in a row, which doesn't seem fair. The Cubs needed to finish the renovation at Wrigley before getting serious consideration for an All-Star Game, and they've done that. The only major thing left to fix after this year is the outdated and undersized press box. The Cubs have not announced any concrete plans to renovate that, though Kenney said in April there would be some changes next offseason. The last All-Star Game at Wrigley Field was played in 1990, a prehistoric age in baseball that included a Home Run Derby in which Ryne Sandberg's three homers was the highest total. In comparison, Guerrero hit three home runs in about 30 seconds Monday.

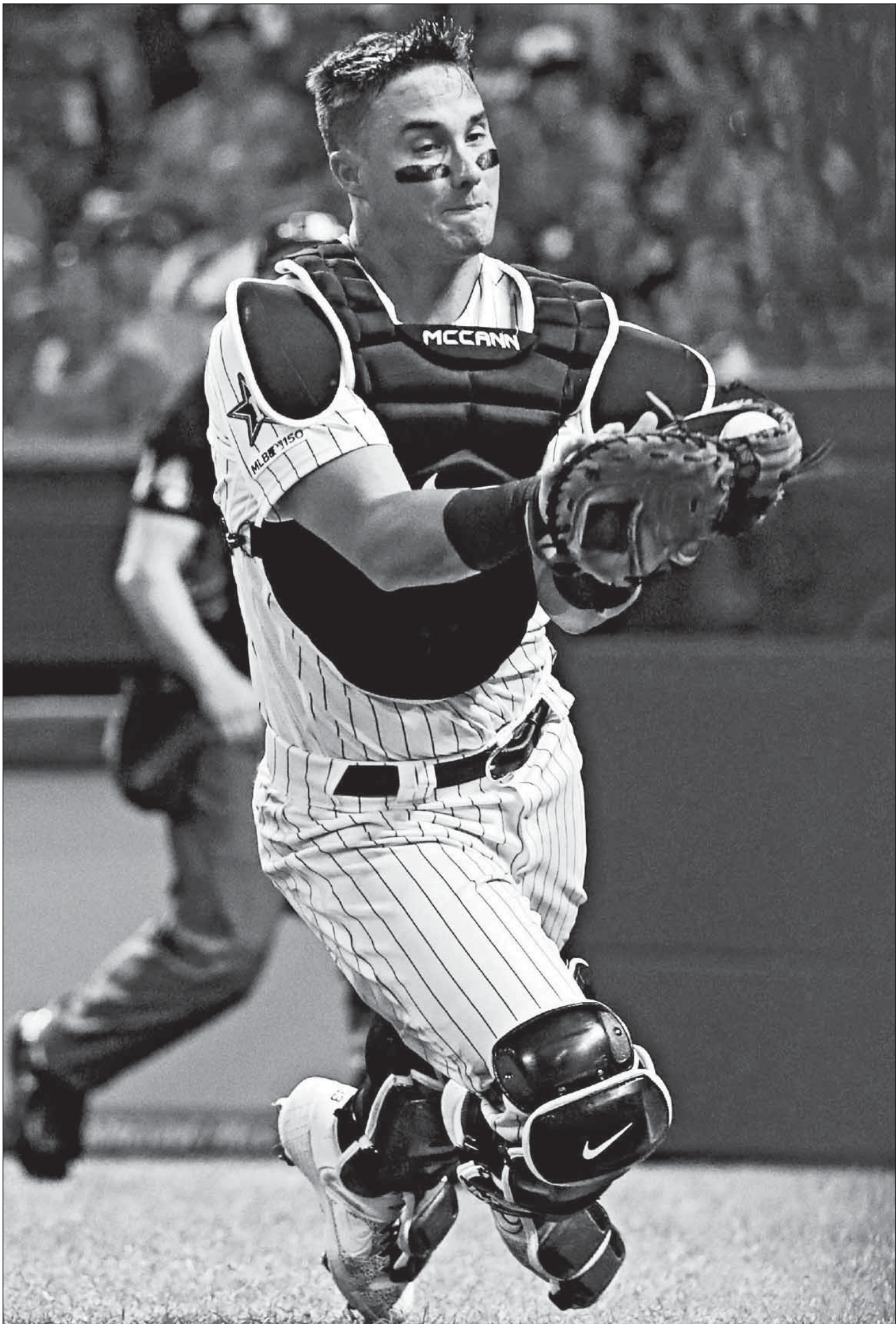
Back in '90, the contest pitted four NL players against four AL players, and Sandberg's three homers powered the NL to a 4-1 win. Players got only five swings apiece, and the wind was blowing in. Ken Griffey Jr., Cecil Fielder and the Bash Brothers — Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire — were the AL sluggers, while Sandberg was joined by Matt Williams, Bobby Bonilla and Darryl Strawberry. Cubs Bleacher Bums chanted "steroids, steroids" when Canseco appeared, which he said was all in good fun. Sandberg was thrilled to win, even with his paltry total. "I was just so pumped up, I wanted to do something special," he said afterward. "I could hear the fans." The Derby took place in the afternoon instead of in prime time and wasn't anything like the spectacle it has since become. If the All-Star Game comes to Wrigley, it will be much different than in 1990. The way security is around Progressive Field, it's unlikely the ballhawks would be allowed to roam Waveland and Sheffield avenues trying to catch home runs, as they did during the '90 Derby. MLB would probably cordon off the area and allow only those with proper credentials inside, as they've done outside Progressive Field. Times have changed, even as Wrigley remains mostly the same.



TONY DEJAK/AP

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hits during the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby on Monday night in Cleveland.

BASEBALL



Sox catcher James McCann catches pop up in foul territory by the Brewers' Mike Moustakas to end the top of the eighth inning.

JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

A starry night

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Giolito also had an enjoyable time, but he also took time to remember his friend Tyler Skaggs, the Angels pitcher who died last week at 27.

"It's been tough," Giolito said before the game. "It's been weird because I'm here celebrating my accomplishments, but in the back of my mind it's still fresh and at times doesn't feel real.

"Grief is a tough thing. I just feel so sorry. It was such a horrible thing to happen to his family. I'm going to take him with me. I have him on my hat tonight."

Giolito showed off his American League All-Star cap, having written Skaggs' number 45 on the front. When he looks back on this special day years from now, he'll always be reminded of his friend, who was honored before the game with a moment of silence and had his number sewn on the uniforms.

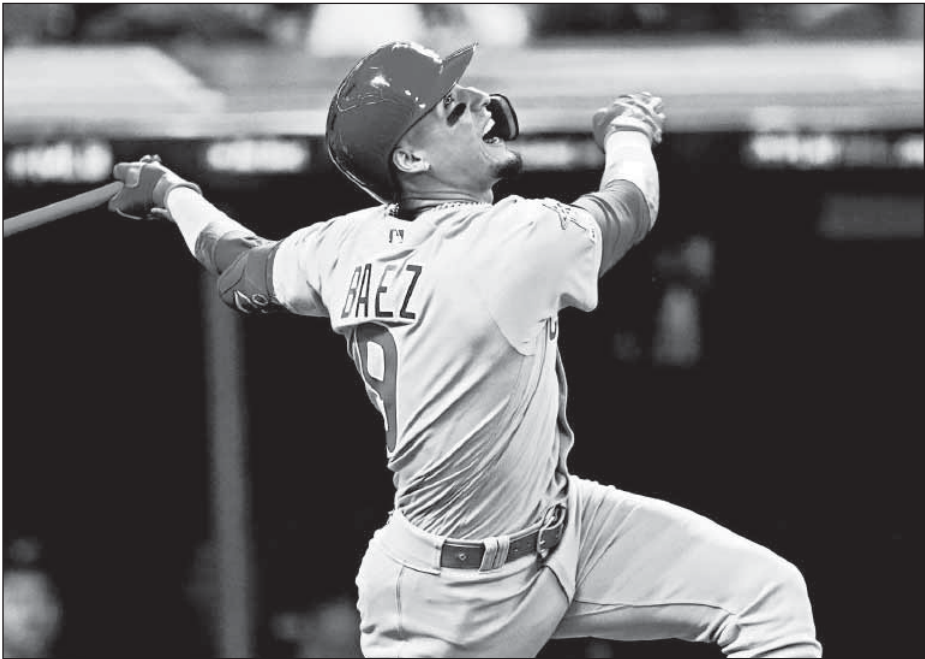
Giolito admitted he had some nerves at the outset. After being called on to pitch the fourth with the AL leading 1-0, he walked Freddie Freeman on four pitches, with the fourth sailing high. But Giolito settled down quickly, getting Cody Bellinger grounded on a changeup, then inducing groundouts from Nolan Arenado and Josh Bell.

"Closest thing I could compare it to was my MLB debut," he said. "A little bit of jitters obviously facing some of the best hitters in the game right now. To have a good clean inning right there, get it out of the way, family there to watch, I don't have many more words."

McCann made also made an impression, singling in the seventh and making a diving catch of Mike Moustakas's foul popup to end the eighth with runners on second and third and a 4-3 lead.

"Sharing it with (Jose) Abreu is special, he's been here before," McCann said. "Sharing it with Lucas is a different kind of special. One, because of the relationship we've built this year. It's a similar story for me, so being able to share the stage and that success after the failures together, that's pretty amazing."

Baez got off to a tough start in the first when he saw six straight fastballs between 96 and 97 mph from Justin Verlander before striking out on a slider. In the third he swung at a first-pitch curve by his brother-in-law, Twins pitcher Jose



TONY DEJAK/AP

Cubs shortstop Javier Baez pops out during the third inning of Tuesday night's All-Star Game. He went 0-for-2.

ALL-STAR GAME RECAP

Joey Gallo's seventh-inning home run was the difference Tuesday night as the American League prevailed 4-3 in the All-Star Game at Progressive Field in Cleveland. Pete Alonso singled home a pair of runs in the eighth, but the National League's rally fell short. AL pitchers struck out 16 batters, including three each by the Indians' Shane Bieber, who won the MVP award, Liam Hendriks and Aroldis Chapman, who closed out the AL's seventh straight win. Former Indian Michael Brantley drove home Astros teammate Alex Bregman with the first run of the game in the second inning. Charlie Blackmon homered in the sixth for the NL. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Berrios, and popped out to left.

Baez held his right thumb and index finger together afterward to indicate he just missed it.

"Last year he threw me four fastballs in a row, so I knew he was going to throw me a first-pitch curve," he said. "I just missed it a little bit, but it was fun facing him. It told him take it easy with me, I already have one strikeout. (Francisco) Lindor was getting on me too."

Lindor said beforehand he was planning on "screaming" at Baez and laughing at his pal, and lived up to his promise.

"Lindor was yelling at me that (Berrios) was going to strike me out," Baez said. "I told him it won't be the first one or the last one. It was fun being around all these guys. He was talking trash, facing me. We're brothers from different moms and have been around each other. Love these guys and looking forward to doing it next year."

After he came out of the clubhouse in the sixth inning, Baez made a beeline to see his little boy, Adrian, and lifted him over his head.

"He's starting to recognize me on the TV," Baez said. "I was trying to wave to him when I was on deck, but I was kind of too far. As soon as he started seeing me in the uniform, he started getting really excited. I'm looking forward to seeing him playing baseball, see if he can take me out with a homer."

Selig opens up in his new book

Ex-Commissioner clears air on relationship with Reinsdorf

By PHIL THOMPSON

Bud Selig, a history buff, might be accused by critics of examining his 22 years as Major League Baseball commissioner through a soft-focus lens via his new book, "For the Good of the Game: The Inside Story of the Surprising and Dramatic Transformation of Major League Baseball," officially on sale Tuesday.

However, on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Tuesday, he said he wrote it to right "so many of what I called historical myths in certain areas."

"There are probably going to be some people unhappy (with the book), but one thing you learn as a commissioner, whatever you do somebody's going to be mad, so you get used to that after a while," the former Brewers owner told host Joe Scarborough.

Once such episode would be the so-called "Great Lakes Gang," Selig's coalition of now-former baseball executives that included the Cubs' Stanton Cook, the Braves' Bill Bartholomay, the Twins' Carl Pohlad and the Dodgers' Peter O'Malley, as well as current White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf. Together they led the "coup" against Fay Vincent, who resigned as commissioner in 1992.

Some East Coast media, perhaps a few acting as mouthpieces for baseball executives and other insiders, were particularly leery of the relationship between Selig and Reinsdorf. The accusation: that Selig, who became acting commissioner in 1992 and officially took over as commissioner in '98, was taking his marching orders from Reinsdorf.

In 1994, Tribune baseball columnist Jerome Holtzman noted, "The New York Times quoted an anonymous NL owner as saying the 'Great Lakes Gang' is running the game. ... What seems to anger the Gotham scribes is that they can't seem to understand that baseball can survive without a commissioner sitting on Park Avenue."

In 1996, a year after it took a court ruling to suspend the labor standoff between players and owners (and internally, owners were squabbling over revenue sharing, which affected their labor stance), Reinsdorf lavished Albert Belle with a five-year, \$55 million contract.

Then-Baltimore Sun columnist Ken Rosenthal blasted the deal as proof that Selig was Reinsdorf's "lap dog."

Rosenthal added: "Selig, derided as a 'small-town schlepper' by previous Commissioner Fay Vincent, couldn't possibly hold his own with a big-city shark like Reinsdorf. Yet, those two fancied themselves the Roosevelt and Churchill of baseball."

In his book, Selig addresses the notion that he carried Reinsdorf's water and lays much of the blame at the feet of former nemeses Donald Fehr and Gene Orza, the players' top negotiators.

"In my early years in charge, there was this widely held perception that Jerry was very influential, even that he was controlling baseball through me," Selig writes. "That was a bunch of garbage, and I can tell you exactly where it came from. It came from the union.

"Don Fehr and Gene Orza talked to writers all the time, a few in particular, and I always suspected this was an idea they were selling. That something nefarious was going on in ownership because of Selig and Reinsdorf. That was the way they worked, Orza especially. Anything they could do to cause a breach among owners, they tried.

"Jerry and I were indeed close. We still are. Jerry and I were never in lockstep, but in the beginning we agreed about the major issues. We knew this archaic economic system needed to be changed. He knew early on that we needed to change a lot of things. We had several disagreements, but I always knew where he was coming from. We worked together, but we did it my way."

Reinsdorf made similar comments to the Tribune in 1993, relaying an explanation from a couple of friends who were agents.

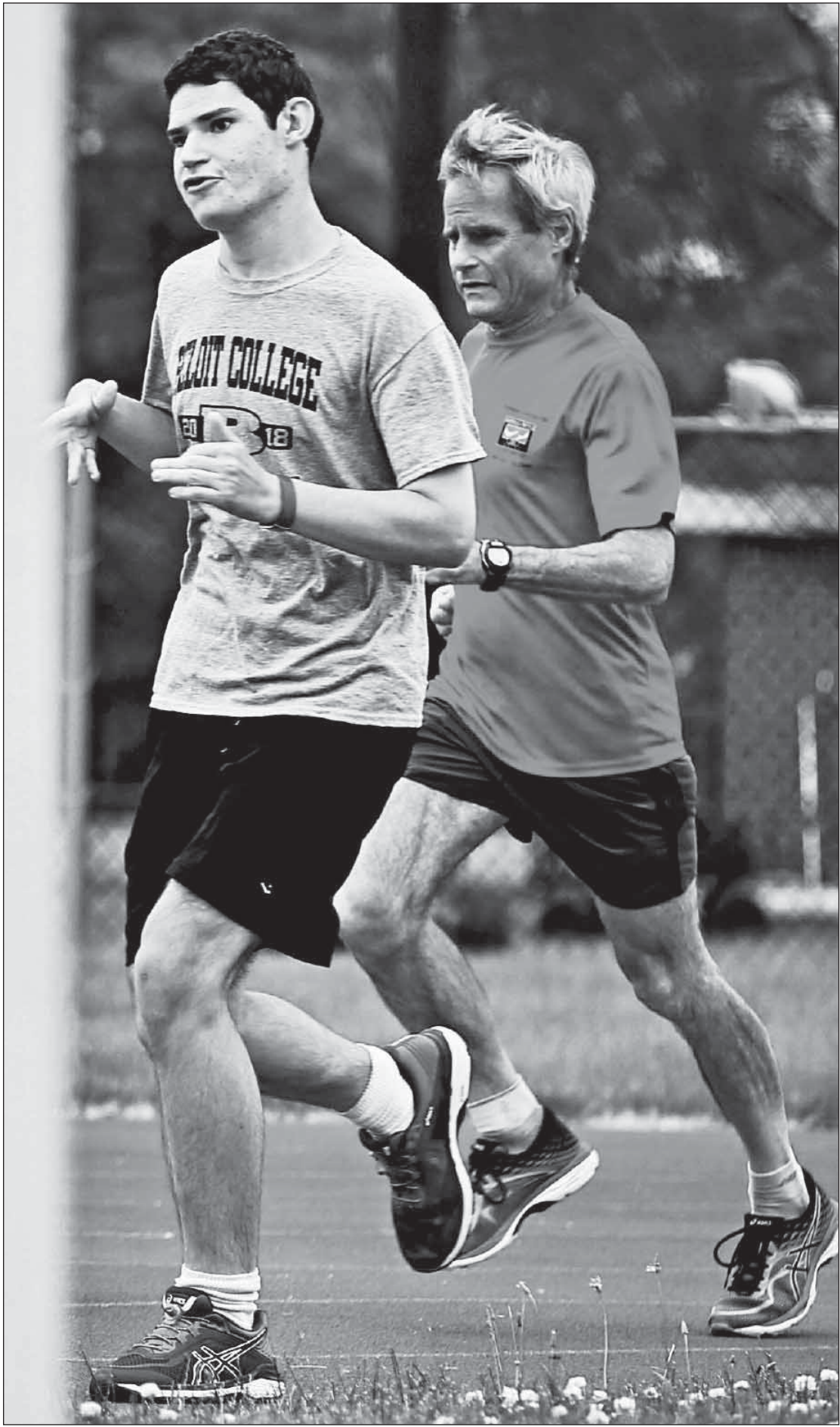
"They both said to me, 'It's part of a plan to drive a wedge between you and Selig. Everybody knows Selig is the guy. But if they can get Selig to think that you're acting like you're the most powerful guy, it'll drive a wedge between the two of you, and that'll really help them during the negotiations,'" Reinsdorf said.

Several times in the book, Selig credits Reinsdorf as being an ally on various baseball issues.



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In his new book, former MLB commissioner Bud Selig, left, refers to White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf as "brilliant."



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Aaron Holzmuehler, who is fighting cerebral palsy, train at Evanston Township High School last month.

No slowing down

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season at Beloit.

“He thrives in the fact that he’s just part of the team,” Beloit track and field coach Brian Bliese said. “It’s that intrinsic value that he relishes. He loves the involvement. I’m not saying (he) loves attention. He loves being one of the guys.

“Our team is a bunch of great kids and they have been very supportive. Aaron’s enthusiasm, it’s witnessed everywhere we go, every track meet, every cross-country meet. They recognize his enthusiasm. He prepares like everyone else. He works hard, and his times have gotten better.”

In Illinois, Holzmuehler learned that victories don’t have to mean first-place finishes. He learned that on the track and athletic fields in his youth. And he learned it in the courts.

He and his family sued the IHSA to allow para-ambulatory athletes — those who have disabilities but don’t use wheelchairs — to compete in the state track meet with accommodation for time standards. A federal appellate court in February 2018 ruled against his appeal of an earlier denial in U.S. District Court.

“I just wanted to try to get awareness out,” Holzmuehler said. “Even though I didn’t get the result I was hoping for, I wanted to let people know about runners like me. I definitely can see it changing one day.”

Holzmuehler’s parents knew early that their son had cerebral palsy, a condition that affects his balance, coordination and muscular control.

They did their best to put him in inclusive environments, from schools to sports teams. He watched his dad run in local clubs and saw his older brother

running.

“My husband was saying when the kids were young, ‘I’ll focus on running with our older son and chess with Aaron,’” Holzmuehler’s mom, Birdy, said with a laugh. “Well, my older son is a huge chess player.”

His parents were honest and positive with Aaron from a young age.

“One of my big phrases to him when he was young was: ‘You’re a pioneer. Illinois was full of pioneers, and you’re one,’” Birdy said.

She adopted advice she heard from a preschool inclusion coordinator.

“When he was 3 or 4,” Birdy said, “she said: ‘If you tell him that he has cerebral palsy and there are just going to be things that are harder to do, it becomes part of his life narrative. It becomes a part of who he is. It doesn’t make it a big drama.’”

“It was really good advice. He would always prefer to be with the able-bodied kids, and obviously he would love to be competitive at that level at some sense. He’s adjusted to who he is.”

Holzmuehler took to running early, competing at age 6 in the Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate youth mile race.

“We stopped and petted every dog,” Birdy said. “The next year he said: ‘Mom, you slow me down. I have to do my own thing.’ He’s a very competitive person.”

Holzmuehler also has competed since 2010 with the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association, an organization with swimming, running and hockey competitions for people with disabilities. But Birdy said Holzmuehler always wanted to challenge himself against able-bodied competitors.

That didn’t change when it

was time to look at colleges. He emailed various schools and scheduled visits with any coach who emailed him back. He considered participating at a club level, but he said he benefits greatly from being on a team.

When he visited Beloit, coaches introduced him to the team and treated him like any other prospective athlete.

“He really stood out,” Bliese said. “Something about him was special. You could tell immediately he had a passion for running and is very intelligent. I thought, ‘This is a kid we would love to work with.’”

“This is new for me. I welcomed it,” Beloit cross-country coach Dave Eckburg said. “I (recently) called a prospective athlete with cerebral palsy and he mentioned that he had heard Aaron’s story. With Aaron, it’s really fun to talk to him. He has a great personality.”

Coaches recalled one meet in Myrtle Beach, S.C., when Holzmuehler was last to make his way around the track, and the entire crowd, including athletes and coaches, cheered him on to the finish.

“I try to let our kids know it’s a privilege to be on a college team, to have the health and the ability to work in a physical setting, (that) they should relish that,” Bliese said. “They see Aaron and it humbles them and motivates them.”

Holzmuehler said previous coaches would tell his teammates they couldn’t quit until he tired. Usually that took a while.

“I just enjoy trying to improve my times and being the best I can be,” he said.

“Even though you’re running against other people, you’re running to do your personal best in your distance.”

Nylander comes to Hawks from Sabres

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Sabres’ AHL affiliate, Nylander had 86 points (30 goals, 56 assists).

Not long after Quenneville was replaced by Jeremy Colliton, Jokiharju was a healthy scratch for the first time all season and in mid-December was loaned to Team Finland for the World Juniors. After helping Finland to a gold medal, Jokiharju briefly rejoined the Hawks before getting sent to Rockford before the All-Star break.

He played one more game with the Hawks the rest of the season and finished with no goals and 12 assists.

Jokiharju seemed poised to stick in the NHL this season, but with the acquisitions of Olli Maatta and Calvin de Haan there appeared to be no room for him on the Hawks blue line this season.

General manager Stan Bowman wouldn’t say that Jokiharju’s stock had gone down in the organization. Rather, he singled out the development of defensive prospects Adam Boqvist and Ian Mitchell as reasons why Jokiharju was expendable.

“We feel like we have built up a good stable of young players and now we have the ability to make a move like this,” Bowman said. “It’s not easy to acquire talented players like Alex. He’s somebody that we scouted. In his draft year, we didn’t have a first-round pick, but we were very impressed with him.”

With 38 games under his belt, Jokiharju was the most NHL-ready of the Hawks’ many promising defensive prospects. Boqvist and Nicolas Beaudin, last year’s first-round picks, could be ready as early as this season.

Mitchell, the Hawks’ second-round pick in 2017 who elected to return to Denver for his junior season, could sign with the Hawks as soon as March and be available for the stretch run or the playoffs. Like Jokiharju and Boqvist, Mitchell is a right-handed shot.

The model for Nylander’s hoped-for ascendance appears to be Dylan Strome, the No. 3 pick in 2015 who was flailing with the Coyotes before the Hawks acquired him and Brendan Perlini last November for Nick Schmaltz. Strome had scored only 16 points in 48 NHL games when he joined the Hawks but erupted for 51 points in 58 games after the trade, quickly putting talk of him being a bust behind him.

Nylander, whose father, Michael, played for the Hawks from 1999 to 2002 and whose brother William is currently with the Maple Leafs, is not a sure thing to make the roster. If he does, he almost certainly won’t get a lot of time on the top power-play unit, as Strome did.

“I was watching the Blackhawks a little bit this year and I saw (Strome) had really good success,” Nylander said. “And I obviously want to do the same thing coming from Buffalo.

“I’m just really happy right now and very excited for the future. (I) just want to play my game and show them the player I can be.”

It’s not clear who that player is yet. At 6-foot-1 and 192 pounds, Nylander brings a physical presence, but the knock on him during his time in the Sabres organization was a lack of consistency and not

having the kind of motor that drives players such as Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula.

It’s no coincidence that Shaw and Caggiula are two of Bowman’s most recent acquisitions. Bowman doesn’t expect Nylander to show he has the same type of aggressiveness on the ice but believes he has found another diamond in the rough.

“I don’t know if that’s a concern of ours,” Bowman said. “I think the strength for Alex would clearly be his offensive talent, his instinct to make plays, score goals, set up plays.

“There’s not a lot of (players) that have the ability to create opportunities out of nothing. He can dance around the offensive zone with the puck and make those high-end plays, which are hard to do.

“Sometimes with players of that style being able to do it all the time is something that takes a little bit of time to learn. The consistency to be able to do it every night is something that I think you learn as you go along in your professional career. Some guys can get it in their first year or two. But he’s 21 years old (and) I think he’s got a lot of hockey ahead of him.”

Bowman should hope so. With this trade, he now has dealt all of the Hawks’ first-round picks from 2011 through 2017. They include Mark McNeill, Phillip Danault, Teuvo Teravainen, Ryan Hartman, Schmaltz and now Jokiharju.

None of them was drafted as high as Nylander.

“The thing that’s appealing to us is when you look at what he does when he’s at his best it’s stuff that you can’t teach,” Bowman said. “It’s high-end talent. He’s got the creativity to his game. He’s a big guy, 6-1 (and) about 200 pounds. He’s got the skating and the skill and the stickhandling.

“So finding the consistency — it hasn’t quite come together yet for him, but we do see progression in his game and we think we can help him become a consistent performer.”

■ Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist, the Blackhawks’ top picks each of the last two years, are the biggest names among the 36 players the Hawks have invited to participate in next week’s development camp at Fifth Third Arena.

All of the Hawks’ draft picks from the last two years will be at the camp, including last year’s second first-round pick, Nicolas Beaudin, and Chicago-area native Alex Vlasic, who was taken in the second round last month.

The on-ice sessions run from approximately 1- 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and are open to the public. The camp concludes Friday with a public scrimmage at 9:30 a.m.

Intiguing prospects who will be at the camp include defensemen Chad Krys and Ian Mitchell, forwards MacKenzie Entwistle and Brandon Hagel and 19-year-old goalie Alexis Gravel, who led his junior team to the Memorial Cup final last season.

Forward Dominik Kubalik, whom the Hawks obtained from the Kings earlier this year and is expected to make the opening-day roster, will be at camp but won’t participate in on-ice activities.



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Alexander Nylander was acquired Tuesday by the Blackhawks in exchange for defenseman Henri Jokiharju.

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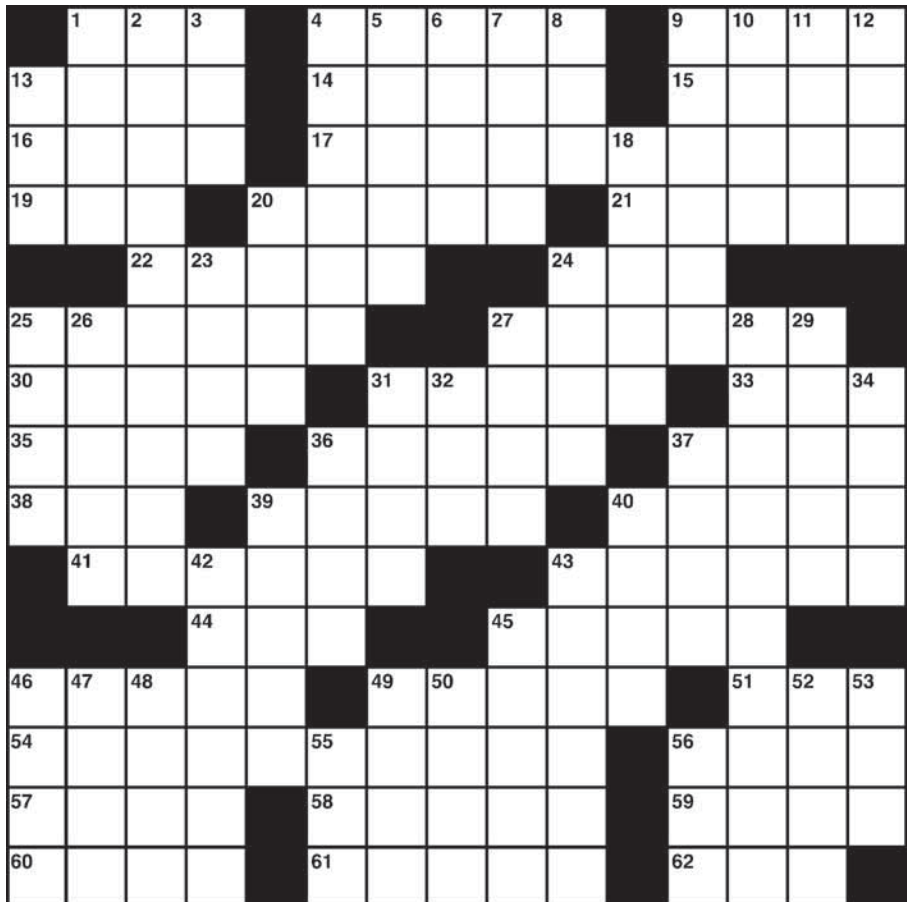
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Crossword



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- ACROSS**

1 Colorful flower, for short

4 Undress

9 Tedious

13 ___ fide; genuine

14 One of the Marx Brothers

15 New Zealand bird

16 ___-minded; willing to reconsider

17 Wedding followers

19 Sapphire or opal

20 Tempted

21 Dishwasher cycle

22 West Point newcomer

24 Winter month: abbr.

25 Beauty parlors

27 Sounds from a barn

30 Take in

31 Skirt fold

33 Capp & Capone

35 Rogers & Clark

36 Circus performer

37 Factual

38 Fury

39 Ruffians

40 Flat-bottomed boat

41 Fisher & Albert

43 Self-evident fact
- 44 One of Santa's aides

45 Chairs & stools

46 Tapped tree

49 Hauled

51 Overalls part

54 Horseback rider

56 Sushi choice

57 Pop's sister

58 Doesn't float

59 Prefix for enemy or bishop

60 Michigan or Ontario

61 Jail

62 Word of disgust
- DOWN**

1 Sulk

2 Jobless

3 Gent

4 Operating room attire

5 Not all ___; daft

6 Houston university

7 Frosted

8 "___! Goes the Weasel"

9 Winter sport

10 Huge feline

11 Takes control of

12 Smart

13 Wet spongy ground

18 Characteristic

20 Church season

23 ___ off; severs

Solutions



- 24 Only surviving JFK sibling

25 New Delhi dress

26 Worship

27 Skinny

28 Pennsylvania's capital

29 Snail's cousins

31 Two ___ two is four

32 Journal

34 ___ like; appear to be

36 Restaurant cook

37 Tight, as a rope

39 Mah-jongg pieces
- 40 Actor Garrett

42 Take out text

43 Very small

45 At ___; being risked

46 Lunch or dinner

47 Greenish-blue

48 Juvenile delinquent

49 Musketeers or Stooges

50 Pen output

52 Edge along

53 Word from Scrooge

55 Recipe amt.

56 Aristotle's "T"

SOCCER



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Chicago Fire practice outside of SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview on Tuesday.

Moving on out

Fire, from Page 1

grades to the existing soccer facilities around SeatGeek Stadium. The remaining balance of \$50.5 million will be paid through 2036. The team will continue to train at the facility, and the club's youth academy also will be based in Bridgeview.

The Fire reportedly have been seeking a return to Soldier Field, where they played their home matches from 1998 to 2001 and from 2003 through part of 2006. In 2002, the Fire played at North Central College in Naperville while Soldier Field was being renovated.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office declined to comment on whether the Fire are close to finalizing a deal to play at Soldier Field.

"Soldier Field is a world-class stadium that hosts an array of high-profile sporting events each year," the office said in a statement. "While the Chicago Park District welcomes opportunities to bring new events to Soldier Field, there is currently no agreement with Chicago Fire."

The Fire had been negotiating with Bridgeview for several months. During a meeting May 7, the village board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding between the team and the village that called for an amendment of the stadium lease.

More details were revealed during a

village board meeting July 3. As part of the agreement package discussed in that meeting, Bridgeview will receive a corporate guarantee from Chicago Fire Soccer Holdings LLC, a secure escrow of about \$3.5 million replenished annually and a first lien mortgage on the CIBC Fire Pitch located in the North Center neighborhood.

The Fire moved to SeatGeek Stadium, formerly known as Toyota Park, during the 2006 season.

When the stadium opened in 2006, Landek told local taxpayers they wouldn't have to foot the bill, saying concerts and games would pay the debt taken to construct the facility. But a 2012 Tribune investigation found the stadium saddled the village with millions in debt, enriching political insiders and contributing to rising property taxes for residents.

"We are grateful to Mayor Landek and the residents of Bridgeview for our partnership," Fire majority owner and Chairman Andrew Hauptman said in a statement. "We're glad we are able to strengthen our relationship while exposing even more fans to our club and world-class soccer in a more centrally located Chicago stadium. Today marks the next chapter in the growth of the club and the opportunity to play for more fans than ever in one of the world's great cities."

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
New York	57	31	.648	—	—
Tampa Bay	52	39	.571	6½	—
Boston	49	41	.544	9	2
Toronto	34	57	.374	24½	17½
Baltimore	27	62	.303	30½	23½

CENTRAL

W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
Minnesota	56	33	.629	—
Cleveland	50	38	.568	5½
Chicago	42	44	.488	12½
Kansas City	30	61	.330	27
Detroit	28	57	.329	26

WEST

W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
Houston	57	33	.633	—
Oakland	50	41	.549	7½
Texas	48	42	.533	9
Los Angeles	45	46	.495	12½
Seattle	39	55	.415	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST

W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
Atlanta	54	37	.593	—
Washington	47	42	.528	6
Philadelphia	47	43	.522	6½
New York	40	50	.444	13½
Miami	33	55	.375	19½

CENTRAL

W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
Chicago	47	43	.522	—
Milwaukee	47	44	.516	½
St. Louis	44	44	.500	2
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	2½
Cincinnati	41	46	.471	4½

WEST

W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB
Los Angeles	60	32	.652	—
Arizona	46	45	.505	13½
San Diego	45	45	.500	14
Colorado	44	45	.494	14½
San Francisco	41	48	.461	17½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S GAME

Houston at Texas (Lynn 11-4), 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Boston, 6:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.

Houston at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

Detroit at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Chi White Sox at Oakland, 9:07 p.m.

Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Chi Cubs, 1:20 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Boston, 6:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Miami, 6:10 p.m.

San Francisco at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

Arizona at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.

Cincinnati at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

Atlanta at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

AL STARS 4, NL STARS 3

NL	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Bryant lf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
McNeill lf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Baez ss	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Story ss	1	0	0	0	1	.000
DeJong ss	1	0	0	0	0	.258
Freeman 1b	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Blackmon rf	2	1	1	1	1	.500
Bellinger rf	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Alonso 1b	2	0	1	2	1	.500
Aracadio 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Moustakas 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Bell dh	2	0	1	0	0	.500
d-Realmuto ph-dh	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Contreras c	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Muncy 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Marte 2b	2	0	1	0	1	.500
Grandal c	1	1	0	0	1	.000
Acuna Jr. cf	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Dall cf	1	1	1	0	1	.000
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	16	

AL	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	2	0	0	0	1	.500
a-Lindor ph-ss	2	0	0	0	1	.000
LeMahieu 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Torres ph-2b	2	0	1	0	1	.500
Trout cf	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Merrifield cf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
Santana 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Abreu lf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Martinez dh	1	0	0	0	0	.000
c-Vogelbach ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Bregman 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.500
M.Chapman 3b	0	1	0	0	0	.265
Sanchez c	2	1	1	0	0	.500
Aracadio c	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Brantley lf	1	0	1	1	0	1.000
Meadows lf-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
e-Bogaerts ph	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Beetorius c	1	0	0	0	1	.272
Polanco ss	2	0	0	0	1	.500
Gallo lf	1	1	1	1	0	1.000
TOTALS	30	4	8	3	0	

NL	000	001	020	-3	5	0
AL	010	010	20x	-4	8	0

a-SO for Springer in the 5th. b-SO for LeMahieu, 5th. c-flied out for Martinez, 6th. d-popped out for Bell, 7th. e-GO for Meadows, 7th. **LOB:** NL 5, AL 3. **2B:** Marte, Sanchez, Brantley. **HR:** Blackmon, off Hendriks; Gallo, off Smith. **RBIs:** Alonso 2, Blackmon, Brantley, Polanco, Gallo. **SB:** Alonso, DeJong. **Runners left in scoring position:** NL 4 (Baez, Bell, Moustakas 2); AL 2 (Santana, Polanco). **RISP:** NL 1 for 8; AL 1 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Aracadio, LeMahieu, Trout, Meadows, Bogaerts. **GIDP:** Abreu, Bogaerts. **DP:** NL 2 (DeJong, Muncy, Alonso), (DeJong, Muncy, Alonso).

RYL	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kershaw, L 0-1	1	2	1	0	0	1	9.00
deGrom	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Castillo	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Buehler	1	2	1	0	0	9	9.00
Soroka	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Woodruff	½	1	1	1	0	13	5.50
Smith	½	1	1	1	0	27	0.00
Alcantara	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

AL	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Vanderlaan	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Tanaka, W 1-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Berrios, H 1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Giofatto, H 1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Bieber, H 1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0.00
Hendriks, H 1	1	1	1	0	3	0	0.00
Greene, H 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hand, H 1	1	2	2	2	2	18	0.00
A.Chapman, Sv 1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.00

Umpires: H, Mark Wegner; 1B, Brian O'Nora; 2B, Phil Cuzzi; 3B, Tim Timmons; Right, Jordan Baker; Left, D.J. Reyburn. **Time:** 2:48. **A:** 36,747 (35,225). **MVP:** Shane Bieber, RHP, Cleveland

RECENT ALL STAR GAME RESULTS

(All leads series 45-43-2)

YEAR: WINNER (ATTENDANCE)

SITE, CITY, MVP

July 17, 2018: American 8-6 (43,843) Nationals Park, Washington, D.C. Alex Bregman, 3B, Houston**July 11, 2017:** American 2-1 (37,188) Marlins Park, Miami, Fla. Robinson Cano, 2B, Seattle**July 12, 2016:** American 4-2 (42,386) Petco Park, San Diego, Calif. Eric Hosmer, 1B, Kansas City**July 14, 2015:** American 6-3 (43,656) Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati Mike Trout, OF, L.A. Angels**July 15, 2014:** American 5-3 (41,048) Target Field, Minneapolis, Minn. Mike Trout, OF, L.A. Angels**July 15, 2013:** American 3-0 (45,186) Citi Field, New York City Mariano Rivera, RHP, N.Y. Yankees**July 10, 2012:** National 8-0 (40,933) Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City, Mo. Melky Cabrera, OF, San Francisco**July 12, 2011:** National 5-1 (47,994) Chase Field, Phoenix, Ariz. Prince Fielder, 1B, Milwaukee**July 13, 2010:** National 3-1 (45,408) Angel Stadium of Anaheim (Calif.) Brian McCann, C, Atlanta**July 14, 2009:** American 4-3 (46,760) Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Mo. Carl Crawford, OF, Tampa Bay**July 15, 2008:** American 4-3 (55,532) Yankee Stadium, New York City J.D. Drew, OF, Boston**July 10, 2007:** American 5-4 AT&T Park, San Francisco ichiro Suzuki, OF, Seattle**July 11 2006:** American 3-2 (38,904) PNC Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. Michael Young, IF, Texas**July 12, 2005:** American 7-5 (41,617) Comerica Park, Detroit, Mich. Miguel Tejada, IF, Baltimore**July 13, 2004:** American 9-4 (41,886) Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas Alfonso Soriano, IF, Texas**July 14, 2003:** American 7-6 (47,609) U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago Garret Anderson, OF, L.A. Angels

ODDS

ODDS TO WIN

MLB DIVISIONS

NL EAST

2-7: Atlanta
9-2: Washington
15-2: Philadelphia
100-1: N.Y. Mets, Miami

NL CENTRAL

17-10: Chi Cubs
9-5: Milwaukee
14-5: St. Louis
12-1: Pittsburgh
15-1: Cincinnati

NL WEST

1-250: L.A. Dodgers
30-1: Field (others)

AL EAST

1-15: N.Y. Yankees
10-1: Tampa Bay
20-1: Boston, Baltimore, Toronto

AL CENTRAL

2-13: Minnesota
4-1: Cleveland
150-1: Chi White Sox, Detroit, Kansas City

AL WEST

1-100: Houston
20-1: Field (others)

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SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	5	5	35	37
D.C. United	8	5	7	31	25
Atlanta	9	7	3	30	27
Montreal	9	9	3	30	26
N.Y. City FC	7	1	8	29	30
N.Y. Red Bulls	8	7	4	28	33
Toronto FC	6	8	5	23	30
New England	6	8	5	23	22
Chicago	5	8	7	22	31
Orlando City	6	9	3	21	25
Columbus	5	13	2	17	30
Cincinnati	4	13	2	14	18

WESTERN

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	13	2	4	43	50
LA Galaxy	11	7	1	34	26
Seattle	9	5	5	32	29
Minnesota	9	7	3	30	29
FC Dallas	8	7	5	29	25
San Jose	8	7	4	28	30
Houston	8	7	3	27	28
Real Salt Lake	8	9	2	26	25
Sporting KC	5	7	22	29	34
Portland	6	8	2	20	25
Vancouver	4	8	8	20	32
Colorado	5	10	4	19	29

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

New England at D.C. United, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Houston, 8 p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Columbus at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, 7 p.m.FC Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Sporting KC at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Portland, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Atlanta at Seattle, 3 p.m.
N.Y. City FC at N.Y. Red Bulls, 5:30 p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP

WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

N.Y. City FC at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis FC at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Mexico United at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.

WNBL

CLUB

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Reign FC	5	1	5	20	12
North Carolina	5	2	4	19	24
Portland	5	2	4	19	19
Washington	5	3	3	18	17
Utah	5	3	2	17	8
Chicago	4	5	2	14	17
Houston	3	4	4	13	13
Orlando	2	8	2	8	12
Sky Blue FC	1	7	2	5	8

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Utah at Sky Blue FC, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Reign FC at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH

Orlando at Portland, 2 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN

W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	9	4	.692
Connecticut	9	5	.643
Chicago	7	7	.500
New York	7	8	.467
Indiana	6	9	.400
Atlanta	3	10	.231

WESTERN

W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	9	5	.643
Minnesota	8	6	.571
Los Angeles	7	7	.500
Phoenix	6	6	.500
Seattle	8	8	.500
Dallas	5	9	.357

TUESDAY'S RESULT

Dallas 74, Los Angeles 62

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Connecticut at Atlanta, 10 a



RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#58 Mike Brown

Safety’s smarts, knack for big plays helped Bears defense regain swagger

BY WILL LARKIN

Mike Brown made some of the biggest plays in Bears history during the first half of his career. His last five seasons with the team were spent mostly on the sidelines as he suffered a litany of injuries.

When Brown played, the Bears were good. When he didn’t, they were mediocre.

From the time they hired coach Lovie Smith in 2004 to Brown’s last season in Chicago in 2008, the safety played in 36 games and missed 48, including the playoffs. The Bears were 25-11 in that time with Brown on the field and 22-26 without him.

“In the same way the Bulls’ triangle offense functioned differently after Michael Jordan left town, the Bears’ Cover-2 defense ... lacks bite without Brown,” the Tribune’s David Haugh wrote on Jan. 13, 2006. “Without its most intuitive player manning one of the scheme’s most important spots, the unit (becomes) vulnerable.”

Before injuries robbed Brown of large chunks of the 2004, ’06 and ’07 seasons, he had an incredible knack for finding the ball for big plays. In a two-week stretch in 2001 that the NFL hasn’t seen before or since, Brown ended consecutive games at Soldier Field with overtime interception returns for touchdowns.

On Oct. 28, on the first scrimmage play of overtime, Brown was there when the 49ers’ Terrell Owens juggled Jeff Garcia’s pass. Brown grabbed the ball and returned it 33 yards for a 37-31 win.

On Nov. 4, after Shane Matthews and the Bears offense went three-and-out on its first overtime drive against the Browns, Brown grabbed Tim Couch’s pass that Bryan Robinson tipped at the line. He returned it 16 yards for a 27-21 win as the Bears won their sixth straight game to improve to 6-1.

“I have nothing special to say,” Brown told the Tribune’s Michael Holley in typically humble fashion. “It has nothing to do with me. It could have been anybody.”

The plays were catalysts for the Bears’ turnaround from a 5-11 record in 2000 to a 13-3 mark and their first playoff appearance since 1994. The defense keyed the charge, allowing a league-low 203 points after finishing 20th in the NFL the previous two seasons.

The Bears looked to improve their defense in the 2000 draft and did in a major way by taking linebacker Brian Urlacher with the ninth pick and Brown in the second round with the 39th.

While Urlacher spent three games as a reserve before he moved into the starting lineup, Brown was a starter from opening day. He won the job against free-agent signee Shawn Wooden in training camp, impressing the coaching staff with his intelligence and reliability.

It immediately was clear the Academic All-American at Nebraska had a special football mind. He was an all-state center fielder growing up in Scottsdale, Ariz., and was even more special in the middle of a football field, where he played both safety positions. Bears coaches counted two mental mistakes from Brown in five rookie minicamp practices.

“The game of football comes easy to him,” defensive coordinator Greg Blache told the Tribune’s John Mullin on Aug. 25, 2000. “He’s got good instincts, he understands the angles of the game, he’s got good awareness and toughness.”

Urlacher and Brown acted like quarterbacks in the middle of the defense, calling coverages and directing teammates in reaction to how offenses lined up. In the run-up to Urlacher’s induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018, several Bears marveled about the way he and Brown gave the Bears a brainpower advantage against almost anyone.

“The only guy I ever put in that ballpark



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Between 2004 and 2008, the Bears went 25-11 with safety Mike Brown in the lineup. Their record was 22-26 without him over that span.

with (Urlacher) was Mike Brown,” Blache told the Tribune on July 30, 2019. “As far as football sense was concerned, those were two of the best I have ever been around. That was such an added plus.”

Cornerback Charles Tillman told chicagobears.com on Jan. 18, 2018: “I’d probably say Mike Brown and Brian Urlacher are two of the smartest players that I’ve had the privilege of playing with.”

Brown played 63 of a possible 64 games in his first four seasons before injuries started piling up. He missed the final 14 games of 2004 after tearing his Achilles tendon, the last four games of ’05 with a calf sprain, the final 10 of the ’06 Super Bowl season with a Lisfranc fracture in his foot and the last 15 games of ’07 with a torn ACL.

Urlacher, after Brown was lost for the season in the 2007 opener, called him “the best football player I ever played with.”

Brown struggled mentally to cope with his injuries but didn’t sulk. Instead, he mentored young safeties Danieal Manning, Chris Harris and Todd Johnson.

The Bears released Brown after the 2008 season, and he ended his career with a healthy season for the Chiefs, starting all 16 games and making a career-high 103 tackles.

Brown’s three fumble returns for touch-

downs are a Bears record, and he added four interception-return TDs. His seven defensive touchdowns were a Bears record when he retired; Tillman since passed it with nine.

The 2006 season was an apt summation of Brown’s Bears career.

His 3-yard fumble return for a touchdown after Mark Anderson’s sack of Matt Leinart started the comeback from 20 points down in a 24-23 win against the Cardinals on Oct. 16. Brown broke his foot on the next series and missed the run to Super Bowl XLI, which the Bears lost to the Colts 29-17.

In 2017, Brown told the Tribune’s Dan Wiederer that he suffered some dark times thinking about missing the Super Bowl and that his spirituality helps him cope with it. During the Bears100 Celebration Weekend in June, Brown shed tears when asked to describe his feelings about missing the game.

“I still struggle with it,” said Brown, 41, who lives in San Clemente, Calif., with his wife, Erin, and two children.

“Fighting for the ring, and I couldn’t be out there. It’s the one sport that has one game for the championship. ... Having children, that’s made it easier. But if I could get it back, I wish I could.”

BROWN AS A BEAR

2000-2008 | 9 seasons | 100 games

Bears record: 74-70 (.514).

Playoff appearances: 3.

Acquired: Second round (39th overall pick), 2000 draft from Nebraska.

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| 65. Ed O’Bradovich | 86. Brandon Marshall |
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| 67. Mike Hartenstine | 88. Alshon Jeffery |
| 68. Keith Van Horne | 89. Beattie Feathers |
| 69. Tommie Harris | 90. Kevin Butler |
| 70. George Wilson | 91. Bill Karr |
| 71. Jack Manders | 92. Matt Suhey |
| 72. James Williams | 93. Ed Brown |
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MY WORST MOMENT

The words just wouldn't come to him

Riggle says his mind once went completely blank during an audition

BY NINA METZ

This summer Rob Riggle is co-host of the ABC mini-golf competition series “Holey Moley,” which he describes as miniature golf “on a massive scale with really challenging holes, some of which require a lot of physicality. It’s a competition show unlike anything you’ve ever seen before.”

Riggle calls himself a “huge golfer” of the non-mini variety.

“Steph Curry, our executive producer, he knows me from playing golf,” Riggle said. “We’ve played in a few tournaments together, so I’m hoping that and my comedic abilities are the reason he asked me to be part of the show.

“Lucky for me, I get to work with Joe Tessitore, who is the play-by-play announcer for ‘Monday Night Football.’ He is a true professional when it comes to sports announcing: golden voice, sharp, very fun. I provide more of the color commentary, and we treat it like the sport that it is.”

Before he pursued acting, Riggle spent his 20s in the Marines — nine years on active duty and 14 more in the reserves — and when asked to share a worst moment in his career, he said: “Oh boy, I’ve got so many about failing, it’s really a smorgasbord.”

A reliably funny presence in recurring roles on TV (“Modern Family”) and in movies (“The Hangover”), he recalled an



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

Rob Riggle, seen here at the 2012 ESPY Awards, is co-hosting ABC’s “Holey Moley.”

audition for a major TV role alongside a star from “Friends.”

My worst moment ...

“Let me take you back in time, when I was very green in the business. This was basically right after ‘Saturday Night Live’ (where he was a featured player during the 2004-2005 season). I was 34 and I was off

the show and auditioning for stuff. I had done nothing besides ‘SNL’ — and we’re talking a year or two prior, I was in Afghanistan. So I was really naive. Or not naive, but I didn’t have much experience.

“And I had an audition for a show that was a spinoff of ‘Friends’ called ‘Joey.’ It was Matt LeBlanc’s show and it was going into Season 2 and they wanted Joey to have a best friend or something like that. I didn’t

even have a place in LA at the time; I was just visiting. So I went in and auditioned. And I did OK, I guess, because eventually I got called back for the final audition. It was between me and three other guys.

“It was all happening very quickly and I didn’t quite have the kind of time I wanted to prepare. So I go to the final audition and the room was massive and they had about 30 people there. Every NBC executive you could imagine was there, all the muckety-mucks. It was crazy.

“So we’re supposed to do a scene where Matt LeBlanc is driving a car and I pop up from the backseat — he doesn’t know I’m in the car — and surprise him. I had watched ‘Friends,’ I was a fan. So I meet Matt and that makes me nervous. He was gracious — none of this his fault, by the way. He was very kind.

“He sits down in a chair and starts pretending like he’s driving a car, and I hunker down behind him and we start the scene. I jump up and I go, ‘Ahhhh!’ and I scare him. And he screams, ‘Ahhhh!’ And the scene is supposed to go from there.

“And not a single word could I remember. I mean *nothing*. It was the loneliest feeling I’ve ever had probably in my entire life.

“The flop sweat instantly pushed its way out on my upper lip, so I had a sweat mustache. And I’m sitting there just staring at him. So I scream again: ‘Ahhhh!’ And he screams back, again. And I’m thinking, oh my God. And I just start saying words, but they don’t make any sense and he’s just looking at me confused.

“He didn’t know what to do because I

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NETFLIX

Noah Schnapp, Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Sadie Sink and Caleb McLaughlin star in “Stranger Things 3.”

An ode to '80s consumerism

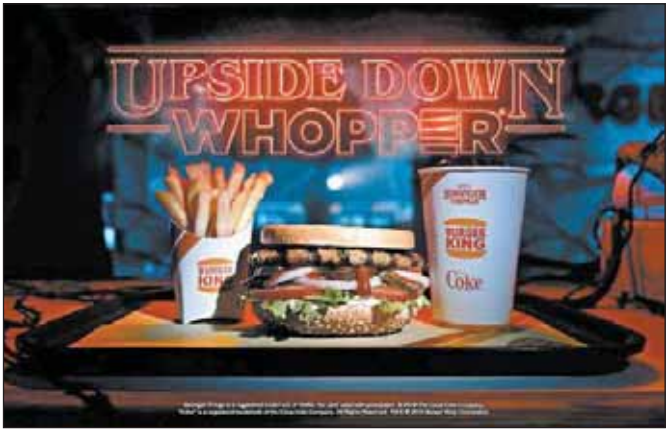
The American mall is alive and well in ‘Stranger Things 3’

BY MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

The American mall may be dying, but in “Stranger Things 3,” it’s alive and well.

When it debuted in 2016, “Stranger Things” became a surprise hit for Netflix by tapping into nostalgia for the pop culture of the 1980s. Following mysterious events in the small town of Hawkins, Ind., in the fall of 1983, the series — created by the Duffer brothers — enticed viewers with an irresistible mash-up of references to “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,” “Ghostbusters,” “Poltergeist,” “Firestarter,” “Stand By Me” and more.

Set in summer 1985 — as “Back to the Future” rides high at the box office and syrupy-sweet New Coke faces a backlash — the latest installment takes its obsession with Reagan-era consumer culture to a new level. Premiering



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Burger King will serve a limited time Upside Down Whopper this summer at select locations timed to the third season of the Netflix show, “Stranger Things.”

July Fourth like the blockbuster franchise “Stranger Things” has become, the new season revives two of the decade’s defining features: the Cold War and the shopping mall.

Brands have always been central to “Stranger Things” (See: Eleven’s fondness for Eggos), but the third installment and its accompanying 75 promotional agreements focus the attention on materialism more than ever before. Now, the series is literally set at the mall: After two seasons at the modest Byers household, the center of action

has shifted to the dazzling, new Starcourt Mall. It boasts now-defunct franchises (Sam Goody, Waldenbooks), stalwart chains (the Gap, Burger King) and businesses redolent of the 1980s but technically still in operation (Orange Julius,

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ANNIE RUSSELL

Chicago comedian Chris Santiago performs in the monthly “Freshman: A Show About Your Terrible Early Art.”

‘Freshman’ a cringefest of bad teenage creations

Comedy show celebrates misguided art from days past

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

In 2015, comedian Annie Russell found a Word document on an old, forgotten hard drive. On it was an ancient relic, lost to the known world: a one-act Russell wrote at 20 years old. Inspired by Russell’s favorite show at the time, “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit,” the show was tonal miscellany, a date-rape epic full of both insensitive writing and confused mechanics (a good deal of time was spent on a perpetrator’s musical tastes).

Russell bemoaned her misguided intentions, but she was a comedian first and foremost; the deadly serious material demanded laughter, and shelving it would generate none. There was no easy way to incorporate the material into her existing stand-up format, so she built a show around it. What was initially a one-off performance in Burlington, Vermont called “Cringe,” has become a monthly Chicago outfit called “Freshman: A Show About Your Terrible Early Art.” The show, with its next iteration on Thursday, invites established comedians to read from diaries, perform teenage poetry, screen the artsy films that no longer work (if they ever did). And of course, Russell’s one-act was at one point dusted off and given a staged reading, youthful pretension finding new life as brutal comedy.

“When it was being read out loud, I don’t think I’ve ever been more embar-

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CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Damson Idris, right, poses with the late John Singleton's son, Seven John Singleton, and his mother, Rayvon, at the Season 3 premiere of "Snowfall."

Singleton on minds of 'Snowfall' cast

"Snowfall" co-executive producer and co-creator John Singleton was in the hearts and minds of cast members who gathered Monday on the red carpet for the premiere of the third season of the FX crime drama.

Singleton, 51, died in late April after a stroke while the new season was still in production. Actress Angela Lewis said Singleton was a constant presence on the set, helping pick the cast and crew and offering advice. She called him "the heart of the show."

Star Damson Idris, who portrays drug dealer Franklin Saint, said Singleton left the series in great shape and in good hands. "The crew is fully diverse," Idris said. "He hand-picked everyone and he empowered people. He left people so many codes and he left us with the confidence to go on."

The drama, set in the 1980s, revolves around the first crack epidemic in Los Angeles.

"Snowfall" was Singleton's "baby," said actor Isaiah John. "He always said that this story has never been told. And he wanted to be the one to tell that story."

Actor Carter Hudson, who portrays an undercover CIA operative, observed there is little time to mourn while shooting a TV series.

"You don't have a choice but to keep going," he explained. "I guess I hope that he's proud of the way we finished it. I hope he's proud of what we can do going forward," Hudson said.

The actors view themselves as survivors who are left to carry on.

"Let's just be real: He's missed already," said actor Amin Joseph. "John would have come out here already, like, 'Come on, y'all! Come on! Let's go. Let's go!'"

The third season of "Snowfall" debuts Wednesday.

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Bailey backlash: Disney-owned cable network Freeform has taken aim at critics who disagreed with the decision to cast Halle Bailey as Ariel in the upcoming adaptation of "The Little Mermaid." Freeform posted an open letter after some on social media used the hashtag #NotMyAriel to object to a black woman portraying the redheaded mermaid princess of the animated film. But the network says "Danish mermaids can be black because Danish *people* can be black."

Taking a stand: Nicki Minaj is pulling out of a July 18 concert in Saudi Arabia. "I believe it is important for me to make clear my support for the rights of women, the LGBTQ community and freedom of expression," she said in a statement. In Saudi Arabia, gender segregation between single men and women is still enforced in many restaurants, coffee shops, public schools and universities.

Farm Aid: Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, Neil Young and the Dave Matthews Band will headline Farm Aid 2019 in Wisconsin's dairy country. Tickets for the Sept. 21 event in East Troy go on sale Friday. Nelson says devastating weather, low prices and current federal farm and trade policies pose enormous challenges to family farmers.

July 10 birthdays: Singer Mavis Staples is 80. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 72. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 61. Actress Fiona Shaw is 61. Actor Gale Harold is 50. Actress Sofia Vergara is 47. Actor Adrian Grenier is 43. Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor is 42. Singer Jessica Simpson is 39. Rapper-singer Angel Haze is 28.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Drunken brawl leads to son's sulking

Dear Amy: My 21-year-old son goes to college in a neighboring state. He lives in an apartment with several friends. About three months ago, my husband and I were awakened in the middle of the night by our son calling. He had been arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct after he and some friends got into a shoving match outside a bar.

My husband was livid and drove the three hours to bail him out and bring him home. When they arrived, our son was sullen and unapologetic. Despite multiple discussions, he accepted no accountability whatsoever.

My husband and I decided to cut his monthly allowance in half moving forward, which would basically force him to work more hours at his part-time retail job in order to pay his rent. Our thinking was that he needed to have less time to get into fights outside of bars.

Our son complained endlessly about it being unfair and has now given us the silent treatment for over a month. Besides confirming that he's alive via text message, he won't return calls or emails, and he did not show up at a recent family function.

My husband is starting to think our punishment was too severe. He wants to back down. I do not think my son has learned his lesson. I believe he is playing us. Am I being too harsh here?

— Stand Tough Mom

Dear Mom: Your logic, as well as the consequence, seems proportional and appropriate. However, you don't specify what you

expect from your son at this point. If the lesson you wanted him to learn is that getting in drunken brawls is a terrible and dangerous way to behave, then it's possible he has already learned his lesson. He is not mature enough yet to thank you for it.

You should clarify where you stand regarding his behavior and offer him an opportunity to affect the outcome. Email him:

"We've decided that if you pay all court costs and keep your grades up next semester, we'd be willing to discuss resuming our previous financial arrangement. Understand that receiving a middle-of-the-night phone call is an experience every parent dreads. We were shocked, scared, and disappointed in your behavior. We all make mistakes (ask me about the time I skipped my bio-chem final to go to a U2 concert); however, part of the process of turning the page is to take ownership of what you've done, in order to do better in the future. So far, you don't seem to have done that."

After you send your email, don't chase him for a response. If he continues to sulk, understand that he is not yet the grown man he will someday be.

Dear Amy: How do you politely ask people to leave your home? I host a holiday midday meal gathering of family and friends, totaling 16 people. I get up at dawn to prepare with a nice table setting, food and drink. Throughout most of the day, I am busy with my guests and their needs. I never get off my feet.

Most meal gatherings I go to conclude once des-

sert and coffee have been served. For some reason, half of my guests decide it's time to move to the living room and continue for several more hours. Usually these last holdouts stay three or four more hours after dessert.

I am exhausted, I still have major cleanup to do and really would like to invite everyone to leave once dessert is over. But how?

— Won't Host Again

Dear Won't: I think this is happening because your event happens during the day. Guests don't feel mid-night bearing down on them.

You should ask stragglers to help with the cleanup. Give them jobs! And you take a seat and drink in your own hospitality. If you want them to leave, you should say, "Well, this has been wonderful, but I really need to pack it in. Can I help you find your coats?"

Dear Amy: "Moving On" wanted to exit a long-term friendship.

I, too, had a 30-year friendship that was suffocating. Many times, I thought about to how gracefully exit. Then came the day I made a major life decision that didn't include him. He dropped the friendship like a hot potato. I don't miss him at all. Sometimes friendships just run their course.

— Moved On and Glad

Dear Moved On: Exactly.

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rassed in my life," Russell said. "I was crouching behind the bar at one point, but I knew that's what made it so funny — I'm beet-red and hiding. And the audience watching me react was half the joke."

According to comedian Andy Fleming, who closed out the inaugural Chicago show in March, this give-and-take with the audience stems from their personal, and therefore intimate, connection with the material. Though not everyone has what Fleming described as a "Christian rap" stashed away (his high school creation, born of Eminem's "The Real Slim Shady"), almost everyone was creating something in their childhood bedroom, and yes, most of it was bad.

"All of us were writing poems, all of us were doing

charcoal things," Fleming said. "Everyone has that thing they were doing that they wish would stay buried." Maybe they quit art entirely, but for those who didn't, performing the bad and the ugly is a perverted openness, Fleming said. Audience member (and friend of Russell's) Carrie Shepherd said that this openness serves a purpose; she's frustrated by the contrivance of most storytelling comedy, in which emotional buttons are pressed for a predetermined response. But "Freshman" provokes a domino effect instead: audiences are asked to remember their own teenage selves, filling the performance space with brace-faced memories the comedian couldn't conjure.

"It feels less that my story is performance, more: my story as relation to your audience," Shepherd said. Russell said that bad art forms this relationality through laughter, but the medium



ANNIE RUSSELL

Comedian Emily O'Meara performs in "Freshman: A Show About Your Terrible Early Art."

works special magic when the creator is in on the joke.

In this way, performing in "Freshman" is vulnerability without masochism,

discomfort with added empathy. Fleming admitted that in most contexts, he hates when comedy is discussed in tandem with vulnerability — despite what an audience member might believe, stand-up requires intense control, and ordinarily, "you can't just go in there and open and talk about suicide."

But "Freshman" is different — figuratively, at least, "this is a show that allows you to open with suicide," Fleming said. One of Russell's stipulations is that the work comedians perform be created genuinely, without irony or self-awareness. Fleming has been a stand-up comic for 11 years, but performing his rap — acknowledging that a younger version of himself earnestly believed it was good — was the scariest thing he's ever done, because "16-year-old me has almost nothing in common with the person I am today."

And the ordeal works in reverse: Dave Maher, who will perform in Thursday's show, feels protected as a comic via the distance of over a decade, but disturbed by both his 16-year-old self and the small leap it might take to reach him. Though Maher plans to perform both poetry and a sci-fi-cum-mystery story,

he recently discovered a journal he wrote on 9/11. The punchline is what you'd expect, a narcissistic account of history unconcerned with anything resembling a bigger picture — and even if he's changed, the material is still his.

"What was kind of haunting is seeing the things that I was obsessed with then that I am still obsessed with, but in a slightly more artful way now," he said. "Like not being able to be the best at something and focusing on the things that I'm doing that are holding me back. I still do that stuff sometimes."

Still, there's a tendency to idealize even the most self-centered youth because as a teenager, Maher said, the world is "potential and dreaming on what could be." Writing a self-deprecating poem as a 16-year-old is almost a winking endeavor; saying you're not a genius at 16 means there's still room to be one. A high school poem or diary entry is imagined to be a prodigy's manifesto, not fodder for comedy decades later. On a certain level, this realization could be detrimental: if a teenage self is the ruder, unformed version of a person, it's also the most honest, flaws

When: 7 p.m. Thursday

Where: Transistor Chicago, 5224 N. Clark St.

Tickets: Free; facebook.com/FreshmanChicago

bared for a future self to chuckle at.

But this is part of the point of "Freshman," as Russell said the show invites a new kind of timeline: not past versus present, but one in which the wheel keeps turning. The material Russell writes in 10 years could be as embarrassing as the material she wrote 10 years ago. According to Fleming, there's still room to be anything — if not a genius, if not the voice of a generation, then overwhelmingly, riotously bad. The knowledge is freeing: all roads lead back to the "Freshman" microphone, and the cycle can always begin anew.

"I look at the stuff I was doing 20 years ago, and I'm like, 'Wow, that was horrible,'" Fleming said. "And then I'm like, this could be horrible. But if it doesn't matter, if it's going to be horrible in 20 years, then all that matters is that I make it matter now."

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Darling Grenadine' ★★ 1/2

Wise 'Darling Grenadine' undercut by its production

By Chris Jones

A dark, urbane, adult romance — the kind of show that evokes snow falling in Manhattan onto lonely sidewalks and jazzy, cozy nights spent in convivial cocktail lounges — Daniel Zaitchik’s “Darling Grenadine” is the kind of musical that people really don’t write much anymore.

It’s not based on a movie. It’s neither an Instagrammable brand nor revisionist symbolism for woke hipsters. It doesn’t pander to theater people nor feature beautiful souls in evening wear. And it doesn’t so much get up in your face as slide up next to you on the next barstool.

But Zaitchik, a rising star in the Gotham new-musical circles, has penned a gorgeous new score created, like everything else in this show, from whole cloth. It’s hard to find the right comparative: “City of Angels,” maybe, or a mash up of “The Last Five Years” and “They’re Playing Our Song.” But there is something at once old-fashioned and *moderne* about this material: melancholy, rich, smart, wise and featuring a pair of characters so deep in denial that they risk a mutual self-destruction of what could be shattering consequence, given how poignantly Zaitchik has forged their characters. Many new musicals have great scores and weak books. This one has real strength in both these crucial areas.

So run don’t walk, right? Alas and alack, this first full production from director Aaron Thielen at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire comes with a lot of problems that are specific to the staging, beginning with the most crucial actor in the show, the one playing the lead role and authorial alter-ego, a songwriter and singer named Harry.

“Darling Grenadine” is the story of the relationship between this man and a big-hearted actress named Louise (Katherine Thomas). They struggle with all manner of issues,



Katherine Thomas and Heath Saunders in “Darling Grenadine” at the Marriott Theatre.

all discoverable as you watch, but centered around the kind of personal demons that invariably torpedo relationships but only after all involved parties have been hurt.

Heath Saunders, that actor, is a fine jazz singer. But at Sunday afternoon’s performance, he struggled mightily with the trajectory of the character. It is a distant, disengaged and impenetrable performance. You don’t see his Harry fall in love nor, frankly, do you care either way. I saw Saunders in “Jesus Christ Superstar” at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. He was fabulous. This Harry is just not his part. And as a result, the very capable Thomas had nothing to play against.

The problems don’t end there. Jeffrey D. Kmiec’s setting — a weird construction with little tiny screens that you have to squint to see — fails to amplify the emotional landscape of a show deeply invested in style, feeling and the swirl of sensation. The tension in the book never rises to the rim of the glass. Nothing feels real or earned. Frankly, with the exception of a wonderfully resonant puppet dog manipulated by Phillip Huber, very little fully works. For whatever

reason, the staging fails to capture the narrative sweep of the gorgeous material.

For sure, “Darling Grenadine” still is written for two few actors to tell the story it wants to tell — two other journeymen performers, Allison Sill and Nick Cosgrove, play all the other characters, including Harry’s brotherly friend, Paul. They’re just fine. (Springman could have played the lead). But their doubling often is confusing. On Sunday afternoon, I could hear people around me asking their companion who was who, and whether this or that character was the same.

I should disclose that I saw “Darling Grenadine” before at an early, embryonic workshop that most of the time critics do not see and I discussed it afterwards with a group of other cultural critics from different publications. There is always a danger in such circumstances that ideas get imprinted on your mind; you should therefore review this review in that context. There is a danger of imposition.

I’m still convinced “Darling Grenadine” has the potential to be a significant new American musical.

When: Through Aug. 18
Where: Marriott Theatre, 100 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire
Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Tickets: \$50-60 at 847-634-0200 or marriotttheatre.com

And let’s stipulate that both casting and staging shows that still need work is very hard.

Even given all these problems, I still think you should go if you like jazzy scores and new material, earnest works of theater that try to get at the heart of our collective dysfunction and that have an understanding of just how easily we can fall for the wrong person and then stay stuck in a quagmire only partly of our own creation.

A separate production has been announced for New York. Hopefully, lessons can be gleaned from what happened here.

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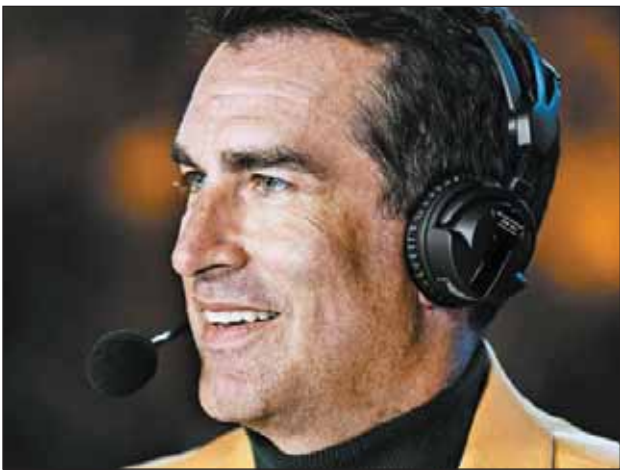
didn’t know what I was doing. And it got to that point where it was like: Nope, the words aren’t coming. The panic and the adrenaline kicked in — if I could have run, I would have — so I had to confess.

“I turned to Matt and the 30 executives in the room and said: ‘I’m sorry, but I spaced out and kind of forgot where we were. Is it OK if we start again?’ Which is embarrassing. So I begged forgiveness and everybody was gracious and laughed it off, and I kind of gave the old eye roll like, ‘Can you believe it?’

“So we start again. Matt is driving and I hunker down behind him, and in that moment I realize that I *still* don’t know the lines! And I was so naive, I didn’t ask for some sides (the script) to look at. So we start the scene and I go, ‘Ahhhhh!’ and he goes, ‘Ahhhhh!’ and I kept screaming ‘Ahhhhh!’ and he was looking at me like: Are you kidding me right now?

“And I had nothing — I didn’t know what the line was and it was never going to come to me. So I had to — for the second time — stop the scene and be like, ‘I’m sorry, I don’t know the lines,’ and somebody had to go find me some sides. And right when I looked at them, I saw the first word and it all flooded back. So I got it on the third attempt.

“But I was so in my head about the two previous blunders and I was so covered in flop sweat that I just did the scene as fast as I could. I didn’t want to be there anymore and I never wanted to act again, I never wanted to do comedy again, I never wanted to see other



Before co-hosting ABC’s “Holey Moley,” Rob Riggles appeared on “The Daily Show” and “Saturday Night Live.”

humans again. I wanted to move to the mountains and fish in a stream and live that way until I died.

“I did not get the role after that debacle.”

What was going through his head?

“A lot of actors never even make it to a final network callback and the pressure was intense. I was fresh off ‘SNL,’ I needed the work, I needed the job. Here were all these NBC execs and I’m blowing it.

“I was very naive about the rules of engagement, if you will. Meaning, if that were to happen to me today, I would just improvise until it came back to me. I would just roll with it. I would make stuff up, I would be more present.

“But at the time I thought — foolishly — that I had to be word-perfect. That’s not the case. I know that now. These are the mistakes you make early in your career.

“My adrenaline kicked in and I’m sitting there mad at myself and judging myself. You’ve got 10,000 thoughts running through your mind and none of them are constructive. They’re all self-

loathing. So of course I wasn’t thinking clearly; otherwise I would have taken 10 seconds to look at the script after it happened the first time. That’s all it would have taken! And the first time, they forgive you. But the second time I didn’t know what I was doing, that’s when I think I lost some of the people in the room (*laughs*).

“Bill Murray has a great quote where he says you always do better when you’re relaxed — and whatever relaxed was, I was the polar opposite by the time I did the scene a third time.

“Afterwards, I went and got in my car and drove, and thank God there’s so much LA traffic because I had to sit in my car for an hour and I think I just screamed, cursed, hit the steering wheel, got it out of my system and wrote it off as a learning experience.”

Surely the moment was less scary than anything he experienced as a Marine, right?

“No! They are totally different fears. To take a hill or storm a building, that takes a certain mental courage and physical

courage, but you also spend a lot of time training for that and preparing for that.

“But being vulnerable emotionally and putting yourself out there comedically to be judged by others? That’s a whole other level of fear. It’s a different kind of fear and it requires a different kind of courage.

“There’s all kinds of fear in this world. And managing my adrenaline nowadays it’s not a problem. I still get anxious and a little nervous, but I know how to manage it. I know how to prepare. I know how to be ready for it. But back then? It was a big learning curve.”

The takeaway ...

“If you can laugh about it later, you can laugh about it now. That phrase never made sense to me until I started to look back on this story. In the big picture, I was fine. It was that same year, very shortly after, that I was hired as a correspondent on ‘The Daily Show.’ Things work out the way they’re supposed to.

“But also, I changed the way I prepare. I’m always off-book — and if I’m not, I just carry the sides into the room with me and use them, and I’m not ashamed to use them and I don’t apologize for it. I just have to trust that if you like what you see, we’ll make it work.

“I’ve never seen Matt LeBlanc since that audition, and if I did I would humbly apologize to him and I would ask him if he remembered. I’m willing to bet he doesn’t remember it at all, but if he did it would be a fun story to share with him. He was so nice throughout the whole thing. He was a gem, it was *all* my fault.”

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’80s

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Jazzercise, Claire’s).

One of the few fictional embellishments at Starcourt — actually the Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth, Ga., — is an ice cream parlor named Scoops Ahoy, where reformed bad boy Steve (Joe Keery) works alongside acerbic newcomer Robin (Maya Hawke, daughter of people-who-became-famous-in-the-’80s Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman).

The shopping center has become a favorite hangout for the increasingly hormonal adolescents at the center of “Stranger Things.” Not even Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown), with her supernatural powers, can resist its consumer delights: In a makeover montage set to — what else? — Madonna’s 1985 hit, “Material Girl,” she shops for a brightly colored new wardrobe to replace her grungy hand-me-downs.

More than just a pastiche of beloved ’80s movies, “Stranger Things 3” is a celebration of consumerism itself, of a go-go era when shopping malls were important not just as hubs of commerce but also as shared spaces where teenagers folded T-shirts for minimum wage or hung out aimlessly the way they now do on social media.

But while we have an ’80s real-estate developer as president, our consumer habits have changed dramatically since the days when we had to schlep to the mall to buy a record or drive to the video store to browse the newest releases. Once a fixture of American suburbia, the shopping mall is increasingly endangered, thanks not to a Soviet-style workers’ revolution but to online retailers like Amazon. Malls once valued for hundreds of millions are now almost worthless or have been repurposed into churches and medical centers.

We no longer drink as much soda as we used to, either. DVRs and streaming networks like Netflix have made us less tolerant of commercials than we were in the era when “Where’s the Beef?” the California Raisins and Spuds MacKenzie were cultural touchstones. Video stores have gone the way of the dodo bird and even the multiplex — another recurring location in “Stranger Things 3” — is in jeopardy.

Still, we continue to have warm and fuzzy feelings for the mall, even if it’s an artifact as outdated as the perm. A few years ago, pictures taken by photographer Michael Galinsky at malls across the country in the late ’80s were published in stories by BuzzFeed and Mashable that quickly went viral. (Copies of his self-published coffee table book go for hundreds of dollars on Amazon.) Interest in “dead malls” has spurred blogs, Facebook groups, a popular genre of YouTube videos and haunting photojournalism.

Brands have enthusiastically latched onto “Stranger Things” and its sentimental portrayal of a bygone era in consumerism. Not only is the release of New Coke a significant subplot in “Stranger Things 3” but Coca-Cola has also reintroduced the ill-fated beverage in a limited-edition collector’s pack (cost: \$19.85). Retailers including H&M, Nike and Levi’s have introduced lines of faux-vintage clothing inspired by “Stranger Things.” And Burger King, which happens to have a prominent fictional location at the Starcourt Mall, is introducing an Upside Down Whopper.

Television is awash in depictions of the 1980s, from the gently feminist kitsch of “GLOW” to the horrors of “Chernobyl” to the heartfelt exuberance of “Pose.” Hideous, flesh-dissolving monsters notwithstanding, “Stranger Things” takes a sunnier, more optimistic view of the era as a kinder and gentler period of capitalism, before the rise of the gig economy and talk of a “rigged system” became part of the mainstream political discourse. (Whether this is an accurate view is another matter: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities traces the income inequality of the present to the 1980s.)

Certainly, it’s striking that Americans once trusted in corporations enough that the release of New Coke felt like a profound betrayal, and earnestly picking a side in the Cola Wars was as normal as rooting for a football team. Belief in capitalism was reflected in the serial drama of the Cold War, in the triumph that came when the American team beat the Soviet Union’s at the Olympics or when a prominent athlete, artist or intellectual defected from the Eastern Bloc.

“Stranger Things 3” enthusiastically feeds this simplistic narrative. Starcourt has also attracted an unwelcome element: the Soviet military, which has secretly opened a portal to the Upside Down beneath the mall’s foundations. The series portrays the Russians as interchangeable, one-dimensional villains who are even less developed than the shape-shifting Mind Flayer monster. (Many of the films this season draws from — “Back to the Future,” “War Games,” “Rocky IV,” “Red Dawn” — had a similarly cartoonish view of geopolitics.) The only sympathetic or even somewhat developed Russian character is Dr. Alexei (Alec Utgoff), a scientist quickly seduced by American culture.

Most of their young American counterparts are enthusiastic boosters of Western decadence, though. In one of the season’s many comedic moments — the tone of “Stranger Things 3” is noticeably lighter, reflecting its summertime setting — precocious tween Erica Sinclair (Priah Ferguson) delivers an economics lecture that sounds like something Milton Friedman — or better yet, Alex P. Keaton — would say.

“You know what I love the most about this country? Capitalism,” she says in a bid to convince Robin and Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo) that she deserves free ice cream for life. “Do you know what capitalism is? It means this is a free-market system, which means people get paid for their services depending on how valuable their contributions are.”

But like Soviets underneath the Starcourt Mall, there is anxiety below the surface of “Stranger Things 3.” At a carnival, Murray Bauman (Brett Gelman) warns Alexei not to play any of the “rigged games.” “They have been designed to present the illusion of fairness,” he says. “But it’s all a scam, a trick, to put money in the rich man’s pocket. That, my dear friend, is America.”

Elsewhere, Nancy (Natalia Dyer), an aspiring cub reporter at the local paper — remember those? — pitches a story about Starcourt’s effect on Hawkins’ economy.

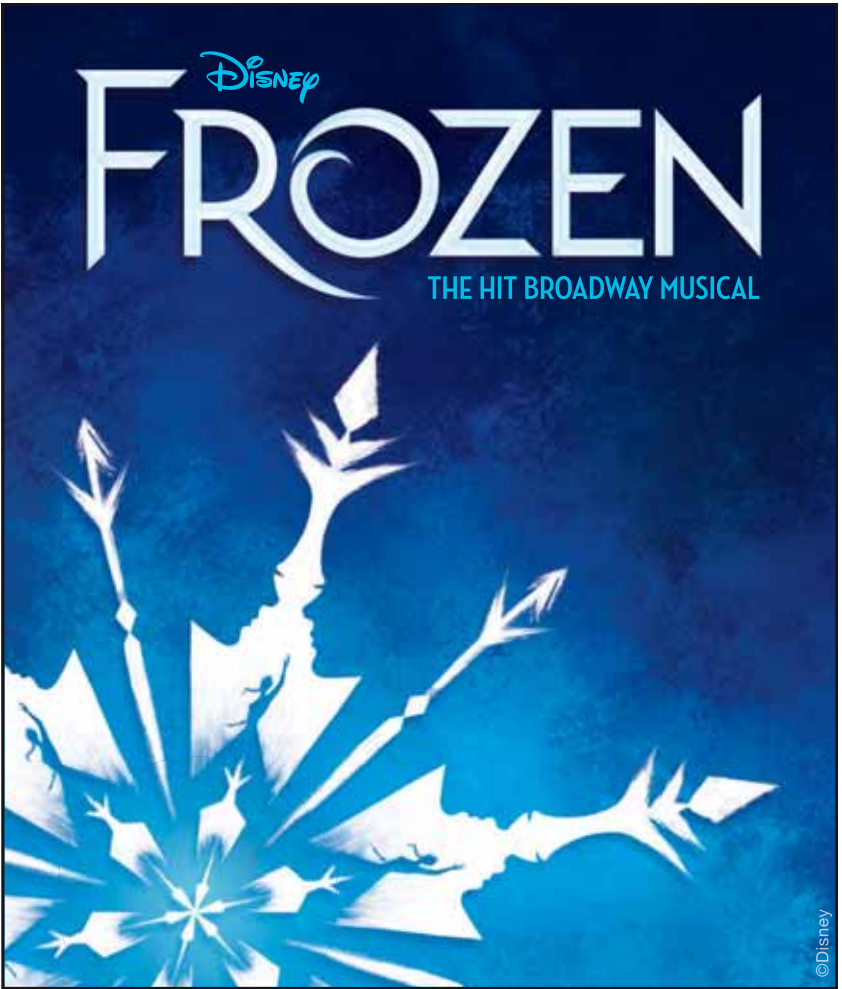
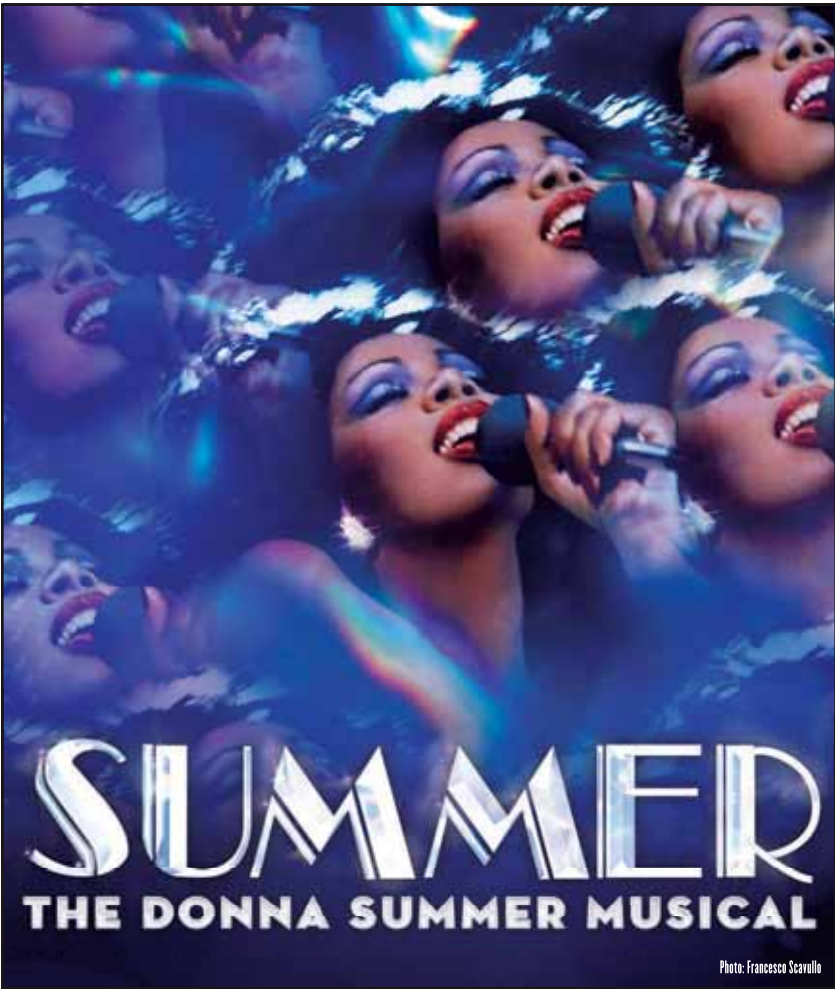
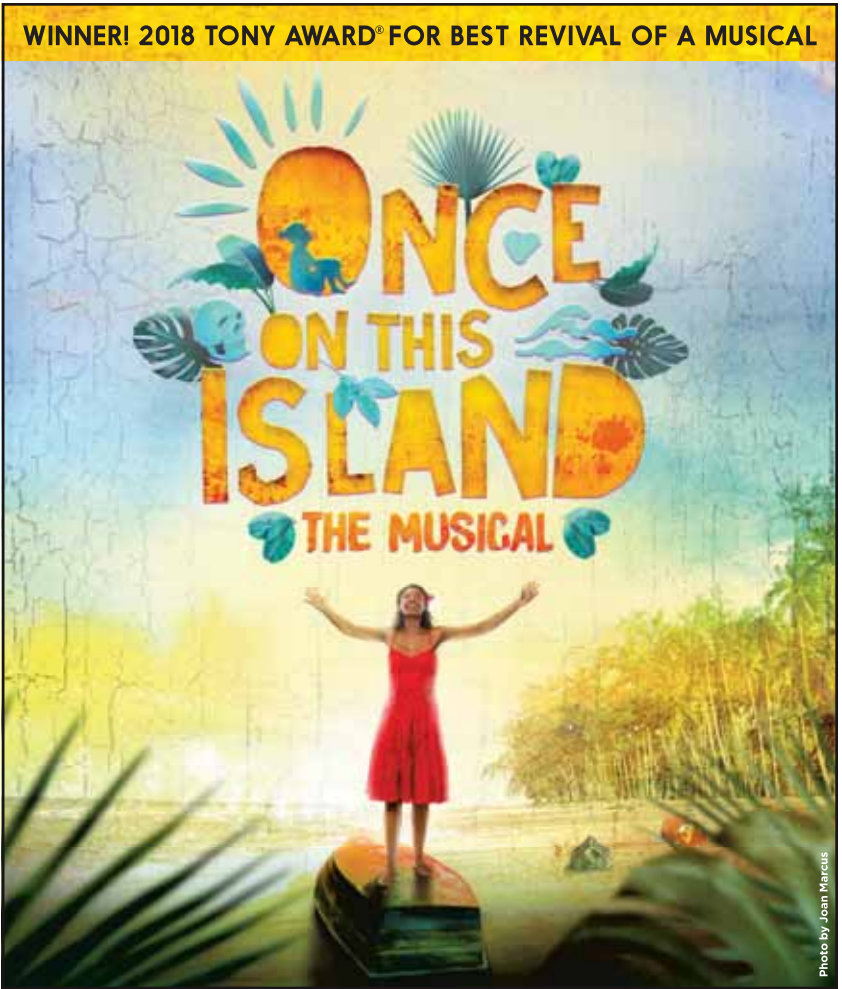
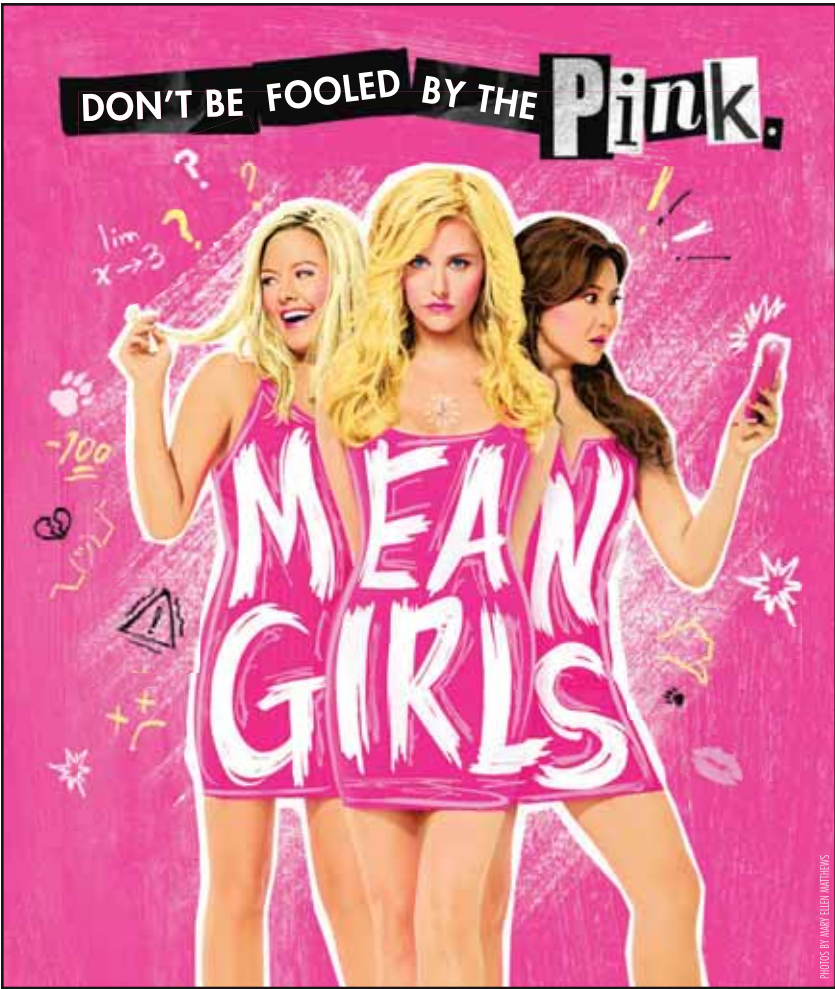
“I know everyone loves the mall, but how many small businesses have closed since it opened? Five on Main at least,” she says. “It’s changing the fabric of our town.” Replace “mall” with “Amazon Prime” — or, for that matter, “Netflix” — and it’s a conversation straight out of 2019.

There’s a pointed irony to the series’ affection for the days of brick-and-mortar retail. This season includes scenes not only at the Starcourt shops but also at the multiplex and the video store, moments designed to conjure wistful “remember when” feelings from those of us old enough to have possessed a Blockbuster card. “Stranger Things” is a phenomenon that has played a major role in turning Netflix into a programming giant. But this season, it’s also a paean to shared cultural experiences that the service has helped make obsolete.

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THE SONGS OF SUMMER

Lil Nas X, Billie Eilish, Lizzo, Taylor Swift, Madonna, Ed Sheeran and Justin Bieber, Bruce Springsteen, and more

BY DAN DELUCA
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The media obsession with naming one single, world-dominating Song of the Summer is silly, annoying and pointless. Music lovers all live in their own playlisted and algorithmed bubbles. My music is probably not your music, and vice versa. And it's better that way: Who needs a monoculture when everyone can have his or her own personalized microculture?

That said, Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" is the song of the summer. How could it not be? The yee-haw agenda hillbilly rap anthem has now been atop the Billboard pop chart for 14 weeks, with old-heads like Taylor Swift and new-schoolers Billie Eilish unable to dethrone it.

So you will find "Old Town" on this songs of summer playlist, which is designed not as a list of contenders for that championship title, but rather as a multigenre and mood mix of pop hits and indie nuggets that acknowledges summertime is not only for bops, bangers and songs that slap. Though sometimes it is.

Lizzo, "Truth Hurts." Just how much 2019 has become the year of Lizzo — the singer, rapper and flautist born Melissa Jefferson — is demonstrated by this song. "Truth Hurts" was originally released in 2017. But with the success of "Cuz I Love You," the world needs more Lizzo. "Truth Hurts" took off after being featured in the Netflix rom-com "Someone Great" and went viral thanks to a pithy Lizzo lyric: "I just took a DNA test, turns out I'm 100% that b..."

Billie Eilish, "Bad Guy." The 17-year-old goth-pop teen phenomenon is having her biggest hit yet with this slithering, undeniable narrative of rebellion. "I'm that bad type, make your mama sad type / Make your girlfriend mad tight, might seduce your dad type."

Jonas Brothers, "Sucker." The all grown-up sibling trio make ear candy suitable for strutting down the boardwalk on a sugar rush on the lead single from their blissed-out comeback album, Happiness Begins.

Carly Rae Jepsen, "Now That I've Found You." Carly Rae Jepsen will always be the "Call Me



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Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" has been No. 1 on the Billboard pop chart for 14 weeks.

Maybe" singer to many, but she's grown into being a thinking woman's pop star in the years since that earworm was the undeniable SOS of 2012.

Reyna, "The Way I Loved You." Milwaukee sisters Victoria and Gabby Banuelos make sleek electro-pop that acknowledges the songs you remember often sound happy but are actually kind of sad.

Taylor Swift, "You Need to Calm Down." Has Taylor Swift lost her touch? "Me!" the cotton candy overload that was released as the first single from her seventh album, Lover, due in August, suggested as much. This second song out of the box is better, though the singer perhaps tries too hard to position herself as an LGBTQ ally. "Why are you mad? When you could be GLAAD?" the lyric video tells us the song goes. Is it an earnest Pride month gesture, or does it "hijack queerness," as some have argued? You decide.

Ed Sheeran with Justin Bieber, "I Don't Care." This diabolically catchy song from Sheeran's forthcoming No. 6 Collaboration Project pairs one of Swift's BFF's with Bieber, who is Swift's new arch-nemesis. Why? He's managed by Scooter Braun, the power-

ful exec who just purchased Swift's catalog for \$300 million, much to her chagrin. Whose side are you on, Sheeran?

Tyler the Creator, "Earquake." The talented Odd Future producer offers a delectable, shimmering love song that he offered first to Justin Bieber and Rihanna, who rejected it. Tracee Ellis Ross stars in the video.

Rosalia, "Con Altura." This song is so danceable I couldn't help embarrassing myself listening while walking my dog. The flamenco-schooled Spanish singer teams with Colombian singer J Balvin and producer El Guincho.

Madonna with Maluma, "Medellin." Going back to "La Isla Bonita," Madonna has dabbled in Spanish-language pop, and here she enlists Colombian reggaeton singer Malumi to accompany her on a cha-cha-cha excursion from Madame X.

Mark Ronson with Angel Olsen, "True Blue." Bruno Mars and Amy Winehouse producer enlists lots of cool singers to handle the vocals on his new heartbroken solo album of sorts, Late Night Feelings, including Lykke Li and Miley Cyrus. Indie

star Olsen, who's steadily moved from writing sterling folk songs to grander, more romantic territory, is a perfect fit here.

Sleater-Kinney, "The Future Is Here." From a forthcoming album produced by St. Vincent, "The Future Is Here" moves the rock-and-roll trio into slicker territory distinct from their twin-guitar attack. The new direction apparently didn't sit well with powerhouse drummer Janet Weiss, who has announced that she's left the band.

Charly Bliss, "Young Enough." The title track of this Brooklyn band's less-frenetic follow-up to 2017's terrific "Guppy" confronts the uncertainties of adulthood. "I can't protect you now, if I couldn't save you then," Eva Hendricks sings, sounding triumphant.

Mannequin Pussy, "Fear +/ Desire." The album of the summer by a Philadelphia band is unquestionably Patience by Marisa Dabice-fronted Mannequin Pussy, a quartet growing by leaps and bounds that has added unhurried, enveloping grooves to its already furious attack.

Sheer Mag, "Blood From a Stone." More raging riff rock that evokes

the 1970s from the Philly band fronted by Christina Halladay. It's the lead track from the band's second album, "A Distant Call," due Aug. 23.

Tank and the Bangas, "Smoke.Netflix.Chill." The playful New Orleans genre-splicing band expand their sonic parameters on the new Green Balloon. Here, Tarriona "Tank" Ball invites you over for activities that promise to be most relaxing, provided the air-conditioning is working.

Megan Thee Stallion, "Money Good." The Houston rapper who is one of the breakout stars of 2019 on the strength of her unrelenting debut, Fever, lets you know she is in no need of assistance from anyone who "doesn't bring anything to the table but a plate."

Lil Nas X with Billy Ray Cyrus, "Old Town Road (Remix)." It was released in the winter, then it became the song of the spring, and now the "is it country or is it rap?" phenomenon is in its fourth month at the top spot on the Billboard pop chart. It demonstrates that although pop culture is more fragmented than ever, the internet also unites us and makes cultural ubiquity possible for songs like this

that defy categorization but that invite everyone to get on board.

Luke Combs, "Beer Never Broke My Heart." There's no shortage of boozing songs on country radio, ranging from Mitchell Tenpenny's "Alcohol You Later" to "Buy My Own Drinks," in which the women of Runaway June proudly pony up for their own liquor. Savvy soul Luke Combs joins in with a bruiser that points out a cold one never let him down.

Jade Jackson, "Bottle It Up." Up-and-coming California alt-country songwriter Jackson shines on this lead track from her sophomore release, Wilderness, which presents itself as a cheerful drinking song but which is really about memory and loss.

Black Midi, "Talking Heads." Rising British band Black Midi make super-taut, twitchy music that places rhythm at the forefront, recalling punk-era acts like the Minutemen, Wire, and, yes, the Talking Heads, whom this song is not about.

Brittany Howard, "History Repeats." Alabama Shakes singer Brittany Howard has a solo album called Jaime, named after her late sister, due in August. This personal protest voices its desire for the dark days of history not to repeat themselves, and intrigues with Howard drawing from Curtis Mayfield and Marvin Gaye.

Nick Lowe, "Love Starvation." The title track on the new EP from the former New Wave hitmaker, who sounds unbothered by being locked up in a prison of disappointment and desperation. Maybe because he has terrific surf-guitar band Los Straitjackets backing him up.

Bruce Springsteen, "Moonlight Motel." The closing track from "Western Stars," Springsteen's best album in more than a decade, delicately revisits a place of previous happiness, only now the swimming pool is drained and the season of contentment is in the distant past.

Lana del Rey, "Doin' Time." The queen of summertime sadness delivers a blissfully bummed-out cover of a 1996 song by ska-punk band Sublime about those days when summertime ought to mean living is easy but you're too lazy and hazy to get out of a beach chair.

COMMENTARY

Disney dropped ball when it cut sexist 'Toy Story 2' blooper

Company should have told why the scene was removed

BY MARY MCNAMARA
Los Angeles Times

Disney is not a company known for explaining itself, but why on earth it would do a good thing in a way that makes it look shady really is beyond me.

In a new 4K Blu-ray edition of Pixar's "Toy Story 2" released June 4, Disney removed from the film's closing credits "bloopers" a scene of Stinky Pete (voiced by Kelsey Grammer) sexually harassing two Barbie dolls. ("So you're identical in every way," he purrs creepily, stroking one of the dolls' arms. "I'm sure I could get you a role in 'Toy Story 3.'") That decision is good.

But Disney did it with no explanation or announcement — though members of online communities noticed almost at once, most media only caught on recently. And that is almost as creepy, and stinky, as ol' Pete himself.

"Toy Story 2" was, of course, made by John Lasseter, who left Disney after multiple accusations of inappropriate conduct and the creation of a "frat house" environment at Pixar, which makes the



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The "Toy Story 2" casting-couch outtake is not so funny. So Disney deleted it.

scene not only objectionable but queasily symbolic. Clearly, the guys at Pixar thought an old man leering at two young women was funny. Ha ha ha.

The film came out years before Pixar was under Disney ownership (although the studio distributed all of Pixar's feature films even before the acquisition), but it was Disney that had to deal with years of Lasseter rumors becoming public accusations, and it was Disney that showed him the door.

Over the years, objectionable scenes from other older Disney properties

have been cut or modified, sometimes in response to protest (changing the lyric "where they cut off your ear if they don't like your face" in the opening song of "Aladdin") and sometimes sparking it: The editing of the character Jim Crow from 1941's "Dumbo" and the company's refusal to release "Song of the South" on any platform is seen by some as an attempt to simply pretend that racism and racist imagery never existed.

But the quiet excision of a fake "bloopers" that perfectly encapsulates part of the Hollywood mythology

that has allowed women to be harmed by so many for so long without comment seems an enormous missed opportunity.

For the record, I remember seeing that blooper on the first DVD release, and, though I am ashamed to admit it, I remember laughing at it.

In part because the sight of animated characters being treated like actual performers was so fresh, but also because the idea of an older actor using his perceived access to seduce younger women was so deeply ingrained in the collective notion of Holly-

wood that, especially in this incongruent context, it seemed funny.

The "bloopers" were clearly aimed at the parents — the Hollywood insider jokes were far too adult for the younger members of the audience — but it didn't occur to me to object to what it portrayed, even as my kids were watching.

Stinky Pete was only behaving in a way that I had seen portrayed fictionally (and nonfictionally) for my entire life, sometimes as an indication of sleaziness or manipulation — like Addison DeWitt sexually exploiting Marilyn Monroe's character in "All About Eve" — sometimes in a more benign or even helpful way, like every story in which a male character's plucking a woman from obscurity because he likes her "guts" seems to lead to him sleeping with her.

So, to every woman, including myself, who has had to endure such leering, pawing, sexually insinuating promises of career assistance, I formally apologize.

If only someone at Disney had thought to do the same, or at least use the scene to further an important conversation, rather than simply avoid it.

As some have pointed out online, when Looney

Toons released its Golden Collection DVD, Whoopi Goldberg introduced Part 3 with an acknowledgment of the racism at work in some of the cartoons, and how it is valuable not to ignore it because it is part of cinematic, and American, history.

Likewise, the myth of "the casting couch" has been used to harm, exploit and diminish women since they were finally allowed to participate in the dramatic arts. Gloria Steinem tried to defuse it with her famous observation that "if women could sleep their way to the top, there would be more women at the top," but even that bolstered the belief that sex was somehow a power tool.

If #MeToo has done nothing else, it has dispelled the notion that incursions on one's sexuality is just a natural part of the power game in Hollywood and other industries, something women should arm themselves against, with humor, avoidance tactics or Mace but essentially accept.

It isn't a game, and it isn't funny. No one should have to make their sexuality available for comment or use it to get a job of any sort.

Not even Barbie. Not even in a blooper.
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“grown-ish” (7 p.m., 9:31 p.m., FREE): In the new episode “Strictly 4 My ...,” Vivek (Jordan Buhat) starts acting a mite too comfortable at Hawkins, prompting a tense debate about whether he has crossed the line into cultural appropriation. Zoey (Yara Shahidi), meanwhile, undertakes a service project to style a high school student for her prom. Deon Cole, Trevor Jackson, Emily Arlook and Francia Raisa also star.

“Rough Night” (7 p.m., FXX): Lucia Aniello co-wrote and made her feature directorial debut with this 2017 pitch-black comedy that takes place at a wild bachelorette party, where things go south quickly after a male stripper (Ryan Cooper) is killed accidentally. The horrified guests then must decide what to do. As the bride-to-be, Scarlett Johansson heads a dynamite ensemble cast that also includes Kate McKinnon, Jillian Bell, Ilana Glazer, Zoe Kravitz, Demi Moore and Ty Burrell.

“Queen Sugar” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): In the new episode “Face Speckled,” Davis (Timon Kyle Durrett) turns to Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) for her counsel when Nova’s (Rutina Wesley) book has an adverse impact on his job. Charley has issues of her own as well, as the clinic she and Romero (Walter Perez) run is raided by ICE agents. Meanwhile, Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) explains to Blue (Ethan Hutchison) that they are connected by their souls, not by blood, and Remy (Don-dré Whitfield) announces he’s leaving town.

“Snowfall” (9 p.m., 10:08 p.m., 12:16 a.m., FX): Season 3 of this gritty drama opens in the summer of 1984, as crack cocaine spreads like wildfire through South Central Los Angeles. In the season premiere, “Protect and Swerve,” Franklin and Cissy (Damson Idris, Michael Hyatt) look to expand their business by making an investment in the community, while Franklin’s frustrated next-door neighbor, Sgt. Andre Wright (Marcus Henderson), continues trying to find the source of this insidious plague. Amin Joseph and Carter Hudson also star.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Adam Scott.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Willie Nelson talks and performs; actor Adam DeVine.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Dax Shepard; lawyer Preet Bharara; Lukas Nelson & Promise Of The Real performs; a special appearance by Jon Stewart.*

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	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	John Q (PG-13,’02) ★★	Denzel Washington. ©			Fallen ★★ ♦	
	FOX 32	MasterChef: “Joe Takes a Risk.” (N) © HD		First Responders Live: “Episode 104.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods © HD		Blue Bloods © HD		Blue Bloods: “Cellar Boy.”		Blue Blood ♦	
	TeleM 44	Un poquito tuyo (N) ©		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Jane The Virgin (N) ©		Dateline: “Kidnapped.” ©		Chicago ♦	
	UniMas 60	◆ Inseparables		Jesús HD		Noticiero Uni Nosotr.		B Demon	
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach’s Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	Univ 66	La reina soy yo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Por amar sin ley (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Wahlburgers ©		Wahlburgers (N) ©		The Employables (N) ©		Wahlburgr ♦	
	AMC	Colombiana (PG-13,’11) ★★	Zoe Saldana, Jordi Mollà. ©			War Dogs (R,’16) ★★ ♦			
	ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Woods Law ©		North-Law ♦	
	BBCA	◆ (5) Stripes Groundhog Day (PG,’93) ★★	Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell. ©			Stripes ★★ ♦			
	BET	◆ How Stella Got		Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest (PG-13,’06) ★★ ♦					
	BIGTEN	◆ Michigan (N) Michigan (N)		(8:15) Tiebreaker ©		Michigan Football Classic		Wisconsin ♦	
	BRAVO	Southern Charm ©		Southern Charm (N) ©		Southern Charm		Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
	CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♦	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) ©		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
CABLE	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦	
	DISC	Homestead Rescue (N)		Homestead Rescue (N)		Homestead Rescue: “Episode 10.” (N) ♦			
	DISN	Just Roll (N)	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Amphibia	Big City	Roll With It	
	E!	The Notebook (PG-13,’04) ★★		Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. ©				Notebook ♦	
	ESPN	2019 World Series of Poker: Main Event. From Las Vegas. (N) (Live)							SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	◆ NBA Summer League Basketball (N)		NBA Summer League Basketball (N)					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)		Guy’s Grocery Games		Grocery ♦	
	FREE	grown-ish	(7:31) Monsters, Inc. (G,’01) ★★ ♦ © (SAP)			grown-ish		700 Club (N)	
	FX	◆ (6:30) Deadpool (R,’16) ★★	Ryan Reynolds. ©			Snowfall (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Snowfall ♦	
CABLE	HALL	From Friend to Flancé (NR,’19)	Jocelyn Hudon. ©			Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
	HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦	
	HIST	Battle of the 80s Supercars-David (N)				Strongest Man (N)		Strongest ♦	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	Vegas Vacation (PG,’97) ★		Chevy Chase. ©		The Hangover Part III (R,’13) ★★ ♦			
	LIFE	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N) ©			Marrying Millions (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Millions ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Are You the One? (N) ©		The Hills: New			
	NBCSCH	The Ivy (N)	Beer Money	Track & Field (Tape)				Dew Tour ♦	
	NICK	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ★★				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦	
CABLE	OVATION	◆ (6) A Knight’s Tale (PG-13,’01) ★★	Heath Ledger. ©			The Last of the Mohicans (’92) ★★ ♦			
	OWN	Queen Sugar		Queen Sugar (N)		Queen Sugar ©		Sugar ♦	
	OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦	
	PARMT	◆ (6) Red 2 (PG-13,’13) ★★	Bruce Willis. ©			Yellowstone (N) ©		Red 2 ★★ ♦	
	SYFY	◆ (6:30) Twister (PG-13,’96) ★★	Helen Hunt. ©			Krypton (N) ©		Twister ♦	
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	
	TCM	The Divorcee (NR,’30) ★★ ♦			(8:45) Ex-Lady (NR,’33) ★★ ♦ ©			Queen ♦	
	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life				My 600-Lb. Life © ♦			
	TLN	Liberty Univ. Convocation		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦	
	TNT	Contraband (R,’12) ★★		Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale. ©				Shooter (R,’07) ★★ ♦	
CABLE	TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
	TRAV	UFOs: Uncovering		UFOs: Uncovering (N)		Alien Highway (N) ©		Ripley’s ♦	
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Younger (N)	King	King ♦	
	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
	VH1	Basketball Wives (N) ©		Scream ©				Basketball ♦	
	WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: “Virus.” ©		Law & Order: “Securitate.”		Law ♦	
	WGN America	JAG ©		JAG: “Rendezvous.” ©		JAG: “Ghost Ship.” ©		JAG © ♦	
PREMIUM	HBO	I Love You, Now Die (N) ©			(8:20) Wild Hogs (PG-13,’07) ★			Years and ♦	
	HBO2	Breaking In (PG-13,’18) ★ ©			Years and Years ©		Euphoria ©		
	MAX	127 Hours (R,’10) ★★		James Franco.		(8:35) Daylight (PG-13,’96) ★★	Sylvester Stallone. ©		
	SHO	◆ (6:15) Basic (R,’03) ★★		The Loudest Voice ©		Gone in Sixty Seconds (PG-13,’00) ★ ♦			
	STARZ	◆ (6) The Soloist (’09) ★★		Definitely, Maybe (PG-13,’08) ★★	Ryan Reynolds. ©		Live Free ♦		
	STZENC	◆ The Man in the Iron Mask		Sweetbitter	Sweetbitter	Parenthood (PG-13,’89) ★★ ♦			

IN PERFORMANCE ‘King Lear’ ★★

Show raises issues of aging, greed and power

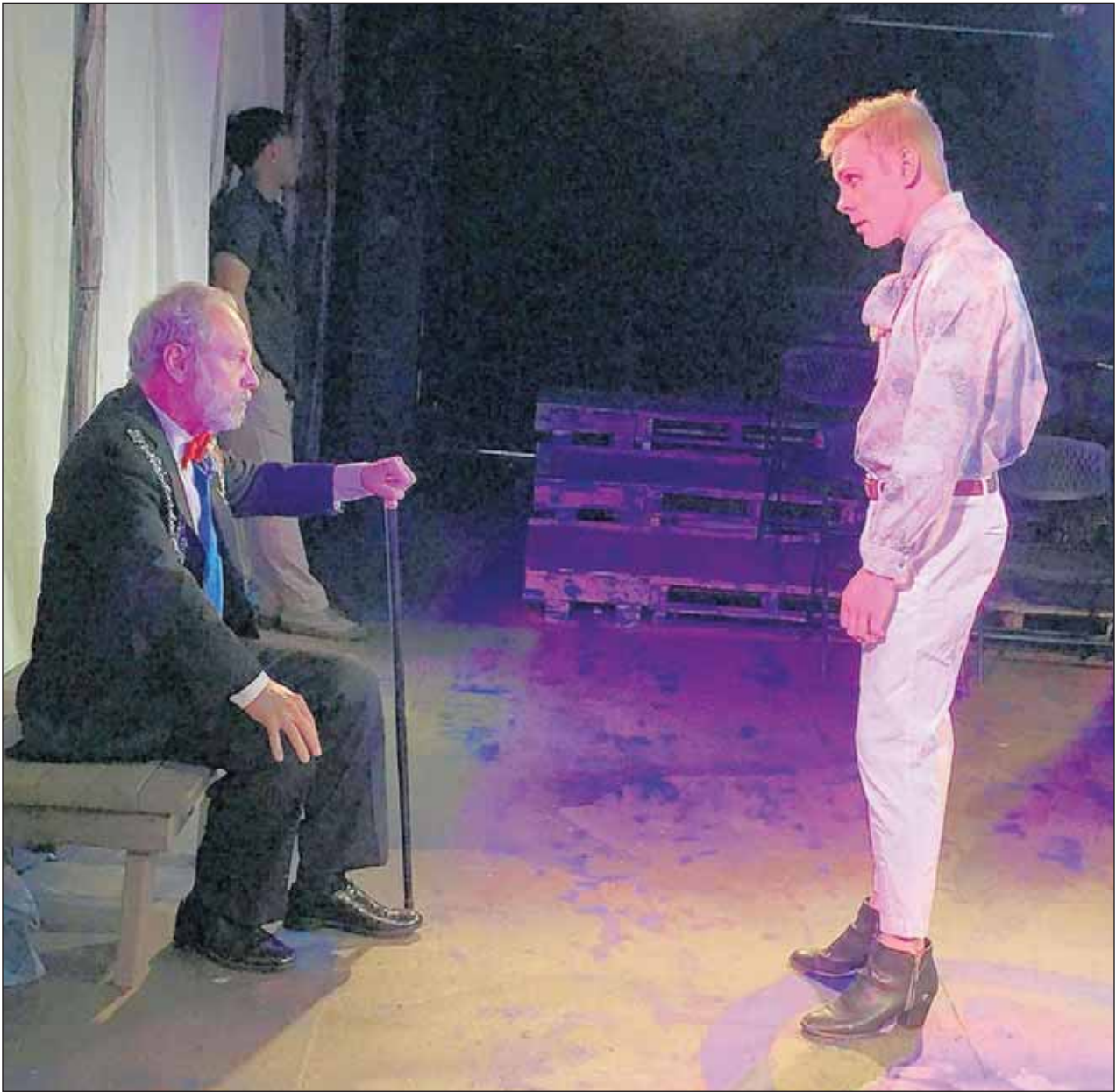
By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

For the past few years, researchers and advocates have been raising alarm bells about the coming crisis in elder care as the Baby Boomers join the oldest Americans — only 2% of whom, according to a recent Time Magazine article, carry insurance policies for long-term care.

Assisted-living facilities weren’t a thing in William Shakespeare’s time, but of all the many angles one can use to approach “King Lear,” the question that might resonate the most for a contemporary audience is “What do we owe to our elderly?” Toss in sibling rivalry, good old-fashioned greed and a world in which the very weather itself seems to reflect the dark terrors of an aging and infirm mind, and it’s always going to be powerful stuff.

Steve Scott’s staging of “King Lear” for Redtwist Theatre takes a minimalist approach, but it yields some sharp-as-a-serpent’s-tooth reflections on the intractability of powerful men who want all the perquisites of rank, with none of the duties. (There are corner offices and boardrooms throughout America where such men still hold sway.) Brian Parry’s Lear is both acidic and insinuating in the opening scene, where he demands flattery of his three daughters in order to determine who should win the largest share of his kingdom. But giving up the crown doesn’t mean he wants to give up the power to command — no matter how capricious his demands may be.

That’s a hugely relatable situation for anyone who has had an elderly parent move in with them or has had to assume responsibility for their day-to-day care. How do you avoid infantilizing the person who raised you from infancy? Can you let go of old grievances and even fresher



JAN ELLEN GRAVES

Brian Parry, left, and David Lovejoy perform in “King Lear” at Redtwist Theatre.

wounds and provide your parents with what they need, without making them feel like a burden?

No matter how old we get, none of us likes to admit that we’re dependent on others for basic needs.

Lear’s great sin — and it’s one any of us might share at any given time — is that he can’t recognize that he’s not the man (or king) he once was. He sees no reason why the daughters he’s favored — Goneril (Jacqueline Grandt) and Regan (KC Karen Hill) — shouldn’t be

happy to put up with him and just a few (OK, a hundred) of his favorite knights and squires hanging out in their homes and ordering their servants around.

His counterpart, the Earl of Gloucester (Darren Jones), also fails to look beyond the surface of his own family’s world and is taken in by a plot hatched by Edmund (Mark West), his “natural” (or illegitimate) son that results in the banishment of Gloucester’s heir, Edgar (Robert Hunter Bry).

It feels significant that Scott has cast the roles of Kent and the Fool — the two figures from Lear’s court who tell him the truth but love him anyway — with women. Liz Cloud’s Fool tries to use riddles and irony to get through to the old man, to little avail. (The fate of the character, who disappears midway through the play, remains one of Shakespeare’s tantalizing mysteries.)

Cameron Feagin is terrific here as Kent, who has been banished along with

Lear’s forthright youngest daughter, Cordelia (Kayla Raelle Holder) but disguises herself as a working-class man in order to be close to him in his hour of need. Before the banishment, she pleads with him to understand that Cordelia’s refusal to flatter actually speaks well of her love for her father.

“See better, Lear,” Kent tells him.

But seeing better comes too late for nearly everyone in this tragedy, which often feels like the closest to pure

When: Through Aug. 4

Where: Redtwist Theatre, 1044 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 50 minutes

Tickets: \$35-\$40 at 773-728-7529 or redtwist.org

nihilism Shakespeare ever got. Gloucester’s eyes are plucked out by Regan’s hot-tempered husband, Cornwall (Scott Buechler). The elder sisters’ united front falls apart under the temptations of property and their mutual lust for West’s scheming Edmund.

Set designer Nicholas James Schwartz has covered the walls surrounding the small playing area with white sheets, covered at the bottom by splashes of blue paint. It suggests a rising tide preparing to drown everyone in its wake. The sheets are torn down one by one over the course of the show, revealing tantalizing glimpses of what might be a relief map of Lear’s kingdom underneath. Instead, it ultimately adds up to bare branches of an impenetrable forest, with no relief in sight.

Scott hasn’t crafted a production stuffed with conceptual flourishes here. But his cast pays careful attention to the nuances of the text, and the pacing creates a suitable inexorable sense of dread — the wheel is in motion and, as Edmund notes near the end, it will “come full circle.” Whether we try to wrest it from the axle, throw barriers in front of it or simply deny it’s moving at all, the wheel of fate and life grinds ever forward.

And we’re all going to reach our natural sell-by date before we’re ready to be plucked off the shelf and tossed in the dumpster.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 10): Get physical for growing strength, health and endurance this year. Work together with focus and determination for mutual benefit. Personal growth this summer supports you and your partner through a change. Winter romance motivates a shift in your self-image.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Focus on the big picture regarding shared finances. Actions and communications could get tangled. Have patience. Education turns fantasy to reality. Prioritize love, happiness and relationships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Communications could misfire between you and your partner. Minimize arguments by keeping your side of the bargain. Take a step toward a shared dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Misunderstandings with your work, labors or health require clarification. Patiently untangle things. Release your feelings and emotions with exercise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Relax and have fun with family. Postpone important decisions or conversations. Unexpected circumstances require consideration. Wait for developments.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Reconsider your home improvement plans. Cost overruns or delays could thwart your intentions. Avoid arguments and do more research before committing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Connect and share. Let go of a preconception. Misunderstandings arise easily; don't jump to conclusions. Avoid provoking someone with a short fuse.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Review the budget before spending. Unexpected expenses could throw your balance off. Tempers could be short. Forgiveness is divine.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Streamline your personal routines. Your attention is in demand. You can't be two places at the same time. Check schedules, and stay in communication.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 5. Wait to see what develops. Focus on planning rather than action or words, which could fall flat. Consider details and consequences. Rest and recharge.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Sidestep a conflict of interests with a group effort. Don't believe everything you hear. Changing plans require adaptation. Patiently get everyone on the same page.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Anticipate disagreement at work. Ignore criticism for now. Keep your head down, and get productive behind closed doors. Avoid risky business, and stick to fundamentals.

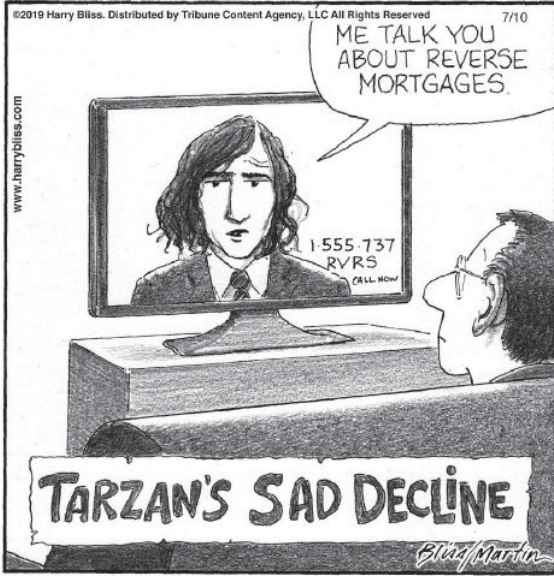
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Proceed with caution. Delay or discord could interrupt your investigation. Avoid gossip or provocation. A confrontation could get awkward.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ KQ	♥ A10 9 6 5 2	♠ 2	♥ K 7 4 3
♦ Void	♣ A J 10 9 5	♦ K 9 6 5 2	♣ K 7 2
South			
♠ A J 10 9 8 6	♥ Void	♠ Q 8 7 4	♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q 8 7 4	♣ 6 4 3		

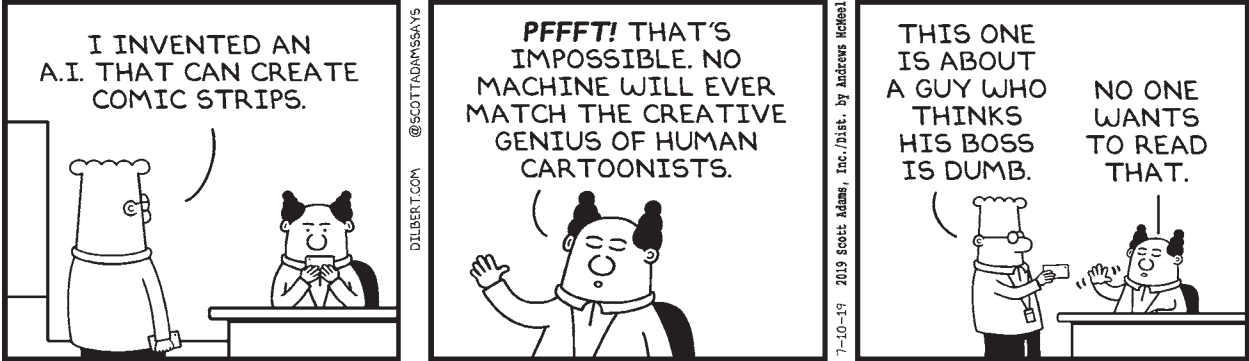
North's leap to four spades may seem crude, but it was a reasonable shot. Had South's minor-suit holdings been reversed, game would have been cold. In fact, North-South would have been on a club finesse for 12 tricks.

West found the only lead to worry declarer — a trump. Dummy's queen of spades took the first trick. Declarer followed by cashing the ace of hearts, discarding a diamond, and ruffing a heart. He ruffed a diamond in dummy and ruffed another heart back to his hand. One high trump revealed the 4-1 trump split, but declarer had lost control of the hand. Should he draw the last two trumps before taking a club finesse, the opponents would take the rest of the tricks with red-suit cards. The best South could do was to draw the trumps and cash the ace of clubs, settling for down one.

The trump lead prevented more than one ruff in dummy, so South should have been more careful with his trumps. Declarer should overtake the queen of spades with his ace at trick one and ruff a diamond. He should then cash the ace of hearts, shedding a diamond, and ruff a heart back to his hand. He could draw the outstanding trumps and still have a trump left in his hand. He could then rely on the double finesse in clubs to bring home his contract. The strong trump spots gave him an option that he overlooked in the play.

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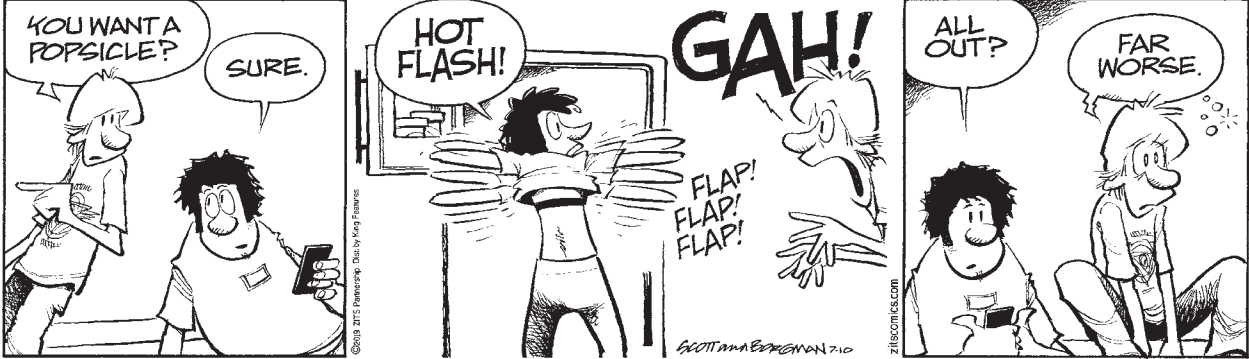
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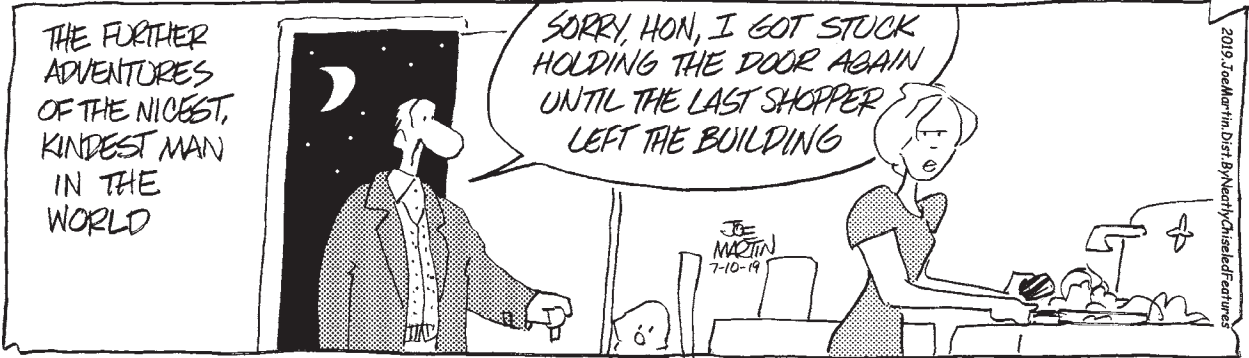
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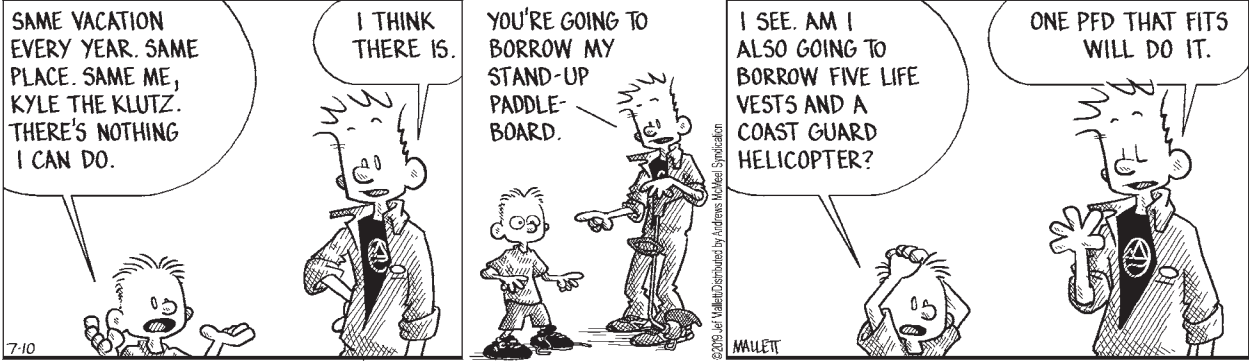
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Classic Peanuts



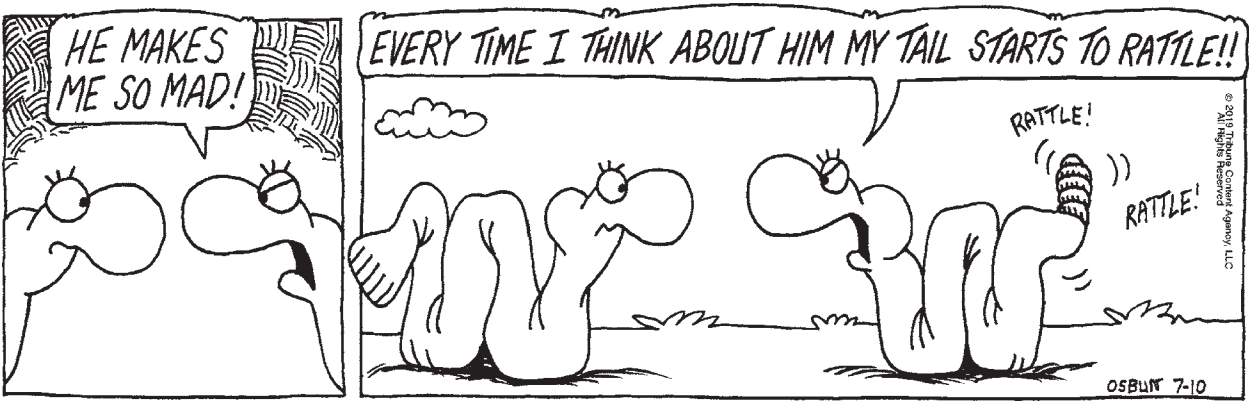
Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 NORMAL HIGH: 85° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 102° (1936) RECORD LOW: 50° (1997)

A hot humid day with severe storm potential

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH

LOW

94

72

■ Influx of tropical, unstable air ahead of a cold front and short-wave impulse aloft boosts temps and t-storm likelihood.

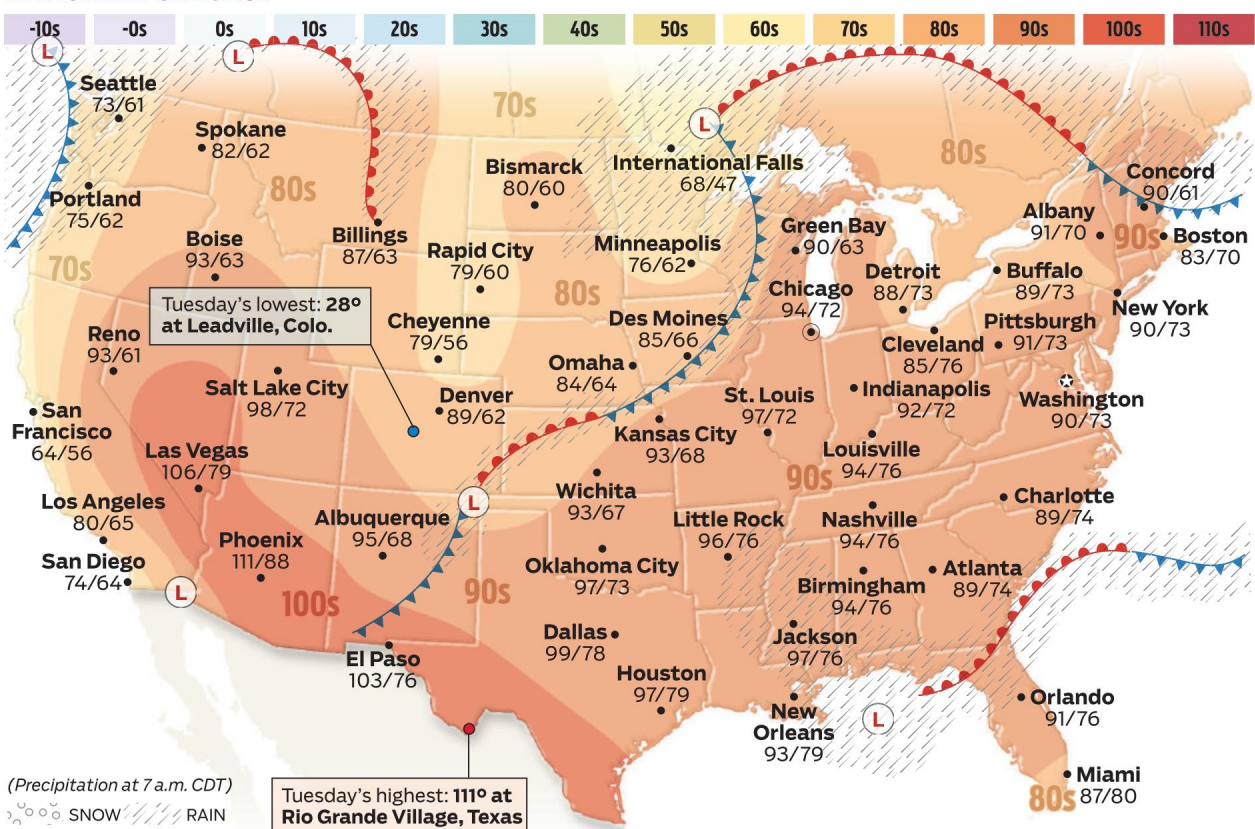
■ Severe storms possible, especially later in the afternoon/early evening.

■ Hot and humid with dewpoints rising into the 70s and afternoon high temperatures approaching the mid-90s and a heat index around 100°.

■ Strong/possibly severe storms with damaging winds and large hail later in the day, ending from the west later in the evening.

■ SW winds shifting to the northwest by evening.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Heat and humidity will peak this Wednesday afternoon, just ahead of a cold front from the west. Temperatures should top out in the low to middle 90s with a heat index reaching 100-degrees – plus in at least a few areas. As the cold front nears and moves through northeast Illinois into northwest Indiana, a band of potentially strong to severe thunderstorms is likely to accompany the frontal boundary with the possibility of damaging winds and large hail.

Following the front, Canadian-source high pressure will spread over our area with northeast winds bringing cooler, less humid air Thursday. Indications are this break in heat and humidity will be just temporary, as the high pressure should move off to the east with southwesterly winds pulling hot humid air back into the Chicago area this weekend.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

HIGH

LOW

80

65

High pressure builds across the Midwest. A few fair-weather clouds form midday, otherwise sunny. N-NE winds of 10-20 mph deliver cooler, less humid air. Highs lower 80s well inland and mid-70s lakeside. Fair skies overnight.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

HIGH

LOW

88

64

Slow-moving high provides another day of sunshine and seasonably warm temps. Reasoning peak in the mid to upper 80s most areas; a light on-shore breeze makes it cooler at the lakefront. Increasing clouds overnight.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

HIGH

LOW

91

70

Building heat and humidity over the Plains spreads eastward. A slight chance of a t-storm. High temps in the lower 90s with heat indices in the mid-90s. Higher humidity overnight. Southwest winds.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

HIGH

LOW

91

73

Weak front sags across the area. Light winds turn NE at 10 mph. Temps again reach the low 90s inland, but hold in the upper 70s along the lake. Clouds build along the front leading to a chance of t-storms.

MONDAY, JULY 15

HIGH

LOW

94

71

Weak front sags across the area. Light winds turn NE at 10 mph. Temps again reach the low 90s inland, but hold in the upper 70s along the lake. Clouds build along the front leading to a chance of t-storms.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

HIGH

LOW

94

74

Mostly sunny, dangerously hot and humid. Afternoon highs in the low to mid-90s with a heat index 100 to 105-degrees. Warm and muggy overnight. Southwesterly winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the difference between a wake low and a seiche?
Joy Hajduk-DeGraff

Dear Joy,
There is no similarity between these terms. A wake low is an area of low pressure that forms behind a mesoscale high following a line of thunderstorms (squall line). Squall lines often have a small area of high pressure that forms behind the thunderstorms, and immediately behind that is the wake low. A seiche is a fluctuation in water levels on an enclosed body of water like Lake Michigan. Seiches affecting Chicagoland are produced when air pressure surges associated with southeastward moving squall lines strike the lake, setting up a surge of water that moves east, reflects off the Lower Michigan shore and returns to the Chicago area as a seiche.

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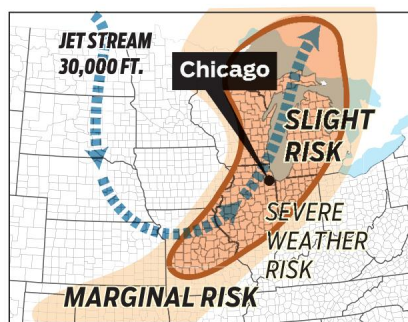
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Strong storms Wednesday; heat/humidity this weekend

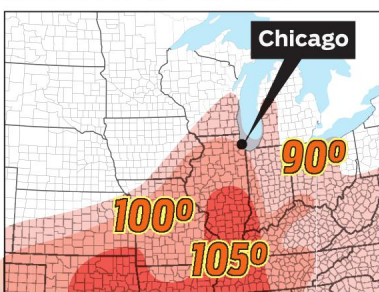
WEDNESDAY/WED. NIGHT



CHICAGO ENTERS HOTTEST WEEK OF THE YEAR (JULY 10-16)				
	NORMAL HIGH	FORECAST HIGH TEMP	TEMP DEPARTURE	MAXIMUM HEAT INDEX
10	85°	WE 94°	+9°	103°
11	85°	FR 80°	-5°	
12	85°	TH 88°	+3°	
13	85°	SA 91°	+6°	96°
14	85°	SU 91°	+6°	97°
15	85°	MO 94°	+9°	100°
16	85°	TU 94°	+9°	100°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

PREDICTED HEAT INDEX WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON



SATURDAY THROUGH TUESDAY: Stay alert for Excessive Heat effects. A sunny day can add 5 to 15° to the apparent temperature. Heat injury (hyperthermia) is accumulative—the effect takes its toll with time, impact is more pronounced days 2, 3 and beyond. Get cooling breaks often. Stay in air conditioned shelter as much as possible; if outside, keep in the shade and drink plenty of water. Watch out for the most likely to suffer greatest effects—the very young and the elderly.

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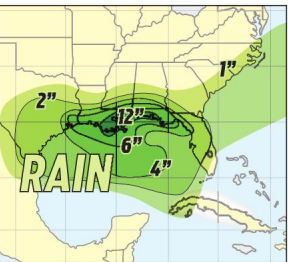
TROPICAL UPDATE

Tropical Storm "Barry" in the making?
Gulf residents monitoring tropical development over 90° Gulf waters

RANGE IN COMPUTER FORECAST MODEL STORM TRACKS



ESTIMATED TOTAL RAINFALL THROUGH 7 P.M. MONDAY



CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES				
LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI LO
Aurora	88	60	Midway	89 67
Gary	88	66	O'Hare	88 61
Kankakee	87	63	Romeoville	86 62
Lakefront	76	65	Valparaiso	88 61
Lansing	87	61	Waukegan	80 55

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION		
PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.12"
July to date	0.89"	0.96"
Year to date	25.07"	17.49"

WEDNESDAY SUNBURN FORECAST		
TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS		
7 a.m.	2 hours, 45 minutes	
1 p.m.*	17 minutes	
4 p.m.	60 minutes	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS		
	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	SW 11-23 kts.	N 6-16 kts.
Waves	1-2 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	76°/77°	

TUESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL		
POLLEN		LEVEL
Tree		Low
Grass		Moderate
Mold		High
Ragweed		0
Weed		0

SOURCE: Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY		
Tuesday's reading		Unhealthy
Wednesday's forecast		Moderate
Critical pollutant		Ozone

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES		
Sun	5:51 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moon	2:30 p.m.	1:39 a.m.

	1ST Q	FULL	3RD Q	NEW
	July 9	July 16	July 24	July 31

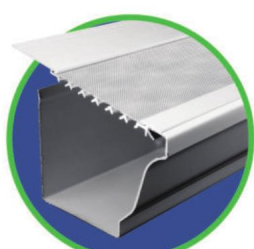
TUESDAY PLANET WATCH		
PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:58 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Venus	4:40 a.m.	7:50 p.m.
Mars	6:51 a.m.	9:29 p.m.
Jupiter	5:58 p.m.	3:16 a.m.
Saturn	8:11 p.m.	5:31 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME		
PLANET	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	Not visible	
Jupiter	10:30 p.m.	26° S
Saturn	1:00 a.m.	26° S

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Kids can be vulnerable to waterborne illness caused by the parasite cryptosporidium, the leading cause of waterborne disease outbreaks in the United States.

Don't swallow the pool water

BY CINDY DAMPIER

Remember when summer meant splashing willy-nilly in the public pool, your mom yelling from the side, “Don’t swallow the water!”?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would like you to call your mother, and tell her she was right.

The CDC recently released a report that shows a rise of 13% per year in tracked outbreaks of illness caused by the single-cell parasite cryptosporidium, the leading cause of waterborne disease outbreaks in the United States. The outbreaks, which spike annually in July and August, are often attributable to public pools.

That’s partly because, according to Dr. Radhika Gharpure of the CDC’s Waterborne Disease Pre-

It’s crypto season. July and August see spike in outbreaks of illness caused by parasite that can live in swimming pools

vention Branch, crypto parasites, which are spread through the feces of infected humans or animals, feel right at home in swimming pools. “Unlike other parasites or bacteria,” Gharpure says, “Crypto is very tolerant to chlorine and can survive in a properly chlorinated pool for several days — so once it gets into the pool, it can be hard to get out.”

Those pool chemicals — even the ones strong enough to fade your swimsuit — aren’t helping with the parasite problem.

Crypto infections can come from other sources, too, such as livestock, or

contaminated food or drinking water. A 1993 outbreak in Milwaukee, which remains the largest outbreak of waterborne illness in the U.S., sickened more than 400,000 people and was caused by improperly filtered drinking water. City residents were forced to boil water for a week, drugstores sold out of anti-diarrhea medications and 69 people (93 percent of whom were immunocompromised AIDS patients) died.

Still, crypto is “definitely associated with swimming pools and water parks,” says Dr. John Flaherty, a professor of medicine at North-

western University Feinberg School of Medicine who’s an expert in infectious diseases. “That was really brought home to me a few years ago when I was staying at a place with a water park and there was a sign that said, ‘If you have cryptosporidiosis, don’t use the pool.’ I mean, I doubt most people would even know what cryptosporidiosis is.” Most people who become infected, Flaherty says, experience watery diarrhea for several days and think they have a case of food poisoning or a stomach flu. Many are never diagnosed, and part of the reported rise in cases is

attributable to recent improvements in the tracking of outbreaks.

That lack of awareness around crypto is a big part of the swimming pool problem. In a recent survey exploring Americans’ swimming pool habits, commissioned by the Water Quality and Health Council, 24% of respondents said they would go swimming in a pool within one hour of having diarrhea, and 48% reported that they never shower before swimming, essentially turning the pool into a huge public bathtub.

“I mean, c’mon people, do us a favor,” says Flaherty, who points out that, although crypto is “not going to leak out of you microscopically,” it could be present on your skin if you are having diarrhea, and a child

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The stress of shopping with your children while black

BY KELLY GLASS

Special to The Washington Post

“Leave it in the car,” I say, pointing to my son’s Batman action figure. He puts it down.

“Take your hood off. What’s in your pocket?”

“I know, Mom,” he says, rubbing the space between his eyebrows. He sounds like a child. He is a child to me. But at age 14, he’s 5 feet 4 inches tall, with kinky hair, brown skin and a penchant for comfortable

clothes like hoodies and sweats; he is a suspect. He fits the description. It doesn’t matter that he still plays with toys and watches cartoons — he is black. He will always fit the description.

Before we enter the store, there is a checklist of things that must be in order. Do not bring anything inside the store that the store sells. Keep your hands away from your pockets at all times. Leave your jacket in the bottom of the cart.

When you pick something up, put it back in the same place. Stand out in the open parts of the aisles. He’s intrigued by the cameras in the self-checkout and on the ceiling — don’t look at them, but do make eye contact with the employees and greet them. Most important, if it feels like someone is following you, tell me right away.

He has never stolen. He came close one time in a store seven years ago. It was a Lego Minifigure

worth a few dollars. As I scanned the grocery store aisle, I saw the tiny toy out of the corner of my eye. My son’s eyes were wide and fixed as he manipulated the figure’s little arms and legs.

“Where did you get that?” I asked with panic. His eyes changed, responding to the anxiety in my voice. He pointed a few aisles back. I grabbed his arm, dragging him to the scene. There was the tiny foil packet. I grabbed it and we marched to customer

service.

“Excuse me. He would like to pay for this,” I said.

“OK,” the customer service employee said, seemingly confused.

“He opened this without paying for it. That’s like stealing. Tell him what happens to people who steal,” I demanded.

“Well, we call the police when people steal. The police take people to jail,” she said in her best child-friendly voice.

“I don’t want to go to jail,

Mommy!” my son screamed.

“Thank you,” I said, choking back tears.

Jail, I thought. Jail was the best-case scenario for a black boy criminalized for being a child. This was the year Trayvon Martin was shot at age 17. A couple of years later, Tamir Rice, 12, would be shot while playing with a toy. When I was a child, it was 15-year-old Latasha Harlins who

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Why many seniors rate their health positively

By JUDITH GRAHAM
Kaiser Health News

A common myth about aging is that older adults are burdened by illness and feel lousy much of the time. In fact, the opposite is usually true. Most seniors report feeling distinctly positive about their health.

Consider data from the 2017 National Health Interview Survey (the most recent available), administered by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When asked to rate their overall health, 82% of adults ages 65 to 74 described it as excellent (18%), very good (32%) or good (32%) — on the positive side of the ledger.

By contrast, 18% of this age group had a negative perspective, describing their health as fair (14%) or poor (4%).

This trend toward positivity is also evident among adults age 75 and older: 73% of this group said their health was excellent (12%), very good (28%) or good (33%), while only 27% gave a fair (20%) or poor (7%) evaluation.

How could this be true when the majority of older adults — about 60% — have two or more chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease or kidney disease, and higher rates of physical impairment than other age groups?

The answer lies in how older adults think about their health. For many, good health means more than the lack of illness or disability. The components of health they tend to value more are vitality, emotional well-being, positive social relationships, remaining active and satisfaction with life, while poor physical functioning plays a less important role.

“Being healthy means being able to continue doing what I like: going to the theater, organizing programs, enjoying the arts, walking,” said Lorelei Goldman, 80, of Evanston, Illi-



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Most senior citizens report feeling distinctly positive about their health.

nois, who has had ovarian and breast cancer. She also describes her health as “good.”

“I have all my faculties and good, longtime friendships,” Goldman continued. “I used to be a bad sleeper, but now I’m sleeping much better. Almost every day, there are moments of clarity and joy. I’m involved in a lot of activities that are sustaining.”

Even when older adults are coping with medical conditions and impairments, they can usually think of people their age who are worse off than they — those who have died or gone to nursing homes, said Ellen Idler, a professor of sociology at Emory University in Atlanta and a leading researcher in the field of “self-rated health.”

By comparison, seniors

still able to live on their own may feel “I’m doing pretty well.” At some point, merely surviving can be interpreted as a sign of good health.

“People hit their 80s and 90s, look around and feel pretty good about just being alive,” Idler said.

That isn’t true for younger adults, who measure their health against an ideal “there shouldn’t be anything wrong with me” standard. But expectations for what constitutes good health change as people move into later life.

“Older people expect some deterioration in health and aren’t thrown off course in the same way when it occurs,” said Jason Schnittker, a professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania who has studied self-rated health.

Resilience is also at play. As older adults adapt to illness and other physical changes, they tend to adjust their outlook.

“I may be handicapped, but I can still walk,” one 86-year-old woman told Swiss researchers after being hospitalized due to a fall and forced to use a stick to get around. She considered herself fortunate and rated her health positively.

Lest you think older adults’ bias toward positivity is a sign of denial or a lack of objectivity, a large body of research shows it’s highly meaningful.

“Self-rated health is very strongly predictive of longevity” as well as other outcomes such as cognitive health and use of health care services, Schnittker noted.

Sometimes, surveys

assess self-rated mental health separately, and results for older adults again overturn common assumptions about negativity associated with older age.

The National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project, spearheaded by investigators at the University of Chicago, found that fewer than 1% of adults (ages 57 to 97) rated their mental health as poor; just under 8% considered it fair; nearly 23% thought it was good; nearly 41% believed it was very good; and 28% judged it excellent.

This data, based on a representative sample of 3,101 individuals surveyed in 2015, was provided upon request and has not yet been published.

“Mental health becomes an even more important component of self-rated

health with age,” Schnittker said. Depression, in particular, appears to be a negative influence, affecting how people view their circumstances.

Although Laurie Brock, 69, of Denver, has severe arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus, she considers her health “very good” and credits her optimism, her close relationships and her “extremely active life.”

Poor health would mean being bedridden, “not being able to go out or be as mobile as I am” or extended suffering, she said. “My attitude now is ‘I’ve lived 70 good years, and I hope the next years are rich as well,’ ” Brock said. “I think most people fear old age. But once they get there, it’s like, ‘Oh, I’m still going, I’m still OK.’ And fear becomes acceptance.”



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was shot and killed over a bottle of juice. She was going to pay for the juice, but that didn’t matter. When Phoenix police recently threatened to kill a black family because their 4-year-old walked out of a dollar store with a doll, the value of those goods didn’t matter. When the officer yanked the arm of the 1-year-old, attempting to remove her from her

father and place her on the hot ground, her value as a human didn’t matter.

So when I go down the checklist with my son, what I’m really saying to him is that he is valuable beyond belief. He is irreplaceable. His life is worth more than any possession that can be found in any store. No matter what the world is telling black children, they need to know their worth. I want my black children to be free. As much as I don’t want my children to live afraid, I want them to live.

In our local Target, my son takes off his jacket. He leaves his toys and other possessions. The store associates know him by name. I head to the grocery aisles, and he heads to electronics to play with the video game displays.

“Remember the rules!” “Got it. See you, Mom!” He yells without looking back. My 4-year-old son runs behind his big brother, looking at me for approval. I nod and let them go, praying that I will see them again.

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in diapers who is having diarrhea could definitely contaminate the pool water. “It’s more common in kids,” he says, “so if your kid is having diarrhea, don’t bring them to the pool. And if you’re having diarrhea, don’t go to the pool, because it is a risk.”

“Crypto germs in poop can immediately cause infection,” says Gharpure. “It only takes a few crypto germs to make someone sick and there can be millions of crypto germs in poop, so it’s critically important to keep crypto out of the pool.”

Melaney Arnold, spokesperson for the Illi-

nois Department of Public Health, which requires that pools connected to an outbreak be closed so that the entire facility can undergo cleaning and water samples can be examined by the IDPH, points out that the presence of crypto “is not an indicator of water quality or operational standards of the facility” but is more likely to be “carried into the pool by someone.”

In other words, it’s yet another public health issue in which we are totally dependent on the good hygiene of our neighbors. And if you’ve been in a public restroom lately, you might have reason to doubt that your health is in good (and recently washed) hands. That doesn’t mean you have to swear off

swimming, though.

Luckily, illness caused by crypto isn’t typically something to be alarmed about, unless you are immunocompromised due to a transplant or other underlying condition or illness, or you are pregnant. “In most other cases, like many things we get, it’s a nuisance,” says Flaherty.

And, he says, jumping into that public pool is probably an acceptable risk. “I cross the street, I eat raw oysters occasionally, and I will probably be going to the Lincolnwood pool tonight with my daughter and grandchildren,” he says.

But you can bet he won’t be swallowing any pool water.

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LA ‘noir bars’ are perfect summer-day sanctuaries



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

I am writing this love letter on the back of my wrist, in a handsome old dump that looks like it washed ashore during a storm.

The object of my affection is the Harbor Room, a popcorn ball of driftwood, sly smirks and sticky beer. Purportedly, it is the smallest bar in Los Angeles and the third-smallest in the nation. This allows for a rakish intimacy. Total strangers confide.

Just forward my mail here for the summer. I’m on sabbatical, after all, thinking cheap thoughts, trying to figure out life (and death) and all the little steps in between.

This week’s passion: “Noir bars,” my term for dark sanctuaries we duck into on blistering summer afternoons. Cool, like caves. Spiritual, like cathedrals.

You can tell noir bars because the Christmas lights stay up year and because they have no windows or clocks. You come to noir bars to escape a thankless and increasingly fretful world. And to laugh.

“John Lennon was such a fraud,” I say, just to get the conversation rolling.

In a noir bar, provocation is king. The truth connects to nothing.

Noir bars are the antidote to the elitism inherent in this capital of ego and glitz. If you show up in your McLaren, don’t be a putz — park it around the corner.

Preferably, you come in whiskers and flip-flops, sweaty from your weekly game of hoops.

Banter — all good bars



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Marilyn Monroe pictures decorate a booth at Ercole’s in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Ercole’s was founded in 1927.

can be measured by their banter. Don’t go silent into that dark bar.

Here’s my list of LA’s best noir bars:

Ercole’s (rhymes with Hercules) in Manhattan Beach. Ercole’s has been open since the 1920s, in one form or another. It feels like a college bar crossed with a sailor bar crossed with a great burger joint, which it also is.

“Places like this are so rare,” says TV writer Kristin Long, who is working on a book about the bar.

“They’re what make this town.”

Boardner’s in Hollywood. “This is the locals’ Hollywood bar,” says barkeep Eli Mahar.

Boardner’s is cheap, lively, with parking right across the street. Don’t forget the beatnik patio.

The Tonga Hut in North Hollywood. Great tiki bars like this are a subset of noir bars: dark, busy, magnificent.

Chez Jay in Santa Monica. It has banter, it has peanuts on the floor, it has chatty bartenders dating to the Ice Age. Ask for the Marilyn booth, where Monroe awaited her study sessions with JFK.

The Galley in Santa Monica. It’s got that Christmas-

light thing going, a cozy patio and porthole windows. On a poster: “Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.” Who doesn’t?

The Blue Room in Burbank. Used in the movies “Heat” and “Memento,” this place has a Rat Pack, old-Hollywood vibe. But it’s a classy local joint.

The Harbor Room in Playa del Rey. Cozy, worn, with tons of wry resignation. “Open but don’t expect too much!” says the sign on the door.

Class of ’47 in Newport Beach. Former John Wayne hangout fills all the seedy requirements of a respectable noir bar. Changed my mind: Please have my mail forwarded here.

Taylor’s Steakhouse in Koreatown. First-rate steaks in a room that’s darker than a hit man’s soul. The kind of place Marlowe would’ve staked out, hunting for rich and lusty new clients.

The Shortstop near Dodger Stadium. Bullet hole still in the door from a shooting decades ago. The lesson? Don’t hold up a cop bar in broad daylight.

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Few pregnant women get right amount of nutrients

BY STEVEN REINBERG
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For pregnant women, good nutrition is essential for their health and the baby's health. But many aren't getting adequate amounts of the vitamins and minerals they need, a new study finds.

On the other hand, some pregnant women are actually taking higher levels of nutrients than is healthy, the same research reports.

And almost all are eating too much salt.

"Many pregnant women do not consume enough of key nutrients: specifically, iron, potassium, calcium, magnesium, zinc and vitamins A, C, D, E, K, B6, folate and choline — even with the use of dietary supplements," said lead researcher Regan Bailey. She's an associate professor of nutrition science at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Almost all pregnant women are at risk of excessive consumption of salt, and many are at risk of excessive consumption of folic acid and iron, especially among those who use dietary supplements, she said.

"It appears that supplements may be necessary for most pregnant women to meet nutrient recommendations," Bailey said. "However, our findings suggest that responsible formulations of prenatal products could help women achieve recommended intakes without the potential for excess."

For the study, Bailey and her colleagues collected data on more than 1,000 pregnant women 20 to 40 years old who took part in the U.S. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey from 2001 to 2014.

The researchers found that nearly 70% of the women were taking prenatal dietary supplements. But based on the recom-



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Many pregnant women aren't getting the proper amount of vitamins and minerals and are overdoing the salt.

mended levels of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Dietary Reference, some weren't getting enough and some were getting too much.

At least 10% of the women weren't getting enough magnesium, vitamin D, vitamin E, iron, vitamin A, folate, calcium, vitamin C, vitamin B6 and zinc.

Others were getting too much potassium, vitamin K, folic acid, iron, calcium and zinc.

And 95% were consuming too much salt.

"Whether it's consuming too much salt or not getting enough of some minerals and vitamins, not adhering to recommended standards is a significant problem," said Dr. Rahul Gupta, chief medical officer at the March of Dimes.

Taking too much of some vitamins and minerals can be harmful, he added. For example, vitamin Bs can build up in the liver, causing it harm. Too much iron can also result in damage to the liver, heart and pancreas.

Having too little of some vitamins can also hurt women and their infants.

For example, having enough folic acid has been shown to help prevent birth defects called neural tube disorders, which can

affect the brain and spine, said Gupta, who wasn't involved with the new research.

"During pregnancy, it's critical to have a nutrition discussion with your doctor," he said. That talk should include what supplements the woman is taking and what fortified foods she's eating.

In addition, women need to tell their doctor what additional nutrients — such as herbal supplements — they are taking.

"That, along with lab tests, allows the doctor to provide the best informed recommendations for the patient," Gupta said.

It's even better if this discussion takes place before a woman gets pregnant, he added.

Gupta's main concern is with the amount of salt pregnant women are consuming. "We know there is a direct correlation between salt and high blood pressure," he said.

Hypertension during pregnancy can lead to preeclampsia, a pregnancy complication resulting in high blood pressure and damage to liver or kidneys. This can result in premature birth, Gupta said.

The report was published online in June in the journal JAMA Network Open.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Readers claim hot water works like coffee to aid in digestion

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I read your column about the effects of coffee on moving one's bowels. It may not be the caffeine doing the work. My grandmother did not drink coffee, but every morning first thing she drank a cup of hot water "for her bowels," she said. I think hot water would have the same effect whether it had caffeine in it or not.

A: The researchers we mentioned who tested the effects of coffee on rats' digestive function found that decaf worked like regular coffee to enhance the power of intestinal contractions, demonstrating that caffeine is not the primary actor.

Scientists have used hot water as a control in a study of postoperative recovery of bowel function (European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, January 2018). Among women who had undergone Caesarean section deliveries, those who drank coffee were quicker to pass gas — which demonstrates the digestive tract is returning to normal.

A meta-analysis involving six clinical trials with 600 patients concluded: "Postoperative coffee consumption is effective and safe for enhancing the recovery of gastrointestinal function after abdominal surgery." (Scientific Reports, Nov. 26, 2018)

Many other readers share the conviction that hot beverages of any sort can benefit bowel function. One would need to experiment between hot and cold coffee to see if temperature is a key factor.

Q: My husband, age 70, was just diagnosed with



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a vitamin B12 deficiency. Why is a B12 test not a part of regular bloodwork after a certain age? The symptoms mimic dementia and myriad other illnesses, including depression and anxiety. He's gradually getting better after a month on vitamin B12 supplements.

A: You are correct that vitamin B12 deficiency is common among the elderly (Journal of Nutrition, Health & Aging, February 2015). A Canadian study found that older men who get more vitamin B12 from their diets are less likely to be depressed (European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, March 2016).

Testing for vitamin B12 is not a simple blood test, though. The diagnosis may require a test for methylmalonic acid (MMA) as well as serum B12 (cobalamin). Doctors should consider such testing for people with symptoms of cognitive decline.

According to Dr. Tieraona Low Dog, people over 60 are at particular risk of vitamin B12 deficiency. She notes that the diabetes drug metformin and acid-suppressing drugs increase that risk.

Q: I was on brand-name Lasix for over 30 years to treat lym-

phedema. Now that I can get only generic furosemide, I have found that the generic does nothing to reduce swelling. It only causes allergic skin outbreaks. I am 65, and I fear I will not be able to manage my condition in the future because the generic is ineffective. Can you advise me how I could find brand-name Lasix?

A: You are not the first reader to report problems with generic furosemide. With a prescription from your doctor, you should be able to purchase brand-name Lasix from a legitimate online Canadian pharmacy for about one-third as much as it would cost in the U.S.

Q: What's the most effective bug spray to keep ticks off?

A: According to Consumer Reports (July 2019), either putting DEET-containing bug repellent on your skin or wearing permethrin-treated clothing can help. Even with such precautions, however, you must perform tick checks whenever you come inside from your walks.

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Summer known as season of kidney stones

Heat, lack of fluids among the links

BY MARCOS DEL ROSARIO-SANTIAGO
The Washington Post

With the weather heating up, thoughts turn to beach days, cooling drinks and much-awaited vacations. For urologists, however, the coming of summer signals something else: kidney stones.

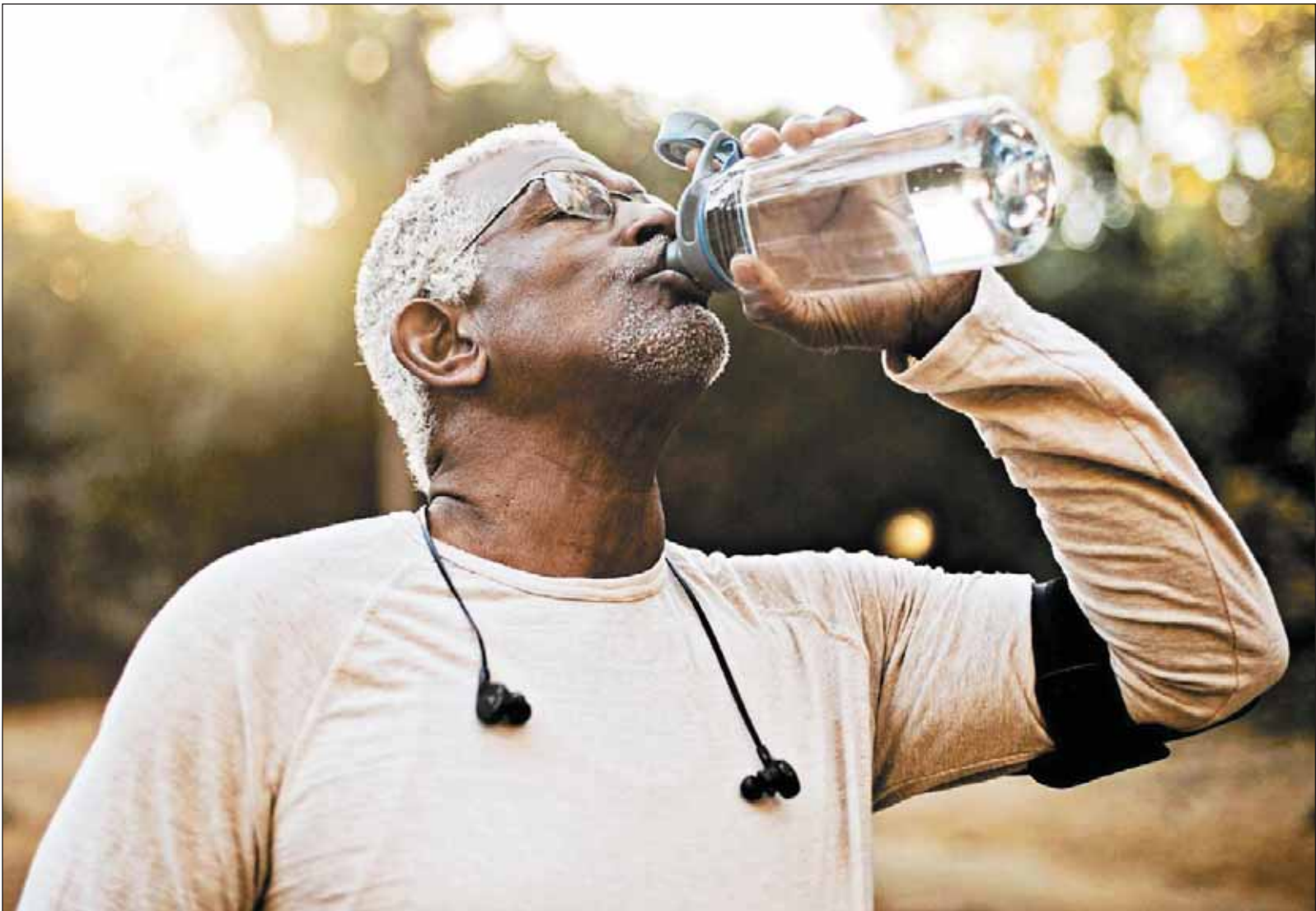
It's true: Kidney stones have been associated with warmer weather in the United States and worldwide. And kidney stone season may be getting even longer with the effects of climate change and global warming — especially in already warm climates. This is caused, at least in part, from dehydration due to higher temperatures and is even more true during summer months.

Last year was the world's fourth-hottest year on record. The United States felt the effect. Last summer, parts of the Midwest had record-high temperatures. Those temperatures are expected to continue to rise.

Although an association exists between higher temperatures and the risk of kidney stones, not all of the reasons are clear. But researchers predict that rising temperatures will mean higher numbers of patients with kidney stones.

In the United States, a half-million patients seek treatment for kidney stones in emergency rooms every year. Those numbers have been increasing in the past three decades. The same is true in Europe. The number of children with the condition has also increased.

Kidney stones result when certain chemicals in urine concentrate and form crystals. The crystals grow into larger particles (stones), which move through the urinary tract. If the stone gets stuck on its



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Low urine volume, which may be the result of dehydration, is a major risk factor for kidney stones, so drinking more fluids is important.

path and blocks the flow of urine, it can become painful and potentially dangerous. Most stones are a combination of calcium and either oxalate or phosphorous.

Think of this process as putting Lego pieces together. Once you have one, you can stack others, until you have a big piece, in this case a stone.

Low urine volume is a major risk factor for kidney stone formation because less fluid to dissolve urinary salts means more concentrated urine. That may be a result of dehydration, which could have different causes, including not drinking enough fluids, strenuous exercise or time spent in a hot environment. You'll

know your urine volume is low when it turns a darker color.

Drinking more fluids is important in lowering your risks of forming stones — especially in already tropical and subtropical areas. Urologists call the Southeastern United States “the stone belt” because of the higher rate of stone formation across the region.

Obesity is also a major risk factor for stone formation. Being overweight can change the acid levels in urine and, consequently, increase your risk of stones.

Your diet is important too. One high in animal protein such as beef, chicken, fish and pork may increase acid levels in the

urine because meat breaks down into uric acid, which can help form stones.

Other medical conditions — such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and hyperparathyroidism — or other rare genetic disorders can make stones more likely to form. Some medications and high doses of vitamin C and calcium supplements may increase your risks.

So what can you do to prevent kidney stones?

For starters, increase your urine volume — in other words, drink a lot of water. This is especially true for people who have had stones before. I recommend my patients aim for six pints of water a day.

Citric acid may help prevent the formation of certain types of kidney stones. Adding lemon or lime to your water is a great way to get the extra citric acid. Lemonade is great, but it usually contains a lot of sugar — so I generally discourage it.

Other foods you may want to avoid: most kinds of nuts, beets, tea and, I'm very sorry to say, chocolate. These foods have high concentrations of oxalate that contribute to stone formation, especially in people prone to the condition. High urine oxalate levels aren't always due to how much calcium you consume but rather how much sodium you ingest.

This is because salt keeps calcium from being reabsorbed from the urine into the blood.

I don't ask my patients to limit their dietary calcium. Instead, I ask them to reduce their salt intake. You should also avoid soft drinks: most colas have high phosphate contents, which help create stones.

Left untreated, kidney stones can be deadly. If you are in pain and think you might have a kidney stone, see a urologist.

And remember, drink plenty of water and watch your diet this summer. As global warming increases, we will have to take care of our bodies, and the planet, progressively more.



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Summer's refresher

Add versatile mint to grilled meats, salads



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

At this point in the summer, my cooking needs refreshing. Good thing the mint bursts its boundaries in the herb garden.

There's a reason most of us enjoy mint in our toothpaste and chewing gum. It cleans the palate in a way no other

ingredient can.

There are many varieties of mint — smooth-leaved, crinkly, variegated, fuzzy, shiny. Peppermint and spearmint are my favorites for all-purpose kitchen companions. We plant them as borders around the garden and in pots on the deck for easy harvesting. The plants thrive in sun and shade, and they aren't fussy about soil quality or frequent watering. Starter plants are inexpensive. Even this deep into summer, it's not too late to get them in the ground; you'll have mint

Turn to *Mint*, Page 6

What's the best hard seltzer? The worst? Is it a fad?

BY JOSH NOEL

Hard seltzer is a sensation. A revelation. A cultural phenomenon. And one big bubbly oddity.

How did a category that barely existed three years ago get *this* big? *This* fast? Who is drinking the stuff? Is it any good? And most important: Should it be in my (and your) refrigerator?

As a fan of both “hard” (booze) and “seltzer” (carbonated water), I figured I should be at least a piece of the target audience. Still, I was skeptical about something that has all the makings of a fad destined to go flat, a future relevance serving mostly as a punchline.

“Remember the summer of 2019, when we drank all that hard seltzer?” we’ll exclaim during, say, the summer of 2022. “Thank heavens we now have our citrus-flavored, hemp-infused boozy kombucha! This will never go away!”

Well, dozens of hard seltzers later — I’ve cracked maybe 100



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cans from eight companies in recent weeks — I have answers. There are a lot of bad ones and some good ones. At their best, they’re quite satisfying. And as to their staying power — well, keep

reading.

You have hard seltzer questions. I have hard seltzer answers.

Q: Hard seltzer? Really?
A: Yes. And it's an industry-

shaking sensation.

By every metric, the growth of hard seltzer has been astounding this summer.

During the past six months, the nation has spent \$389 million on

hard seltzer: an increase of 210% from the previous year, according to Nielsen scans in supermarkets and other stores. Through mid-May, industry leader White Claw Hard Seltzer's mixed 12-packs have accounted for nearly \$71 million of those sales — a 320% leap from a year ago. That surge has made White Claw a top-25 brand among beers (how flavored malt beverages are typically tracked), zooming past stalwarts such as Rolling Rock, Guinness, Pacifico, Corona Light and every single craft beer — let me say it again: *every single craft beer* — with the exception of Blue Moon Belgian White.

White Claw's closest competitor, Truly Hard Seltzer, is also thriving, with sales more than tripling this year. Truly is owned by Boston Beer Co., which was founded during the 1980s on the back of the iconic Samuel Adam Boston Lager. Yet in a recent four-week period, Craft Brew News reported, Truly outsold

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Boston Beer’s entire beer portfolio. “It’s huge growth — *huge* growth,” said Christopher Shepard, senior editor for Craft Brew News. “And the expectation is that the huge growth will continue through summer.”

Q: Who is making all this hard seltzer?
A: In what is still a Wild West of sorts, many beverage companies see opportunity. Big beer. Craft beer. Spirits. Cider. And independent upstarts. There are at least 32 brands of hard seltzer at the moment, and more announced by the week. Some have national availability. Others are found in smaller, regional footprints.

The two dominant players — White Claw and Truly — command about 75% of the market. White Claw is owned by Mark Anthony Group, a Chicago-based flavored malt beverage company whose biggest hit to date has been Mike’s Hard Lemonade. Truly has been a much-needed boon for Boston Beer in the face of its slumping beer sales. Lagging far behind is Bon & Viv Spiked Seltzer, owned by the nation’s largest beer company, Anheuser-Busch. Every other major hard seltzer brand was innovated in-house; Anheuser-Busch bought an existing brand in 2016 (so very Anheuser-Busch!) that at the time was simply called “Spiked Seltzer.” During the Super Bowl, Anheuser-Busch granted hard seltzer the ultimate validation: a 30-second Bon & Viv commercial, which likely raised awareness for the entire category.

Other brands vying for attention include Henry’s Hard Sparkling Water (owned by MillerCoors), Smirnoff Seltzer (made by spirits powerhouse Diageo), Wild Basin (made by CANarchy, the craft beer company that owns Oskar Blues, Cigar City and others) and smaller craft brands such as Press and SeekOut (owned by Oregon’s 2 Towns Ciderhouse).

Q: Who is drinking hard seltzer? And why?
A: The “why” is easier to answer. Hard seltzer capitalizes on a several popular trends. One is seltzer itself, as anyone whose fridge regularly includes LaCroix (guilty!) or one of the knockoff brands (also guilty!) can attest. Then there’s the flavor revolution unfolding across consumer packaged goods, from cigars to coffee to yogurt. People like flavor and they like diversity, and they like both those things in their hard seltzer: Nielsen says variety packs account for 65% of hard seltzer sales. And then there are issues of health and wellness. Fueled by the ongoing success of low-carb, low-cal Michelob Ultra Light, beer



Chris Quinn, left, founder of The Beer Temple, samples hard seltzers at his store with employees Max Peltier, center, and Ryan McDonald. “I don’t know if they offer any real drinking experience,” says Quinn.

companies large and small are attempting similar beers. Hard seltzers fit with the trend. They’re generally low in calories, sugar and carbohydrates and often gluten-free. Most are between 4 and 5% alcohol, about the same as light beer. The industry has settled on an archetype that seems to be effectively telling the story: tall, slim 12-ounce cans with a predominantly white color scheme. Sanjiv Gajiwala, senior vice president of marketing for Mark Anthony Group, said the package is part of what has resonated with consumers for White Claw and beyond.

“Part of the experience is the can and the package,” Gajiwala said. “People like the sleek can and what it says about them and the premium experience.” As for who is drinking hard seltzer, it appears to come from all directions. Gajiwala cited Numerator Insights data that show 53% of White Claw consumers come from the beer segments: 25% of sales are by light-beer drinkers, 11% from domestic premium drinkers (such as Budweiser), 9% from craft beer drinkers and 8% from imported beer drinkers. The rest comes from a mix of wine and spirits drinkers (25%), flavored malt beverage drinkers (9%) and cider drinkers (3%). My own casual Twitter research turned up one guy who said he was buying hard seltzer this summer in place of premium domestics and local craft brands, and another who said hard seltzer was replacing light and domestic beers among his friends when they gathered to watch sports on TV. If the thought of dudes watching sports and pounding hard seltzers sounds unlikely, it shouldn’t; Instagram features several White Claw appreciation groups, including @clawdaddycentral, which is almost exclu-

sively men drinking White Claw: in bars, at ballgames, at home, at the beach. The brand also inspired a viral comedy video last week about the enthusiastic nature of “guys who drink White Claw,” which includes a tagline already approaching iconic status: “Ain’t no laws when you’re drinking Claws, baby!” Sandy Vox, assistant sales manager for the beer category at the Jewel-Osco supermarket chain, said she has been surprised by the number of men embracing hard seltzer. “I thought it would be more women-driven, but it’s 50-50,” she said. That’s part of why Vox has transferred shelf space from classic domestic beer brands — and to a lesser degree craft beer and flavored malt beverages — to hard seltzer: It has broad appeal. At Jewel-Osco, Vox said, hard seltzer has likely poached a lot of sales that once went to sweet beers such as Leinenkugel Summer Shandy (Leinenkugel’s seasonal brands, which include Summer Shandy, are down almost 14% year to date, according to IRI). Light beer “has been on the decline and it’s getting even tougher,” Vox said. “Bud and Miller didn’t help each other with that corn syrup nonsense.” The fevered growth has led Mark Anthony Group to call hard seltzer “the new light beer.” I asked Gajiwala about that bold claim, and he embraced it, noting that hard seltzer checks many boxes for contemporary drinkers: variety, flavor and health consciousness. “This might be the light beer for the next generation of consumer,” he said.

Q: Is hard seltzer really the next light beer?
A: Before answering, it’s worth noting the boldness of the claim. When light beer took root during the late 1970s and early 1980s, it upended

decades of dominance for brands such as Budweiser, Schlitz, Coors Banquet and Pabst Blue Ribbon. The nation’s top four-selling beer brands — and six of the top 10 — are light beer. If you had mentioned the words “light beer” to American beer drinkers 50 years ago, they would have had no idea what you were talking about. Same for the words “hard seltzer” five years ago. Yet, here we are. Could hard seltzer create a similar disruption? This is usually the point in any hard seltzer conversation where one-hit wonders of years past are mentioned. Think wine coolers, Zima or Not Your Father’s Root Beer, an unlikely sensation in 2015 that inspired knockoff brands from Anheuser-Busch (Best Damn Root Beer, which has been quietly phased out) and MillerCoors (Henry’s Hard Soda). For a moment, hard soda was the next thing; now it’s an afterthought. Shepard, of Craft Brew News, wondered: Is hard seltzer the next hard soda? Or more likely to be the next light beer? “I don’t know what five years from now looks like, but I do know seltzer has developed differently than anything I’ve been witness to during the last decade,” Shepard said. “Look back at what people thought would be the next big thing, and none of them caught so much widespread interest as seltzer has.” Though Vox said she filled Jewel-Osco stores with hard soda when that was what people wanted, she said she’s far more optimistic about the long-term outlook for hard seltzer. Hard seltzer, she said, “is a lifestyle brand.” Hard soda? “A novelty.”

Q: So what makes a good hard seltzer?
A: Finally — a simple question! Clean, well-integrated flavors. Crisp, tidy

refreshment. False, cloying and medicinal flavors doom the worst hard seltzers. And there are plenty of those.

Q: What are your favorites?
A: You know I have to save that for the end.
Q: OK then, what are your least favorites?
A: As stated, there are *a lot* of stinkers out there. And every lineup has its highs and lows. Truly has an absurd number of flavors, and the variety doesn’t work to its advantage; many of them come across as inauthentic. That’s especially true of Truly’s tropical and berry versions — pineapple, mango, black cherry, pomegranate and passion fruit — where the flavor runs roughshod, often in a messy and cloying way. Most seltzer lineups have a grapefruit version, but Bon & Viv’s was my least favorite by far due to an odd sulfurlike note.

Most of the White Claw brands are well made, but its newly released unflavored Pure misses the mark, with a finish somewhere between alcoholic heat and green olives. I’d rather just have a vodka soda. I was optimistic about Sound Craft’s cucumber seltzer, but it had an odd nutty flavor to it. Seek Out’s Raspberry Meyer Lemon smelled like edamame and didn’t taste much better. Wild Basin’s Lemon Agave Hibiscus is a mess. The Henry’s Hard Sparkling and Smirnoff families are best left out altogether.

Q: Now will you tell us your favorites?
A: Indeed. White Claw has earned its status as the industry leader; flavors are crisp and tidy. It keeps the portfolio relatively trim and seems far less cluttered than the Truly lineup. Each of White

Claw’s flavors — mango, black cherry, lime, grapefruit and raspberry — is well constructed and reasonably authentic. They are bold and juicy and, though sometimes skewing a bit sweet, exist in a broader context where carbonation is threaded into a clean finish that honors the “seltzer” part of the equation. Truly’s best brands are its citrus versions. Lime was my favorite, and I even preferred it to the White Claw version for drying out just a bit more. As little as I liked Bon & Viv’s grapefruit flavor, I quite liked its clementine hibiscus. (Cranberry is OK too.) Press seltzers are quite tasty, and among the sweetest at 5 grams of sugar per can. For that reason, they succeed more as low-sugar hard sodas than as seltzers. Sound Craft’s Rosé, which is flavored (and colored) with blackberries, pulls off a dry winelike fruitiness that might mix nicely with a shot of gin. Same for much of the Seek Out portfolio, especially Pineapple Passion Fruit and Key Lime and Mint.

Q: So what’s the bottom line? Is hard seltzer here to stay?
A: It certainly has everyone’s attention — even The Beer Temple, which is one of the city’s better beer bars and bottle shops. Owner Chris Quinn realized he had heard plenty about hard seltzer but never tasted one, so he and two of his workers sampled as many as they could one day last week. He was impressed with a handful of them — “At their best, they’re pretty effortless to drink,” he said — but he was mostly unimpressed thanks to flavors that were frequently muddled or overwhelming. He also articulated precisely why I’ve decided they won’t be a mainstay in my refrigerator. “I don’t know if they offer any real drinking experience,” Quinn said. They don’t.

Hard seltzer turns drinking alcohol into an afterthought. If I want a refreshing afterthought, I drink water. Or seltzer water without the booze. When I want alcohol, I want to revel in it to some small degree — whether a crisp helles lager or two fingers of mezeal. I want an experience. Hard seltzer is mostly just flavor. “But let’s be real,” Quinn said. “Only a few people want ‘a drinking experience.’ A lot of people drink just to get alcohol in their body.” Indeed, that’s what accounts for the existence of lemonade-flavored alcoholic drinks. And alcoholic drinks that taste like tea. And much of the light beer category. That urge will never go away, and it’s why flavored hard seltzer has done well. And why it will probably continue to do well — even when the next big thing pops up.

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BEER OF THE MONTH

School of Brett 4-pack highlights Brettanomyces yeast

By JOSH NOEL

The beers: School of Brett, a collaboration between Lake Effect Brewing and Omega Yeast (both of Chicago).

The backstory: For the first time, this Beer of the Month column is a *Beers* of the Month column. That’s because School of Brett is four different beers working together to create a single whole. Each can in the four-pack is the same base beer — red wine barrel-aged saison — but three of the four were aged with different strains of Brettanomyces yeast: Lambicus, Clausenii and Bruxellensis. (The fourth can is the base beer without Brett, as the yeast is known for short.) The goal, for Lake Effect founder Clint Bautz and Omega Yeast founder Lance Shaner, who sourced the Brett, is to help drinkers understand the nuance of Brettanomyces, a defining ingredient in most wild beers and some more mainstream offerings, such

as Goose Island’s Matilda. To most effectively compare and contrast the strains, School of Brett beers are meant to be had in one sitting, shared by two or three people.

What Bautz and Shaner said:
Bautz: “I used a pretty basic recipe on the base beer, with a neutral saison yeast strain so that the Brett would stand out. Once the beer was transferred to four wine barrels, three of them were dosed with the Brett. They were four red wine barrels from the same winery and picked together to try limiting the variability. We wanted the base beers to be as consistent as possible.”
Shaner: “I think there’s a right way to experience these beers because the flavors are stronger in some.”
Bautz: “They’re best consumed as a group and all at once. That’s how you see the differences. I find people bring them to a tasting and share.”



The School of Brett four-pack at Lake Effect Brewing on Chicago’s Northwest Side.

Shaner: “That’s how I’d do it. I wouldn’t try to do it all by myself. The fun is in talking about them.”
Bautz: “Obviously you’d start with the base beer.”
Shaner: “Your perceptions of it will change as you go through the rest of them.”
Bautz: “There’s a lot of variation. Some are more mild. Some are more robust.”
Shaner: “They bring

different notes. Some are more fruity. Or more clove. Black pepper. Some can be slightly medicinal. People like to say Brux has a “barnyardlike” aroma. I grew up on a farm in central Illinois and I’ve never smelled a barnyard like that. It’s medicinal, with the faintest whiff of new shower curtain — but in a good way. It’s all about context. You don’t want plastic notes in your IPA — it’s not a com-

plementary flavor with fresh, fruity, grassy IPA. But it plays nicely with red wine or wood notes.”
Bautz: “I’d use half of each can to appreciate each beer; then use the rest to blend them and construct your own beer.”
Shaner: “Temperature is really important. The Brett gets funkier as the beers warm up.”
Bautz: “Yeast is not very discussed on the drinker side. Home brewers and brewers, we love talking about yeast. Consumers love to talk about hops, but yeast can be as sexy as hops. I know it’s not for everybody, but we enjoy it. We’re learning and we’re constantly feeding ourselves information about flavors and this is part of that.”
Shaner: “We hope to do more of these. We’ve got loads of Brett strains in the freezer at Omega. For us, it’s awesome data to get a sense of what these different strains are like.”
Bautz: “School of Brett was outrageously difficult

to produce. It’s a slow mover, but steady, and when you explain it to people, they like it. It’s not for everybody, but sometimes, we’ll open a can in the brewery and people will say, ‘Wow, that’s really interesting.’”
Shaner: “It’s useful for the work both of us do. Now the public can know some of that, too.”

Alcohol: 6.2%

Find it: School of Brett is available in four-packs of 12-ounce cans (\$19.99) at Lake Effect (4727 W. Montrose Ave.) and stores such as Beermiscuous (2812 N. Lincoln Ave.), Capone’s (3678 N. Elston Ave.), Beer Cellar (488 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn) and Noble Grape (802 N. Bishop St.). Bautz and Shaner will also lead a School of Brett tasting and cheese pairing (\$20) July 11 at Beer on the Wall (106 Main St., Park Ridge), where four-packs will be for sale.

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Sometimes flaws in wine can be good

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

If you take a class on wine, perhaps just to learn a little about it or maybe to earn some certification or another, you will at some point learn about wine faults. These are flaws we all should be able to recognize, if only to know when to return a bottle to a store or ask the sommelier for another wine to match our entrees.

It sounds cut-and-dried. Faults are faults, right? Not always. Some are quite subjective, even viewed as positive by some wine lovers, and discussions about them can be ideological. Faults, as we know them, are defined by modern winemaking, which uses science and technology to make wine as clean and technically correct as possible. Many argue that this approach risks stripping the soul and character out of a wine. The natural wine movement is a rejection of modern scientific, technology-driven winemaking. And it embraces some of those characteristics generally considered faults.

“A wine may be flawless yet desperately dull,” the British writer Jamie Goode wrote in his excellent treatise, “Flawless: Understanding Faults in Wine,” published last year by the University of California Press. “Some faults are universally agreed on,” he says, while others “are more a question of degree and personal preference.” Goode cites wabi-sabi, a Japanese worldview centered on the idea that flaws are part of beauty, in contrast to the Western desire for perfection.

Goode analyzes faults that originate in the vineyard as well as in the winery. Some of these are common topics of discussion for wine lovers. Brettanomyces, or brett, for example, is what Goode calls “a rogue yeast” that



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Modern winemaking uses science and technology to make wine as clean and technically correct as possible. Even so, sometimes flaws develop.

affects primarily red wines. Brett’s flavors have been described as smoky or leathery, which can be good, especially in the Loire Valley reds with a character I call “grandpop’s library.” Chateau Musar, from Lebanon, has earned cult status in part because it is unabashedly bretty. But brett is also described as horsy, or sweaty saddle, as well as the dreaded barnyard. When it’s that pronounced, the flavor of brett dominates the wine.

Another fault you are likely to encounter at some point is oxidation. “All wines are exposed to oxygen at one stage or another, but it is when the exposure has been too great at the wrong stage, or is inappropriate for the wine style,

that we have a problem,” Goode writes. Overexposure to oxygen at any point in a wine’s life can render it tired; think of a half-eaten apple left on your kitchen counter, or guacamole that turns black. Wines can become oxidized through poor storage, from dried out corks and warm temperatures. This is what has happened to those old wines that we’ve kept in our closets or on top of our refrigerators, waiting for a special occasion that never seems to come.

And yet, oxidation is a key characteristic of some wines. Amber or orange wines, whites fermented on their skins, are often exposed to oxygen. The white wines of Lopez de Heredia Viño Tondonia in

Spain’s Rioja are noted for their oxidative style. They challenge our modern preconceptions of white wine as fresh and bright. And they can be compelling.

Discussing wine faults can make us sound like nerdy chemists. There’s volatile acidity, which smells like nail polish and makes wine taste a bit like vinegar. In small amounts, proponents say it can “lift,” or enhance, the wine’s aromas. Reduction — the lack of oxygen, leading to volatile sulfur compounds — can smell sulfury or like rotten eggs. Properly managed, though, reduction can help maintain a wine’s freshness.

There’s one fault wine lovers can universally agree

on: cork taint. This is the moldy, wet cardboard smell imparted to a wine by a chemical contaminant in cork. The chemical, 2,4,6-trichloroanisole, or TCA, can infect the cork during manufacturing. It’s harmless to humans, but it can be fatal to wines. It can be obvious as soon as you take a sniff, or it can be hard to detect. If you think the wine is muted, the fruit dulled, it may be corked. Luckily, cork taint is dramatically less common now than it was even a decade ago, because of improvements in cork manufacturing and the use of alternatives such as screw caps.

What should you do if you suspect your wine is flawed? Take it back to the

store where you bought it; they should offer a refund without question. At restaurants, don’t be shy to ask the sommelier or wine waiter to taste it.

“Feel free to politely express your doubts,” says Erik Segelbaum, former head sommelier for the Starr Restaurant Group, which includes Le Diplomate and St. Anselm’s in Washington, D.C. Segelbaum launched his own wine consulting company, Somlyay, earlier this year. “It pains me when my non-industry friends tell me they drank a wine they didn’t like and thought it was flawed, but they didn’t know what to say.”

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DeAndre Brooks: “The goal is to get everybody in Englewood to be knowledgeable about healthy eating and growing their own veggies.”

‘A tool of resistance’

Activists and farmers tackle food deserts to serve Chicago’s South Side community

BY ADAM LUKACH, DARCEL ROCKETT, PHIL VETTEL, NATALIE WADE AND CHERYL V. JACKSON
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Using food as a catalyst for community involvement, community empowerment and healthful eating, Black South Side food activists and entrepreneurs are bringing change to neighborhoods commonly thought of as food deserts. Here are profiles of seven of these difference-makers.
— Phil Vettel

Q&As are edited and condensed for clarity.

DeAndre Brooks, farm manager at Growing Home

As farm manager at Growing Home, DeAndre Brooks instructs participants at the 17-year-old paid urban farm training program that brings job skills and fresh produce to Englewood, a community plagued with high rates of unemployment, poverty and a lack of healthy food choices.

It fuses urban agriculture with support to help trainees overcome criminal records, child-care issues and housing needs. Upon completion, participants get jobs at restaurants, grocery stores, local food hubs and the like. Growing Home farmers sell produce at farm stands and encourage residents to grow their own.

Brooks, 36, joined the program as a production assistant trainee in 2012 with the intention of getting culinary instruction and operating his own food truck. After his training, though, he was offered a full-time job at Growing Home and moved up the ladder as his agricultural skills grew. He became a crew leader, then assistant manager before taking on the farm manager position with responsibilities that include scheduling training — the program has about 50 participants each year — developing planting guides, supervising crew leaders and assuring soil testing.

Q: Why did you choose to join Growing Home, and why is it important that it exists in Englewood?

A: We’re on 58th and Wood; right in the heart of poverty. There’s a food desert here. We need to advocate for people eating healthy. We didn’t have a grocery store around here until Whole Foods — and that was just built. The goal is to get everybody in Englewood to be knowledgeable about healthy eating and growing their own veggies.

Also, it’s a training program for people with barriers to getting jobs. We try to give them the tools they need to get back into the workforce.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge with the enterprise?

A: Getting the word out. The more we can promote our stuff in the neighborhood, the more we can get people to come to the workshops we have on-site and to the farm stand.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago’s South Side?

A: They should know that cultivating and urban farming is going back to our roots. Our ancestors were cultivating and farming. They weren’t spraying different stuff on their food, and now we have this conventional food being sprayed with different stuff harming our bodies, causing us to stay at the doctor. If we eat healthy and get the proper food, we won’t be at the doctor, spending all this money, like we’re doing now. Our (rate of) diabetes would be lower. Our blood pressure would be lower.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold’s?



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Erika Allen: “It really is important to think about how, if we’re not in control of our food system, we’re really not free.”



RICHARD NEER PHOTO

Erika Dudley: “People long to connect and once there’s trust, folks will go anywhere and try anything!”

A: I’m a Harold’s guy. Salt and pepper. Mild sauce and hot on the side. I just like to drizzle mine on there a little bit.
Growing Home Inc., 825 W. 69th St., 773-549-1336, growinghomeinc.org
— Cheryl V. Jackson

Gabrielle Darvassy, chef/owner of B’Gabs Goodies

After autoimmune issues led her to develop raw plant-based recipes for her health, Gabrielle Darvassy left her corporate job to start B’Gabs Goodies, which runs B’Gabs Vegan Scratch Kitchen in Hyde Park, offering healthy dining options to others with dietary challenges. From cold-pressed juices to estrogen-free eats to traditional comfort foods, the menu is meant to help people transition to and maintain healthy lifestyles.

Before opening the initial Woodlawn location — one of the first to focus solely on raw foods — Darvassy provided food education to families. Children with ADHD; cancer and herpes patients; as well as those with diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol were coming through the doors.

The menu now includes buckwheat

pancakes, spiced scrambled chickpeas, smoothie bowls, salads, muffins and pies.

Darvassy has grown the restaurant into a de facto health center, offering cleanses, detoxes, meal plans and programming with a staff that includes doctors, alternative medicine practitioners and a psychologist.

She’s turning over new nighttime operations — regular hours are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays — to her adult son on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for events and as a place for youths to hang out as well as learn to run a business.

Q: Why did you choose to start B’Gabs, and why is it important that it exists on the South Side?

A: The first location was in Woodlawn. Part of my own personal social mission was to prove that people in food deserts or people who are considered disenfranchised populations want healthy options. They want everything that everyone else wants.

I went into that community and within six months, we went from the red to the black. Fast forward a few years: We grew out of the space and I only wanted to be on the South Side. We were able to relocate in Hyde Park, which is where I live.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge?

A: Life changes. Life changes affect your business. With a restaurant, you could work 24 hours a day. There’s always something to do. If you have a family or other commitments, you need to figure out how you can balance it all and make sure you’re taking care of yourself. I’ve got children — one is 20, and he works with me; the other is 7. My personal schedule and the hours of operation are tied to my youngest child’s school.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago’s South Side?

A: We eat everything! It’s not just about stereotypical things. Soul food is food cooked from the soul. Every culture has soul food and if you just drive through the

streets of the South Side, there’s everything available.

Veganism isn’t for a certain population of people; it’s for everybody. And it has always been a part of our culture. At one point, that was all we could afford to eat, except for animal scraps.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold’s?

A: I’ve never eaten either, so I couldn’t tell you.

B’Gabs Goodies, 1450 E. 57th St., 773-256-1000, bgabsgoodies.com
— Cheryl V. Jackson

Erika Dudley, founder of Erika’s Loom

Erika Dudley is the mind behind Erika’s Loom, an event series that highlights the cultural capital of the South Side through the arts, history and food. It’s a part of the University of Chicago’s Civic Knowledge Project, where she is also senior program manager for Progressive Conversations. Through Erika’s Loom, she has been connecting food experiences with community building for 11 years (four to six events are planned each month from October through June annually). Equipped with a degree in French history from Harvard and a background that includes studying at Le Cor-don Bleu in Paris, Dudley divides her time between restaurants and community building/education as a historian, chef and visual artist who sees these roles as deeply intertwined.

Her work is based on the idea of taking the very familiar ritual of breaking bread with others and shifting to less familiar settings and tackling issues of community, race, art, gender, literature and class. Everyone eats. Everyone has at least one good memory of a meal or dish with family or friends, a childhood food memory, an experience. That’s the power of our humanity: remembering, reenacting and creating new, shared experiences in response to who is at the table with us.

Q: Why did you choose to open Erika’s Loom and why is it important that it exists in Hyde Park?

A: Erika’s Loom is the result of a deep desire to do three things:

- Highlight the outstanding work and activity happening on the South Side and how the work in food, the arts and community building is woven together.
- Celebrate the cultural history, current state and future of food growers and makers with as many as possible.
- Emphasize the abundance of food and goodwill despite challenges like food deserts. I’m particularly interested in the way people always have shared their bounty, regardless of quantity.

I choose to remain in this neighborhood because of its diversity and focus on learning. I see the entire city as a place to explore and thrive. It enables me to focus on CKP’s mission that the free and reciprocal flow of humanities-based knowledge is empowering for all.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge?

A: People long to connect and once there’s trust, folks will go anywhere and try anything! It’s fair to say that has been my only challenge.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago’s South Side?

A: It’s flourishing! Although it has often been the result of scarcity, hardship and discrimination, it is a celebration of creativity, inventiveness and connection.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold’s?

A: If the menus at my gatherings are any indication, I must say Harold's.
Civic Knowledge Project at the University of Chicago, 1115 E. 58th St., 773-702-8512, civicknowledge.uchicago.edu
— Darcel Rockett

Erika Allen, co-founder and CEO, Urban Growers Collective

Created in 2018, Urban Growers Collective was founded with a mission to bring healthy food as well as economic opportunity to Chicago's South Side, addressing inequity and promoting healing through a face-to-face agricultural experience. The collective offers youth and adult job education and training, volunteer experiences, community engagement and ways for people in low-income communities to access healthy and nutritious food. Erika Allen integrates creative techniques into addressing food inequity and, alongside co-founder Laurell Sims, has established multiple urban farms.

A social activist, Allen is also a founding member of the Growing Food and Justice for All Initiative.

Q: Why did you decide to co-found this organization?

A: We created our program to really address the inequities of structural racism that exist in the food system and we choose to work in communities of color.

There's such a big gap in racial equity, and it is also for people of color — especially of African descent — to heal over the wounds of how we were abused through enslavement. Through urban agriculture, we're able to create and support nourishing environments that impact all of our health. We're able to develop more economic opportunity, and do that through the arts, creativity and opportunities for full-person healing.

Q: What has been the biggest challenge?

A: Problem-solving around all the different aspects of the food system takes such a long time. It's a very time-based approach to develop the land and have the resources and infrastructure to really support the farming piece of it. It's also a challenge finding and training folks that really want to do the work, who don't have it romanticized, who really want to grow food and support the healing community.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago's South Side?

A: Food is a tool of resistance and resilience, but we've always used it to heal ourselves. It really is important to think about how, if we're not in control of our food system, we're really not free. And we need to think about how we take care of ourselves and each other through food.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold's?

A: Oh come on. Are you serious? Harold's! I can't get down with something called Uncle Remus, but I don't eat Harold's very often.

Urban Growers Collective, 1200 W. 35th St., 773-376-8882, urbangrowerscollective.org
— Natalie Wade

Nicole Robinson, vice president of community impact, Greater Chicago Food Depository

Nicole Robinson is passionate about the Greater Chicago Food Depository's mission and in particular, Chicago's Community Kitchens, its 14-week culinary program that provides training for adults who are interested in working in hospitality, management and culinary arts but do not have the means to attain the education on their own.

Q: Why did you decide to join this organization?

A: I'm a kid of the South Side. I live in Bronzeville today but grew up in different neighborhoods on the South Side. I'm also a kid of SNAP, which is a really powerful public benefit that's available to families, and it's one of the most powerful tools that we have in our kit to help us in hunger because it empowers families to be able to purchase food that they wouldn't be able to afford otherwise.

I'm really passionate about the South Side. I'm a big fan of helping to change the narrative and the Food Depository provides me an opportunity to be a part of the solution that addresses some of the issues that Chicago faces.

To be a part of helping make communities better where I grew up and lived and walked the playgrounds, parks, the libraries and to be able to make that better for the next generation — that's part of what we're able to do at the Food Depository by connecting families to nutrition education, benefits and employment.

Q: What has been the biggest challenge?

A: Communication and awareness-building, employment partners and resources. I want this program to be everywhere and for everyone to know about it. We have lots of great employment partners on the South Side but we'd actually love to have more on the journey. There are certain partners that work well and we continue to send them students, but we'd like to have more.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago's South Side?

A: That it is colorful, it will surprise you and it will delight you.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold's?

A: You know what, I'm going to be controversial. Harold's Chicken. I'm sticking with Harold's and I'll just deal with my friends on the West Side later.

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— Natalie Wade

Anton Seals Jr., co-founder and executive director of Grow Greater Englewood

Anton Seals is the co-founder (in 2014) and executive director of Grow Greater Englewood, an organization dedicated to creating sustainable food economies and green businesses to empower neighborhood residents and that seeks to turn Englewood into a "food oasis" via locally owned and managed urban farms.

One of its biggest priorities has been getting the city to convert vacant neighborhood land into community farms owned and operated by residents.

Q: Why did you choose to open your organization, and why is it important that it exists in Englewood?

A: At that time, there was talk about a Whole Foods coming to the neighborhood. We approached that on two fronts. One, that the new Whole Foods would have a community benefits program in place, and that more Black farmers would be represented. We weren't just going to be consumers.

It's not that others aren't welcome. But we do our best to see that Black people are owning and managing and stewarding the land in their own community. Land is essential to any liberating process. Maintaining and owning the land should go in the hands of those most harmed by poor public policy.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge?

A: Several fold. First, farming is a hard profession, regardless of color. The land doesn't operate on human time;



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Nicole Robinson of the Greater Chicago Food Depository sees SNAP as "one of the most powerful tools that we have in our kit to help us in hunger."

it doesn't always respond to what we want to grow and when it should be grown, on the timeline we like. There's a humbling effect that tending the land creates.

The other challenge is that the existing system is oppressive in a way that people don't always have an understanding of what's really possible. The casting of the inner city as one of despair and hopelessness — the narrative being promoted around violence is another challenge. And working with the city's bureaucratic system is somewhat challenging, because it doesn't get at what's being requested. We're not blaming, but when something is a priority, it gets done, and we're not quite yet a priority.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago's South Side?

A: That it's one of the catalysts for Black culture in the world. The concept of soul food was popularized here, and that needs to be celebrated. Chicago is also one of the first places in the country where Black vegans and a plant-based diet was popularized; nourishment from the ground is where we're all interconnected.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold's?

A: I don't know what you're talking about. Harold's all day.

Grow Greater Englewood, 6620 S. Union Ave., 312-585-7113, growgreater.org
— Phil Vettel

Tregg Duerson, COO of Rebuild Foundation

A resume that includes work on the football field and at a big bank might be a bit unusual among nonprofit workers. For Tregg Duerson, of the South Side nonprofit Rebuild Foundation, the experiences were instrumental in leading him to his current line of work.

Duerson actively campaigned for the passage of HB4341 in Illinois during recent years, an act that would have banned children under 12 from participating in organized tackle football. The bill was also known as the "Dave Duerson Act," named for Tregg's father, who was a star for the Bears in the 1980s and eventually was affected by chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). The bill did not reach the floor of the legislature for a vote.

Duerson also explored running for office but ultimately decided against it.

"In that experience, I had to knock on a lot of doors in areas throughout the South Side and got to understand a lot of the issues on a ground level. You see it all. You get invited into people's homes. You hear their stories about the difficulty of having multiple jobs and raising a family when you're a single parent, or of even having a job due to lack of local opportunities."

He also met Theaster Gates, founder of Rebuild, through his work at J.P. Morgan, and the more he learned about Gates' work, the more he was inspired. Those experiences and Duerson's resulting feelings eventually dovetailed enough to convince him to make a change.

Q: Why did you choose to open or join your organization/restaurant/business, and why is it important that it exists in South Side neighborhoods?

A: I was really moved by Theaster's mission with Rebuild. He asked me about a leadership role there, and I was eager at the thought of a more hands-on role. Rebuild's mission is to repurpose abandoned buildings and objects to bring dignity back to people's lives, and opportunities and spaces to Black communities. We believe that the same amenities from the North Side of the city should be offered on the South Side of the city as well, and that beauty and culture are basic community needs. Having a space that is beautiful gives a tremendous amount of pride to the local community, especially communities like Washington Park, which is surrounded by a high unemployment rate and a high degree of blight. If you could surround the community with those reinforcing items, people can potentially feel inspired and think better.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge with the enterprise?

A: Just team capacity. The work is so ambitious, all of these different entities working together to provide community revitalization and a transformative mission. For instance, we found that the Currency Exchange cafe (one of Rebuild's most successful enterprises) was consuming the most amount of time for our team. We found a great partner in chef Cliff Rome, who shares values like providing quality food and experiences, and work opportunities on the South Side, and who wants to be in Washington Park. That is how Peach's at Currency Exchange came together. His knowledge helped us clean up operationally, which included rearranging how the equipment was set up. Our leader is an artist who naturally designs things with beauty and aesthetic first, rather than function. We were tying our hands together with the initial setup. Chef Rome has years of experience with the functionality of those spaces.

Q: What do you want people to know about Black food culture on Chicago's South Side?

A: There's a chip on our shoulders to prove that great food, service and experiences can rival and surpass the restaurants in the Loop and the North Side, and that there's a commitment to provide quality experiences that ensure the South Side residents' blocks and communities know that they are valued. That informs the origins of Rebuild too, that beauty, hospitality and dignity are a basic community service needs.

Q: Uncle Remus or Harold's?

A: I'm a Harold's guy, typically on 35th or in the South Loop.

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Perk up your summer with this minty grilled chicken salad.

Mint

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sprigs well into the fall.

For those without herb gardens, farmers markets, produce stands and ethnic groceries sell bundles on the cheap. Supermarkets offer little packets that last well in the fridge.

Rinse mint sprigs well under cool running water. Shake off the water and spread the sprigs on a towel to dry. Put the dry sprigs into a zippered plastic bag with a damp square of paper towel. Close the bag and refrigerate up a week.

I stock pitchers of water, laced with several sprigs of mint, for a cold refresher I drink all day long. I tuck tiny mint leaves into green salads and fruit bowls for a surprise between bites. Chopped mint in sour cream or plain yogurt makes a delicious dip for cut veggies. Freeze it into ice cubes to spike mojitos and gin-and-tonics.

Chopped and added to soft butter, the spread refreshes morning toast or pancakes and dinner's steamed vegetables and grilled fish. Baked sweet potatoes topped with a sesame mint butter prove so delicious they are often all we have for dinner after a summer's walk.

When the garden yields an abundance of mint, I make a variety of condiments to have on hand to perk up my cooking all week long. The hoisin-mint marinade recipe that follows transforms fast-cooking pork tenderloin and chicken pieces. Leftover marinade can enliven grain salads and sandwiches.

If you make no other

Grilled minty chicken salad

Prep: 20 minutes **Makes:** 2 main-course salads

I plan ahead and make grilled chicken with the hoisin-mint marinade just so I have leftovers for this salad; you'll need about 3 chicken thighs or 2 small chicken breasts. The hoisin-mint pork tastes great here too; so does rotisserie chicken from the supermarket. Trader Joe's Cruciferous Crunch Collection makes a fast substitute for shredded cabbages and kales.

6 cups (total 8 ounces) hearty salad greens such as shredded kale, shredded Brussels sprouts, torn radicchio, shredded green and red cabbages

½ red or orange bell pepper, seeded, chopped

½ cup dried cranberries or raisins

¼ cup roasted, salted sunflower seeds, pepitas, chopped almonds or pecans

2 to 3 tablespoons each, thinly sliced: mint leaves, cilantro leaves, chives

1½ to 2 cups diced boneless, skinless hoisin-mint grilled chicken (or pork) or rotisserie chicken

⅓ to ½ cup creamy avocado-mint dressing, see recipe

1 small avocado, halved, pitted, diced

1. Mix salad greens, bell pepper, cranberries, sunflower seeds and herbs in a large bowl. Put chicken on a plate; cover loosely with wax paper. Microwave on high (100 percent power) just long enough to warm the chicken, 45 to 60 seconds.

2. Drizzle dressing over salad mixture. Toss to coat. Add chicken and avocado. Toss again and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 764 calories, 42 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 129 mg cholesterol, 48 g carbohydrates, 32 g sugar, 52 g protein, 534 mg sodium, 10 g fiber

Creamy avocado-mint dressing

Prep: 10 minutes **Makes:** about 1 cup

6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar or white balsamic vinegar

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 small ripe avocado, halved, pitted

½ cup loosely packed small mint leaves

Put oil, mayo, vinegar, salt and pepper into a blender. Process until smooth. Add 2 tablespoons water and the avocado flesh. Puree until smooth. Add mint leaves. Pulse to finely chop the mint. Refrigerate in a covered container and use within a couple of days.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 66 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 1 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 0 g protein, 72 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

homemade salad dressing this summer, try the avocado mint version included here. Refreshing, creamy and tangy, the mixture tastes great on hearty green

salads as well as tomato slices and watermelon chunks or as a veggie dip. I dollop it on grilled fish and sliced eggplant. Try it instead of mayo for a fantastic

chicken or egg salad.

If nothing else, add it to a pitcher of sun tea. Then sit on the deck and thank your lucky stars for such a refreshing way to cool off.

Grilled butterflied pork tenderloin with hoisin-mint sauce

Prep: 15 minutes **Marinate:** 30 minutes

Cook: 10 minutes **Makes:** 3 to 4 servings

If you chose not to butterfly the pork tenderloin, simply marinate it whole in the refrigerator for several hours. Grill the whole tenderloin on the cool side of the grill for 15 to 20 minutes; the internal temperature should be about 145 degrees.

½ cup hoisin-mint marinade, see recipe

1½ pounds pork tenderloin (or boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts OR 3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs)

1 very large white onion, peeled, cut into 4 to 5 thick slices

Thinly sliced fresh mint leaves

Cooked jasmine rice

1. Divide the hoisin-mint mixture in half; set aside half of the mixture to use later as a sauce.

2. Trim and butterfly the pork tenderloin as follows: Use a sharp knife to remove all of the silver skin from outside of the tenderloin. Then cut the tenderloin lengthwise down the middle, making an incision about 1 inch deep. Open the cut like a book. Make a lengthwise incision about ½ inch deep on either side of the first cut. Again, open the tenderloin like a book or unfolding a letter. Place a piece of plastic wrap over the meat; use a meat mallet to pound the tenderloin into a uniform ¾-inch thickness.

3. Put the pork tenderloin on a baking sheet; spread the remaining hoisin-mint marinade over both sides of the meat. Let stand at room temperature, about 30 minutes, or refrigerate loosely covered up to several hours.

4. Prepare a charcoal grill; let coals burn until covered in gray ash. Or heat a gas grill to medium hot. Heat the grill grate.

5. Put pork and onion slices on grill directly over the heat source; cover grill and cook, 7 minutes. Flip meat and onions. Grill covered until pork is nearly firm when pressed and onions are crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Remove to a cutting board to rest for 5 minutes before slicing thinly.

6. Drizzle meat with the reserved hoisin-mint sauce.

Sprinkle with sliced mint leaves. Serve with grilled onions and jasmine rice.

Note: Boneless chicken thighs will cook in about the same time as the butterflied pork tenderloin. Depending on their size, boneless, skinless chicken breasts take 15 to 20 minutes to cook. Bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs or chicken breasts will take 20 to 25 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving (for 4 servings): 245 calories, 5 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 92 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 35 g protein, 857 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Hoisin-mint marinade and sauce

Prep: 10 minutes **Makes:** about 1¼ cup

½ cup hoisin sauce

¼ cup each: unsweetened rice vinegar, tamari soy sauce

2 tablespoons sweet paprika

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

4 cloves garlic, crushed

2 teaspoons pureed ginger (refrigerated in a tube) OR finely minced fresh ginger

4 to 6 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint leaves, about 6 large sprigs

½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, optional

Mix all ingredients in a small bowl. Refrigerate covered for up to 1 week.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 25 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 1 g protein, 392 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Baked sweet potatoes with sesame-mint butter

Prep: 10 minutes **Bake:** 1 hour **Makes:** 4 servings

4 medium sweet potatoes, about 3 pounds total, scrubbed

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, OR organic coconut oil

3 tablespoons each, chopped: fresh mint, chives

2 teaspoons dark sesame oil

1 clove garlic, crushed

½ teaspoon salt

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place sweet potatoes on a baking sheet. Pierce tops in several places with the tip of a sharp knife. Bake until potatoes are tender when a knife is inserted in center, 50 to 60 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, put butter in a small bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients.

3. Let potatoes cool on the baking sheet, about 5 minutes. Use a knife to cut a large X in tops of potatoes. Use your fingers to squeeze the potato open at the X. Spoon a quarter of the butter into each potato. Serve hot.

Nutrition information per serving: 362 calories, 20 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 46 mg cholesterol, 43 g carbohydrates, 13 g sugar, 5 g protein, 368 mg sodium, 7 g fiber

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Tomato-olive sauce brings zest to roast halibut fillets

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
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If you are looking for a quick dish with big flavor and little preparation, I suggest this Mediterranean-style roasted halibut. You would be hard-pressed to find other dishes this simple that deliver this much zesty satisfaction.

I like to grill large pieces of fish, but I also like quick roasting thinner cuts of halibut. Ask your fishmonger to cut a piece from the tail section, where the fish is much thinner than the center.

For this recipe, first a spray of lemon juice is sprinkled on top of the fish and then a mustard coating is amply spread over the fillet. The rustic tomato and olive sauce complements the mustard coating. I use unpeeled ripened tomatoes along with briny olive tapenade. I like the rustic tex-



DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON

After roasting, the halibut is served with a few spoonfuls of the tomato-olive sauce and garnished with basil.

ture of the peel; but if you don't like the peel in the sauce, just cut a small X through the skin on the bottom of each tomato, plunge the tomatoes into boiling water for about 20 seconds, drain, cool and peel the skin

off.

When roasted, the fish has a glistening brown topping and is perfectly moist inside. Top with a few spoonfuls of the tomato-olive sauce, garnish with basil, and serve with your favorite grain.

Mediterranean-style roasted halibut

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 2 servings

Fish:

Zest and juice of 1 lemon

1 pound halibut fillet, about 1-inch thick, cut toward the tail

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

Salt

Freshly ground white pepper

Sauce:

1 tablespoon olive oil

3 medium tomatoes, cored, coarsely chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon tapenade (olive paste)

½ cup dry white wine, such as sauvignon blanc

2 tablespoons finely chopped basil, plus whole leaves for garnish

Salt

Black pepper

1. Heat the oven to 325. Place the fish on an aluminum foil-covered baking sheet; pour the lemon juice over the fish.

2. In a small bowl, combine the lemon zest, mustard, mayonnaise, and salt and pepper to taste; mix together to blend. Spread the coating evenly over the fish. Set aside.

3. For the sauce, heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Cook tomatoes until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic; cook, 30 seconds. Add the tapenade, wine and chopped basil; heat to a simmer. Cover and cook until the mixture is a nice sauce consistency, about 3 minutes. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. (Remember, the olives are salty.) Remove from heat.

4. Roast the fish in the oven until flaky, but not dry, 15 to 18 minutes. Cut the fish in half; transfer to serving plates. Spoon the sauce over the fish, garnish with basil leaves, and serve.

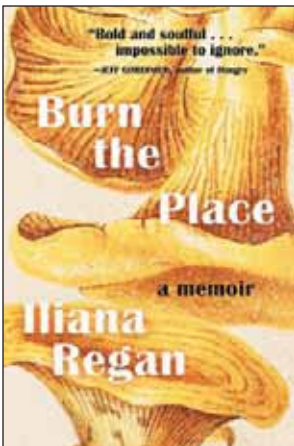
Nutrition information per serving: 726 calories, 58 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 121 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 37 g protein, 567 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Cooking not only thing that defines chef Regan

New memoir offers insight into her life, what inspires her

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Iliana Regan made her name hunting and gathering ingredients for 10-course meals. She called it “New Gatherer” cuisine. It became the centerpiece of her celebrated Chicago restaurant Elizabeth. Then she created another restaurant, Kitsune, followed by the Bunny bakery (tucked inside Kitsune) as well as her Waste Not Beauty skincare line. But now Bunny has closed, Kitsune is closing in mid-July, and Regan is taking the summer off from Elizabeth. Forage your own mushrooms and cook for yourself for once. Or plead for a reservation at Milkweed Inn, the 150-acre, off-the-grid glamping spot in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula that she’s opening with her wife in August. Regan will be cooking all of the meals there, every weekend. The place is booked through next June. So yeah, Regan is not quite taking the summer off — just from cooking in Chicago. She can’t ever take time off — not really. She does not have a business partner, and when asked if she would ever consider getting one, Regan shakes her head — *no, no, no*. She says she’s not looking for investors either. Milkweed was born out of personal savings, with help from family members co-signing the mortgage on the property. Her voice is high and whispery as she explains. Both of her arms are tattooed, from deep inside her sleeves to her wrists. Though former Next restaurant chef Jenner Tomaska will be taking



the reins at Elizabeth for the next few months, Regan says she’s often asked if stepping away briefly from her restaurant would mean losing its one Michelin star. “I hope not,” she says. “Alinea changed executive chefs, Band of Bohemia changed often. It would be a shame if I can’t operate in a similar fashion. “This place” — she looks around at Elizabeth, quiet and closed on a weekday afternoon — “is such a distillation of me, though at the same time maybe it’s my curse upon myself? That it is all so personal? I am pretty much left with everything on my shoulders, and it gets really, really stressful.” Regan, 39, sounds less tired than resigned. She shrugs. It’s manageable. Besides, 10 years from now she won’t be doing this, she adds, nodding to the restaurant. “I will be cooking, but I do not want a 20th anniversary of Elizabeth,” she says. “And it’s not that it’s not interesting — it’s that I am interested in many things.” For instance, Regan had planned to be a writer; she studied creative writing at Columbia College. Her new memoir, “Burn the Place” — which she worked on mornings after Elizabeth closed, and afternoons before it opened — suggests the literary life may still be

an option. The book is earthy and nearly gothic in places, evoking a farmstead childhood as well as alcohol abuse, tragedy and settling into a sexuality not always cohesive with rural Indiana. The book, which will be released July 16, opens: “In the summer of 1983, I turned four and learned a whole lot. For starters, I found out I wasn’t a boy.” The other morning, before another drive north to prep for Milkweed, Regan stopped to discuss the personal history that she details in her book. I asked if she could describe her life so far by recalling a handful of its most formative meals and dishes. She took a shot: **About 4 years old, fresh pasta** “One of the first meals I remember well is my mom making pasta, using some of the tomatoes we either had pulled fresh or preserved from our garden. “My parents were very much homesteading. That pasta was because, though we were in the middle of nowhere, we were only an hour-and-a-half from Chicago — we weren’t completely secluded. We had Gourmet in the magazine rack in the bathroom. I saw a picture of pasta there and asked my mom to make it. “At the time I didn’t know what this meant, but I remember it now as awe-inspiring, to realize you could make something so good from what we had. I watched my mom, and she would save everything and use everything. I don’t remember her ever taking anything from the garden, then throwing it away.” **As a teenager, French onion soup** “We moved to a small subdivision, and my mom and dad were working a lot. So we ate out a lot, and we did it well. My mom would



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Chef Iliana Regan sits for a photo in her restaurant Kitsune, which is closing July 13.

find new restaurants, and we had to go because she always wanted to taste the thing that was different in the area. “But one of these key meals was French onion soup at Bon Femme (in Valparaiso), which I later worked at. It was rich and salty and beefy and had lots of cheese. They made really good bread. Not like the bread we make now, with natural leaven; it was yeasted but oily and soft. “I was never an onion fan, but my sisters talked about this soup and I didn’t want it. Then finally, when I tried it, I ordered three bowls. It taught me to stretch a little. “Going out to dinner with my parents was always about being pushed to try new things. I make that soup now at Bunny, in a Dutch oven. It’s not exactly the same, but similar.” **As a teenager, picking mushrooms** “Picking chanterelles and hen of the woods mushrooms became so important to me. I did it

actually from a very early age, at my grandfather’s farm, then continued to do it throughout my life. “I remember not being able to wait for the spring to pick mushrooms. When I started cooking with them, it became signature parts of my meals. My mushroom tea — no matter what the theme at Elizabeth is, mushroom tea ends up on the menu.” **In her 20s, at the Evanston restaurant Trio** “I had never been exposed to a multicourse menu. At the time, I was going to (Columbia) for writing and became inspired by how dedicated everyone was to creating a story with a meal. I was taken by the intensity of Grant (Achatz, the chef then) and everyone there. “I talked a lot about having my own restaurant, but my schooling wasn’t headed in that direction. Then I realized you could apply storytelling in a culinary way. I remember calling my sister after a meal there: They do a

bloody mary, but it’s on a plate, confit tomato, little cubes of celery and Worcestershire sauce. They sprayed the plate with vodka! It was fun and surprising, but for most people in Chicago around 2002, what Grant was doing there was like that. “It got me interested in the culinary world.” **In her 30s, sourdough bread** “When I opened (Elizabeth in 2012), I could do sorbets and ice creams, some cookies, a basic cake. But about four years ago, going into baking, I started to push myself. “I set out to teach myself something new and have a strong foundation but also understand scientifically why something works. ... Baking is not really cooking; it’s a different beast. You don’t quickly learn it. “I’m still teaching myself. It started with a basic sourdough that I am still trying to refine. The urge doesn’t go away.”

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