



## Counties go back decades to get debts

### 'Illinois is so broke, they're having to track down people from the '80s'

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

When Melanie Little received a call with an Illinois area code, she answered thinking it might be someone from her childhood in southern Illinois.

But it was a collection agency calling about an unpaid traffic ticket in Jefferson County. From

1983. When Little was around 14 years old.

"I wouldn't have even been legally able to drive," said Little, who now lives in Florida.

Little is among current or former Illinois residents who have received calls — sometimes repeatedly — from collection agencies hired by counties in the state

to collect unpaid tickets, some going back decades.

Of the half-dozen people reached by the Tribune who had been contacted about old tickets, several said they were concerned the records were outdated or wrong, or believed they had paid the ticket but no longer had a receipt. Others wondered whether the call was a scam. Some worried about their credit score.

The practice has been the subject of complaints on social

media and with the Better Business Bureau. At least five complaints have been filed with the Illinois attorney general's office against Credit Collection Partners, which collects debts for nearly half the counties in Illinois.

"We are looking further into the company's practices," said Annie Thompson, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office. She did not elaborate.

County clerks say they are outsourcing collections to save

money while bringing in needed revenue they are owed. But legal and policy experts question the fairness of the practice and warn about overly aggressive tactics by collection agencies that only get paid when they collect on a ticket.

"If I was advising a local government that was considering adopting something like that, I would tell them to be very cautious," said Chris Goodman, an

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An alligator glides through the water in the Humboldt Park Lagoon on Tuesday in Chicago. Traps have been set in a bid to capture the reptile.

## Catch you later, gator: Hunt in Humboldt Park goes on

### After a while, search enters 2nd day for reptile in lagoon that's captivated many

BY MARIE FAZIO AND JAVONTE ANDERSON

The search for an alligator spotted in Chicago's Humboldt Park Lagoon stretched into its second day Wednesday, as police warned people to leave the gator trapping to a volunteer animal wrangler checking traps set Tuesday night in hopes of catching the animal.

Authorities had been called to the lagoon around noon Tuesday, several hours after people started reporting seeing the reptile there and sharing photos of it on social media.

After confirming the alligator was in the lagoon, "state reptile specialists" said it was 4 to 5 feet long, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tweeted Tuesday. Officials had hoped to trap the

animal Tuesday night and have it "relocated to a zoo for veterinary evaluation," Guglielmi had said.

Alligator Bob, a volunteer who declines to have his full name used and who works with Chicago officials to capture wayward exotic animals, set three baited traps Tuesday but was still searching for the animal Wednesday afternoon. He said Wednesday he believes the Humboldt Park animal is an American alligator.

Officials said they believe someone had the alligator as a

pet and recently released it into the lagoon.

The goal is to "trap, remove or relocate" the gator — not harm it, Alligator Bob said Wednesday morning.

The three traps placed Tuesday night were filled with different baits, including raw chicken, rat and bluegill. They were undisturbed overnight, except by turtles.

Alligators typically can stay underwater for 20 minutes to an

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## Acosta resisting demands to resign

### Labor chief defends role on sex crimes deal in 2008 Epstein case

BY JILL COLVIN AND RICHARD LARDNER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trying to tamp down calls for his resignation, Labor Secretary Alex Acosta on Wednesday defended his handling of a sex-trafficking case involving now-jailed financier Jeffrey Epstein, insisting he got the toughest deal he could at the time.

In a nearly hourlong news conference, Acosta retraced the steps that federal prosecutors took in the case when he was U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida a decade ago, insisting that "in our heart we were trying to do the right thing for these victims."

He said prosecutors were working to avoid a more lenient arrangement that would have allowed Epstein to "walk free."

"We believe that we proceeded appropriately," he said, a contention challenged by critics who say Epstein's penalty was egregiously light.

The episode reignited this week when federal prosecutors in New York brought a new round of child sex-trafficking charges against the wealthy hedge fund manager. And Wednesday, a new accuser stepped forward to say Epstein



Acosta

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## 'Nothing's going to stop' my love of killer, says dad

### Death penalty being weighed for man who killed Chinese scholar

BY JAMIE MUNKS

PEORIA — Convicted killer Brendt Christensen's father took the stand Wednesday in an effort to save his son's life, testifying about his son's childhood night terrors, his love of animals and the problems caused by his mother's alcoholism.

"I'm his parent, I have to be here," Michael Christensen said. "I love him, nothing's going to stop that."

Christensen testified for the defense before a jury that will decide whether Brendt Christensen should be executed or spend the rest of his life in prison for the June 2017 kidnapping and murder in Champaign-Urbana of Chinese scholar Yingying Zhang. The same jury found him guilty of the crime last month.

The elder Christensen broke down when asked by defense attorney Elisabeth Pollock if he had anything to say to the family of Zhang, a visiting scholar at the University of Illinois. As he spoke, Brendt Christensen's shoulders



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Michael Christensen told the family of slain Chinese scholar Yingying Zhang that he was sorry his son, Brendt, caused their pain.

shook, and he covered his eyes with his hand.

"I'm sorry my son was the cause of their pain," Michael Christensen said.

Zhang family members are in Peoria for the trial and testified Tuesday for the prosecution, but were not in the courtroom for that portion of Michael Christensen's testimony Wednesday.

Christensen, who on occasion referred to Brendt as "Mr. B.," said he still supports his son and will continue to support him if he's given a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

"A death sentence I could handle, but not the actual death,"

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## Celebrating soccer's champions

The World Cup-winning U.S. women's national soccer team was honored Wednesday with a parade down New York's Canyon of Heroes. Fans packed the streets amid a blizzard of confetti to cheer the team as champions on the field and advocates for pay equity off it. **Chicago Sports**, Page 7

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts' property tax appeal is under investigation after the Tribune found an assessment problem.



## JOHN KASS

# How best to punish Ricketts for alleged tax scam?

Todd Ricketts isn't a big-mouthed congressman. He's not even a rich man who bought the governor's office.

Ricketts is an extremely wealthy fellow, though, a billionaire member of the Cubs-owning Ricketts family. He's a supporter of President Donald Trump and the finance chairman of the Republican National Committee.

And now he's in big trouble over his property taxes and what looks like a supremely sleazy tax deal.

Chicago Tribune reporter Hal Dardick broke the political tax scam story of the year so far, reporting that while Ricketts lives in a big North Shore mansion, he's been paying property taxes on the much smaller home he tore down. That has saved him tens of thousands of dollars over the years.

It's a deal that smells. And now the Cook County assessor's office, run by a Democrat who is no big fan of Republicans, will investigate. You know how this will go. Death by a thousand cuts.

Ricketts' head is up there on the political chopping block. His lawyer's head is up there, too, because lawyers are paid to take heat when deals go bad. But Trump doesn't care about the lawyer. He should care if Ricketts' sweet tax deal will make him look stupid when he talks about Democrats and taxes and when Democrats running for president come through Illinois and make cutting remarks.

So don't be surprised if the hatchet falls and Ricketts is severed from the RNC.

Republicans love skewering Democrats on the tax issue for constantly raising taxes to buy votes from the poor with social programs. But Republicans use tax money to keep wealthy farmers and defense contractors happy.

It's an endless cycle of screaming, and ultimately who gets screwed? The middle-class taxpayers whom Democrats and Republicans say they represent. The bipartisan combine that sucks taxpayer blood is a reason why so many middle-class taxpayers are leaving Illinois.

Dardick reported that Ricketts' 5,000-square-foot North Shore home

in Wilmette is a showcase, with a beautiful Japanese-style garden. But Ricketts pays property taxes for the smaller, older home that he tore down years ago to make room for his new home.

It could be a question of paperwork. Sometimes things get lost among the stacks of paper in the Cook County assessor's office. Depending on who you are it can get somewhat lost or completely lost. Think of Dickens and piles of foolscap and quill pens and Bob Cratchit.

The Tribune reported that Ricketts' lawyer, James FortCamp, chose not to comment or respond to a list of emailed questions. Bad move, Monsieur FortCamp. Keep your head on that block. Don't move. It hurts when you move. Although no one has actually told me that, since a rolling head can't truly articulate its problems. But while FortCamp remains silent, a Ricketts public relations team worked on a statement that read:

"When Mr. Ricketts purchased property in Wilmette more than 10 years ago, he filed all the necessary paperwork to build a new home. Later, he retained a real estate attorney to assist with issues regarding his real estate taxes and assumed everyone involved had the correct information. If a mistake was made, he will work in good faith to fix it."

Democrats probably don't want to hear this while they're beating on Ricketts, but the tax scam reveal has happened to prominent Democrats too. It happened to Gov. J.B. "Toilets" Pritzker, and also to "El Gallito," the former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, Chicago Democrat and Heroic Taxpayer.

In the late 1990s, the supremely real-estate savvy Gutierrez, who had been chairman of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Real Estate, lived in a spacious new two-story red brick home in the Bucktown neighborhood for which he paid \$340,000 in 1995.

Gutierrez' neighbor, with an almost identical home, from the same builder, paid more than \$5,000 in property taxes the next year.

Gutierrez? He paid a measly

\$274.42. That's right.

What made it an even better story, if possible, was that Gutierrez's newly built home was listed on Cook County property tax records as a vacant lot. Poor Luis was homeless, according to the government.

He was also enraged that I found him out. Rather than just shut up and read my exclusive, he turned weasel and leaked it to another paper and pitched himself as a victim. So, I went to his neighbors. They were angry. Luis put on the indignant act, like movie godfather Michael Corleone.

"You've come to my neighbors and invaded my neighborhood and my neighbors!" he screamed. "And the sanctity of my home! Where my children play! ... Is nothing sacrosanct, John?"

No. Political weasels are not sacrosanct.

It was all spun as a clerical error, and he ended up paying. Today, he'd be just the guy to call for comment on Ricketts, but Luis has gone silent. Ever since his buddy, former Ald. Danny Solis, was found to be wearing a federal wire, Luis has become a church mouse.

And Pritzker has his tax problems, too, with those toilets he had removed from a mansion he bought next to his Gold Coast mansion. Without the toilets, the other mansion was deemed uninhabitable, and J.B. saved \$300K in property taxes.

He was elected governor anyway, with a big Democratic vote. The feds are said to be investigating. I won't hold my breath.

The Republican Ricketts deal is certainly an embarrassment. Somebody should fry.

If only he was a Democrat. Then he could be punished by being elected to Congress, or better yet, the governor's office.

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## EXCLUSIVE LETTER FROM THE HUMBOLDT PARK LAGOON ALLIGATOR

# 'I'm just trying to live my life'

ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



REX W. HUPPKE

On Tuesday, an alligator was spotted in the Humboldt Park Lagoon, creating something of a stir throughout Chicago. I received a letter from the alligator early Wednesday, and present it here in its entirety:

Dear Delicious-Looking Chicago Land Dwellers:

Hi there. I recently noticed a number of you staring at me as I swam about my home in the Humboldt Park Lagoon.

I have a request: Either knock it off, or come a bit closer to the shore so I can definitely not bite your ankle and drag you into the water.

Sorry, that's just a bit of gator humor.

Truth be told, I don't understand your curiosity. I'm a large semiaquatic reptile, not a celebrity.

And it's not like I'm out of place. It's a lagoon. I'm an alligator. What did you expect, a seal?

It would be like me staring at a Target and shouting, "OH MY GOD! THERE'S A HUMAN IN THERE!"

Get a grip, people. I'm just trying to live my life. Or at least I was until Tuesday, when a couple of you nibby noses managed to snap pictures of me and started posting them on Facegram and Instablarp or whatever you call them. Tweetbook.

Is that all you people do? Stare at your stupid phones? Heck, I've been in this lagoon for a while, splashing around and eating ducks and whatnot, and nobody noticed because everyone who walks by is either posting a picture they just took or looking at a picture someone else just took.

Seems like a huge waste of time. Not that I could use one of those fancy phones anyway. Short arms. Alligators are evolutionarily barred from taking selfies. It's a reptile thing, you probably wouldn't understand.

Anyhoo, back to everyone invading my personal space from

a distance that doesn't give me an opportunity to nab them.

I'd like to clear a few things up.

First off, a police spokesman said I'm 4 to 5 feet long. You wish. I'm 5 feet 2 inches, thank you very much. And I have rock-hard osteoderms. (Look it up on your phones, numbnuts.)

The police also bragged that they "independently confirmed the alligator is in the lagoon." Nice investigative work there, officers. If I ever meet up with you, I'll be happy to "independently confirm" that you're in my mouth.

Sorry. That was uncalled for. I'm going through a kind of stressful period. First there was all the staring and the photos, then along comes this guy they call Alligator Bob, some volunteer who helps the city with "exotic animal searches." (Geez, I'm flattered to be considered "exotic." I'm pretty middle-of-the-road in alligator circles, if I'm being honest.)

So this Alligator Bob guy comes along and he's poking around my lagoon in a canoe like he's Crocodile Dundee or something. (Inter-

esting Reptile Fact: Alligators, more than any other reptile, are well-versed in human popular culture. It's kind of like a hobby, something to fill the time when you're sitting real still and hoping a bird lands on your snout.)

By the way, what kind of name is Alligator Bob? I guess if I start searching for him, my name would be Bob Alligator, right? Weird naming convention. Are all you people weird? Seems like it.

OK, so we got Bob bobbing along in his canoe and part of me is thinking, "Wow, this is like having a pizza delivered" and the smarter part of me is like, "No, you gotta play it cool. They're on to you and you're gonna get evicted."

Which is basically where I find myself right now. I see the traps. I know what you people are up to. You're going to nab me and haul me out of my nice little lagoon and take me to a zoo or something.

Not cool, people. Not cool at all. What have I done to you? I haven't eaten a single human. I haven't even eaten any of your little dogs, and let me tell you,

some of them were asking for it. Yappy mutts.

If you're reading this and I've been caught and hauled off, please reconsider. I really like my lagoon. The water's nice and murky. And the ducks! Oh, the ducks are succulent. Really some of the best I've had. But I digress.

If they haven't caught me yet, maybe put in a good word and get 'em to pull those traps out and send Alligator Bob off to look for a feral ferret or something.

C'mon, you never hear about alligators complaining that there are humans in the park. Plus, we've been on this planet a WHOLE LOT longer than you all have, so we kind of have dibs on things.

Let's make peace. Come on down to the lagoon and we'll shake on it.

A little closer.

Little closer.

Oops. Sorry about that. Just my gator humor acting up again!

Take care,  
— Humbert, the Humboldt Park Lagoon alligator

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Arrestee got gun into jail, triggering change

Records show Cook County intake protocol amended after '17 event

BY PETER NICKEAS

A crime suspect managed to smuggle a loaded handgun into Cook County Jail after Chicago police officers and then jail officers missed the weapon in at least two separate searches, according to an investigation into the origins of the gun.

The inmate who later pleaded guilty to possessing the tiny handgun, Quentin Jones, had the weapon hidden in his pants for more than 90 minutes at the jail and, after he ditched it in a garbage can, nearly two days elapsed before the weapon was discovered, according to records from a Cook County sheriff's office investigation newly obtained by the Tribune through the Freedom of Information Act.

In response to the 2017 incident, officials altered their intake procedures to lessen the wait time before detainees are body-scanned. But sheriff's officials said no corrections officers were disciplined for missing the weapon because they followed their protocols.

Exactly how the gun got into Jones' hands remains somewhat mysterious. He told investigators that it happened to end up in a Chicago police lockup the previous day at the same time as his nephew, Travon Jones, following their two separate arrests, and that Travon gave him the gun. But Travon Jones denied knowing anything about the weapon, the records show.

What is known is that Quentin Jones was arrested on Aug. 12, 2017, in the Old Town neighborhood after Chicago police allegedly saw him beating a man and discovered he had an outstanding warrant. Travon Jones was arrested later that night a couple of blocks away after officers learned he had an outstanding gun war-



COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Documents obtained by the Tribune show this gun — a 5-inch Kel-Tec P32 — was missed during at least two searches of an arrestee in 2017.

rant, according to public records.

Both were in Chicago police custody until the next morning, when they were moved to Cook County Jail. It was there that Quentin Jones dropped the gun into a garbage can just before he had to walk through a body scan machine that would presumably have detected the weapon. The records show that happened more than an hour and a half after he arrived and underwent a routine pat-down that failed to turn up the weapon; he spent that time in a holding area with other detainees.

After the security breach was discovered two days later, Chicago police and the Cook County sheriff's office, which operates the jail, each opened investigations into the incident.

Quentin Jones, then 25, told county investigators that Travon Jones, then 22, gave him the Kel-Tec P32 — a compact pistol only about 5 inches long and praised on gun review sites as highly concealable — during the ride from the city lockup to county jail, according to records of the sheriff's investigation. Quentin Jones said his nephew told him police hadn't searched him — though officials said both men were searched at the city lockup — but in interviews with county investigators, Travon Jones denied he had the gun at all, the

records show.

"(Travon) stated he didn't know what CPD did and Quentin is his own problem," according to the investigative file. "(He) stated the piece was (Quentin's) ... (and) denies ever possessing the weapon."

In fact, both men were searched at the Chicago police lockup, according to the sheriff's investigation records; their outer clothes were removed and patted down, and they were directed to empty and turn out their pockets and pull up their pants to check for unusual bulges.

Similar searches are routinely conducted as part of jail intake as well, but investigators said Quentin Jones had the gun tucked inside his pants in his groin — an area corrections officers are trained to avoid during initial pat-downs. If an initial search raises suspicions of contraband, officers follow up with additional questions and a possible over-the-clothing pat-down of the groin area, but that apparently wasn't done in Jones' case.

Historically, more rigorous screenings, including body cavity searches, were the norm, but lawsuits and concerns over detainees' privacy and human rights — along with the evolution of body scan technology — prompted the move to less-intrusive searches.

In Jones' case, the sheriff's Office of Professional Review recommended no discipline for the correctional officers who missed the gun during their search because they followed protocols and, according to the report, did a "very thorough search and followed their training closely."

It was the impending post-pat-down body scan that apparently prompted Jones to dump the gun, which was found 41 hours later by a crew of inmates working with an officer to empty trash cans. Investigators used surveillance cameras from the intake area to determine where the gun came from, locating footage showing Jones waiting in line for the body scanner and then moving toward a trash can, the records state.

The county's investigation began the moment the gun was found. The scene was secured, and officers notified bosses. Investigators interviewed officers, supervisors and detainees within a few hours and closed the investigation in about 14 months, according to records released by the agency.

Within a couple of weeks of the weapon's discovery, county officials changed intake procedures at this location, said Joe Ryan, a spokesman for the Cook County sheriff's office. Inmates are now sent through the body scanner before being searched, instead of after, and officers seek to complete their pat-downs within 10 or 15 minutes of the initial scan, though that's expedited if the initial scan reveals something suspicious.

The Chicago Police Department's internal affairs investigation into the incident is ongoing, department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

The department's general orders require officers to search subjects when they're taken into custody and any time custody is transferred to other officers, whether they're making an arrest

or transporting arrestees to a station or to county jail. The procedure at police stations is to pat down detainees and, if that search reveals anything, a metal detecting wand is used to scan the arrestee.

Though the investigation continues, Guglielmi acknowledged the weapon was not located while it was in possession of an arrestee in police custody. It could have been missed during the arrest of either man, during booking in the district, when they were taken by a police wagon to jail, or Quentin could have obtained it some other way, Guglielmi said.

"Something was missed here. What it was, I don't know, can't say yet. But this is a very small gun. There's a theory it could have been hidden in a body cavity — regardless, there are screening protocols to screen for these things and certainly something was missed," Guglielmi said. "There's no question. Just trying to figure definitively where it was."

As for Quentin Jones, he was charged with possession of a weapon in a lockup the day after the gun was found, according to sheriff's office records. He pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a weapon, was sentenced to five years in prison and remains incarcerated, according to court and Illinois Department of Corrections records. The charges for which he was arrested in the first place were dropped.

His nephew was not charged in connection with the Kel-Tec P32, according to court records. But Travon Jones did receive a three-year sentence on a gun case connected to the warrant that prompted his arrest, his third gun-related conviction in Cook County, according to public records. He was paroled in March of this year, IDOC records show, but could not be reached for comment.

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Even at Taste, 'alligator' runs wild

Rachelle Schiller and Jose Caraballo sample alligator sausage from Chicago's Dog House at the 39th Annual Taste of Chicago at Grant Park in Chicago on Wednesday.

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## Mysterious cannonball safe unearthed in parking lot of Lakeview synagogue

BY ELIZA FAWCETT

A massive rusted safe was uncovered by construction crews at a Lakeview synagogue two weeks ago, and no one has been able to crack it open.

In late June, excavators unearthed the safe during construction of a new school building for the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, which is connected to the Anshe Emet Synagogue. It was pulled out of the ground in the synagogue's parking lot, on the corner of Grace Street and Broadway.

"It was buried," said Bill Schroeder, a foreman for J. & E. Duff, a masonry contractor working on the construction project. "They were digging new water

pipes and they hit something."

The cannonball safe weighs about 3,000 pounds and has a door at least 18 inches thick, Schroeder said.

"We had someone trying to open it, but no one's been able to," he added.

On June 26, the Ashne Emet Synagogue posted a video of a locksmith drilling into the safe, to no avail.

It remains unclear how old the safe is, who buried it or if anything is inside.

"We're excited about this piece of Chicago history, but we have no plans to open it at this time," said Matthew Tobias, the director of security and safety at Anshe Emet Day School.

Rebecca Graff, an assistant pro-

fessor of anthropology at Lake Forest College who specializes in 19th and 20th century Chicago urban archaeology, said the safe was likely owned by a business or bank, although an individual owner is also in the realm of possibility.

"It's a type of safe that was designed to make it even harder to break into," she said. The cannonball safe design was patented in the late 19th century, she added.

Determining the origins of the safe will involve analyzing historic Chicago maps and city directories, which should provide information about possible owners, Graff said. Since the safe has already been removed from the ground, however, clues that archaeologists might have had from the surrounding



ELIZA FAWCETT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The 3,000-pound safe uncovered two weeks ago by construction workers sits in the parking lot of the Anshe Emet Synagogue in Lakeview.

soil are no longer available.

For now the safe remains at the construction site, unopened, covered by a tarp.

In 1986, talk show host Geraldo Rivera riveted the city — and the world — with a live television

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# Foxx office could handle allegations of police torture

Judge: Conflicts of interest don't apply now to Burge cases

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

In a major reversal, the presiding judge of Cook County's Criminal Division ruled Wednesday that for the first time in 16 years the state's attorney's office can handle wrongful conviction cases involving disgraced ex-Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge and detectives who worked under his command.

Judge LeRoy Martin Jr. held that State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office does not face the same conflict-of-interest issues that disqualified her two predecessors and required the appointment of special prosecutors on Burge cases.

But Martin stopped short of turning over all the pending special prosecutors' cases to Foxx, saying that would result in major delays for alleged Burge victims who have already waited years for their cases to be resolved.

Instead, Martin asked special prosecutor Robert Milan to give him a list of all the Burge cases pending with his office, so the judge can then decide which should stay with the special prosecutors and which should be handled by Foxx's office.

"I'm using a scalpel and not a sledgehammer," Martin said.

Special prosecutors have handled Burge cases since a decision by Martin's predecessor in 2002 found that then-State's Attorney Richard Devine, once a partner of a law firm that defended Burge against torture allegations, had a conflict that threatened to leave an "appearance of impropriety." The next year, the same judge, Paul Biebel Jr., ruled that the conflict extended to the entire state's attorney's office, barring any prosecutors in the office from handling claims that Burge and detectives under his command tortured or physically abused suspects.

Martin's ruling on Wednesday came after attorneys for Gerald Reed, whose double-murder conviction was tossed last year amid allegations that detectives under Burge coerced his confession, sought to disqualify the special prosecutors after their decision to force Reed to undergo a new trial.

Martin was adamant that a hearing in Reed's case slated for Friday go forward with Milan's team handling the prosecution. Attorneys are prepared to argue over whether Reed should be released on bond pending his new trial. He has been in custody for nearly three decades.

Special prosecutors have dealt with Burge cases through the tenures of Devine; his successor, Anita Alvarez, a career prosecutor; and Foxx, who defeated Alvarez in late 2016 on a reform plank.

"We're two state's attorneys removed from Devine," Martin said in his ruling. "We're a decade, almost two decades, removed from Judge Biebel's first order."

At Wednesday's hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, a representative of Foxx's office agreed that Foxx has no conflict of interest but contended that Milan's office was in a much better position to deal with the pending Burge cases. The state's attorney's office is already handling 1,100 post-conviction matters, Assistant State's Attorney Carol Rogala said.

"Could we step in and prosecute these cases? Yes, we could," Rogala said. "Are we ready to do it tomorrow like Mr. Milan's office is? Absolutely not, and we would take time to get up to speed."

Martin acknowledged that derailing pending investigations or negotiations could be unfair to defendants — particularly those in custody — who have been dealing with Milan's office.

Burge and his "midnight crew" of detectives have been accused of torturing confessions — mostly for murder — from more than 100 African American suspects in a scandal that has been a low point for the city as well as a financial fiasco that has cost taxpayers well in excess of \$100 million in jury awards, court settlements and legal fees.

Burge was fired from the Police Department in 1993 over the torture allegations. A federal jury convicted him of lying about the torture in 2010, and he served 4½ years in prison and on home confinement.

Such entrenched abuse takes years to uproot, said attorney Joshua Tepfer, who represented a man who had his murder conviction thrown out last year by Milan over allegations detectives tied to Burge abused him into confessing. "It's a really, really sad history," he said of the legacy of Burge, who died last September at 70.

Milan, who rose to Devine's first assistant state's attorney before going into private practice, and his associates are still handling some 20 cases involving allegations of wrongdoing against Burge or detectives under his command.

In seeking to disqualify Milan from continuing to handle Reed's case, his attorneys accused the special prosecutors of intentionally dragging out the Burge litigation to continue to reap millions of dollars in taxpayer funds.

In court last month, Milan called the attempt to disqualify him a disingenuous effort to pick a more favorable prosecutor.

"(They) never complained about it until I recently made the decision on the Reed case," Milan said.

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Serena Williams, seen here en route to beating Alison Riske on Tuesday, has advanced to the Wimbledon semifinals.

# The world needs to hear this quote Serena Williams served



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

Who do I contact about getting a whole bunch of motivational posters made?

I found a quote. It's from Serena Williams. (No surprise.) And I want it to hang in every high school classroom. And college classroom. And workplace break room. Maybe folks will want to hang it in their kitchens too.

Williams wrote a first-person essay for the August issue of Harper's Bazaar (on newsstands July 23), in which she talks about pushing back against injustice when she sees it, about trying to change the world for her daughter, about that controversial U.S. Open match last year against Naomi Osaka.

That's the match where Williams was issued three violations — the first for coach signaling, which Williams denies, the second for smashing her racket in frustration, the third for calling the umpire a thief and demanding an apology.

The scene launched 1,000 debates about equity in tennis. Many analysts and former players thought the umpire was unfairly

harsh, that male players get away with much worse. (I agreed, and wrote as much at the time.)

"In the end," Williams writes in Harper's Bazaar, "my opponent simply played better than me that day and ended up winning her first Grand Slam title. I could not have been happier for her."

Williams reveals in the essay, though, that she struggled to recover from the loss and the surrounding controversy. She sought therapy. She stopped playing tennis.

"This debacle ruined something that should have been amazing and historic," she writes. "Not only was a game taken from me but a defining, triumphant moment was taken from another player, something she should remember as one of the happiest memories in her long and successful career. My heart broke. I started to think again, 'What could I have done better? Was I wrong to stand up? Why is it that when women get passionate, they're labeled emotional, crazy, and irrational, but when men do they're seen as passionate and strong?'"

She wrote an apology to Osaka. "I would love the chance to live that moment over again. I am, was, and will always be happy for you and supportive of you. I would never, ever want the light to shine away from another female, specifically another black female athlete. I can't wait for your future, and believe me I will always be watching as a big fan!"

Osaka replied. Williams quotes her as writing, "People can misunderstand anger for strength because they can't differentiate between the two. No one has stood up for themselves the way you have and you need to continue trailblazing."

She is. This week Williams is back in the semifinals of Wimbledon after beating American Alison Riske on Tuesday. Williams has won Wimbledon seven times. An eighth win this week would tie Margaret Court's record for most career Grand Slam women's singles titles, with 24.

So. That motivational quote. When Williams is describing the controversy at last year's U.S. Open, she writes about how it felt to receive those controversial violations.

"I felt defeated and disrespected by a sport that I love," she writes, "one that I had dedicated my life to and that my family truly changed, not because we were welcomed, but because we wouldn't stop winning."

"Not because we were welcomed, but because we wouldn't stop winning." Put it on all the posters. Rarely are the places and the minds that need

changing going to greet that change with open arms. Rarely is that change going to be universally embraced.

Rarely is a group who has held a lion's share of the power, occupied most of the seats at most of the tables, made the decisions, made the money, made the rules going to welcome the folks who want a shot. Who deserve a shot. Whose presence and ideas and talent would improve the world, if only they were given a shot.

Keep going, that Williams quote says. If they won't listen to your words, convince them with your winning.

It doesn't let workplaces and classrooms and sports organizations and arts organizations and families and individual humans off the hook. We all need to do that hard work of examining our biases and shrinking our blind spots and diversifying our spaces and mentoring our trailblazers.

In the meantime, trailblazers: Don't stop winning. We all need the change you're bringing.

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# Debating future of Lake County's Civil War Days

BY FRANK S. ABDERHOLDEN

Numerous supporters of Civil War Days attended the Lake County Forest Preserves District's annual outdoor meeting at Lakewood Forest Preserve, the home of the event that would have been held this weekend before it was canceled due to safety concerns.

President Angelo Kyle said afterward that, "We're going to be open minded about it," when asked if he still wanted the event canceled for good.

"We're going to close this chapter and open a new one," he said, while not ruling out there being a Civil War Days event next year.

"I appreciate the passion

they showed," he said. "You have to respect that as well."

Reenactors, citizens, the mayor of Wauconda and the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce director all spoke about the effects of having the event abruptly canceled in June, and some called for Kyle's resignation. Kyle had canceled the event on June 10 with a notice posted on the forest preserves' website that afternoon.

Kyle explained at a board meeting the next day that he requested the cancellation due to his concerns about the appropriateness of the event.

"There were a considerable number of Confederate flags and a number of other things I took into consideration," Kyle said during a June 11 discussion that resulted in the event being put back on the calendar for what he said would be a final year.

But by that time the flow of emails, texts, voice mails and other forms of communication to the district and staff had begun, and within a week the event was canceled again due to safety concerns the staff had with holding the event.

Police Chief John Tannahill, director of public safety for the forest preserves, said there were "many responses to information stemming from a June 11 Forest Preserves board meeting where Civil War Days was discussed. Some of these responses were very concerning."

"The tension around the

event this year has changed the tone. We are not going to take a risk. It's our job to protect preserve visitors, and our employees and volunteers," Tannahill said.

He had also reviewed the information with other law enforcement agencies.

With the event canceled for safety concerns and possible threats, Dick Barr, a forest preserves commissioner, asked the Lake County Sheriff's Office to look into the threats. Investigators combed through 529 pages of materials the forest preserves turned over and found that none reached a level of criminality.

Social media comments from two people were followed up on, but "revealed while their comments were in extreme poor taste, there was no criminal intent/threat surrounding their message," according to a sheriff's report.

One suggested a slave uprising type of event where slave owners were killed, and another suggested taking Kyle to the woods and tying him to a tree.

At the forest preserves meeting in Shelter E at Lakewood Wednesday, more than a half-dozen ranger police officers were stationed around the shelter and one officer used a metal detector wand to check people as they entered into the shelter area.

"We're just taking safety precautions that would be taken at the county building if we were having the meet-

ing there," said Tannahill. "You plan for the worst, and hope for the best. We didn't want to take any chances. There were a lot of angry people."

One of the first speakers was Lincoln Knight, mayor of Wauconda, who said the full forest preserves board should have been involved in the decision, "not by one person making a unilateral decision."

"We rely on events of this nature to help our businesses succeed. This will really hurt the economy of our village," he said.

Maria Weisbruch, director of the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce, said what Kyle did "screams gross misconduct and fear mongering," adding that threats to safety were exaggerated and unfounded.

"I request the voices of the people be heard regarding the future of Civil War Days," she said.

Chris Breyer, an organizer and member of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, said Civil War Days has brought many good things to the Lakewood facility.

"It has been the largest event the county has produced. It was always meant to be an educational event representing anybody and everybody who had an interest in the history of our country and all events," she said.

"We strived to include individuals from this county and I believe this was a disservice to the county in its entirety," Breyer said.

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# Alligator

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hour. To get close to the gator, Alligator Bob said he goes upwind and lets the breeze carry his canoe to where the reptile is thought to be hiding so the paddles don't scare it.

He estimated that the gator is 4 to 10 years old but said that it would be impossible to tell until he can look at it closely.

"This is the problem with these types of animals. If people would only turn them in. Walk into animal control, walk into the front desk and say, 'I found this,' and they'll take care of it."

The Chicago Herpetological Society, of which he's a member, has taken more than 20,000 animals from Chicago Animal Care and Control over the past 40 years, he said.

As the alligator catcher spoke at one point, a gray car drove through the grass behind a crowd gathered on the rocks with its windows down and blaring the theme song from "Jaws."

In the hours after police tweeted out confirmation Tuesday that the animal was in the lagoon, crowds of people flocked to the park hoping to spot it. But Wednesday, police warned that people shouldn't try catching it on their own.

After being seen around 4 a.m., the alligator was spotted again about 10 a.m. by a Tribune photographer.

As the search continued Wednesday, Tim Snitko stood on the veranda of the Humboldt Park Boathouse with his right hand cupped over his face as he peered out into the murky water.

"I would hope to see it," he said. Although some chose to look for the alligator from a safe distance, others tried to get a closer look.

Scott Priz, of Avondale, squatted at the corner of a dock near the water's edge. "I know alligators are thought of as being generally dangerous, but this is a scared animal."

While some came hoping to catch a glimpse of the alligator, others came with questions.

"Have they caught it yet?" a Chicago Park District employee asked his co-worker. "No," the co-worker replied.

The alligator's presence in the lagoon drew massive social media reaction, with people posing as the alligator starting multiple Twitter accounts and news website BlockClubChicago, which first reported the alligator sightings, sponsoring a contest to name it. Even the governor was asked to weigh in on the situation.

"I'm not going to be swimming in the Humboldt Park Lagoon, that's all I can say," Gov. J.B. Pritzker told reporters Wednesday.

The governor said he doesn't have any ideas for names for the reptile.

This is far from the first exotic animal located in Chicago waterways, and not even the first time one has been found in the Humboldt Park Lagoon.

In August 1984, people fishing in the lagoon found a small South American caiman, a relative of the alligator, and reported seeing a larger one that didn't get caught. In August 1983, people fishing at the lagoon caught a piranha, leading to the Chicago Park District stationing lifeguards at the lagoon to keep people out of the water, even though swimming is only allowed at a nearby man-made pond and not in the lagoon.

Last year, a kayaker found an abandoned alligator near



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Curious onlookers on Wednesday try to get a glimpse of the alligator that was spotted in the Humboldt Park Lagoon in Chicago a day earlier.

## Dumping exotic pets never the answer, say experts

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

According to Dr. Ellen Boyd, associate veterinarian at Animal House of Chicago, owning an alligator is tricky business. Forget the fact that it's illegal in Illinois; Boyd said the notorious reptiles need a swamp replica in someone's home, space to roam and potentially hundreds of dollars of veterinary care. Someone might purchase an alligator for \$50, but that person is making a lifelong investment in the animal's well-being, and Boyd would caution individuals to be sure of what they're getting into.

The warning is particularly relevant in Chicago today. On Tuesday, an alligator was discovered in Humboldt Park Lagoon and has yet to be captured. Because the species is decidedly non-native to Chicago, many have speculated about the alligator's origins. It's not the first time an alligator has been discovered in Chicago, and according to Boyd, the animal might have been a pet. It's a familiar tale: A panicked owner gets in over his head and dumps the evidence, and Boyd said that it can happen with all types of pets. But Boyd, who used to work as a zoo veterinarian in Louisiana and grew up in Florida, is particularly well-acquainted with alligators, and they're no walk in any park, let alone Humboldt.

"The most common story is that people think it's pretty cool to get an alligator when they're small, and then as they grow it becomes very clear at some

point that they can't handle having this pet," Boyd said. "Because either they're embarrassed or they don't know where to go, they just release them into the wild."

The damage to the native ecosystem, Boyd said, might be severe. Alligators can live off of small mammals, and after recent efforts to clean up Chicago's river system, food is likely more abundant than ever. And an alligator is likely a public safety concern; a reptile accustomed to being fed by humans will be unafraid and more likely to approach parkgoers.

But the danger to the alligator can be equally great. Allison Sacerdote-Velat, co-chair of Midwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, wrote in an email that "reptiles in our region already face a number of threats from pathogens including Ranavirus and snake fungal disease." Dr. Susan Horton, a veterinarian at Chicago Exotics Animal Hospital worries about the current health of the alligator, as well as the potential damage to its lifespan.

"They're not made to be in Illinois," Horton said. "It's warm now, but they can't survive our winters, and we don't know how (the alligator) was cared for by whoever released him. Probably not well if they just went ahead and dumped him. We've gotten in alligators before that were dumped that had horrible metabolic problems associated with not being fed properly."

While Horton said that own-

ing an exotic pet such as an alligator is not necessarily a bad thing "if you're the right person for the right pet," Lisa Wathne, senior strategist of captive wildlife at the Humane Society of the United States, said the organization does not condone keeping any wild pets at all. An expert might understand an animal's needs — for an alligator, this would include appropriate heat sources and specialized veterinary care — but most experts, Wathne said, would put the needs of an exotic animal first.

"Anyone who's a specialist and who truly cares for these animals doesn't keep them as pets, because they realize how inappropriate it is for an animal," Wathne said. "The only place these animals should be in captivity is at accredited zoos or accredited sanctuaries."

While reptile sightings might appear to be a recent trend, Wathne said that the prevalence of social media has likely served to increase awareness of an always-present problem. She believes this is ultimately a positive thing, though it creates a stir. The end goal, she said, is to prohibit the ownership of wild animals altogether, and public awareness is a means to an end.

"In Chicago, it's not legal, but more than likely someone somewhere got this animal legally and then got it to this person in Chicago," she said. "It's pretty much an unregulated trade." Reptiles, unlike wild animals such as tigers, are not covered by the federal Animal

Welfare Act, and no one is monitoring their trade. Owners are not inspected by agencies related to animal care, and the result is what Wathne described as a "free-for-all." And, she said, "the animals are suffering horribly for it."

Though owning an alligator is illegal for individuals in Illinois, Wathne said that there are always options to turn the alligator over that don't involve Humboldt Park. It is the responsibility of an owner to retain their pet long enough to research, but as long as the ultimate home for the alligator is an accredited sanctuary or zoo, there would likely be no legal repercussions. According to Horton, "there are lots of rescues out there for every exotic pet you can imagine," and Chicago Exotics often works to help individuals who find themselves unable to care for an exotic pet.

Unfortunately, for the alligator in Humboldt Park, it's too late for such thoughtful tactics, and no one can be sure of the health it will be in when it's captured. Boyd worries that the sighting could precede another, a problem she said stems from a lack of education about owning exotic animals as pets. A lack of knowledge, she said, can be dangerous.

"If there's one out there, then that probably means that more people have done it," Boyd said. "If you find one, that probably means you're behind the curve."

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Waukegan.

In 2010, a gator was caught with Alligator Bob's help in the North Branch of the Chicago River near Belmont Avenue. When an alligator was caught in the South Branch in 2008, it was billed as the first alligator found in the river. But a Tribune article from 1902 reported that 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 turtle hunting, according to reports.

The lagoon was in the news last month, when Chicago Park District officials put up signs warning people to stay out of the water

because of toxic blue-green algae.

Louis Cass, who lives in the Austin neighborhood, said Wednesday evening he'd been looking for the gator since 10 a.m.

"It's very energizing for the community," said Cass, who said he comes to the lagoon nearly every day. "It's something nice to see, an animal to protect and make

sure nothing happens to it."

A self-proclaimed animal lover, Cass said he thinks an animal in danger is a rallying cry for many diverse members of the community.

"So many things are going on in this world, with the nation, with politics, we want to see something positive ... it's good for all of us."

# Hearing

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Michael Christensen said. "I can't think about it. He has too much to offer."

"Do you still love him?" Pollock asked at one point.

"Oh God, yeah," Michael Christensen said.

Michael Christensen said that when his son was 15 he once jumped 12 feet off a deck, threw himself down some stairs and ran into the street into an oncoming car.

"He didn't know why, but he knew he was trying to kill himself," Michael Christensen said.

The night terrors Brendt Christensen experienced as a child persisted into adulthood, his father said.

In a 2016 email to his father, Brendt Christensen told of nightmares in which he woke up yelling after seeing "something ominous." At other times he said he experienced sleep paralysis, where he was semiconscious, couldn't move and was "terrified and feel like someone is watching me," his father said.

Michael Christensen also described his ex-wife's alcoholism, which began when Brendt was in grade school and led to the end of their marriage years later. She sometimes would drink a quart of



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Michael Christensen, left, father of convicted killer Brendt Christensen, leaves the federal courthouse in Peoria earlier this week.

vodka or gin in a day, he said.

She once took Brendt and his older brother on an all-terrain vehicle and flipped it, Michael Christensen said. She also would drive drunk, often hitting curbs and crashing into the garage and the house, he said.

"I could no longer trust her to take care of the kids safely," he said.

Michael Christensen, who splits his time between Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Minnesota, said he is staying at a campground while attending the trial, which is being held at a federal courthouse in Peoria. He is a self-employed computer programmer and makes \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year and can't afford a hotel for a month, he

said.

Defense attorneys are presenting testimony from friends and family and other evidence in an effort to convince the jury that Christensen should be sentenced to life in prison rather than death.

During his cross-examination, Assistant U.S. Attorney James Nelson asked Michael Christensen about a phone conversation of July 4, 2017, days after his son's arrest in connection with Zhang's disappearance.

"Did you tell your son when he was exonerated you were going to find Yingying's father and tell him he should be ashamed of himself?" Nelson asked.

Christensen said he was aware there was a widely held presumption that his son was guilty and acknowledged he would have said something to Zhang's father and other people who assumed Brendt Christensen's guilt if he was exonerated. He denied saying he would "find him," and a recording of the call was not played in court during his testimony.

Also testifying were two of Brendt Christensen's uncles. One of them, Mark Christensen, said several family members, including himself, are alcoholics. He said he has not seen Brendt, 30, since he was 12 years old but called him a "happy-go-lucky kid that always had a smile on his face."

Mark Christensen called it "horrendous" when asked for his

thoughts about the crime.

"I feel terrible for her family," he said. "It's unimaginable. It's unimaginable. It's not Brendt. I don't know what happened."

Robert Lahmann, the brother of Christensen's mother, also said he couldn't reconcile the crime with the child he knew. He said it would "devastate" Christensen's mother if he was sentenced to death.

"It would just destroy her," Lahmann said.

Jeanette Handrich, Christensen's teacher in a third and fourth grade gifted program in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, traveled from her retirement home in Arizona to testify. She brought with her a scrapbook of her career, which included photos of Christensen as a child.

She said he was a student she could "count on," and she was in disbelief when his attorneys contacted her.

"I wish I could give him a hug," Handrich said, crying.

A friend of the Christensen family, Deb Mitchell, was also called by the defense. She was Brendt Christensen's Cub Scout den mother. Her son, Tom, and Brendt Christensen were born on the same day at the same hospital and were close childhood friends.

"He was like another kid of mine," Deb Mitchell said of Christensen.

Tom Mitchell testified his

mother told him when he spent time with the Christensens as a child to watch Christensen's mother's speech and walking for signs of impairment before getting into the car with her.

Brendt Christensen was described by friends as a "gentle giant" and a typical teenager.

Defense attorneys have portrayed Christensen as a troubled man who had a troubled marriage and was drinking heavily at the time Zhang disappeared.

During the first phase of the trial, recordings from an FBI wire worn by Christensen's girlfriend at the time had him describing in detail how he sexually assaulted and killed Zhang — choking her, beating her with a baseball bat, stabbing her and ultimately decapitating her. Her body has not been found.

Also on Wednesday, defense attorneys made a motion for a mistrial related to a juror abruptly leaving the courtroom crying Tuesday, while Zhang's mother's recorded video testimony was playing. Pollock said the juror's behavior could have influenced other jurors.

U.S. District Judge James Shadid denied the motion for a mistrial and declined to dismiss the juror who left Tuesday.

The penalty phase of the trial is expected to go into next week.

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# New answer for city's affordable housing shortage



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Chicago faces a growing shortage of affordable housing. What to do?

One answer emerged Wednesday night when an unknown Chicago architect was named the winner of a design contest that sought out new models for inexpensive, owner-occupied housing.

The contest, called "Disruptive Design," aims to duplicate the success of the sturdy bungalows that proliferated on the city's fringes in the early decades of the 20th century, providing homes for thousands of middle- and working-class families.

And it will produce results, although they'll be limited at first.

Developer Related Midwest, whose credits include the high-end One Bennett Park residential tower, plans to build two examples of the winning design on what are now city-owned vacant lots in Bronzeville and West Humboldt Park.

The winning design by Greg Tamborino, 45, a senior project architect at the big firm of Perkins+Will, calls for a two-story, wood-framed two-flat that would sell for about \$350,000, produce income for its owners, and adapt



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"Adaptable House" is the winner of an affordable housing design contest. It's by Greg Tamborino, a senior project architect at Perkins+Will.

to their changing needs.

It could be a two-flat where the owner lives downstairs and rents out the upstairs, a single-family house with its own work space, or a wheelchair-accessible home suited to an elderly couple.

"The idea was to disrupt the trend of the housing market right now in new construction," said Sarah Brune, manager of innovation and public policy for Neighborhood Housing Services. The nonprofit organized the competition with the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects and other groups that belong to a coalition known as the Chicago Housing Policy Task Force.

"We wanted to provide a new product which would show working families that your house could work for you — producing income, flexible live-work space,

beautiful new construction, and it could also be within your budget," Brune said.

The competition, which drew 133 entries, comes at a time when housing advocates and Mayor Lori Lightfoot are searching for ways to provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Chicagoans.

In April, a report from DePaul University's Institute for Housing Studies showed that a loss of affordable rental units is a growing challenge across the city even though rents here aren't as high as they are on the coasts.

On the North and Northwest Sides, high-income households and developers are tearing down two- to four-unit buildings to construct million-dollar, single-family homes or large luxury apartment buildings.

Tamborino, one of three final-

ists in the competition, will receive \$20,000 as well as the chance to see his designs get built. In contrast to a typical design contest, the finalists had to present their concepts to local residents. They also got feedback from the city's departments of Buildings and Planning and Development.

In crafting his design, Tamborino drew on his experience as the son of a retired Wisconsin homebuilder. "I've seen the whole process, from clearing the site to handing over the keys," he said.

He also benefited from his work at Perkins+Will, where he's seen how architects need to come up with clever ways to maintain the integrity of their designs in the face of cost-cutting pressure.

His winning design, he predicted, "could still hit all the checked boxes" if Related Midwest needs to economize.

To hold down costs, the two-flat would be built on a concrete slab, eliminating a basement, and its first floor would be made of uncovered polished concrete. The house would be clad in "humble but long-lasting materials," Tamborino said, like corrugated metal and stucco.

Mechanical systems would be placed in the center of the floors, shortening the lengths of heating and cooling ducts, and opening the perimeter to natural light.

Also saving on costs, the City of Chicago will sell the vacant lots for \$1 apiece.

"This is a unique opportunity

we have compared to New York or San Francisco," Brune said, citing the absence of vacant land in those cities. "We thought it was important to come up with new construction products that could take advantage of those vacant lots."

But the key is the flexibility of the two-flat's floor plan.

A young couple in need of extra income might live on one floor and rent out the other. Once they had children, they might convert the house to a single-family home. Later on in life, they would be able to remain in the house because its doors are designed for wheelchair accessibility. A walk-in closet on the first floor could be replaced with a residential-grade elevator.

"I tried to address every scenario I could think of," Tamborino said.

The other finalists were Chicago architect Joel Huffman whose plan was called GreenFlex 600, and Chicago architects Georgi Todorov and Petya Petrova, who named their design Urban Cabin.

Jurors for the contest included Judith Frydland, commissioner of the Department of Buildings and Amy Mayer, Related Midwest's vice president of construction.

The goal, Brune said, is to build the two examples of the winning design next year.

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## Tickets

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assistant professor of public administration at Northern Illinois University.

In Little's case, she gave the collection agent her birth date, and the agent dropped the matter. "I was left thinking, damn the state of Illinois is so broke ... they're having to track down people from the '80s to pay traffic tickets," she said.

### 'More economical to outsource'

In the last 10 years, Illinois counties have been increasingly moving toward collection agencies for unpaid traffic and other minor tickets, finding it cheaper than doing it themselves, according to Kankakee County Circuit Court Clerk Sandi Cianci, president of the Illinois Association of Court Clerks.

A county can tack on a 30 percent fee to an unpaid ticket that it then pays to the collection agency, Cianci said. "We were exceeding the cost of the 30 percent to do it ourselves," she said. "It's more economical to outsource collections."

Cianci believes most Illinois counties have adopted this model.

One company, Credit Collection Partners, collects debts for 40 of the state's 102 counties, according to its website. The attorney general's office said it received five consumer complaints about the agency between 2014 and 2018.

In the most recent complaint, someone contested a notice about owing \$154.88 and reported some of the same issues as Little. "I have been contacted by this collection company and I am concerned it is fraud because 1) The name is misspelled 2) the offense date (from Monroe County) was 26 years ago 3) I would have been a minor at the time (17 yrs old). The complaint is 'Criminal Trespass to Land' and I don't think I could forget such a thing.

"Please help me to discover if this is fraud," the complaint ended.

Asked what relief was being sought, the person wrote: "Discovery of truth"

When contacted by the office, Credit Collection Partners acknowledged that the notice was a mistake and stopped trying to collect, according to the office. Credit Collection Partners did not respond to an inquiry from the Tribune.

Small counties in particular are relying on collection agencies to collect on old debts, according to John Pelissero, a professor of



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Melanie Little was called by a collection agency about an unpaid traffic ticket in Jefferson County, Ill., in 1983, when she would have been only 14.

political science at Loyola University Chicago. "Many smaller cities and counties have responded to the decline in intergovernmental aid from (federal and state governments) by looking to increase their own-source revenues, while limiting general tax increases," he said.

This comes as outsourcing traditional government roles is getting more common, experts say.

Nadav Shoked, a professor of law at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, likened the practice to the city of Chicago's controversial leasing of its parking meters.

It's legal because the private contractor is not making decisions about where people can park, Shoked said. Instead, the company is just collecting the resulting funds and so the contractor is not exercising a government function.

Similarly, the collection agencies aren't issuing tickets or fines. "They just collect it after the government decided how much you have to pay," he said.

Still, there is a lot of discretion in debt collection, and that makes the issue murkier, Shoked said. "Some sort of private collection agency is making these decisions

about what kind of ancient debts to go after," he said.

Cianci said the collection agencies can go as far back as counties can find records. But she acknowledged there can be issues with old tickets. "We're all human. Sometimes things do happen," she said. "We try to go back and fix it the best we can."

### 'Who's going to keep a receipt?'

Seth Jumps, who lives in Jackson County, near Carbondale, got a call about six months ago from the same number over and over for several weeks. He finally decided to answer. The caller was a collection agent working for Jackson County.

The agency told Jumps he had two unpaid tickets: a \$150 ticket from 2012 for fishing without a license, and a \$125 ticket from 2002 for screeching tires. He said the agency didn't provide him with copies of the tickets, or any other paperwork.

Jumps said he was certain he paid those tickets. He renews his fishing license each year and believes he wouldn't be able to if he had an unpaid violation. And

this was the first time in 16 years that he heard from the county about possible outstanding tickets, he said.

"It was 16 years ago. I have no track record or anything," Jumps said. "Who's going to keep a receipt?"

Goodman, from NIU, said someone may be tempted to pay a ticket, rather than fight it, if they don't have records. He raised concerns about collection agencies choosing whom to pursue.

Shoked said collectors could be more prone to press debtors whom they see as less likely to challenge the debt. "A poor person might be much more easily scared and less likely to keep records," Shoked said.

Rebecca Hendrick, a professor of public administration at the University of Illinois in Chicago, said it's not clear what oversight counties exercise over the agencies.

"To what extent are the counties having good oversight over collection agencies?" she asked. "Even if it's incorrect, maybe someone would be scared enough to pay it."

The state attorney general's office said people with concerns

about a collection agency can call its consumer fraud hotline numbers: 800-386-5438 in Chicago, 800-243-0618 in Springfield and 800-243-0607 in Carbondale.

It also released the following tips for people who get notices from collectors:

- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a debt collector, you should ask to whom the money is owed (the creditor), who is calling (a collection agency or debt buyer who has the right to collect on the debt) and the amount the caller claims is owed.

- If you are uncertain whether the caller is legitimate, you can contact the original creditor directly and ask about the debt.

- Write down the names of the people and companies that call you, along with the dates and times they called.

- If the statute of limitations has expired on the debt and they no longer can sue you, you should know that even agreeing to make a small payment toward that debt has the potential to revive the debt, which gives the creditor another chance to sue you in court to collect the debt.

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DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dixon police arrested Jennifer A. Janus Yeager on Tuesday after getting a complaint about a driver with children inside a pool on the car roof.

## Police: Dixon mom had kids ride in pool atop car

A mother in Dixon, Ill., trying to transport an inflated pool from her friend's house to her own Tuesday had her two juvenile daughters ride inside the pool she drove with it atop her SUV, police said.

Jennifer A. Janus Yeager, 49, has been charged with child endangerment and reckless conduct in connection with the alleged incident, Dixon police said in a news release posted on their Facebook page.

According to police, Yeager was

spotted Tuesday afternoon driving a white Audi Q5 west on Illinois Highway 2 just west of Palmyra Road with a blue inflatable pool on the roof and two juveniles inside the pool. Officers conducted a traffic stop on River Lane, just south of Highway 2.

During their investigation, police learned that Yeager drove to a friend's house to inflate the pool and then had her two daughters ride inside of the empty pool to



Yeager

hold it down on their drive home, according to the news release.

In a photo released by police, the pool appears to be larger than the roof of the vehicle.

Along with the endangerment and reckless conduct charges, she was charged with failing to secure young passengers. She was released after posting bond, police said.

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## ANALYSIS

# Congressional tension tests Democrats' unity

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WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez don't talk to each other much. But lately they're speaking at one another in a way that threatens Democratic unity and underscores broader tensions reshaping their party.

Pelosi chided AOC, as she's called, in a newspaper interview, and the first-term New York congresswoman responded pointedly on Twitter. Their power struggle has spilled open in what could be a momentary blip or a foreshadowing of divisions to come.

"I have no regrets about anything. Regrets is not what I do," Pelosi told reporters Wednesday while leaving a closed-door meeting of House Democrats.

Yet inside that lengthy session, Pelosi, D-Calif., also struck a more measured tone. She reminded lawmakers that their unity as the House majority is their power, especially as they confront Republicans, particularly Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"Without that unity, we are playing completely into the hands of the other people," Pelosi said, according to a person who was in the meeting room but was not authorized to talk publicly about the internal discussion.

"We're a family and we have our moments," Pelosi told colleagues. "So, again, you got a complaint? You come and talk to me about it. But do not tweet about our members and expect us to think that that is just OK."

Pelosi added: "Make me the target because we have important fish to fry."

Ocasio-Cortez arrived late to the session and did not speak, according to a second person who attended the session.



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Tension is building between House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, left, and freshman congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Other lawmakers, including some first-term members who helped flip Republican seats to the Democratic column in 2018, also made the case for sticking on the same team and keeping the internal drama private.

It all started with the rare public rebuke between Pelosi and Ocasio-Cortez, played out in the media, that's now challenging the House agenda and rippling into the 2020 presidential campaign. A test will come later this week on a must-pass defense bill that the White House has threatened to veto.

The tension between the most powerful Democrat in the country and one of the party's newest and most

liberal members embodies a debate over how best, in style and substance, to defeat President Donald Trump. Each side thinks it's right.

For Pelosi allies, her off-hand dismissal of Ocasio-Cortez and three other first-term lawmakers who opposed a border security package last month was a necessary comeuppance for "the squad" of newcomers who are trying to push the party leftward.

"These people have their public whatever and their Twitter world," Pelosi told The New York Times. "But they didn't have any following."

In the speaker's world, they lack what Pelosi often

calls "the currency of the realm" — the power to turn their high-volume activism into a coalition of votes to pass legislation or, in their case, to stop it.

But for fans of Ocasio-Cortez, including some of her millions of social media followers, Pelosi's remarks were nothing short of a patronizing slap-back to four women of color who represent the future of the party and an example of its generational and demographic transition. Their four lonely votes against the bill were portrayed a principled stand, with more to come.

"To dismiss any member's force, and particularly these four members who do

have a tremendous following ... I think is not the best thing," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

Behind the scenes, some on Capitol Hill are quietly appreciative of Pelosi's tough-love approach to Ocasio-Cortez, and Reps. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., and Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich.

Lawmakers and freshmen from more centrist-leaning districts than those of the four, including regions Trump won in 2018, don't want the House majority to be defined by the liberal flank as they face voters for reelection.

While those more moder-

ate views may have helped Democrats win the majority, liberal activists fear they won't necessarily motivate or energize the party ahead of the 2020 election.

Brian Fallon, a former top aide to Hillary Clinton and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Pelosi's comments have riled the party's left flank, and activists question why she's fighting with the newcomers when she should be confronting, if not impeaching, Trump.

Pelosi's background runs strong in the liberal community, he said, so "it's not enough to undo the relationship because she has deep ties."

"But there is frustration," he said.

## Appeals court rules in favor of Trump in emoluments case

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WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court Wednesday sided with President Donald Trump, dismissing a lawsuit claiming the president is illegally profiting from foreign and state government visitors at his luxury hotel in downtown Washington.

The unanimous ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit is a victory for the president in a novel case brought by the attorneys general of Maryland and the District of Columbia involving anti-corruption provisions in the emoluments clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

In its ruling, the three-judge panel said the attorneys general lacked legal grounds to bring the lawsuit alleging the president is violating the Constitution when his business accepts payments from state and foreign governments. The decision — from Judges Paul Niemeyer, Dennis

Shedd and Marvin Quattlebaum Jr. — also stops dozens of subpoenas for financial records related to the Washington hotel.

"The District and Maryland's interest in enforcing the Emoluments Clauses is so attenuated and abstract that their prosecution of this case readily provokes the question of whether this action against the President is an appropriate use of the courts, which were created to resolve real cases and controversies between the parties," Niemeyer wrote in the 36-page opinion.

Trump took to Twitter to celebrate the ruling, referring to the lawsuit as "ridiculous" and "a big part of the Deep State and Democrat induced Witch Hunt."

"I don't make money, but lose a fortune for the honor of serving and doing a great job as your President (including accepting Zero salary)," he wrote.

The president has stepped back from day-to-day management of the

Trump International Hotel and his other businesses, but he maintains ownership.

Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh and D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine, both Democrats, said in a joint statement after the ruling that the three-judge panel "got it wrong."

"Although the court described a litany of ways in which this case is unique, it failed to acknowledge the most extraordinary circumstance of all: President Trump is brazenly profiting from the Office of the President in ways that no other President in history ever imagined and that the founders expressly sought — in the Constitution — to prohibit," they said. "We will continue to pursue our legal options to hold him accountable."

The three judges on the panel that heard oral argument in March were nominated to the bench by Republican presidents — Niemeyer by President George H.W. Bush, Shedd by President George W. Bush and Quattlebaum by Trump.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Donald Trump took to Twitter to celebrate Wednesday's ruling, referring to the lawsuit as "a big part of the Deep State and Democrat induced Witch Hunt."

Frosh and Racine have said they would consider appealing for a rehearing by a full panel of the 4th Circuit and would not be surprised to see the case reach the Supreme Court.

Trump is facing a series of legal challenges related to his private business.

A federal appeals court in Washington is considering a separate "emoluments" lawsuit brought by congress-

sional Democrats, who this week began issuing dozens of subpoenas for financial records from the president's private entities. The case extends beyond the D.C. hotel and is based on a different theory of standing. The Democratic lawmakers say the president is violating the Constitution because it gives Congress the right to approve — or withhold — consent before the presi-

dent accepts payments or benefits from foreign governments.

Despite the legal challenges his company faces, to this point Trump has been able to prevent the release of any private business information to the courts, leaving Democrats to wonder if Trump will be affected by any of the inquiries before he faces reelection next year.

## US urges world powers to reject Iran's attempt at 'nuclear extortion'

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VIENNA — The United States admonished world powers seeking to preserve a deal with Iran on its atomic program not to give in to "nuclear extortion" from Tehran, which has breached the pact's limitations in an attempt to get them to provide economic incentives to offset American sanctions.

The U.S. requested Wednesday's special meet-

ing of the International Atomic Energy Agency after Iran announced last week it had exceeded the amount of low-enriched uranium it is allowed to stockpile under limitations set in the 2015 nuclear deal. Since then, it also announced it has started enriching uranium past the 3.67% purity allowed, to 4.5%, and IAEA inspectors verified both developments.

By doing so, Tehran hopes to increase the pressure on the remaining members of the nuclear

deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to provide economic relief for American sanctions. It has set an early September deadline until it pushes limits further.

Jackie Wolcott, the U.S. ambassador to international organizations in Vienna, told Iran and others in the room that Washington was open to "negotiation without preconditions" on a new nuclear deal, and that "the only path to sanctions relief is through such negotiations, not nuclear extor-

tion."

"We are committed to denying Iran the benefits it seeks from these most recent provocations," she said. "It is imperative that this misbehavior not be rewarded, for if it is, Iran's demands and provocations will only escalate."

President Donald Trump underscored the comments later, tweeting that the nuclear deal was "terrible" and threatened that "sanctions will soon be increased, substantially!" Trump has long rejected the deal, saying it

was too generous to Tehran and did not address its involvement in regional conflicts.

Iran's representative, Kazem Gharib Abadi, stressed Iran's nuclear program was for "peaceful purposes" and said his country was prepared to resume full implementation of the JCPOA, "commensurate with the implementation of the commitments by all participants."

At the same time he slammed the U.S. decision to withdrawal from the deal

and reinstate sanctions, saying it was "neither legitimate nor legal" and should not be accepted by the international community.

"Due to costly and predictable consequences of sanctions, they should be seen as weapons of warfare and means of aggression," he said. "Economic sanctions are, in fact, collective punishment of the ordinary people, contrary to the objectives and purposes of human rights, and should be considered as crimes against humanity."



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Terrian Jones reacts after feeling something move in the water at her feet as she carries Drew and Chance Furlough to their mother in New Orleans.

## Fears rise of possible hurricane as storm swamps New Orleans

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NEW ORLEANS — A storm swamped New Orleans streets and paralyzed traffic Wednesday as concerns grew that even worse weather was on the way: a possible hurricane that could strike the Gulf Coast and raise the Mississippi River to the brim of the city's protective levees.

The storm was associated with a broad area of disturbed weather in the Gulf that forecasters said was on track to strengthen into a hurricane by the weekend. The system was expected to become a tropical depression by Thursday morning, a tropical

storm by Thursday night and a hurricane Friday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Lines of thunderstorms associated with the system ranged far out in into the Gulf and battered New Orleans, where as much as 8 inches of rain fell over a three-hour period Wednesday morning, forecasters said.

Mississippi and Texas were also at risk of torrential rains.

In New Orleans, streets turned into small, swift rivers that overturned garbage cans and picked up pieces of floating wood. Water was up to the doors of many cars. Other vehicles were abandoned. Kayakers paddled their way down some streets.

Chandris Rethmeyer lost her car to the flood and had to wade through water about 4 feet deep to get to safety. She was on her way home after working an overnight shift when she got stuck behind an accident in an underpass and the water started rising.

"I was going to sit in my car and let the storm pass," she said. "But I reached back to get my son's iPad and put my hand into a puddle of water."

It was all a grim reminder of sudden flooding that surprised the city during an August 2017 rain. That flood exposed major problems at the agency overseeing street drainage. It led to personnel shake-ups at the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board and required

major repair efforts.

On Wednesday, the board said 118 of 120 drainage pumps were operational and the agency was fully staffed. But the agency's director says that much rain in such a short time would have overwhelmed any drainage system.

Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency and said National Guard troops and high-water vehicles would be positioned all over the state. "The entire coast of Louisiana is at play in this storm," Edwards said.

Forecasters said Louisiana could see up to 12 inches of rain by Monday, with isolated areas receiving as much as 18 inches.

A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers

in New Orleans said the agency was not expecting widespread overtopping of the levees along the Mississippi River, but there are concerns for areas south of the city.

The river was expected to rise to 20 feet by late Friday at a key gauge in New Orleans. The area is protected by levees 20 to 25 feet high, he said.

The Corps was working with local officials to identify any low-lying areas and reinforce them, spokesman Ricky Boyett said. He cautioned that the situation may change as more information about the storm arrives.

"We're confident the levees themselves are in good shape. The big focus is height," he said.

## Future will be 'floodier,' scientists predict

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The federal government is warning Americans to brace for a "floodier" future.

Government scientists predict 40 places in the U.S. will experience higher than normal rates of so-called sunny day flooding this year because of rising sea levels and an abnormal El Nino weather system.

A report released Wednesday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts that sunny day flooding, also known as tidal flooding, will continue to increase.

"The future is already here, a floodier future," said William Sweet, a NOAA oceanographer and lead author of the study.

The report predicted that annual flood records will be broken again next year and for years and decades to come from sea-level rise.

"Flooding that decades ago usually happened only during a powerful or localized storm can now happen when a steady breeze or a change in coastal current overlaps with a high tide," it read.

The nationwide average frequency of sunny day flooding in 2018 was five days a year, tying a record set in 2015. But the East Coast averaged twice as much flooding.

The agency said the level of sunny day flooding in the U.S. has doubled since 2000, and predicted that average sunny day flooding could reach 7 to 15 days a year by 2030, and 25 to 75 days a year by 2050.

"We cannot wait to act," said Nicole LeBoeuf, acting director of NOAA's Ocean Service. "This issue gets more urgent and complicated with every passing day."

High-tide flooding is causing problems including beach erosion, overwhelmed sewer and drinking water systems, closed roadways, disrupted harbor operations and degraded infrastructure — which "are nearly certain to get much worse this century," the report read.

## Acosta

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ramp her in his New York mansion when she was 15.

While the handling of the 2008 case arose during Acosta's confirmation hearings, it has come under fresh scrutiny after prosecutors in New York brought their charges Monday, alleging Epstein abused dozens of underage girls in the early 2000s, paying them hundreds of dollars for massages, then molesting them at his homes in Florida and New York. Epstein has pleaded not guilty to the charges; if convicted he could be imprisoned for the rest of his life.

Acosta's presentation was an effort to push back against growing criticism of his work in a secret 2008 plea deal that let Epstein avoid federal prosecution on charges that he molested teenage girls. A West Palm Beach judge found this year that the deal had violated the Crime Victims' Rights Act because the victims were not informed or consulted.

Acosta was also out to persuade President Donald Trump to keep him on the job as Democratic presidential candidates and party leaders called for his ouster.

Acosta insisted his office did the best it could under the circumstances a decade ago. He said state authorities had planned to go after Epstein with charges that would have resulted in no jail time until his office intervened and pressed for tougher consequences, a contention that is supported by the record. The alternative, he said, would have been for federal prosecutors to "roll the dice" and hope to win a conviction.

"We did what we did because we wanted to see

**"We did what we did because we wanted to see Epstein go to jail. He needed to go to jail."**

— Labor Secretary Alex Acosta

Epstein go to jail," Acosta said. "He needed to go to jail."

But the former Palm Beach County state attorney disputes Acosta's account of why he signed off on the deal.

Barry Krischer, who was in office at the time, called Acosta's recollection "completely wrong."

Krischer, a Democrat, said that the U.S. attorney's office's always had the ability to file its own federal charges and that a lengthy indictment was prepared but "abandoned after secret negotiations between Mr. Epstein's lawyers and Mr. Acosta."

Epstein was given 13 months in a work-release program, which let him work outside of the jail six days a week. Acosta said it was "entirely appropriate" to be outraged about that leniency, but he blamed that on Florida authorities. "Everything the victims have gone through in these cases is horrific," he said, while repeatedly refusing to apologize to them.

"I think it's important to stand up for the prosecutors" in his old office, he said.

Acosta's South Florida office had gotten to the point of drafting an indictment that could have sent Epstein to federal prison for life. But it was never filed, leading to Epstein's guilty plea to two state prostitution-related

charges. In addition to the work-release jail sentence, Epstein was required to make payments to victims and register as a sex offender.

Acosta has said he welcomes the new case, and earlier defended himself on Twitter, crediting "new evidence and additional testimony" uncovered by prosecutors in New York for providing "an important opportunity to more fully bring him to justice."

Pressed on whether he had any regrets, Acosta repeatedly suggested that circumstances had changed since the case arose. "We now have 12 years of knowledge and hindsight and we live in a very different world," he said. "Today's world treats victims very, very differently."

Trump has also defended Acosta, praising his work as Labor secretary and saying he felt "very badly" for him "because I've known him as being somebody that works so hard and has done such a good job."

Trump encouraged Acosta to hold Wednesday's news conference laying out his thinking and involvement in the plea deal, according to a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Early reaction in the White House appeared to be positive, with one official saying the news conference was likely enough to buy Acosta more time unless questions about his part in the 2008 case linger in the news.

Democratic presidential contenders and party leaders have been calling for Acosta to resign or be fired, and he has been called to testify July 23 in front of the House Oversight Committee.

Many Senate Republicans, meanwhile, have taken a wait-and-see approach.

## Most attackers made threats before striking, report finds

BY COLLEEN LONG  
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WASHINGTON — One-third of the attackers who terrorized schools, houses of worship or businesses nationwide last year had a history of serious domestic violence, two-thirds had mental health issues, and nearly all had made threatening or concerning communications that worried others before they struck, according to a U.S. Secret Service report on mass attacks.

The Secret Service studied 27 incidents where a total of 91 people were killed and 107 more injured in public spaces in 2018. Among them: the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed and 17 others injured, and the fatal attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

The report analyzed the timing, weapons, locations and stressors of the attacker, plus events that led up to the incident, in an effort to better understand how such attacks unfold and how to prevent them. Members of the Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center, which did the study, briefed police, public safety and school officials at a seminar Tuesday.

"We want the community to know prevention is everyone's responsibility," said Lina Alathari, the center's chief. "Not just law enforcement."

Other incidents examined included a man who drove a truck into a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Jersey, injuring three, and a man who killed two at a law firm, and then one at a psychologist's office in



GERALD HERBERT/AP 2018

Memorial crosses honor students and faculty killed in the school attack in Parkland, Fla.

June. Criteria for the study included an incident where three or more people were injured in a public place.

Most attackers were male, ranging in age from 15 to 64. The domestic violence history often included serious violence. While 67% had mental health issues, only 44% had a diagnosis or known treatment for the issue.

Most of the attacks occurred midweek. Only one was on a Saturday.

As for motive, more than half of the attackers had a grievance against a spouse or family member, or a personal or workplace dispute. Also, 22% had no known motive.

In nearly half the cases, the attacker apparently selected the target in advance.

Alathari and her colleagues want communities to be aware of concerning behavior and these trends

so officials have something to look out for.

The Secret Service center is tasked with researching, training and sharing information on the prevention of targeted violence, using the agency's knowledge gleaned from years of watching possible targets that may or may not be out to assassinate the president.

Alathari said her team is working on a new report on school shootings and how to prevent them, and investigating averted attacks to try to figure out why someone didn't follow through.

"There is not a single solution," Alathari said. "The more that we're out there, training, the more we're out there with the community the more we share information I think it will help really alleviate and hopefully prevent even one incident from happening. One is too many."

## ANALYSIS

# 'No-deal' Brexit is Boris' whole deal

Front-runner

Johnson's plan to leave EU panned

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARLA ADAM  
The Washington Post

LONDON — The front-runner to be the next British prime minister, Boris Johnson, is barnstorming across the countryside, campaigning on his Latin-quoting, rumple-suited, Oxford-educated, optimistic, populist Englishness.

But most of all, Johnson is running on Brexit. Yet again.

Johnson was the face of the winning Vote Leave campaign in the June 2016 referendum — the one that promised it would be easy to exit, mark a windfall for the treasury and usher in a new age of global go-go Britain. And now it is his time to deliver his Brexit.

Or else.

To secure support from the 160,000 voting members of the Conservative Party who will choose the next prime minister — and who are very miffed, by the way, after three years of dithering — Johnson has promised that “do or die” Britain will leave the European Union in October.

Johnson has committed to a leap into the unknown with his vow to leave without a withdrawal deal if one has not been sorted by Oct. 31 — the latest deadline granted by the Europeans. A no-deal departure would achieve maximum sovereignty, but it could very well leave Britain poorer, at least in the short run, according to a stack of gloomy reports from economists and the government itself.

Last week, the British manufacturing group Make UK called Johnson's no-deal pledge the “height of irresponsibility,” reflecting “zero understanding” of how modern, fine-tuned free-trade economies work. Bank of England Govern-



JANE BARLOW/AP

Conservative Party leadership candidate Boris Johnson voted for Brexit. Now he wants to lead it as British prime minister.

nor Mark Carney said Johnson's contention that Britain could continue to breeze along with its current free-trade arrangement with Europe after a no-deal departure was balderdash. Carney warned that most British businesses, importers and exporters alike are unprepared for a no-deal Brexit.

There was also pushback to Johnson's recent claim that in a no-deal Brexit, Britain could avoid its financial obligations to the EU and “have an additional 39 billion pounds (\$49 billion) to spend.” The British government's own analysis predicts that a no-deal Brexit would more than wipe that out.

Like outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May, Johnson has been painting lots of red lines that could force him into uncomfortable corners.

He said he will name only Tories who are “reconciled” to a no-deal exit to his cabinet, which could leave few chairs for moderates to help him govern — or pass his future Brexit deal, whatever that might be.

Additionally, the Daily Telegraph, where Johnson still works as a \$350,000-a-year columnist, revealed that the candidate is preparing a smaller “war cabinet” to dispense with all obstacles to Britain leaving the EU on Oct. 31.

Good luck with that, say his many disbelievers. The Labour Party's shadow Brexit secretary, Keir Starmer, warned Johnson that the House of Commons will “do everything to stand in his way” if he tries to muscle through a “bad deal or a no-deal Brexit.”

Meanwhile, Johnson's challenger to be prime min-

ister, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt — who voted against leaving in June 2016 — has firmed up his Brexit bona fides by promising he, too, will go for a no-deal exit if a new withdrawal plan proves impossible.

There is some debate about whether either contender would stand by his bulldog rhetoric — whether it is more a play to get votes at home or a negotiating tactic abroad. Johnson has said that he does not really want to leave without a deal — he wants a better deal — but that Britain must prepare for such a scenario to win concessions from the Europeans.

Johnson was highly critical of his party's past leaders, both May and David Cameron, saying they were not being tough enough with “eurocrats.”

Johnson, when resigning

from May's cabinet, compared the deal she negotiated to a pile of excrement that needed to be polished.

Johnson rose to national prominence as a correspondent for the Daily Telegraph — notorious for his exaggerations and mockery in print — and he believes he knows Europe best.

But a better deal by Hal-

loween?

Here's why that would be difficult:

There will be only about 23 sitting days in Parliament between the day the new prime minister takes office in late July and Oct. 31. Johnson would need to negotiate his new, improved deal and persuade Parli-

ament to buy it. This is the same House of Commons that three times voted down May's deal — with the “no” votes coming not just from the opposition but from

zealous Tory backbenchers.

The Europeans, meanwhile, have not changed their fundamental position, at least publicly. Guy Verhofstadt, a Belgian and leader of the liberal wing in the European Parliament, said Johnson is deluded if he thinks that Britain can “tear up the withdrawal agreement that May negotiated with the EU, withhold its financial commitments to the bloc, and simultaneously start negotiating free-trade deals.”

If Johnson stumbles, hard-line Brexiteers have threatened to stage a no-confidence vote that could bring down his fledgling government. British lawmakers who oppose a no-deal Brexit have threatened the same.

That could lead to a general election, which would see a wounded Conservative Party challenged not only by its traditional adversary, the Labour Party, but by Nigel Farage's Brexit Party and newly invigorated, anti-Brexit Liberal Democrats.

European leaders, especially French President Emmanuel Macron, are weary of Brexit. Many were appalled to see Brexit Party members take their seats in the European Parliament recently and turn their backs when the EU anthem, Beethoven's “Ode to Joy,” was played.

Yet the Europeans do not want to see Britain jump ship without a life preserver. There is self-interest in this. Britain, after all, still represents the fifth-largest economy in the world. If Johnson wanted more talks, they would probably offer to parlay — and if Johnson needed more time, there would be more delay.

“Boris Johnson is doing something very simple: He is telling the people what they want to hear,” said Steven Fielding, a political historian at the University of Nottingham.

## UK envoy quits after leaked cables enrage Trump

BY DANICA KIRKA AND JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's ambassador to the United States resigned Wednesday after being branded a fool and made a diplomatic nobody by President Donald Trump following the leak of the envoy's unflattering opinions about the U.S. administration.

Storm clouds gathered over the trans-Atlantic relationship as veteran diplomat Kim Darroch said he could no longer do his job in Washington after Trump cut off all contact with the representative of one of America's closest allies.

The break in relations followed a British newspaper's publication Sunday of leaked documents that revealed the ambassador's dim view of Trump's administration, which Darroch described as dysfunctional, inept and chaotic.

“The current situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like,” Darroch said in his resignation letter. He had been due to leave his post at the end of the year.

In the leaked documents, he called the Trump administration's policy toward Iran “incoherent,” said the president might be indebted to “dodgy Russians” and raised doubts about whether the White House “will ever look competent.”

“We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept,” one missive said.

Prime Minister Theresa May and other British politicians praised Darroch, condemned the leak — and criticized Trump's intemperate comments, if only implicitly. Pointedly, however, Boris Johnson, considered the front-runner to

replace May as prime minister, did not defend the ambassador after Trump's tirade.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, Johnson's rival for the post, said Wednesday it was “absolutely essential that when our diplomats do their job all over the world we defend them.”

“We had a fine diplomat who was just doing what he should have been doing — giving a frank assessment, a personal assessment of the political situation in the country that he was posted (to) — and that's why I defended him,” he told reporters. “And I think we all should.”

Speaking at a conference on media freedom, Hunt also criticized Trump's verbal attacks on journalists.

“I wouldn't use the language President Trump used, and I wouldn't agree with it,” he said. “We have to remember that what we say can have an impact in other countries where they can't

take press freedom for granted.”

Darroch announced his decision the morning after a televised Conservative leadership debate between Hunt and Johnson. During the debate, Hunt vowed to keep Darroch in the post, but Johnson — his predecessor as foreign secretary — failed to support the British envoy.

“I think it's very important we should have a close partnership, a close friendship with the United States,” said Johnson, whom Trump has praised in the past.

Emily Thornberry, the spokeswoman on foreign affairs for the main opposition Labour Party, said Darroch “has been bullied out of his job, because of Donald Trump's tantrums and Boris Johnson's pathetic lick-spittle response.”

Darroch's forthright, unfiltered views on the U.S. administration — meant for a limited audience and dis-



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Veteran British diplomat Kim Darroch, who was due to leave his post at the end of the year, resigned Wednesday.

embarrassment to May's government and a major breach of diplomatic security.

“We will pursue the culprit with all the means at our disposal,” Foreign Office chief Simon McDonald told a committee of lawmakers, adding that police were involved in the investigation.

British officials are hunting for the culprit behind the leak, which was both an

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Petitions in favor of a move to legalize casinos in Arkansas are delivered to the secretary of state's office in Little Rock.

## GOP hurdles slow ballot initiatives

Lawmakers in several states take steps to limit moves

BY ANDREW DEMILLO  
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas voters have been active in recent years, passing ballot initiatives that legalized medical marijuana, raised the minimum wage and expanded casino gambling.

That hasn't gone over well with Republicans.

Arkansas' GOP-dominated Legislature has taken steps this year that will make it harder to put such proposals before voters, and they are not the only ones.

Florida, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah also have enacted restrictions on the public's ability to place initiatives on the ballot. In Michigan, the state's top election official is being sued over Republican-enacted requirements that make it harder to qualify proposals for the ballot.

In all, lawmakers in 16 states introduced more than 120 bills this year that would weaken the initiative process, according to the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center. The moves worry advocates who say they undermine the idea of direct democracy and could effectively shut down the initiative process in some states.

"This is a way to make sure that there is absolutely no way that anyone can do something that (Republi-

can lawmakers) don't already approve," said Florida state Sen. Oscar Braynon, a Democrat who opposed state restrictions recently signed into law.

In Arkansas, the changes came after voters legalized medical marijuana in 2016 and last year approved raising the state's minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2021.

The state's governor signed into law legislation overhauling the way measures are approved for the ballot so that a proposed initiative and the signatures collected in favor of it are reviewed at the same time. The change, critics say, would mean groups could waste time and money circulating petitions only to find out afterward that there was a problem with the wording that would disqualify it from the ballot.

Arkansas lawmakers also placed on next year's ballot a measure that, if approved by voters, would impose additional restrictions. Those would include tripling the number of counties where initiative sponsors must collect a minimum number of signatures and eliminating a 30-day period groups have to gather additional signatures if they initially fall short. The lawmakers' ballot measure also would move up by several months the deadline for submitting petitions.

"Everything they have done has the ultimate goal to eliminate the petitioning process so that the people have no voice, and it is

outrageous," said Melissa Fuels, executive director of the Drug Policy Education Group, who plans to try and get a recreational marijuana proposal on next year's ballot.

The success of the medical marijuana initiative was celebrated by Arkansas residents such as Joanie Hopson, who was one of the first in line when retailers started selling marijuana last month. She said she suffers from muscle spasms, seizures and a connective tissue disorder, and cried when she was able to buy pot legally to ease her pain.

"We were really on the verge of moving out of the state because I need my medicine," said Hopson, 36, who lives in the community of East End, a short drive south of Little Rock.

Lawmakers pushing the restrictions said they are trying to rein in an initiative process that has been an easy target for out-of-state groups. Previous initiatives included unsuccessful attempts by pro-casino groups to give certain companies a gambling monopoly in the state.

Republican state Sen. Mat Pitsch, who co-sponsored the changes in Arkansas, said the state's constitution has been changed 20 times over the past seven elections — a number that also includes measures lawmakers themselves put before voters.

"When you change your constitution three times every other year, that's more like legislating than having

a constitution," said Pitsch, who noted the proposal on next year's ballot also would raise the threshold for lawmakers to send measures to voters.

A similar argument was used in Florida when the governor this month signed legislation that erects a number of hurdles to those trying to get initiatives before voters.

The new Florida laws require paid petition gatherers to register with the secretary of state, prohibit payments based on the number of signatures collected and levy fines if petitions aren't turned in within 30 days. The petitions also must include the name and permanent address of the signature-gatherer.

Gov. Ron DeSantis defended the bill, saying it is aimed at protecting the Florida Constitution from outsiders.

"This is not supposed to be driven by out-of-state special interests; it's supposed to be driven by Floridians, but that's really not what's happened," DeSantis said. "If people really feel the need to do it, then you band together, you do your organizations, you do it. Right now, you just have one guy write a check and you pay these people per signature. It creates a lot of bad incentives."

Florida voters have approved a number of petition-driven amendments that Republicans don't like, including limits on class sizes, preschool education for all, medical marijuana

legalization and, last fall, restoring voting rights for felons who have completed their sentences. In the works are petition drives for 2020 seeking to ban assault rifles and raise the minimum wage.

In Utah, where voters last year approved medical marijuana, Medicaid expansion and redistricting proposals, the state's Republican governor signed legislation delaying the implementation of successful initiatives to give lawmakers a chance to change them.

Rep. Brad Daw, the bill's Republican sponsor, said the change allows lawmakers to keep state agencies running smoothly by revising portions of voter-approved laws that conflict with other rules before they go into effect.

Not all changes are winning favor in GOP states.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little vetoed proposals that would have made it tougher to qualify a measure for the ballot, saying he didn't believe the restrictions would stand up in court.

And in Arkansas, the fight over initiative restrictions may not be over, with groups opposing them preparing a lawsuit.

David Couch, the attorney who sponsored the minimum wage and medical marijuana initiatives, also sees another path to fighting back — placing an initiative on next year's ballot that competes with the one pushed by the Legislature.

## Chronic debate over back therapy

Medicare weighs whether to pay for acupuncture

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN  
The Washington Post

Seeking ways to address chronic pain without narcotics, Medicare is exploring whether to pay for acupuncture, a move that would thrust the government health insurance program into the long-standing controversy over whether the therapy is any better than placebo.

Coverage would be for chronic low-back pain only, a malady that afflicts millions of people. Low-back pain, acute and chronic, ranks as the third-greatest cause of poor health or mortality in the United States, behind only heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, according to the National Institutes of Health.

In its request for comments on acupuncture, the Department of Health and Human Services said that "in response to the U.S. opioid crisis, HHS is focused on preventing opioid use disorder and providing more evidence-based non-pharmacologic treatment options for chronic pain."

The agency said it hopes "to determine if acupuncture for (chronic low-back pain) is reasonable and necessary under the Medicare program." A proposal is due by July 15, with a final decision by Oct. 13.

Chronic pain — generally defined as pain that lasts 12 weeks or more — is a complex disorder with numerous causes and many possible treatments. But there is widespread agreement that health care providers have overused powerful opioid painkillers to address it, with little research to support that approach.

Currently, Medicare covers injections, braces, implanted neurostimulators and chiropractic care as well as drugs for chronic low-back pain, under certain conditions set by the program.

Acupuncture continues to gain legitimacy as a treatment for pain relief in the United States. A 2014 review reported that more than 10 million acupuncture treatments are administered each year.

Some insurance companies cover the practice, respected medical institutions offer it, and schools of acupuncture produce new practitioners.

Medicare coverage "is long overdue," said Tony Chon, director of integrative medicine and health at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. "The opioid epidemic is going to be the momentum that's really needed to push not just acupuncture but other kinds of non-pharmacological interventions to the forefront."

Some proponents also note that acupuncture is one of the safest interventions available for pain — though some accidents have been reported. Even if it works only for some people, they argue, there is little harm in trying it when other options are not effective.

Taken overall, however, research shows that acupuncture is little more effective than placebo in many cases. When the government's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality reviewed research on a wide range of therapies for chronic pain in 2018, it found the "strength of evidence" that acupuncture works for chronic low-back pain is "low."

Critics go further, noting that hundreds of years of anatomical studies have not found evidence of the points in the body linked to the "energy channels" that acupuncture claims to be stimulating to provide pain relief. They contend that acupuncture shows all the signs of the placebo effect, with providers and recipients who believe it works and the elaborate ritual of placing the needles in specially selected spots.

## NASA's Mission Control a throwback to 1969

Nerve center from when men landed on moon recreated

BY MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gone is the haze of cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke. Gone are the coffee, soda and pizza stains.

But, with only a few exceptions, NASA's Apollo-era Mission Control has been restored to the way it looked 50 years ago when two men landed on the moon.

It gets the stamp of approval from retired flight director Gene Kranz, a man for whom failure — or even a minor oversight — is never an option.

Seated at the console where he ruled over Apollo 11, Apollo 13 and so many other astronaut missions, Kranz pointed out that a phone was missing behind him. And he said the air vents used to be black from all the smoke.

Those details aside, Kranz could close, then open his eyes, and transport himself back to July 20, 1969, and Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's momentous moon landing.

"When I sit down here and I'm in the chair at the console I hear these words, 'Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed,'" Kranz said during a sneak preview at



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The Apollo-era Mission Control room at NASA's Johnson Space Center has been restored to how it looked in 1969.

NASA's Johnson Space Center.

With all the empty seats, the room reminds him of a shift change when flight controllers would hit the restroom.

"It's just nice to see the thing come alive again," said Kranz, who titled his autobiography, "Failure is Not an Option."

The June 28 grand opening — three weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of humanity's first otherworldly footsteps — culminates years of work and millions in donations. It opened to the public July 1.

Meticulously recreated down to the tan carpeting, gray-green wallpaper, white ceiling panels, woven-cushioned seats, amber glass ashtrays and retro coffee cups, Project Apollo's Mission Operations Control Room never

looked — or smelled — so good.

The goal was "to capture the look and feel of July of '69," said NASA's restoration project manager Jim Thornton.

"The place is designated a National Historic Landmark," he said. "It's not for the brick and mortar of the building, it's for the amazing feats that happened inside of the building."

Johnson's historic preservation officer, Sandra Tetley, strove for accuracy. Her quest began in 2013, after the room had fallen into neglect. It was last used for space shuttle flights in the 1990s, then abandoned and opened to tourists.

The restoration effort finally got traction in 2017. The room was closed, and construction began. More than \$5 million was raised,

most of it donations. The city of Webster across the street kicked in \$3.5 million.

Tetley and her team interviewed flight controllers and directors now in their 70s and 80s. They pored through old pictures and brought in specialists in paint, wallpaper, carpeting, electricity and upholstery. Original swatches of carpet and wallpaper and an original ceiling tile turned up.

Intent on authenticity, they scoured eBay and vintage shops for ashtrays and cups and turned to 3D-laser printing to recreate lids for the back-of-the-seat ashtrays in the glassed-in visitors' section overlooking the control room. Old binders for reams of paper were collected. Seat cushions were handwoven. Ceiling tiles were hand stamped.

Carpeting was custom ordered with special tufting and extra yarn, then cut into 28-inch squares. The restoration team wanted a lived-in look for the carpet and chose a shade reflecting years of nicotine discoloring.

And yes, Kranz got his missing rotary-dial wall phone.

"I fought for everything," Tetley said. "But we're getting everything we want to make it just completely historically accurate."

The green consoles were trucked to the Cosmo-sphere museum in

Hutchinson, Kansas, for months of rehab. Cigarette butts were dug out of the consoles, along with gum wrappers and papers.

Modern LED lights and flat screens were installed to bring the consoles alive with images and flashing buttons; big screens up front will show key footage from the Apollo 11 mission.

"We're using technology to make it look old, basically," Tetley explained.

With the International Space Station's Mission Control running 24/7 one floor down and work for future moonshots going on all around, Thornton said it was challenging to create a museum. But the painstaking work paid off. Some Apollo flight controllers were so moved at seeing the restored room that they teared up.

"Then we know that we've done it right," Tetley said.

There's one artifact, though, that doesn't fit. Following their 1970 aborted moon-landing mission, Apollo 13's Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert presented a mirror from their spacecraft to Kranz and the control team. Ever since, the mirror had hung on a plaque above the room's water fountain "to 'reflect the image' of the people in Mission Control who got us back!"

Removed during the restoration, it's back in its original spot.

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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Thousands of endangered animals seized in global action

PARIS — Police and customs officials have carried out the most widespread anti-wildlife-trafficking operation ever in a joint global operation that's led to the seizure of thousands of endangered animals and the arrest of nearly 600 suspects.

The World Customs Organization and Interpol said Wednesday that in June they conducted nearly 2,000 seizures in a historic joint-operation that helped local author-

ities round up nearly 10,000 live turtles and tortoises, nearly 1,500 live reptiles, 23 live apes, 30 live big cats, hundreds of pieces of elephant tusk, a half-ton of ivory and five rhino horns.

"It's the first time such a large joint network has been mobilized — across 109 countries," Interpol's wildlife expert Henri Fournel said.

Operation Thunderball led to the arrest of 582 suspects, Interpol said.

## Man's death in Nevada may be linked to California earthquake

LOS ANGELES — A powerful July 4 earthquake in the Southern California desert may have killed a man in neighboring Nevada, authorities said.

It would be the first death linked to the magnitude 6.4 quake near Ridgecrest that was felt far and wide.

The Nye County Sheriff's Department said deputies on Tuesday found a 56-year-old man pinned

under a Jeep in Pahrump, about 150 miles from the quake's epicenter.

It is believed the man was working on the Jeep, which apparently fell off of its jacks when the quake hit, Sgt. Adam Tippets said.

The man's name wasn't immediately released.

No other deaths or serious injuries have been linked to the quake or to a magnitude 7.1 temblor that struck Friday.

## Shelter to confine Chernobyl's radioactive dust is unveiled

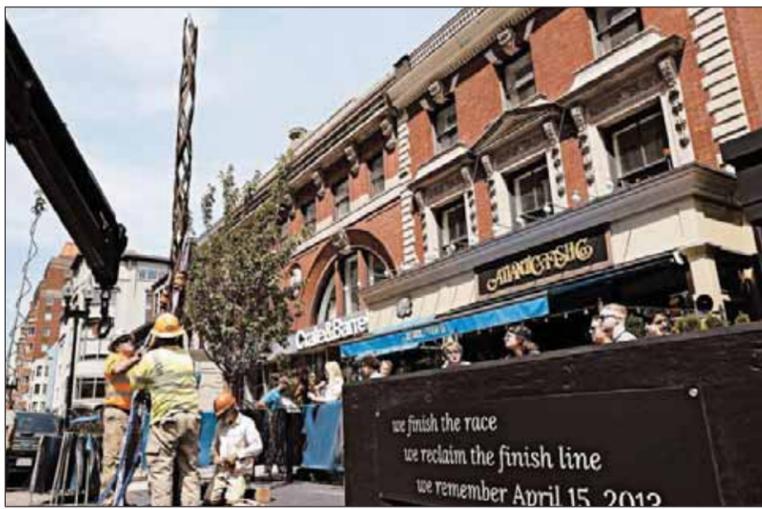
KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday inaugurated a giant structure built to confine radioactive debris at the nuclear reactor that exploded in Chernobyl.

The complex construction effort to secure the molten reactor's core and 200 tons of highly radioactive material took nine years to complete under the auspices of the European Bank for Recon-

struction and Development.

Officials described the shelter as the largest movable land-based structure ever built, with a span of more than 840 feet and a weight of more than 40,000 tons.

Reactor No. 4 at the plant exploded and burned on April 26, 1986, spewing radioactive dust across Europe in the world's worst nuclear accident.



Workers on Wednesday install one of four bronze light pillars that will be part of a memorial to the victims of the April 15, 2013, Boston Marathon bombings near the finish line on Boylston Street, the site of one of the explosions.

## Trump directs government to revamp care for kidney disease

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday revamping care for kidney disease so more people whose kidneys fail can have a chance at early transplants and home dialysis, and others don't get that sick in the first place.

Trump said his order was aimed at "making life better and longer for millions" by increasing the supply of donated kidneys, making it easier for patients to have dialysis in the comfort of their own homes and prioritizing the development of an artificial

kidney.

The changes won't happen overnight because some initiatives will require new government regulations.

Because a severe organ shortage complicates the call for more transplants, the Trump administration will try to ease the financial hardships for living donors by reimbursing them for expenses such as lost wages and child care.

Today's system favors expensive, time-consuming dialysis in large centers over easier-to-tolerate at-home care or transplants that help patients live long-

er.

More than 30 million American adults have chronic kidney disease, costing Medicare \$113 billion.

Careful treatment — including control of diabetes and high blood pressure, the two main culprits — can help prevent further kidney deterioration.

But more than 700,000 people have end-stage renal disease, meaning their kidneys have failed, and require either a transplant or dialysis to survive.

Only about one-third received specialized kidney care before they got so sick.

## 22 nations urge China to end Xinjiang detentions

GENEVA — Human Rights Watch says 22 Western countries have issued a statement urging China to end mass arbitrary detentions and other violations against Uighurs and other Muslims in the Xinjiang region.

The advocacy group hailed the "important" state-

ment at the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council.

The signatories issued the statement as a "letter" at the council, and stopped short of seeking a council resolution — a testament to the challenges of building support against increasingly influential China.

Rights groups and the

United States estimate up to 1 million Muslims may be arbitrarily detained in Xinjiang.

China denies that widespread abuse occurs in the detention centers and calls them training schools aimed to combat extremism and provide employable skills.

## Nominee for Joint Chiefs accused of misconduct

WASHINGTON — A senior military officer has accused the Air Force general tapped to be the next vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of sexual misconduct, potentially jeopardizing his nomination.

Members of Congress have raised questions about the allegations and the military investigation of the allegations.

The officer said Gen. John Hyten subjected her to a series of unwanted sexual advances by kissing, hugging and rubbing up against her during 2017 while she was one of his aides. She says he tried to derail her military career after she rebuffed him.

The Associated Press routinely does not name victims of sexual assault.

The Air Force investigated the allegations, and found there was insufficient evidence to charge the general or recommend punishment.

**On Crete:** A state coroner on the Greek island who examined the body of a woman believed to be of a missing American scientist said she had died as a result of a "criminal act."

Antonios Papadomanolakis said Wednesday that final confirmation was still needed to confirm the identity of the body found Monday outside the port city of Chania, but he added it was highly likely it was Suzanne Eaton, 59, a molecular biologist, who was reported missing last week.

Eaton, who worked at the Max Planck Institute in Dresden, Germany, had been attending a conference in Crete.

Papadomanolakis said he believed the woman died around the time she was last seen, on July 2.

## An about-face for a four-star Navy admiral

Chosen to be its top officer, he will retire in disgrace

BY ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The four-star admiral set to become the Navy's top officer on Aug. 1 will instead retire, an extraordinary downfall prompted by what Navy Secretary Richard Spencer earlier this week called poor judgment regarding a professional relationship.

The sudden move by Adm. William Moran may add to the perception of turmoil in the Pentagon's senior ranks, coming less than a month after Pat Shanahan abruptly withdrew from consideration to be defense secretary after serving as the acting secretary for six months.

Leaders of the individual military services, both civilian and uniformed, play less critical roles in national security than the defense secretary, and they are not in the chain of military command. But they are responsible for ensuring that the armed forces are trained, equipped and prepared for combat and other roles.

Moran had been vetted

for promotion to the top uniformed position in the Navy, nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the Senate in May to succeed Adm. John Richardson as chief of naval operations and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Instead, Moran said in a written statement Sunday evening that he told Spencer he decided to decline his appointment as the next chief of naval operations and requested to be allowed to retire.

"Adm. Bill Moran recently brought to my attention that over the past two years he maintained a professional relationship with an individual who was held accountable and counseled for failing to meet the values and standards of the Naval profession," Spencer said in a written statement Sunday evening. "While I admire his faithful service and commitment to the Navy, this decision on his part to maintain that relationship has caused me to call his judgment into question. Therefore, today I accepted Adm. Moran's request to retire."

Senior Navy officials said Spencer learned of this relationship only after Moran's Senate confirmation in May.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive details.

Spencer provided no details about the unnamed individual, but other officials said Spencer was referring to Moran having recently taken public affairs counsel from Chris Servello, who was removed from his position as public affairs adviser to Richardson in 2017 and given a non-punitive letter of reprimand for drinking and fraternizing with junior officers during and after a December 2016 Navy Christmas party.

Servello was accused of making unwanted sexual passes while dressed as Santa Claus at the party. No charges were filed against him. He retired from the Navy last May at the rank of commander. Servello had previously worked for Moran as a public affairs officer.

In an interview Sunday evening, Servello said he was aware of Moran's decision to retire.

"It's hard not to feel disappointment and disbelief," he said. "This is terrible news for the Navy, and beyond that, I don't have anything to add."

Moran said his decision to decline his appointment and to instead retire was



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Adm. William Moran, who was poised to become the Navy's top officer Aug. 1, will instead retire. He had been vetted for promotion to the top uniformed position in the Navy

based also on what he called an open investigation into "the nature of some of my personal email correspondence over the past couple of years." He also cited the Servello relationship, without using his name.

"To be clear," Moran added, "my decision to maintain this relationship was in no way an endorsement or tacit approval of" the kind of misconduct that Servello was disciplined for. "I understand how toxic it can be to any team when inappropriate behavior goes unrecognized and unchecked. Every Sailor is entitled to serve in an environment free of harassment or intimidation."

With Moran's departure,

Richardson will extend his tenure as Navy chief and Spencer said he would recommend a new candidate for nomination by Trump and consideration by the Senate. Richardson's official retirement date is in September.

Moran is a naval aviator by training. He has been serving as the deputy chief of naval operations, the No. 2 uniformed position in the Navy behind Richardson. He was nominated in April to succeed Richardson and was confirmed for the post by the Senate in May.

Moran's downfall adds to an unusually long list of leadership questions facing the Pentagon, which has been operating without a

Senate-confirmed defense secretary since Jim Mattis resigned in December 2018.

Mark Esper, who had been Army secretary, is now the acting secretary of defense, but Trump has not yet sent his nomination to the Senate.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford is due to step down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff this fall. His intended successor, Army Gen. Mark Milley, is scheduled to testify at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday.

Also on Thursday, Gen. David Berger is scheduled to take over as commandant of the Marine Corps, succeeding Gen. Robert Neller.

## Baby dolls deliver a sense of happiness to Alzheimer's patients

BY CATHY FREE  
Special to The Washington Post

Almost 15 years ago, Sandy Cambron noticed her mother-in-law, Pearl Walker, had become withdrawn and quiet after she moved into a nursing home for Alzheimer's patients in Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

"We tried everything — photo albums, old stories — but nothing worked," she said. "It was really hard on everyone to see how she had changed."

Then one day while Cambron was in a toy store,

she had an idea: Why not give Pearl a baby doll so she could feel as if she were caring for something again? While she was at it, why not give one to all the other care center residents?

The plan worked. As soon as Cambron gave Pearl the doll, wrapped in a soft pink blanket, her mother-in-law's light shined up.

"She started talking again and she never went anywhere without that baby," said Cambron. "She took 'baby' to the dining room with her and slept with her in her arms every night.

When she passed away a year later, we even buried her with that well-loved baby doll."

In the following decade, Cambron and her husband, Wayne Cambron, continued to buy dozens of dolls in Pearl's memory, dressing them in cute footie pajamas and handing them out to residents of care centers near their home in Shepherdsville every Christmas, instead of giving gifts to each other.

Now Pearl's Memory Babies is a nonprofit that has donated more than 300

dolls to seniors with Alzheimer's disease or dementia at nursing homes throughout western Kentucky and southern Indiana since February 2018.

The Cambrons started the charity with help from Shannon Gray Blair, a co-worker at the optometry store and clinic where Sandy Cambron once worked.

"When Sandy offered to give a doll to my mom, who had Alzheimer's, I knew this was something I wanted to be a part of," Blair, 47, said.

She knew it again last year after she posted Valentine's Day photos on Facebook of seniors reacting to a batch of dolls she and Cambron delivered to a local nursing home.

The post went viral overnight with more than 210,000 shares.

"Just like that, we had a new hobby," said Cambron, 71, whose home has been overtaken with baby dolls, infant clothing, fleece blankets and diapers, along with stuffed "therapy" animals for seniors who once owned pets and who might prefer

to have a dog or cat.

With almost \$15,000 donated to the cause through GoFundMe, Cambron, who is now retired, spends a lot of time shopping for dolls, onesies and baby caps.

"I had no idea that it would take off like this. It's a simple idea, but it works," she said.

When Alzheimer's patients hold their dolls close, they receive therapy in a way that cannot be measured, said Elise Hinchman of Sayre Christian Village, a nonprofit retirement community in Lexington, Ky.

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## EDITORIALS

# A TIF to tackle the blight of ... Kenilworth?

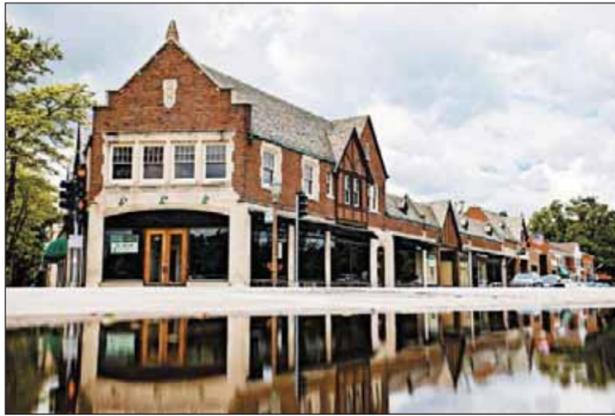
Think well-heeled wealth in the Chicago area. What comes to mind? Kenilworth? You wouldn't be wrong. Columned mansions and homes out of a Merchant-Ivory movie are the norm. The North Shore suburb is the eighth-richest ZIP code in America, and the wealthiest in Illinois. Median home value, \$1.3 million. Median household income, \$203,000.

Not a place where you'd worry about the onset of blight, right?

On Monday, village officials are expected to vote on whether to approve the use of tax increment financing — a revitalization tool that's supposed to fight blight — to revamp the suburb's downtown.

The village would use \$23 million in revenue generated by the TIF district to "beautify our downtown, provide grants to improve building facades, install new sidewalks, benches and street lighting, as well as incentivize reasonable development," Village President Ann Potter said in a letter to residents last month.

The idea has rankled some residents, who've created the "Our Kenilworth Committee"



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kenilworth officials are set to vote next week on whether to use tax increment financing to revamp the wealthy suburb's downtown.

website aimed at rallying opposition to the proposal. The intent of TIF districts, the website states, is to "revitalize economically depressed communities. That's not Kenilworth."

**There's an eye-popping incongruity** to the notion of a TIF in tony Kenilworth. But what's even

more remarkable is that, the way the state's TIF law is written, Kenilworth is within its rights to seek a TIF.

After a TIF is established, tax revenue collected within its boundaries is frozen for up to 23 years. The incremental increases in tax revenue that are produced by rising property values within

the TIF are supposed to get reinvested into improvements inside the district. Illinois' TIF law states that blight is supposed to be a prerequisite for a project or parcel of land getting TIF assistance.

But state law leaves wide leeway for when a TIF can be applied. In Kenilworth's case, village officials are relying on language in the law that allows the downtown to qualify because, while it isn't a blighted area now, it may become one for a host of reasons, from the age of buildings to a lack of adequate utilities.

We find it hard to come up with any way that downtown Kenilworth can be considered blighted, or on its way toward being blighted. If state law allows a moneyed hamlet like Kenilworth to get a TIF, then something's wrong with the state's law.

**The original intent of Illinois' TIF law** was to revive neighborhoods and communities saddled by discernible dilapidation and disinvestment. Application of the law has strayed far beyond those bounds. Getting back to the law's origins would strip the ability of

affluent areas to declare themselves needy, would limit the TIF abuses that have occurred in some communities and would reduce the chances of TIF financing devolving into slush funds for well-connected developers.

TIFs can play an important role in revving up economic growth. Set-aside proceeds can modernize roads, bridges, transit improvements and other infrastructure that, without a helping hand, likely would not get built. Properly deployed, they can serve as spark plugs for the creation of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic output. But TIFs can also be misused, funding improvements that property owners should finance. When that happens, who loses? Taxpayers, of course.

**Mayor Lori Lightfoot** has signaled her intent to reform how TIFs are used in Chicago. In the meantime, Illinois lawmakers should start thinking about reform that embraces the original intent of tax increment financing — providing taxpayer help where it's truly needed.

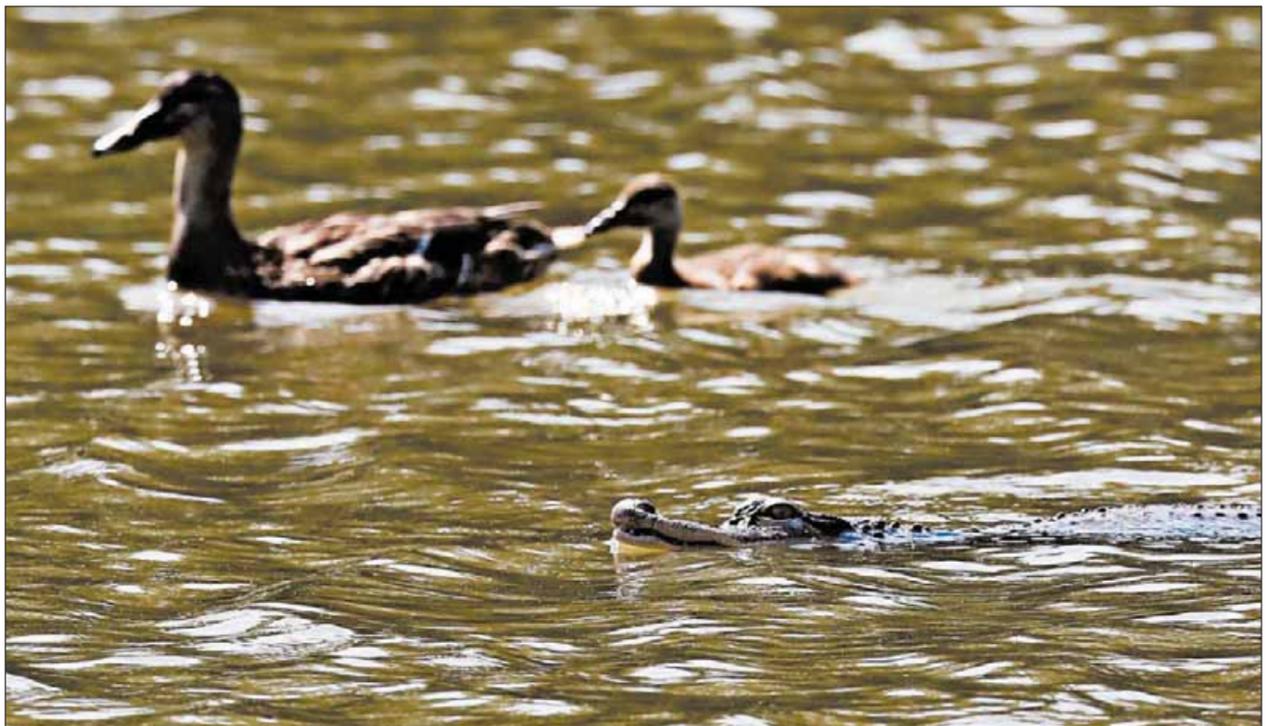
## Humboldt Park's alligator is the summer story Chicago can use right now

People love a curiosity in mid-summer. Fourth of July fireworks have faded from the sky. Long days and hot weeks stretch ahead. Property tax bills have come due, and the body politic is restless.

Enter the Humboldt Park alligator, first considered a mysterious, Loch Ness-type sighting in the West Side lagoon and then a bona-fide 4- to 5-foot swimming reptile.

Despite the fearsome reputation of its kind, this alligator is almost surely a victim in this scenario, appearing in the unusual spot because people acquire animals they shouldn't and then ditch them irresponsibly. An observant neighbor says the Humboldt Park Lagoon is something of a dumping depth for unwanted water pets.

**It seems reasonable to hope for a happy outcome** all the way around, with no loss of reptilian or mammalian life. At this writing, police and a local rescuer aim to humanely trap what they believe is an American alligator, tempting it with raw chicken legs. They plan to then send it to a zoo for caretaking. People and pets had already been advised to avoid the lagoon because of blue-green algae, a potentially toxic bacteria. Thanks to a late-night watch by Tribune photographer Armando L. Sanchez, we've now looked into the alligator's eyes. One of them, anyway. We want this to end well. Chicago and the suburbs have



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

seen alligators before, and a coyote in a downtown sandwich-shop cooler, and other unexpected images of wildlife in our midst. Some tucked-away instinct awakens when people see the natural world incongruously out of order. Attention must be paid.

**Long before social media**, which gives us bonding over #GatorWatch and an image of a fisherman attempting to catch the #HumboldtGator with a dangling bottle of Malort, newspaper "brites" recounted this type of entertaining, mostly incon-

sequential story. In early July 1902, a small alligator was spotted in the Chicago River. A Tribune article describes police shooting at it and a bridge worker landing "head foremost" in the water upon trying to catch it with a noose. The madcap story ends

with the no-doubt bewildered alligator in a barrel of water. A century later, thrilling along with the tale of a large rogue reptile gliding alongside ducks on a hot day in the middle of the city is still an irresistible diversion. Hey, it beats working.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Rolling Stones, the bad boys of rock in the 1960s and '70s, are showing their age. In April, the band postponed the start of its North American tour so that Mick Jagger could have surgery, reportedly to replace a damaged heart valve. Now, he is prancing onstage again, and the band's three-month tour is off to a rollicking start.

I'd like to believe that the Stones are as ageless as Peter Pan. But it turns out that the band chose, as its sole tour sponsor, the Alliance for Lifetime Income — a trade association that promotes the sale of annuities. Yet preparing for retirement isn't what "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" is all about.

Perhaps none of this should be surprising. The Stones started performing in the summer of 1962, and all four current members are over 70. ... I'd be happier if the Alliance for Lifetime Income were devoted to restoring financial strength to Social Security. Oh, well. You can't always get what you want. ...

I've started to feel as though I wandered into a strange zone — a 2019 version of the entertainment and advertising geared toward a geriatric crowd, like the old Lawrence Welk TV show.

Welk's sponsors included Geritol, a vitamin concoction that promised to energize people afflicted with "iron-poor blood." He performed beloved music from another era — I thought it was hokey — but he was my grandmother's favorite just as I was becoming infatuated with the Stones.

**Jeff Sommer**,  
**The New York Times**

# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Fans celebrate the U.S. women's soccer team World Cup victory at a ticker tape parade Wednesday in New York. The American women also won the last cup, in 2015.

## Why the debate about equal pay for US women's soccer isn't that clear-cut

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

From one angle, financial compensation for athletes appears a rare island of social justice. The Forbes list of the world's richest people skews heavily toward white people, but the list of top-paid athletes inverts the racial wealth gap: Fewer than 30 of the world's 100 highest-paid athletes are non-Hispanic whites.

Then again, the list of the highest-paid athletes has exactly one woman on it, Serena Williams, No. 63. In recent years, the disparity has become a minor cause among younger feminists. And now that the United States has again won the Women's World Cup, their cause has turned into a national obsession, as Americans abruptly noticed that the pool of prize money available to their champions was less than 10% of what FIFA, soccer's world governing body, offers the men. Members of the U.S. women's team are also suing U.S. Soccer, their employer, for paying them less than the men's team.

The pay gap is an outrage, outraged pundits proclaimed. Others fired back that the men's World Cup last year generated \$6 billion, of which the participants split \$400 million, or about 7% of the total revenue. The

Women's World Cup is expected to generate \$131 million, of which the women's teams are splitting \$30 million, or about 23% of the overall revenue. Arguably, compared with the men, the women were actually grossly overpaid.

The U.S. women's team's boosters respond, undoubtedly with some truth, that the difference in revenue isn't happenstance; it occurs in a cultural context where women are devalued. Their interlocutors point out, also with at least some truth, that women just aren't as strong as men, or as fast, and thus, they argue, their soccer games aren't as exciting to watch.

I'll leave discussion of the sport's finer points to someone who can keep a straight face while using "soccer" and "exciting to watch" in the same sentence. Instead, I'll open my copy of "Anarchy, State and Utopia" and note that philosopher Robert Nozick anticipated this question decades ago.

In a famous thought experiment, Nozick used legendary basketball player Wilt Chamberlain to explore what happens when perfectly innocent individual choices produce a pattern of income distribution that we don't like.

Nozick asks us to imagine that society has achieved what everyone

regards as a just income distribution, at which point a basketball team offers Chamberlain 25 cents out of every dollar it collects if he will only come play for it. If Chamberlain takes his 25 cents from each of the dollars paid by a million fans, changing the income distribution, is it still just? After all, the people who paid that money had a right to it, and presumably also a right to give it away. By what right do we gainsay their choice?

The parallels to the Women's World Cup are close, down to the relevant percentages. The fans who avidly followed the men's tournament certainly weren't doing anything wrong. And it's hard to argue that each of them had a moral obligation to be exactly as interested in women's soccer.

Even if we could stop them from watching the men more than the women, should we? And if not, should we expect FIFA to pay the women's soccer players *three times the total revenue of their tournament* to produce an income distribution we like better? Or level the distribution at the other end, by taking money away from men who haven't actually done anything wrong by playing well and attracting many fans?

It's tempting to answer that the fan

choices aren't innocent, they're sexist. But since we can't peek into their hearts, to say that definitively, we'd have to assume that men's greater speed, strength and endurance definitely make *no* difference to the sport's quality. Fair enough, but then why do fans prefer to watch Megan Rapinoe play instead of the sedentary elderly who could presumably use some exercise?

Alternatively, maybe pay should be equalized precisely because biology is unfair. But that seems to be an argument for curbing the pay of all top-level athletes, who have to hit the genetic lottery just to get on the field.

It might be easier to focus on the distributions across society at large, rather than every individual industry, especially when fundamental biology is in play.

Unfortunately, biology has been less generous to women in the matters of strength and speed, making sports a poor arena in which to battle our larger social problem.

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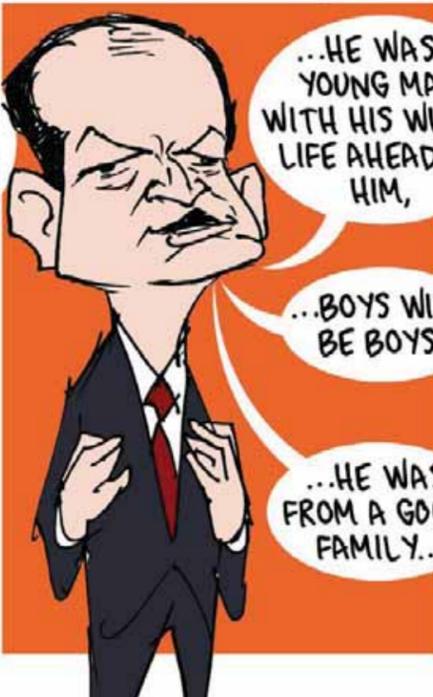
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## PERSPECTIVE



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The Pedway in the Loop needs improvement, but adding signs, like the one above shown in 2016, is not the answer.

## Keep Chicago's Pedway perfectly confusing

BY JONATHAN SOLOMON

A recent city proposal seeks up to \$12.5 million for improvements to the Chicago Pedway, the network of tunnels, bridges, basements and lobbies that links together over 40 blocks in the Loop.

The Pedway, parts of which are managed by different city agencies and private developers, is undeniably in need of attention and care. Though used heavily, it is frequently disregarded and remains unknown even to many locals. Parts of the Pedway leak, lighting and air handling varies, as does basic maintenance.

One of the improvements that has been called for is more signage. While funding could benefit the Pedway and the people who use it in various ways, one thing it does not need is more signs.

Good signage means more efficiency, but it does not mean better urbanism.

Well-signed spaces are generally those you are supposed to move through quickly but not stay in: airports, train stations, shopping malls, tourist towns. But cities, in their rich complexity, are meant to be learned by being traversed, and engaged citizens are encouraged to be in them, not just pass through them.

The Pedway is not an airport or a mall. We do not want people to just move through it, we want them to be *in* it, like a neighborhood.

While the Pedway connects train stations, tourist attractions such as Millen-

nium Park and parking garages, it is more than just a passage space for commuters and visitors. The Pedway is also a cultural network, connecting institutions from the Chicago Cultural Center to the Chicago Fashion Incubator, to city, state and county offices. It is a community of Loop residents and students, it is the dry cleaners, shoe shiners, pool lifeguards and others who work in the Pedway system, those who provide security and maintenance, and even those who live in the Pedway itself.

It would be a mistake to make the Pedway more like a shopping mall. Chicago, and all of America, is experiencing a retail crisis. Suburban malls are being repurposed or left vacant, and many urban shopping streets are experiencing retail vacancies.

The Pedway, however, accommodates a different kind of business and has a unique culture. Part of this is the culture of getting lost.

Chicagoans, who have long enjoyed life on a vast level grid, oriented to cardinal directions and numerically coded, don't get lost enough. Today, the ubiquity of cell-phones and GPS maps makes getting lost even harder.

Ironically, the compass-rose icon used as the informal Pedway symbol for signage is precisely what the Pedway, uniquely in Chicago, forbids: cardinal directions are difficult if not impossible to perceive. You can't see the sun or familiar landmarks on the skyline, or sense the presence of the

lake. Cellphones get poor service. Beware: You might stumble on something new!

Care and personal engagement come when people feel an attachment to place. The Pedway could benefit from funding for upgrades that support this.

For example, more accessible entryways would help make the Pedway a space for all Chicagoans. More elevators and ramps, and fewer doors, would make navigating the Pedway easier and safer regardless of a person's abilities, and would also welcome pedestrians pushing strollers or rolling luggage or grocery carts. Requiring property owners to build and maintain public restrooms would provide a desperately needed amenity and would help make the Pedway a more humane place where everyone felt both welcomed and comfortable.

Investing in public art and culture in the space and its history would improve the experience of being in the Pedway while enriching the character of the Loop and the city.

But please, keep the Pedway a little confusing.

*Jonathan Solomon is an architect whose research on pedways in cities around the world includes the book "Cities Without Ground," with Adam Frampton and Clara Wong. He is also a director, with David Hays, of Space p11, a gallery for off-grid art, architecture and culture located in the Chicago Pedway.*

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Community policing needed

It seems that before Chicago begins a long holiday weekend, the mayor and the police superintendent announce that the neighborhoods will be flooded with hundreds of extra police officers to try to stem the violence. A solid strategy that may be effective; however, there is no way to effectively judge just how successful a strategy it is.

Some years back, the Chicago Police Department had a program for beat officers assigned to the neighborhoods called Walk and Talk. It got beat officers out of their vehicles and into the communities they were serving and protecting. It was impossible to not know the people in those neighborhoods: adults, children, business owners and yes, gang members also. In turn, the neighborhood folks saw firsthand the cops up close and personal. The first step in gaining trust is to know each other; from there, human nature takes its course. The program worked.

The people in those neighborhoods and the city's cops desperately need each other if they are going to make any kind of dent in Chicago's ongoing violence. I know the program ended sometime back without a proper explanation. Soon after, the city's top cops adopted the controversial "broken windows" theory, and any kind of trust that was built up soon dissipated. Many prominent people, including a past U.S. attorney in Chicago and current Mayor Lori Lightfoot, are on record saying that Chicago is not going to arrest its way out of its violence problem, but rest assured, it's not going to talk its way out either. The Walk and Talk program deserves another serious look. It will bring the two most important groups together on a daily basis.

When you get to know someone on a personal level, can trust be that far behind? It might not happen overnight, but I'm guessing it could be a big part of the fix Chicago seems to be looking for.

— Bob Angone, retired lieutenant, Chicago Police Department, Miramar Beach, Fla.

#### Don't rush property tax overhaul

A column by Kristen McQueary about the proposed overhaul of Cook County's property tax system ("There's only one way to clean up government in Illinois and City Hall," July 2) addressed a possible reason why a bipartisan group of House lawmakers would oppose it. But it fails to acknowledge the very real concerns commercial and industrial taxpayers have raised concerning this legislation.

The Cook County assessor's office failed on numerous occasions to answer a vital question: Where will the property tax burden ultimately shift and who will be left on the hook?

When dealing with Cook County's complicated and expensive \$14 billion property tax system, it is critical that we address this question before making such drastic changes. That is why the business community engaged in conversations with the assessor's office for months in hopes of finding a solution that would best serve already overtaxed taxpayers. While progress has been made in terms of the technical language, the vital question remains unanswered.

We all agree that transparency is important. However, according to a report released by the International Association of Assessing Officers, the Cook County assessor's office is understaffed, and its technology is outdated. Until the county makes the necessary investments to update its systems to effectively use the voluminous information it already receives, it would be unable to credibly and reliably use the vast amount of additional information it is seeking under this legislation. To say nothing of the questions related to protecting financial and proprietary information and the burdensome requirements on small and midsize businesses.

Property taxes are complicated enough, and rushing a solution without knowing exactly how it would impact taxpayers is irresponsible. Lawmakers should be praised for taking a "first do no more harm" approach by questioning the impact Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's proposal would have on Cook County taxpayers and requiring his office to answer vital questions fully.

— Jack Lavin, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; Rob Karr, Illinois Retail Merchants Association; Mark Denzler, Illinois Manufacturers' Association; and Carol Portman, Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois

## America is better than 'just OK'

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

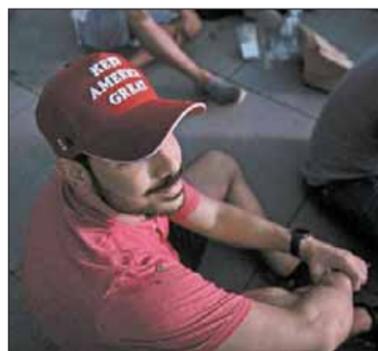
Maybe President Donald Trump was right that we needed a "Salute to America" last week, because apparently some Americans have lost sight of the greatness of our country. Case in point: To mark Independence Day, The New York Times posted a video op-ed challenging what it called the "mythology" of American greatness. "America may once have been the greatest," the Times video declares, "but today, America, we're just OK."

The video is like a caricature of how conservatives think the left sees America — except it isn't a caricature; it's real. It's a straw man come to life. As evidence we're just OK, the video cites statistics showing that other developed countries, such as Luxembourg, Sweden and Norway, have lower poverty rates or better education and health care outcomes than America. And as for our "kick-ass democracy," the Times says, it's not that big a deal because "a lot of countries have freedoms."

Put aside for a moment all the misleading data the video uses to show America is not so great. The fact is, all the freedom and progress those other countries enjoy today would not be possible without the United States.

The reason that "a lot of countries have freedoms" today is because our Founding Fathers pioneered the principle of popular sovereignty, where governments answer to the people instead of the other way around. At the time of our founding, the rest of the world was ruled by monarchs. Our founders established the first country in human history that was built on an idea — the idea of human liberty.

For most of our history, American democracy was a global outlier. In 1938, on the eve of World War II, there were just 17 democracies. It was not until 1998 — just two decades ago — that there were more



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democracies than autocracies.

That dramatic explosion of freedom didn't just happen. It was the direct result of the rise of the United States as a global superpower. The U.S.-powered victory over Nazi tyranny in World War II and our triumph over Soviet tyranny in the Cold War defeated the hateful ideologies of fascism and communism, and unleashed a wave of freedom that has spread across the world. Today, 4.1 billion people live in democracies. (Of those who do not, 4 out of 5 live in China.)

The unprecedented expansion of liberty has produced unprecedented prosperity. Last September, the Brookings Institution reported that "for the first time since agriculture-based civilization began 10,000 years ago, the majority of humankind ... some 3.8 billion people, live in households with enough discretionary expenditure to be considered 'middle class' or 'rich.'"

None of that would be possible without the Pax Americana guaranteed by the U.S. military. Americans liberated a continent, rebuilt much of it from the rubble of war with the Marshall Plan, and then stood watch on freedom's frontier and prevented

a Soviet tank invasion across the Fulda Gap. And today, the only thing that stops North Korea from invading South Korea or China from invading Taiwan is American military might.

So, let's be clear: Every country that enjoys democratic governance today owes its birth of freedom to our Founding Fathers, and the continued existence of their democracy to the U.S. military.

Today, for all its flaws, America remains the freest, most innovative, most prosperous country in the history of the world. We invented the lightbulb and the iPhone. We put a man on the moon and a rover on Mars. We are a nation of unparalleled military power and unlimited opportunity. There's a reason we have a crisis on our southern border; millions want to come here so that they can share in the abundance of American prosperity.

The men and women who flew those fighters and bombers over the National Mall last week make it all possible. They provide the critical foundation of peace and security upon which our freedom, and the freedom of all the world's democracies, is built. Maybe Luxembourg scores better on some measures, but no one is counting on Luxembourg to secure the peace of the world. Trump was right to shine a spotlight on our men and women in uniform and to remind those who have lost sight of it that the United States is not simply the greatest nation on Earth; we are indispensable. Without us, the world would be mired in the darkness of totalitarianism rather than the light of liberty.

That is better than "just OK."

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## Powell signals rate cut likely at end of July

Fed chief calls independence of central bank vital

BY HEATHER LONG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell had two messages for Congress on Wednesday: Central bank independence is critical and an interest rate cut is likely at the end of July.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly bashed the Fed, blaming Powell and his team for harming the economy by keeping interest rates too high and threatening to try to remove Powell as chair if the situation doesn't change. Powell

hinted Wednesday that a cut is likely to happen this month because Trump's trade war and slowing growth abroad are starting to bite.

"Since (June) ... it appears that uncertainties around trade tensions and concerns about the strength of the global economy continue to weigh on the U.S. economic outlook. Inflation pressures remain muted," Powell said during his testimony to the House Financial Services Committee.

U.S. stocks hit record highs with the S&P 500 index crossing 3,000 for the first time ever. Wall Street is pricing in a near 100% probability of a reduction in interest rates at the Fed's July 31 meeting.

"Jay Powell fully en-



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Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell arrives Wednesday to testify before the House Financial Services Committee.

dorsed the July rate cut and did ... nothing to pull the markets back from that expectation," Peter Boockvar,

chief investment officer at the Bleakley Advisory Group, wrote to clients.

Many, including econo-

mist Ed Yardeni, president of Yardeni Research, say the latest stock market highs are a direct result of "Powell's Pirouette" on policy. At the start of the year he wanted to be "patient" on any changes to interest rates cuts, but in June he changed to signal that a rate cut was now likely even though the economy remains solid.

The U.S. economy is doing "reasonably well," Powell said, but he noted that business investment has "slowed notably," likely because of the uncertainty around trade and global growth. He also stressed that the economic gains have not been shared evenly by everyone. Hispanics, African Americans and those in rural communities are continuing to have a harder

time finding jobs that pay well.

Investors confidence in a rate cut was further boosted by the release Wednesday of the minutes for the Federal Reserve's June 18-19 meeting that said most of the board's officials expressed concern that the outlook for the U.S. economy was weakening, and many said the Fed should soon cut rates if uncertainty continued to weigh on growth.

Some businesses, particularly in manufacturing, have pulled back on spending and hiring because of greater uncertainty about U.S. trade disputes, Fed officials said, according to minutes. Slower global growth is also dragging on exports,

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Pittsburgh International Airport in Imperial, Pennsylvania, was the first airport to open up to non-travelers, in 2017.

## Traveling or just hanging out?

Airports opening up to latest trend: Terminal tourism

BY MARY SCHLANGENSTEIN  
Bloomberg News

Chuck Hughey braves security lines at Pittsburgh International Airport at least once a week. Not to catch a flight, but to get an ice cream cone or cruise a few of the concourses.

Is he nuts? Not at all, he will tell you, just a dotting grandfather. He and 3-year-old Cleo spend quality time there, riding the trams between terminals and gliding along the moving walkways.

"It's so convenient, so

safe and so secure," Hughey, a 72-year-old retired school superintendent, said after a recent visit on what's called a non-traveler pass. "She loves to look out the big picture window and have a bottle of milk she got from Dunkin' Donuts and sit there and watch airplanes coming and going and the baggage carriers loading up the planes. We have a great time."

Hughey is at the vanguard of a new phenomenon: terminal tourism.

Programs adopted or being considered by a number of airports allow people beyond security checkpoints so they can meet arriving relatives or just hang out. It's a return to the days before the 9/11 terror-

ist attacks, when airport security was more relaxed and you didn't need a ticket for a flight to get inside.

The programs are taking root as airports expand options to fill passenger dwell time, as it's called — those often mind-numbing hours between when people make it through security and when their flights take off.

Now many airports feature live music and art exhibits. There are spas, microbreweries, playgrounds, gourmet restaurants and wine bars.

Pittsburgh was the first airport to open up to non-travelers, in 2017, and Tampa, Florida, started doing so last month. Seattle-Tacoma is evaluating a pilot program it tested earlier

this year and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, the nation's busiest, may seek approval for a trial run.

The idea is under consideration in Detroit and Austin, Texas.

The seed was planted in 2006, when the Transportation Security Administration allowed access to restaurants and shops for overnight guests at hotels connected to terminals in Pittsburgh, Detroit and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Today, broadening post-security access is an option for any U.S. airport, said Jenny Burke, a TSA spokeswoman.

Some view it as a potential money-maker; officials

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## Boeing falling far behind rival Airbus

Max crisis taking its toll on aircraft manufacturer

Associated Press

Deliveries of Boeing airliners tumbled 37% in the first half of 2019 as the company struggled to fix its best-selling plane after two deadly crashes, and Europe's Airbus surged far ahead in the competition between the world's leading aircraft manufacturers.

Airbus said Tuesday that it delivered 389 planes in the first half, up 28% from 303 a year earlier. Shipments were strong for its more fuel-efficient A320neo family of planes.

Boeing reported that it delivered 239 planes in the first half of 2019, down from 378 in the same period

last year. The drop-off has accelerated during the year, with the second quarter being worse than the first.

Deliveries of Boeing 737s, a workhorse for short and medium-length flights, dropped to just 24 in the second quarter, down from 89 in the first quarter and 137 in the second quarter of 2018.

Airlines had been snapping up Boeing's fuel-efficient 737 Max, which competes with the Airbus neo. But the Max has been grounded worldwide for nearly four months, since the second of two crashes that together killed 346 people. Boeing suspended Max deliveries in March but continues to ship an older 737 model called the NG.

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## Accenture to expand in West Loop, hire 600

Tech company will place its name on 40-story tower

BY RYAN ORI AND ALLY MAROTTI

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker notched their first big jobs announcement Wednesday as Accenture detailed plans to expand its West Loop office and hire 600 tech workers by 2022.

As part of its deal to bring all of its 6,200 area employees to 500 W. Madison St., the 40-story, Helmut-Jahn-designed building that straddles Ogilvie Transportation Center will be called Accenture Tower.

It's not a new address for Accenture, which opened an innovation center in the

building three years ago.

Signs with Accenture's name will be added near the top of the tower, and on other areas of the building, said Jim Coleman, senior managing director and leader of the company's Chicago office.

Accenture will expand its space to at least 226,000 square feet, with options to take additional square footage, Coleman said. It will be the largest tenant in the building, which once was called Citigroup Center but in recent years has been known simply by its address, 500 West Madison.

Many of the new jobs, which Accenture plans to start adding this year, will be in high-end tech areas, such as cybersecurity, cloud com-

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## McDonald's franchisees plead for better chicken to fend off Chick-fil-A

Independent group: Restaurant does not have a sandwich that can compete

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

McDonald's franchisees want the company to focus on making an excellent chicken sandwich as they face a rising threat from fast-growing Chick-fil-A.

The National Owners Association, an independent

group representing McDonald's U.S. franchisees, sent a letter to its members Wednesday warning of Chick-fil-A's expansion and said Chicago-based McDonald's does not have a premium grilled or crispy sandwich that can compete.

"A favorite, that our cus-

tomers want, is a chicken sandwich," read the emailed letter from the group's board. "Unfortunately, they have to go to Chick Fil A for it. Chick Fil A's results demonstrate the power of chicken."

Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A grew sales 16.7% last year, to nearly \$10.5 billion, to become the nation's third-largest restaurant chain after Starbucks and No. 1 McDonald's, according to

industry publication Nation's Restaurant News.

Chick-fil-A, which made those sales despite being closed on Sundays because of the owners' Christian beliefs, also has ranked first in the American Customer Satisfaction Index for four years in a row.

While McDonald's sells Chicken McNuggets and a McChicken sandwich, and

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McDonald's sells this buttermilk crispy chicken sandwich, among other chicken menu items.

# Union Pacific laying off workers in Illinois as it streamlines operations

Railroad declined to say how many will lose their jobs

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Union Pacific is scaling back operations at two facilities in Illinois as part of a plan the company rolled out last year to improve the efficiency in its freight operations.

A train-sorting facility in Rochelle ended intermodal container processing on Monday but will continue to handle train-switching, said Union Pacific spokeswoman Kristen South. Container storage will continue to be available at a facility at 25th and Canal streets in Chicago, but intermodal container pickup will be discontinued.

Union Pacific declined to specify how many employees will lose their jobs as a result of the changes.

The railroad also informed mechanical workers at Proviso Yard, a train-sorting facility in Northlake, of plans to lay off an undisclosed number of people at that site due to operational changes, South said in a statement. South declined to say how many Proviso Yard workers will lose their jobs.

"When we announced



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A Union Pacific train departs Union Station on Oct. 21, 2011.

implementation of Unified Plan 2020 in October 2018, we indicated workforce reduction initiatives were likely through 2020," South said.

The goal of that plan is to focus on moving individual train cars as opposed to moving entire trains, a shift that is expected to improve efficiency. Union Pacific has already converted yards in Hinkle, Ore., and Pine Bluff, Ark. to flat-switching operations, which use locomotives

to sort and organize trains. Construction of a yard in Brazos, Texas, has been suspended.

In Rochelle, Economic Development Director Jason Anderson said the biggest concern for the city with changes at the Union Pacific site is providing an alternative to businesses who rely on the facility to transport cargo.

"We are here to see if we can help those businesses," Anderson said.

Rochelle has been rushing to expand its railroad system. This summer, the city will open its own loading yard. Anderson said the project is small, but has the potential to become an intermodal system like the one Union Pacific operated. The city is looking for businesses who would use the system and funding for the project, Anderson added.

Kenny Rocker, executive vice president of marketing and sales for Union Pacific, wrote to customers in a May 2 announcement that the company was "simplifying" its Chicago complex.

During an April earnings call, Union Pacific CEO Lance Fritz pointed to the company's Houston complex as an example of how the 2020 plan can be successful.

"Historically, it's been ... one of the more difficult areas of the railroad to operate reliably and efficiently," Fritz added, "implementing Unified Plan 2020 down there has shown it make a difference. We're proving more frequent local service ... we're becoming more reliable in our service product."

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A man walks by a Boston Market restaurant on Aug. 21, 2012 in Oakland, Calif.

## Boston Market closes four Chicago locations

Chain will shutter 45 restaurants nationwide

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Boston Market, the Colorado-based restaurant chain known for its rotisserie chicken, shut down four of its Illinois locations in a broad sweep of closures announced by the company this week.

The restaurant chain closed locations in Lombard, Aurora, Skokie and Geneva. Boston Market employed about 80 workers at those locations.

Boston Market CEO Frances Allen wrote a letter to employees on Monday announcing the closure of 45 locations nationwide. Allen said workers affected by the closures would be offered the opportunity to relocate to another Boston Market location or given severance payments.

In the same letter, Allen said the closures were an "unfortunate, but necessary decision." The company is rolling out a "multi-faceted transformation plan" amid chal-

lenges in customer preferences and rising costs, he wrote.

"We must take steps to ensure our operational structure will support long-term sustainability. Part of that effort involves continuously analyzing our geographical footprints and real estate portfolio to assess the ongoing viability of locations," Allen wrote.

Allen said the plan would help the company effectively compete with other casual restaurants as online ordering, changes in consumer preferences and food delivery partners are dominating the industry.

However, Allen remained confident about the restaurant chain's future. "When it comes to rotisserie, we continue to dominate a category we invented more than 30 years ago, and we're going to play to that strength," Allen said.

More than 20 Boston Market restaurants still operate in Illinois.

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## China's plants in 'desperate' mode amid US trade war, middleman says

Bloomberg News

The world's largest supplier of consumer goods says China's factories are getting "urgent and desperate" as worried U.S. retailers accelerate a move out of the country amid heightened trade tensions.

China will see more factory shutdowns as the trade war that's roiled the global supply chain exacerbates an exodus, said Spencer Fung, CEO of Li & Fung Ltd. The company, which designs, sources and transports consumer goods from Asia for some of the world's biggest retailers including Walmart and Nike, is being pushed by American clients to shift production out of China.

"U.S. clients are definitely very, very worried," Fung said. "Everyone is making razor-thin margins already and most people have a huge percentage in China. So if the biggest source increases the price by 25%, they are worried," he said,

referring to the scale of tariffs threatened on all Chinese imports to the U.S. by President Donald Trump.

Though Fung didn't specify Walmart by name, the U.S. retailer is the company's second-biggest customer after Kohl's, accounting for 7.6% of revenue, according to Bloomberg data. A spokeswoman for Walmart declined to comment.

Because of its position as middleman connecting U.S. retail giants to low-cost Asian factories, Li & Fung has a ground-level perspective of the seismic shifts taking place around the world.

Although the U.S. and China have resumed talks on a deal, there are growing signs that the global supply chain, long reliant on China as the factory to the world, is being transformed.

The Hong Kong-based supply chain and logistics provider, which relies heavily on trade between the



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CEO Spencer Fung said "U.S. clients are definitely very, very worried."

world's two biggest economies to make its fortune, will see China's contribution to its total sourcing fall from 59% in 2015 to less than half this year for the first time.

U.S. retailers have already taken up all the manufacturing capacity in Vietnam in their rush out of China, said Fung, highlighting the lack of scale that prevents other destinations from fully sub-

stituting for China's manufacturing might.

"Vietnam, for example, is full, completely full," he said. "There's no extra capacity for the U.S. companies to get in."

Chinese factories, meanwhile, are lowering asking prices in their desperation, creating an opportunity for European and Japanese consumer brands to move in, he said.

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with the facilities in Atlanta and Detroit figure they might see additional revenue from parking and concessions. A survey of visitors during Seattle-Tacoma's trial showed people stayed an average 2.5 hours — though they spent only an average of \$10.29.

At Pittsburgh International, the impetus was demand, said CEO Christina Cassotis. She was peppered whenever she appeared at public forums. "In the top five questions was always, 'Why can't we go back to the airport and see what's going on out there?'"

Terminal tourists must have background checks ahead of time and go through the usual TSA security screenings.

Each airport will need to continually evaluate security concerns at their location, and weigh those against the benefits of non-traveler access, said Richard Bloom, who teaches aviation security and global intelligence at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. After weighing intelligence information and specific vulnerabilities, the program "might be fine for certain locations and not for others," he said.

Pittsburgh doesn't limit the number of passes, and 50 to 150 people use them daily. In Tampa, 100 non-travelers are allowed in on Saturdays. The available slots are booked through July, and August is filling up, said Danny Valentine, an airport spokesman.

The draw? According to Valentine, it's the 69 new shops and restaurants that recently opened, including RumFish Grill, with locally

caught seafood on the menu, and Cigar City Brewing. The program was "in response to the desire from the public to try some of these."

During Seattle-Tacoma's six-week experiment, the daily cap was 50, and about 1,100 people took advantage, most of them to surprise incoming passengers as they disembarked, said Perry Cooper, a spokesman. "People were super excited right off the bat."

Airports work with TSA to determine the best days of the week and times of day to offer access, and how many visitors to allow. It doesn't appear to have created any bottlenecks so far, said Christopher Bidwell, senior vice president of security for Airports Council International-North America. "A lot of that is attributable to the fact it is coordinated well at the local

level between the airport operator and the TSA."

There's concern, though, that some facilities just can't handle any more foot traffic.

A non-traveler program "is certainly an appealing prospect" as a revenue generator, said Paul Brown, assistant general manager of commercial development at Atlanta's airport. But the facility's screening checkpoints are straining to handle passengers, with 4% growth expected this year. Brown said a decision won't be made until there's an expansion of screening stations, a proposal awaiting city approval.

In Tampa, "it's been tremendously popular," Valentine said. "Not only with people who want to come out to our shops and restaurants, but people who come out to do plane-spotting, to accompany a loved one or friend to see them off."

## Office

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puting, artificial intelligence, internet of things and blockchain, Coleman said.

Lightfoot said that Accenture had "good sense" to recognize the value of Chicago's tech workforce.

"We have an obligation and opportunity as a city to create a pipeline," she said. "I'm committed to doing everything I can ... to make sure the pipeline you need to fulfill your business ambitions and the talent is going to be right here in Chicago."

The demand for consulting services around those technologies is increasing, and Accenture is growing, too, driving the need for more workers, Coleman said. Its employees are now working out of three offices, including a large office at 161 N. Clark St.

Ireland-based Accenture was represented in the expansion by brokers Todd Lippman, Kyle Kamin and Mike Dash of CBRE. The landlord, Newport Beach, California-based KBS Realty Advisors, was represented by Wendy Katz and Matthew Lerner of Cushman & Wakefield.

Accenture's expanded space will have an unusually small ratio of square feet per employee, since most of its workers are in client offices on any given day. The firm will use "hoteling" or unassigned seats, for most of the new space, Coleman said.

Accenture isn't the only company expanding its Chicago workforce to help its clients keep up with new technologies, the ever-impending threats of cyber attacks and an increasing dependence on big data.

KPMG announced in April it would take over an entire floor of the Aon Center to advise on artificial

intelligence and data science. Cybersecurity firm Keeper Security is set to triple its employee count in Chicago, and last year, Trustwave launched a new command center in Chicago to help businesses fight cybercrime.

Accenture employs about 477,000 people around the world, Coleman said. It does not have a U.S. headquarters, but Chicago is one of its largest U.S. offices by headcount.

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## Chicken

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its recent introduction of items from its international menus brought Canada's Tomato Mozzarella Chicken Sandwich to U.S. restaurants, it falls short of having a category-leading chicken sandwich, said the letter from the franchisee association. The group formed last year in response to franchisee frustration with mandatory store remodels that were squeezing profits, prompting the company to push the remodel deadline back by two years. More than 90% of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are owned by franchisees.

The company's Southern Style Chicken sandwich, which was discontinued from the national menu years ago, was "very close to category leading," the letter said, but would be improved by buttering the bun and serving it in a foil bag. That's how Chick-fil-A serves its sandwiches.

"JFK called for a man on the moon, our call should be a category leading

chicken sandwich," the letter said.

A McDonald's spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

McDonald's, which reported more than \$21 billion in global sales last year, has been adjusting its menu and pricing as it grapples with declining foot traffic. The fast food chain has been focused on improving its Quarter Pounder, and says the introduction of fresh beef resulted in 40 million more Quarter Pounders sold in the first quarter of this year compared with a year before. Sales spiked 50% in the first month of the promotion in May 2018 and were 30% higher on average over the past year, allowing the chain to gain burger share in the informal eating out category for the first time in five years.

A recent report in Business Insider said McDonald's is planning to launch a Spicy BBQ Chicken Sandwich and Spicy BBQ Glazed Chicken Tenders in September.

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## Rates

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they noted.

For many Fed policymakers, reducing short-term interest rates "would be warranted in the near term should these recent developments prove to be sustained," the minutes say.

During Powell's testimony, numerous representatives tried to get him to comment on whether a minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour would be a wise idea, but he refused to offer any opinions on that or other contentious political issues like trade policy.

"The question of the minimum wage is squarely in your court, not ours. We just don't take a position," Powell said.

Trump is making the economy a centerpiece of his reelection campaign and he wants the Fed to help boost growth ahead of the 2020 election.

Powell has stressed that the Fed will do what is best for the economy. "Congress has given us an important degree of independence so that we can effectively pursue our statutory goals based on objective analysis and data," he said. "We appreciate that our independence brings with it an obligation for transparency so that you and the public can hold us accountable."

The benchmark interest rate is 2.35%. The Fed is expected to lower the rate to about 2.1% by the end of the month.

Associated Press contributed.

# For Getaround, payoff a workarround

Firm sent workers checks to get them to sign away rights

BY ELLEN HUET  
Bloomberg News

The perennial issue in the gig economy is whether workers should be classified as employees.

Uber Technologies Inc., Lyft Inc. and other companies that rely on contract work have dealt with this question in a number of ways: staging PR campaigns, hiring lobbyists and arguing in court that they're software platforms, not employers.

At Getaround Inc., which helps people rent out their cars online, the startup is employing an uncommon legal tactic in the hope of defeating a class-action lawsuit before it starts.

As lawyers were working on one such case, Getaround preemptively sent dozens of checks to people who have worked with the company, attached to paperwork asking them to sign away their legal rights. According to a provision within the documents, depositing the money, even without signing the contract, would count as an agreement to waive their rights to sue. And almost everyone did.

The technique, which has been used selectively by companies in other industries, may prove to be effective in the gig economy, where workers lack financial stability, said Bryan Schwartz, a California attorney who's not involved in the case.

It's an "insidious" move, he said, because recipients likely can't afford to seek legal counsel and weigh the benefits of holding out for a potentially larger payout from a lawsuit. "Low-wage workers, who are trying to make ends meet, are especially vulnerable," said Schwartz, who serves on the board of the California Employment Lawyers As-



Sam Zaid leads Getaround, which helps people rent out their cars and has fought to classify its workers as contractors.

sociation, a worker advocacy group. "They're going to sign and take the pittance to waive all their claims."

Getaround's legal strategy in this case, which involves whether contract workers should be treated as regular employees, highlights the creative measures gig companies will take to avoid scrutiny of their use of contractors. Many of these businesses are unprofitable and would lose even more money if they were forced to reclassify workers and pay employment benefits.

In California, where Getaround and its ilk are based, companies are reeling from last year's sweeping ruling by the state's supreme court that limits the scope of work companies can classify as contracted. Lyft, Uber and Postmates Inc. have been lobbying lawmakers and publishing op-eds, hoping to find a workarround. And all these

companies have faced lawsuits from contractors claiming they should get the same benefits and protections as employees.

A spokeswoman for Getaround said the company denies the allegations in the suit and will continue to defend itself. She wrote in an email that Getaround has a commitment to "fairly value the contributions of our employees."

The legal gambit is known among employment lawyers as "Pick Up Stix." The name is a reference to a 2009 case involving a fast-casual restaurant chain that used the strategy to secure settlements with workers seeking overtime pay. Recipients may not realize that accepting the check means they're giving up a chance at a bigger payout down the line — or they may not be able to afford to wait.

Last year, a former Getaround worker, Amanda

Ponciano, sued the company, saying her work as a "fleet associate" qualified as that of an employee but she was paid like a contractor. She and other fleet associates were paid around \$15 an hour to move cars around the city and help prep vehicles to be rented. She said they went through a two-week training program administered by Getaround, were assigned shifts by the company, wore Getaround hats and jackets and used mostly company-provided equipment — details that she said support her misclassification claim.

In October, while her attorney worked to get class-action certification for the suit, Getaround sent out letters and emails to the 61 people in California who had worked the same job as Ponciano in recent years. In the envelope was a check and a message saying the money is theirs if they sign a

settlement waiving their right to sue Getaround for anything that happened in the past. It also said they could simply deposit the check to indicate their consent. All but four took the offer.

The checks ranged from \$250 to about \$9,000, depending on how long the person had worked for Getaround, said Ramsey Hanafi, the attorney working on the suit. The company spent about \$145,000 on this initial round of settlements, according to a legal filing. Around the same time, Getaround made its fleet associates employees. The company declined to explain its reasoning for the change.

Then, in May, Getaround sent a new settlement offer. It needed to amend its previous contracts because it had actually asked its fleet associates to sign away more rights than was legally

tenable. (Though, in general, collecting preemptive settlements is considered a viable strategy.) In the new letter, Getaround told the workers that they could either sign the new agreement and get an additional \$100 check mailed to them, or they could return the money they had previously accepted in the first agreement, Hanafi said. If they did neither, Getaround wrote in the emails, the company could sue them for the money.

The most recent settlements were due in June. The case, which is ongoing, has yet to achieve class-action status. Its next court date is in August. Hanafi estimated Getaround owes \$1.6 million for wages and penalties, far more than the company will pay in settlements. His client, Ponciano, doesn't fault her former colleagues for taking the cash from Getaround. "I wasn't surprised when Getaround said, 'Hey, take this money,' and they all said, 'Yes,'" Ponciano said. "A lot of the people I worked with were really pressed for money."

Getaround, on the other hand, isn't hurting for cash. SoftBank Group Corp.'s Vision Fund led a \$300 million investment in the company last year. Getaround has been on a spending spree since then. It bought Drivy, which operates a car-sharing service in Europe, for \$300 million in April, and Nabobil, a similar business in Norway, for \$12 million last week.

Settling worker claims the way Getaround did is unusual among gig-economy companies but only because most of them already require workers to sign class-action waivers as part of their arbitration agreements, said Christian Schreiber, an attorney who has handled worker misclassification cases against Lyft. Getaround declined to specify whether it has asked workers to sign arbitration agreements.

## Boeing

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For the third straight month, Boeing indicated that it received no new Max orders in June. However, the parent company of British Airways said last month that it intends to buy 200 — a move seen as a show of support for the troubled plane. Boeing didn't count those as orders because the deal is not yet final.

Tuesday's twin reports came shortly after Saudi budget airline Flyadeal reversed its earlier intention to order 30 Max jets from Boeing and instead put in an order for 30 A320neo jets and took options on 20 more. The deal with Airbus is worth \$5.5 billion at list prices, although discounts are common.

Flyadeal, part of Saudi Arabian Airlines Corp., has an all-Airbus fleet.

Meanwhile, the White House announced Tuesday that Qatar Airways had



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Boeing 737 Max planes are seen March 12 at the company's manufacturing facility in Renton, Wash.

purchased five Boeing 777 cargo planes. The Middle Eastern carrier had announced its intention to order the planes last

month, during the Paris Air Show.

Boeing is scheduled to report second-quarter financial results on July 24.

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| Institution    | Int Chking Acct | Money Mkt Acct | 3 mo CD | 6 mo CD | 12 mo CD | 18 mo CD | 24 mo CD | 36 mo CD | 60 mo CD | Phone / Website                       |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
|                |                 |                |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |                                       |
| Synchrony Bank | NA              | 1.20           | 0.75    | 1.00    | 2.55     | 2.55     | 2.55     | 2.60     | 2.80     | 800-869-3813<br>www.synchronybank.com |
|                | NA              | 0              | 2,000   | 2,000   | 2,000    | 2,000    | 2,000    | 2,000    | 2,000    |                                       |

### Savings Update

#### Banks vs. credit unions: What's the difference?

When shopping around for a top-rate savings account or CD, you'll likely encounter several credit union options. If you've never banked with a credit union before, you might be wondering what the difference is between these institutions and traditional banks.

In short, banks are for-profit institutions that must satisfy their shareholders, while credit unions are not-for-profit with a focus on their member customers. And while almost anyone can open an account with a bank, only customers meeting certain geographic, employer, or other affiliation criteria can join most credit unions.

As a result of their profit status, banks tend to have higher fees and lower interest rates on savings. They may also charge more on loan and credit products. But their strong profit-making ability means they generally offer more products, branches, and ATMs, as well as better online and mobile options.

At a credit union, you may find better savings rates, lower fees, or lower-interest loans, as well as possibly stronger customer

service. However, many credit unions offer less branch and ATM accessibility, and many have less customer-friendly mobile sites and apps.

You'll also need to become a credit union member to be a customer. Each credit union defines a "field of membership" to indicate its affiliation or residency requirements. However, some credit unions accept members nationwide through a very broad member definition.

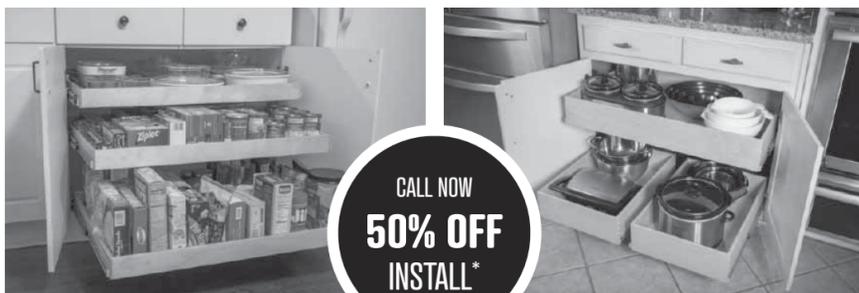
As for safety, the institutions are equivalent. Whereas your deposits at a bank are federally insured up to \$250,000 by the FDIC, credit unions carry the same level of insurance from the NCUA.

For the highest convenience, broadest accessibility, and latest technology, banks will suit some consumers better, but at the cost of potentially higher fees and lower earnings. But for those wanting a top deposit rate or enhanced customer service, a credit union may be the winning bet.

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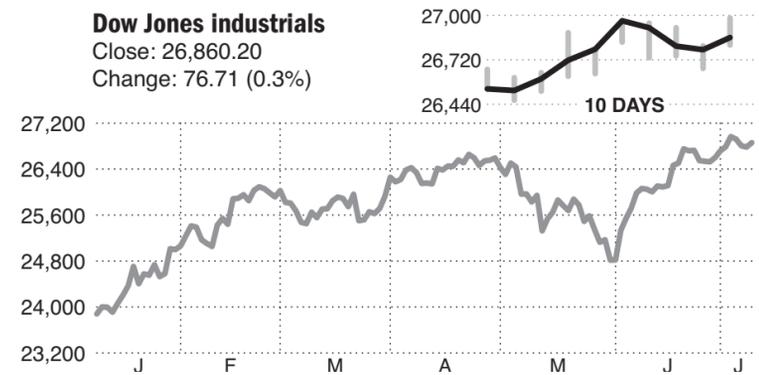
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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,983.45 Low: 26,813.11 Previous: 26,783.49



| Nasdaq             | S&P 500            | Russell 2000       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| +60.80 (+.75%)     | +13.44 (+.45%)     | +2.46 (+.16%)      |
| Close: 8,202.53    | Close: 2,993.07    | Close: 1,565.05    |
| High: 8,228.60     | High: 3,002.98     | High: 1,572.82     |
| Low: 8,160.56      | Low: 2,984.62      | Low: 1,558.80      |
| Previous: 8,141.73 | Previous: 2,979.63 | Previous: 1,562.59 |

| 10-yr T-note   | Gold futures         | Yen                 | Euro                 | Crude Oil        |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| +0.01 to 2.06% | +12.60 to \$1,410.10 | -0.47 to 108.42/\$1 | -0.0037 to .8886/\$1 | +2.60 to \$60.43 |

Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change |       |       | 30-day % change |       |       | 1-year % change |       |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| DOW            | NASD  | S&P   | DOW             | NASD  | S&P   | DOW             | NASD  | S&P   |
| -0.39          | +0.40 | -0.09 | +3.29           | +5.26 | +3.93 | +8.74           | +6.30 | +7.90 |

| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT-PRICE                       | MO.    | OPEN   | HIGH   | LOW    | SETTLE | CHG.    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| WHEAT (CBOT)               | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Jul 19 | 506    | 512.50 | 506    | 511.75 | +2      |
| CORN (CBOT)                | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Jul 19 | 430    | 434.75 | 428    | 434.25 | +2.50   |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT)            | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Jul 19 | 884.50 | 893    | 880.75 | 893    | +10.25  |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)         | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb           | Jul 19 | 28.08  | 28.08  | 27.75  | 27.97  | +0.09   |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)        | 100 tons- dollars per ton          | Jul 19 | 307.10 | 309.10 | 306.30 | 309.10 | +1.20   |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)   | 1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.        | Aug 19 | 58.40  | 60.53  | 58.35  | 60.43  | +2.60   |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX)         | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu     | Aug 19 | 2.429  | 2.489  | 2.416  | 2.444  | +0.019  |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Aug 19 | 1.9278 | 2.0114 | 1.9276 | 2.0052 | +0.0783 |

LOCAL STOCKS

| STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abbott Labs         | N     | 85.38  | +1.1  | Equity Commonwith   | N     | 33.51  | +1.8  | Middleby Corp         | O     | 134.96 | +1.97 |
| AbbVie Inc          | N     | 71.65  | +4.1  | Equity Lifesty Prop | N     | 128.05 | +4.2  | Mondelez Intl         | O     | 55.53  | +1.5  |
| Allstate Corp       | N     | 104.26 | -4.0  | Equity Residential  | N     | 79.57  | +2.5  | Morningstar Inc       | O     | 148.38 | +2.09 |
| Aptargroup Inc      | N     | 123.58 | -4.9  | Exelon Corp         | N     | 49.37  | +3.9  | Motorola Solutions    | N     | 170.73 | +0.8  |
| Arch Dan Mid        | N     | 41.80  | +0.3  | First Indl RT       | N     | 54.99  | -7.1  | NISource Inc          | O     | 29.50  | -0.6  |
| Baxter Intl         | N     | 82.12  | +7.2  | Fortune Brds Hm&Sec | N     | 54.99  | -7.1  | Nthn Trust Cp         | O     | 90.42  | -1.17 |
| Boeing Co           | N     | 352.30 | -7.9  | Gallagher AJ        | N     | 90.86  | +1.0  | Old Republic          | N     | 22.88  | -1.0  |
| Brunswick Corp      | N     | 44.73  | +5.7  | Grainger WW         | N     | 258.54 | -8.15 | Packaging Corp Am     | N     | 100.05 | +0.0  |
| CBOE Global Markets | N     | 111.70 | +7.2  | GrubHub Inc         | N     | 77.06  | -2.5  | Paylocity Hldg        | O     | 103.07 | +6.2  |
| CDK Global Inc      | O     | 50.10  | -0.5  | Hill-Rom Hldgs      | N     | 104.24 | -7.5  | RLI Corp              | N     | 87.68  | -6.0  |
| CDW Corp            | O     | 112.46 | -3.0  | IDEX Corp           | N     | 169.01 | -9.7  | Stericycle Inc        | O     | 46.15  | +0.8  |
| CF Industries       | N     | 44.22  | -1.7  | ITW                 | N     | 146.15 | -2.6  | TransUnion            | N     | 74.35  | +0.0  |
| CME Group           | O     | 203.17 | +1.8  | Ingredion Inc       | N     | 82.37  | -0.9  | Tribune Media Co A    | N     | 46.40  | +0.0  |
| CNA Financial       | N     | 48.30  | -1.2  | John Bean Technol   | N     | 121.92 | +1.61 | US Foods Holding      | N     | 36.39  | +0.9  |
| Caterpillar Inc     | N     | 132.64 | -1.65 | Jones Lang LaSalle  | N     | 137.12 | -1.5  | Ultra Salon Cosmetics | O     | 347.20 | -1.28 |
| ConAgra Brands Inc  | N     | 28.34  | +3.4  | Kemper Corp         | N     | 88.38  | -1.61 | United Airlines Hldg  | O     | 89.51  | +0.5  |
| Deere Co            | N     | 160.81 | -2.54 | Kraft Heinz Co      | O     | 31.30  | +8.0  | Ventas Inc            | N     | 70.86  | +4.8  |
| Discover Fin Svcs   | N     | 80.10  | -4.2  | LKQ Corporation     | O     | 26.16  | +1.3  | Walgreen Boots Alli   | O     | 55.57  | +0.7  |
| Dover Corp          | N     | 98.54  | -1.85 | Littelfuse Inc      | O     | 173.54 | +9.0  | Wintrust Financial    | O     | 70.77  | -1.32 |
| Envestnet Inc       | N     | 70.34  | +8.0  | McDonalds Corp      | N     | 213.00 | +9.1  | Zebra Tech            | O     | 211.96 | +2.4  |

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK              | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| Chesapck Engy      | 1.91   | +1.0  |
| Bank of America    | 29.02  | -3.3  |
| Gen Electric       | 10.20  | -0.5  |
| Ambev S.A.         | 5.05   | +0.9  |
| Vale SA            | 13.81  | +4.5  |
| Ford Motor         | 10.11  | -0.3  |
| Sprint Corp        | 7.16   | +3.2  |
| AT&T Inc           | 33.76  | +2.2  |
| Petrobras          | 16.28  | +2.3  |
| Itau Unibanco Hldg | 9.84   | +0.7  |
| EnCana Corp        | 4.99   | +1.5  |
| Barrick Gold       | 16.52  | +4.7  |
| Snap Inc A         | 15.26  | +0.1  |
| Levi Strauss & Co  | 20.82  | -2.84 |
| Teva Pharm         | 9.18   | -1.9  |
| Banco Bradesco ADS | 10.39  | +0.9  |
| Alibaba Group Hldg | 166.93 | -1.87 |
| Freeport McMoran   | 10.95  | +0.8  |
| Denbury Res        | 1.30   | +0.9  |
| Oracle Corp        | 60.15  | +5.5  |
| Sthwstn Energy     | 2.89   | +0.5  |
| Halliburton        | 23.60  | +0.3  |
| Yamana Gold Inc    | 2.63   | +0.9  |
| Transocean Ltd     | 6.47   | +3.3  |

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

| STOCK                | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Adv Micro Dev        | 33.79  | +6.4  |
| SELAS Life Sciences  | .15    | -0.2  |
| FuelCell Energy      | .80    | +1.8  |
| Micron Tech          | 42.90  | +1.55 |
| Vislink Technol      | 4.10   | +2.45 |
| Naked Brand Group    | .15    | -0.3  |
| Caesars Entertain    | 11.98  | -1.1  |
| Sirius XM Hldgs Inc  | 6.03   | +0.7  |
| Microsoft Corp       | 137.85 | +1.39 |
| Impixon Corp         | .60    | +0.8  |
| Comcast Corp A       | 43.79  | +8.1  |
| Taronis Technologies | .21    | +0.2  |
| Facebook Inc         | 202.73 | +3.52 |
| Zynqa Inc            | 6.29   | +0.7  |
| Cisco Syst           | 57.13  | +7.9  |
| Apple Inc            | 203.23 | +1.99 |
| Symantec Corp        | 25.80  | +2.4  |
| Intel Corp           | 48.21  | +4.6  |
| Qualcomm Inc         | 74.36  | -2.19 |
| T-Mobile US Inc      | 78.63  | +3.48 |
| Bed Bath & Beyond    | 11.52  | +0.8  |
| JD.com Inc           | 30.71  | -0.4  |
| Valeritas Holdings   | 3.75   | +8.1  |
| Overstock.com Inc    | 18.39  | +1.24 |

FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX     | CLOSE     | CHG./%       |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Shanghai  | 2915.30   | -12.9/-4     |
| Stoxx600  | 387.15    | -8/-2        |
| Nikkei    | 21533.48  | -31.7/-2     |
| MSCI-EAFE | 1913.50   | -9.3/-5      |
| Bovespa   | 105817.10 | +1286.9/+1.2 |
| FTSE 100  | 7530.69   | -5.8/-1      |
| CAC-40    | 5567.59   | -4.5/-1      |

LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK               | CLOSE   | CHG.   |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Alibaba Group Hldg  | 166.93  | -1.87  |
| Alphabet Inc C      | 1140.48 | +15.65 |
| Alphabet Inc A      | 1140.91 | +16.62 |
| Amazon.com Inc      | 2017.41 | +29.11 |
| Apple Inc           | 203.23  | +1.99  |
| Bank of America     | 29.02   | -3.3   |
| Berkshire Hath B    | 214.03  | -7.7   |
| Exxon Mobil Corp    | 77.51   | +1.08  |
| Facebook Inc        | 202.73  | +3.52  |
| HSBC Holdings prA   | 26.42   | ...    |
| JPMorgan Chase      | 113.02  | -3.3   |
| Johnson & Johnson   | 141.21  | -2.0   |
| MasterCard Inc      | 275.38  | +2.04  |
| Microsoft Corp      | 137.85  | +1.39  |
| Procter & Gamble    | 113.75  | +8.4   |
| Royal Dutch Shell B | 65.68   | +7.4   |
| Royal Dutch Shell A | 65.24   | +8.0   |
| Visa Inc            | 179.31  | +1.58  |
| WalMart Strs        | 112.98  | +1.0   |

TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION     | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 2.13  | 2.19  |
| 2-month disc | 2.01  | 2.07  |
| 6-year       | 1.82  | 1.90  |
| 10-year      | 2.06  | 2.05  |
| 30-year      | 2.57  | 2.54  |

SPOT METALS

|          | CLOSE     | PREV.     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold     | \$1410.10 | \$1397.50 |
| Silver   | \$15.147  | \$15.068  |
| Platinum | \$824.10  | \$809.10  |

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)      | 41.8331 |
| Australia (Dollar)    | 1.4367  |
| Brazil (Real)         | 3.7557  |
| Britain (Pound)       | .7996   |
| Canada (Dollar)       | 1.3062  |
| China (Yuan)          | 6.8731  |
| Euro                  | .8886   |
| India (Rupee)         | 68.390  |
| Israel (Shekel)       | 3.5534  |
| Japan (Yen)           | 108.42  |
| Mexico (Peso)         | 19.1670 |
| Poland (Zloty)        | 3.79    |
| So. Korea (Won)       | 1176.51 |
| Taiwan (Dollar)       | 31.05   |
| Thailand (Baht)       | 30.69   |

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND                          | NAV    | CHG IN \$ | 1-YR %RTN |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m        | 32.67  | +1.4      | +3.7      |
| American Funds AmrnBAlA m     | 27.56  | +1.0      | +6.1      |
| American Funds CptWldGrInCA m | 49.33  | +2.2      | +2.0      |
| American Funds CptInlBldrA m  | 61.44  | +1.5      | +4.4      |
| American Funds FdmTlnvsA m    | 59.89  | +2.5      | +3.8      |
| American Funds GrfAmrCA m     | 51.24  | +2.7      | +3.8      |
| American Funds InvAmrCA m     | 38.68  | +2.0      | +2.8      |
| American Funds NwPrsptvA m    | 45.25  | +1.6      | +5.9      |
| American Funds WAMTlnvsA m    | 46.30  | +1.7      | +8.4      |
| DFA IntlCorEqInS              | 12.93  | +0.5      | -5.6      |
| Dodge & Cox Inc               | 13.91  | +0.1      | +7.3      |
| Dodge & Cox IntlStk           | 41.78  | +1.6      | +2.4      |
| Dodge & Cox Stk               | 188.59 | +2.1      | +1.8      |
| DoubleLine TlRetBdl           | 10.67  | +0.1      | +6.3      |
| Fidelity 500IdxInPrrm         | 104.05 | +4.7      | +9.3      |
| Fidelity Contrafund           | 13.54  | +0.9      | +7.9      |
| Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrrm       | 84.81  | +3.4      | +7.6      |
| Fidelity US500IdxInPrrm       | 11.77  | ...       | +7.5      |
| Franklin Templeton IncA1 m    | 2.32   | +0.1      | +4.9      |
| Metropolitan West TlRetBdl    | 10.87  | ...       | +7.8      |
| PIMCO IncI2                   | 12.13  | +0.1      | +6.6      |
| PIMCO IncInsl1                | 12.13  | +0.1      | +6.7      |
| PIMCO TlRetInS                | 10.32  | +0.1      | +7.1      |
| Schwab SP500Idx               | 46.23  | +2.1      | +9.1      |
| T. Rowe Price BCGr            | 118.96 | +7.4      | +9.8      |
| T. Rowe Price GrStk           | 70.57  | +4.3      | +8.3      |
| Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl          | 276.33 | +1.25     | +3.8      |
| Vanguard DivGrInv             | 29.84  | +1.0      | +8.1      |
| Vanguard EqInAdmrl            | 76.20  | +2.2      | +1.3      |
| Vanguard GridAdmrl            | 86.35  | +5.8      | +1.0      |
| Vanguard HCAmrl               | 82.65  | +2.5      | +4.0      |
| Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl          | 14.40  | +0.1      | +6.5      |
| Vanguard InslIdxInS           | 271.15 | +1.22     | +9.3      |
| Vanguard InslIdxInSPlus       | 271.16 | +1.22     | +9.3      |
| Vanguard InslMInPIS           | 64.53  | +2.6      | +7.8      |
| Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl          | 94.25  | +1.3      | -1.9      |
| Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl         | 209.96 | +2.4      | +6.5      |
| Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl          | 138.46 | +5.1      | +3.4      |
| Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl       | 10.69  | +0.1      | +5.3      |
| Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl         | 75.51  | +0.8      | -2.2      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2020InV       | 32.04  | +0.6      | +5.7      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2025InV       | 19.25  | +0.4      | +5.7      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2030InV       | 35.16  | +0.9      | +5.4      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2035InV       | 21.63  | +0.7      | +5.1      |
| Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl        | 10.91  | +0.1      | +7.6      |
| Vanguard TlBMDIdxInS          | 10.91  | +0.1      | +7.6      |
| Vanguard TlInBIdxAdmrl        | 22.96  | -0.3      | +8.0      |
| Vanguard TlInBIdxInS          | 34.45  | -0.5      | +8.1      |
| Vanguard TlInBIdxInV          | 11.48  | -0.2      | +8.0      |
| Vanguard TlInSIdxAdmrl        | 28.33  | +1.1      | -9.9      |
| Vanguard TlInSIdxInS          | 113.28 | +4.4      | -9.9      |
| Vanguard TlInSIdxInSPlus      | 113.31 | +4.5      | -8.8      |
| Vanguard TlInSIdxInV          | 16.94  | +0.7      | -9.9      |
| Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl         | 74.27  | +3.0      | +7.7      |
| Vanguard TlSMIdxInS           | 74.28  | +3.0      | +7.7      |
| Vanguard TlSMIdxInV           | 74.24  | +3.0      | +7.6      |
| Vanguard WngInAdmrl           | 72.04  | +2.0      | +9.4      |
| Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl         | 64.82  | +0.9      | +9.4      |
| Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl         | 64.16  | +1.7      | +5.1      |

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## OBITUARIES

SRINIVASA 'HAL' IYENGAR 1934-2019

## Structural engineer helped design landmarks worldwide

BY BLAIR KAMIN

Working with the powerhouse Chicago architectural and engineering firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Srinivasa "Hal" Iyengar made significant contributions to such landmark structures as Willis Tower and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, designed by architect Frank Gehry.

Iyengar, who previously lived in Chicago, Northfield and Evanston, died July 4 in Fort Myers, Fla., of complications from Parkinson's disease and heart disease, said his daughter Sona Iyengar. He was 85.

In a career that spanned five decades, Iyengar brought a philosophy of rational, clearly expressed structures to everything from stadiums to skyscrapers. Among his notable projects is the 11-story Exchange House in London — an office building that is part bridge and part building. Finished in 1990, it spans over working railroad tracks with the help of distinctive parabolic arches.

In 2015, the building won the American Institute of Architects' Twenty-five Year Award, given to a project of enduring significance.

Born in India in 1934, Iyengar received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mysore in 1955 and a master's in hydraulic and civil engineering from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore in 1957.

At 23, he left for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a hotbed of structural engineering, from which he earned a master's in civil and structural engineering in 1959.

A year later, Iyengar began working at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, where his mentor was the brilliant structural engineer Fazlur Khan.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, Iyengar was Khan's



SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL  
Srinivasa 'Hal' Iyengar.

right-hand man as Khan and Skidmore architect Bruce Graham developed the innovative framing structures for the X-braced John Hancock Center (now known as 875 N. Michigan Ave.) and for Sears (now Willis) Tower, which reigned for decades as the world's tallest building.

"Hal did a lot of the heavy lifting. He did a lot of the heavy engineering side of their new ways of doing tall buildings" said William Baker, a Skidmore structural engineering partner.

Iyengar became Skidmore's director of structural engineering, holding the post from 1975 to 1992.

In 1986, he and Graham teamed up on a striking, cable-stayed addition to Chicago's convention center, now called McCormick Place North.

The building's steel roof, which measures 780 by 480 feet and weighs 4,500 tons, is hung from cables affixed to concrete pylons. Tribune architecture critic Paul Gapp called the project an "engineering triumph."

In 1992, after retiring from Skidmore, Iyengar opened his own firm, Structural Design International. But he still served as a consultant to Skidmore and played a key role on the engineering team that worked with Gehry on the Bilbao Guggenheim, a powerfully sculpted, titanium-

clad museum that created a sensation when it opened in 1997.

Skidmore's engineers persuaded Gehry to use steel instead of concrete for the project because steel could more easily span the long, column-free spaces inside the museum. In addition, the steel was stacked in self-supporting trusses that did not disturb the curves of building's exterior.

"Hal was very heavily involved with Gehry on that," said retired Skidmore engineer John Zils, who also worked on the Guggenheim.

Iyengar played a smaller role in the design of Gehry's ultracurvy Pritzker Pavilion band shell in Millennium Park, his Skidmore colleagues said, but the architect still cited him in 2000 when critics questioned whether the band shell, then a proposal, could withstand Chicago's high winds and heavy snows.

Gehry replied: "I have one of the best structural engineers working on this project, Hal Iyengar of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill."

Iyengar was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering and received lifetime achievement awards from the American Institute of Steel Construction and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

After he retired, he and his wife, Ruth Yonan Iyengar, spent part of the year in Sanibel Island, Fla. They later moved their home to Fort Myers.

In addition to Iyengar's daughter and wife, survivors include his son Jay; two sisters, Kumuda Doreswamy and Prabha Bhashyam; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service in Chicago is being arranged.

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ON JULY 11 ...

In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, turning back the next day.

In 1914, Babe Ruth made his major league debut for the Red Sox, getting the victory in Boston's 4-3 win over Cleveland.

In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1980, American hostage Richard Queen, freed by Iran after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland.

In 1985, Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros became the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 4,000 batters as he fanned Danny Heap of the New York Mets.

In 1995, the U.N.-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica fell to Bosnian Serb forces.

In 1998, Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, a casualty of the Vietnam War, was laid to rest near his Missouri home, after the positive identification of his remains, which had been enshrined at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va.

In 1999, a U.S. Air Force cargo jet dropped off emergency medical supplies at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Center for a physician at the center who had discovered a lump in her breast.

In 2000, a Middle East summit opened at Camp David, Md., between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Also in 2000 the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the nation's oldest black church, elected Rev. Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore its first female bishop.

In 2001, the Democratic-led Senate voted to bar coal mining and oil and gas drilling on pristine federally protected land in the West.

In 2003, President George W. Bush put responsibility squarely on the CIA for his disputed claim that Iraq had tried to acquire nuclear material from Africa, prompting Director George Tenet to publicly accept full blame for the miscue. Also in 2003 the World Trade Organization ruled that heavy duties on steel imports imposed by the United States violated global trade rules. Also in 2003 thousands marked the anniversary of the 1995 massacre at Srebrenica in Bosnia, burying 282 newly identified victims.

In 2005, a top al-Qaida lieutenant and three other terror suspects escaped from a U.S. military jail in Afghanistan.

In 2012, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation banning legislative scholarships, effective Sept. 1.

In 2014, NBA superstar LeBron James, who won two championships with the Miami Heat, announced in a Sports Illustrated essay that he was returning home to Cleveland.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

| ILLINOIS                      |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| July 10                       | Powerball ..... 07 09 26 44 68 / 03<br>Powerball jackpot: \$180M<br>Lotto jackpot: \$7M<br>Pick 3 midday ..... 771 / 2<br>Pick 4 midday ..... 9224 / 0<br>Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 18 20 23 27 40<br>Pick 3 evening ..... 038 / 5<br>Pick 4 evening ..... 8871 / 3<br>Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 13 15 33 36 37 |
| July 12 Mega Millions: \$121M |  |
| WISCONSIN                     |  |
| July 10                       | Megabucks ..... 02 10 19 24 43 47<br>Pick 3 ..... 677<br>Pick 4 ..... 7535<br>Badger 5 ..... 02 05 24 27 29<br>SuperCash ..... 03 11 15 20 22 36   |

| INDIANA  |   |
|----------|---|
| July 10  | Lotto ..... 10 12 14 15 39 46<br>Daily 3 midday ..... 209 / 3<br>Daily 4 midday ..... 4781 / 3<br>Daily 3 evening ..... 662 / 1<br>Daily 4 evening ..... 9578 / 1<br>Cash 5 ..... 10 33 37 41 44  |
| MICHIGAN |   |
| July 10  | Lotto ..... 11 18 24 39 40 45<br>Daily 3 midday ..... 250<br>Daily 4 midday ..... 1794<br>Daily 3 evening ..... 388<br>Daily 4 evening ..... 7619<br>Fantasy 5 ..... 01 25 29 34 37<br>Keno ..... 02 04 08 10 15 18<br>20 36 38 44 50 54 59 61<br>62 66 68 73 74 76 78 79 |

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## Beavers, Shelly Ann

Shelly Ann Beavers, nee Schultz, age 46; beloved wife of James D. Beavers; loving mother of Elizabeth Ann "Lizzy" and Jason Ronald "JJ" Beavers; dear daughter of Sharon and the late Ronald Schultz; fond sister of Douglas Schultz and Wendy (Max) Gibbs; daughter in-law of Rosemary and Daniel Beavers; sister in-law of Cindy Weide, Chad (Cheryl) Beavers, and David (Jen) Beavers; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL. Funeral Friday 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave. Downers Grove. Interment Private. 630/323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)



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## Bedi, Patricia 'Tricia'

Patricia "Tricia" Bedi died in her Chicago home on July 8, 2019. Tricia was known for her thoughtful brilliance, sense of style and ability to silence any fool with a single raise of an eyebrow. Tricia was born in Glenolden, Pennsylvania and moved to Washington D.C. when she was a young adult. There, she worked as a foreign student advisor where she met and fell in love with Gurminder Bedi, a foreign student from India. Despite the protestations of their families, Tricia and Gurminder married and began a life of love and adventure that spanned the globe. As a young couple, Tricia and Gurminder moved to Detroit and had two children, Sheila and Jonathan. Tricia was a loving and exacting mother who balanced working as an administrative assistant at the University of Michigan with raising small children. Eventually, she went back to school for a Masters of Social Work at the University of Michigan. For many years, she worked as a clinical social worker, deeply committed to supporting young mothers at risk of losing their children to the foster care system. When Gurminder's job took them to Brazil, Tricia embraced this new culture and community. She became fluent in Portuguese and volunteered with organizations that supported families. She developed life-long friendships in Brazil and a deep appreciation for Brazilian culture, art and cuisine. After a few years, the family returned from Brazil to Michigan and settled in Washington D.C. There, Jonathan met and married Olivia Luk, who Tricia referred to as her beloved third child. Eventually, Tricia and Gurminder moved to Chicago and then finally to Siesta Key, Florida. Tricia loved living near the ocean. A voracious reader, she was happiest when losing her herself in a good book while watching the sea, surrounded by her beloved golden doodles, Maude Rose and Skye Blue. A talented chef, she frequently made extraordinary meals filled with love for her friends and family. Tricia adored and was adored by her three grandchildren, Simone Margaret, Keiran Singh and Theodore Singh. They knew her as the world's best story teller, snuggler and chicken soup maker. She was Sheila, Jonathan and Olivia's biggest champion—cheering on their career achievements and frequently caring for her grandchildren. And, Tricia was simply Gurminder's everything. After nearly 50 years of partnership, they loved to travel the world together and would still lose themselves in conversation. Gurminder was the love of her life, their deep connection palpable to anyone fortunate enough to know them. A celebration of Tricia's life will occur on Saturday, July 13 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Park Hyatt in downtown Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please donate to <http://Justiceinmotion.org>, an organization working to reunite families deported without their children.

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## Coath, John Robert

John Robert Coath, 94, passed away on July 2, 2019. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 25, 1924 to Virgil Walter and Aileen Virginia (nee Goldsby) Coath. John was the President of Coath and Goss Construction, he was also a long time member of the Church of St. Mary's Lake Forest, Member of the Carpenters Union, Onwentsia Club and the Yankee Division Veterans Association. He was the loving husband to the late Elaine Green Coath and the late Catherine Eggers Coath. John is survived by his loving children Jack (Diane) Coath, Pamela Bird, Andrea (Bill) Baumgartner, Reenie (Edward) Schwallie, Mary Faith (Brian) Cook, James Coath, Joseph (Celine) Coath, the late Aimee Coath and Greg Wilson. John is also survived by his step-children Paul (Debbie) Eggers, Tom (Lynn) Eggers, Catherine McCormick, Mark (Shelly) Eggers, and Matt (Tara) Eggers. He is survived by his 19 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, his loving sister Virginia Cleary Horsch and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 4 pm - 8 pm on Friday, July 12, at **Wenban Funeral Home** 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest, IL. Mass will be at 10 am on Saturday, July 13, at the Church of St. Mary's Lake Forest, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest IL. Memorial Contributions may be sent to the Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Road, Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018 or the Church of St. Mary's Lake Forest, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest in loving memory of John Robert Coath. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)

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## Hedge, Corinne E. 'Corky'

Corinne E. "Corky" Hedge, nee Bonas, age 80, loving mother of Wendy Hedge, Marilou (Michael) Lerner and Jill (Randy) Struzik. Cherished grandmother of Elyse (Elliot) Small, Kyle Lerner, Cameron Lerner, Zachary Struzik and Zoe Struzik. Dearest great-grandmother of McKenna Small. Dear sister of the late Annette Schoenheider and the late Lois Schall. Visitation Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at **COLONIAL CHAPEL**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Visitation continues Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6850 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, IL 60477 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. Interment Bethania Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church Good Samaritan Fund are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400



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## Howe, John

John C. Howe, age 88, of Winter, WI passed away on Thursday, July 4th, 2019 in Winter, WI. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for John at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Winter. A time of gathering with family and friends will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Military honors will be accorded by the State of Wisconsin Military Funeral Honors Program and LCO AmVets Post #1998. Interment will be in the St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Winter. Online condolences may be left at [www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com](http://www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com).

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## Kalantzis, Frances

Frances Kalantzis (nee Logan/Loezos) age 83 of Frankfort and formerly of Mount Prospect and Ikaria, Greece passed away peacefully in her home Wednesday morning July 10th, 2019. Beloved wife of the late George for over 40 years. Loving mother of Sandy (John) Newell and Karen Kalantzis Micheals. Devoted yiyia of Katie, Jackie, and Alex Newell and Marty, Niko, and Georgia Micheals. Dear sister of Alice (the late Chuck) DeVreese and the late Betsy (Julius) Psalidas. Frances took pride in her 22 years as a teacher for John Jay Elementary School. She loved to travel abroad and took time to see the world. She was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan and was ecstatic when they won the World Series. May her memory be eternal. Visitation Friday, July 12th, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM with the Trisagion Service at 7:00 PM at The Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort Illinois 60423. Friends and family asked to meet Saturday morning directly at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 15625 South Bell Road, Homer Glen Illinois 60491 for the 11:00 AM funeral service. **ORRICO KOURELIS Funeral Services Inc.** handling all arrangements. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund. For info please call 877/974-9201 or 815/462-0711 and [www.Orricofuneral.com](http://www.Orricofuneral.com)



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## Kinser, Ronald Chester

Ronald Chester Kinser, 74, Plano, IL, passed July 10, 2019. Born Feb. 9, 1945, Logan, W.V. Preceded by wife Mary Herzog Kinser; parents Obie Kinser and Lenora Williams Kinser Burgett; brothers Sterling, Kenneth Flavel, Arthur, Eugene and James Franklin Kinser; sisters Edith "Tanya" Kinser Bowman-Shaw and Florene Kinser Wren. Survived by sons, Anthony Amelio, Carol Stream, IL, Nicholas Amelio, Plano, IL and Michael Kinser, Menasha, WI; granddaughters Hana Amelio, Tori Carlson, Quinn and Megan Kinser; sisters Ethel Kinser Brunty, Roncerverte, W.V., Jean Kinser (Charles) Roncerverte, W.V. and Shirley Kinser (Robert) Marcum South Charleston, W.V.; sisters-in-law, Laura Stigt Kinser and Diane Smith Kinser; many nieces and nephews. Retired from Kinser Crane Service. Graveside Service, 10:00 AM, Fri., July 19, 2019, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Arrangements by **Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory**, [www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com](http://www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com) or (630)553-7611.

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## Kokocinski, Josephine M.

Josephine M. Kokocinski, age 93 of Naperville, IL. Passed away July 9, 2019. She was born August 1, 1925 in Chicago, IL. Josephine is survived by her children; Diana Rosenberg, Michael (Gabby) Kokocinski and Marty Kokocinski; grandchildren Erica (Aleks), Steven, Zach (Jesse), Josh (Angela), and Nicholas, Jordan, Brandon, Abby; great grandchildren Charlotte, Ana, Liam and Trevor. She is preceded in death by her husband Ralph Kokocinski, her brother Vincent Pizzo and her parents Liborio and Giuseppa Pizzo (nee Catarinichia). Josephine was a lover of cooking, shopping, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. She believed everything could be solved with a full belly and a hug. Josephine loved her family very much and always had a kind word to say about everyone. A visitation will be held Friday, July 12, from 2 until 8 p.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home at 10:15 and proceed to a 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth, Naperville. Interment will follow at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. In Lieu of flowers memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info [www.beidelmankunsch.com](http://www.beidelmankunsch.com). 630-355-0264.



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## Maddaleni, Philip

Philip J. Maddaleni, 80 of Addison. Beloved husband of the late Barbara. Loving father of Stephen (Jeanie) Maddaleni, Lynnmarie (James) Canter, Philip, John and Brian Maddaleni. Cherished grandfather of 4 and great grandfather of 2. Visitation Friday, 2-8pm at Humes Funeral Home 320 W. Lake St. Addison (2 Mi E of Rt 53, 2 Mi W of Rt 83). Funeral Service Saturday, 10:30am at Humes Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. For info [www.Humesth.com](http://www.Humesth.com) or 630.628.8808.

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## Maniscalco, Constance A

Constance A Maniscalco, 97, nee: Collura. President/owner of **Maniscalco Funeral Directors** (Grein Funeral Directors affiliated). Beloved wife of the late Joseph A; loving daughter of the late Vincent & Josephine Collura; devoted mother of Frank, Joseph and the late Nicholas (Nancy); adoring grandmother of Brandon, Blair (Paul) and Matthew; caring great grandmother of Harlow and Isla; cherished sister of the late Lt. Frank J Collura, US Navy. Longtime member of the Mens & Womens Burgio Society, Maria SS Lauretana Society and many other Italian American Societies. We've lost a giant and gained an angel. Family and friends will meet directly at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N Moselle on Saturday for a 10:30 am Funeral Mass.Graveside Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.Visitation Friday 3 to 8 pm at Grein Funeral Directors 2114 W Irving Park Rd. 773-582-1234 or [greinfuneraldirectors.com](http://greinfuneraldirectors.com)

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## Moran, Sharon M.

Beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Kelli (Kevin) Conroy, Timothy (Karen) and the late Michael; proud and cherished grandmother of Danny, Ethan, Tommy, Jack, Mary Kate and Lily; dear sister of the late Patricia and Leslie; devoted sister in law to Mary Davis and fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. going to St. Juliana Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Journey Care at 405 N. Lake Zurich Rd, Barrington, IL 60010. For info 847-685-1002 [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Pisut, Stephen Mathias 'Steve'

Stephen M. Pisut, 76 years, died at his lake home in Hayward, Wisconsin on Sunday, July 7, 2019. Survived by his loving wife, Gail (Furer) of Northbrook, daughter Michelle C. Owens of Chicago, Illinois, son Stephen M. Pisut, II of Shorewood, Illinois, stepson Michael (Nichole) and his son Jack, stepson Jacob

(Julie) and his daughters, Jazmine and Jordana, two brothers, James (Sue) Pisut and John (Dolly) Pisut, one sister, Marianne (John), and one brother-in law, William (Sue) Pierce; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his wife of over 40 years, Beverly M. (Pierce) Pisut, his parents Stephen J. Pisut and Margaret (Maslan) Pisut, one infant sister (Margaret), one sister-in-law, Marsha J. Pisut, and one niece, Melissa A. Pisut. Steve retired from Lucent Technologies as an accomplished accounts manager and often shared fond memories of his career there. Steve also shared a life-long love of the Chicago Cubs with his late Aunt Agatha, and remained an avid fan up until his last days. Like his first wife, Beverly, Steve enjoyed spending time with family and friends at his lake home. He recently enjoyed one last trip there with Gail, Steve "JR.", and their dear friends, Bob and Nikki Terson.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Tezak Funeral Home, 1211 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a prayer service to follow. According to Stephen's wished cremation rites were accorded.

**Pisut Funeral Services** entrusted to arrangements 815-722-0998

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## Rymek, Candace K.

(nee Lindsay), "The GLUE of her family." Beloved wife of Stanley Rymek. Loving mother of Brian (Diane) Rymek & Kimberly Rymek. Cherished grandmother of Anthony & Allison Rymek, Brian & Nickolas Coughlin and Brooklyn Flynn. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph & Ann Lindsay (nee Wiot). Dear sister of Danny, Joann, Denise, late Sandra, Terrence, Robert, & Renee. Visitation Friday, July 12th from 3:00 p.m. until time of chapel service 8:00 p.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Funeral Services & Interment will be private. [www.kerryfh.com](http://www.kerryfh.com) ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ [www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral](http://www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral)



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## Sachs, Edward

Edward Sachs was a devoted son to the late Roz and Herb Sachs and a kind, loving and generous family member, particularly to his cousin David Miller and David's late wife Diane and their daughter Allison. Ed spent years helping those less fortunate than himself as a social worker for the state until he retired. He also had the mind of an artist, with an appreciation for art and literature and an especially deep love for films, which could be felt by anyone who knew him. His ability to remember both the nuance and facts about the films he loved was unparalleled. He was intelligent, charming and funny and was devoted to the welfare of animals. He was a true original. Ed will be missed terribly by his family, his dear friend, Lawrence Seals, and all those who knew him. Graveside service Friday, 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave (Orchid Section), Norridge. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to The Humane Society of the United States, [donorcare@humanesociety.org](mailto:donorcare@humanesociety.org), 866.720.2676. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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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, Marni 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](http://www.lairdfamilyfuneralservice.com).

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## Sheri, Rahimzadeh M

Sheri M. Rahimzadeh, age 73, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2019 at her home in North Las Vegas, NV. Beloved wife of Mansour "Manny." Loving mother of David (Jenny) and Jason (Nikki). Proud grandmother of Rachel, Alex, Sam and Louie. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, July 16th at 12 pm at **Westlawn Cemetery**, 7801 West Montrose Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706. Arrangements by **Westlawn** - 773.625.8621, [www.westlawncrematory.org](http://www.westlawncrematory.org). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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## Stuparitz, Edward A.

Edward A. Stuparitz, age 91, of Oak Lawn, Illinois passed away on Tuesday July 9, 2019. Edward was born January 7, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to Louise and John Stuparitz.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary (nee Martin) Stuparitz. Children, Deborah McKendrick, Diane Brannagan, Doreen Murphy, John (Clara) Stuparitz. Grandchildren, Michael, Kelly, Christine, Daniel, Colleen, Ryan, Connor, Raffaele, Edward, Otto, and Tiziana and 11 great grandchildren. His dear sister Rose (the late Walter) Stec.

A visitation for Edward will be held Friday, July 12, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, 11333 South Central Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Funeral Service Saturday, July 13, 2019 10:45 AM funeral home chapel prayers to Saint Catherine of Alexandria Church, 4100 W. 107th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 for 11:30 AM Mass. Interment chapel service at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, W. 87th Street & S. Hamlin Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.ChapelHillGardensSouth.com](http://www.ChapelHillGardensSouth.com) for the Stuparitz family.



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## Welch, Robert F.

Robert F. Welch, age 92, of Skokie. Veteran, U.S. Navy, World War II; retired as Production Engineer for GM Corp; member, Opus Dei. Beloved husband of Dolores F., nee Muno; dear father of Donna (David Lewman), Dale, and Dawn (Bennett)

Brown; loving grandfather of Tiffany (Alan) Tucci, Ryan, Michael, Megan, Christine (Seven), Kelsey, and Alexa; cherished great-grandfather of Kaylie and Cameron; fond brother of the late John and James Welch and Betty Chaney. Visitation, Sunday, July 14, 2019, from 3 to 7 p.m., at **HABEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends to meet for Funeral Mass, Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1747 Lake Av., Wilmette. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Opus Dei, 5800 N. Keating Av., Chicago, IL, 60646 or The Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Av., Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60631. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.



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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 Ticktin Jewish Community Memorial Fund, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.bethshalomnb.org](http://www.bethshalomnb.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cj-finfo.com](http://www.cj-finfo.com)



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Project Name: Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services for New Construction of Veteran Housing in Chicago Heights

Specification Number: 2019-100-032

Questions Deadline: July 15, 2019 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Qualifications Due Date: August 5, 2019 Time: 2:00 P.M.

Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725 E-mail Address: dodonnel@thehacc.org

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Richard Monocchio, Executive Director

**BID NOTICE**  
The Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District 202 is seeking a 2019 Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited vehicle and will accept bids until July 25, 2019. Specifications will be available Thursday, July 11, 2019 by visiting http://www.eths.k12.il.us/Page/399

**BIDS DUE:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 2:00 pm in Business Services (H114) of the high school

**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Vendors shall comply with the Prevailing Wage Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, Section 395-1-12). The owner reserves the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in his judgment, is in the best interest of the Board of Education. Minorities are encouraged to respond. For further information, contact Kimberly Henry, Business Services at (847) 424-7311.

Mary Rodino, Chief Financial Officer

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
Alexis Smith AKA Alexis Michelle Smith (Mother)

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF NAKIA SMITH (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00441

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on April 8, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/31/2019, at 11:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2019

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All meeting will be held in Business Services (H114) of the high school

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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**  
Genesis Rodriguez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF JESSICA RODRIGUEZ (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01357

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 3, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/31/2019, at 2:00 PM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2019

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
Jayden Marshall

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF JASMINE ROBERTS (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00580

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Tyrone Marshall (Father), Adam and All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 21, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/31/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2019

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
Malik Burbridge

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF MONIQUE MOSLEY (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00479

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Monique Mosley (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 10, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/31/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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July 11, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
Memtre Holloway

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF TARITA HOLLOWAY (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00485

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Joseph Harley (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 14, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF 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 07/31/2019, at 10:30 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 THE CHILD.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2019

#### CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Office in Room 4200, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time on August 22, 2019. Proposals shall cover the following:

Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements McCormick Blvd. to Isabella Street  
RFQ Number: 19-44

The City of Evanston Bureau of Capital Planning & Engineering of Public Works Agency is seeking statements of qualifications from experienced engineering firms for the Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements from McCormick Blvd to Isabella Street - Phase I Engineering Study per the IDOT/Federal requirements. The limits of the project are from McCormick Boulevard to Isabella Street. The selected consultant may also be awarded the Phase II Design Engineering and Phase III Construction Engineering after the successful completion of Phase I Engineering.

There will be a Non-mandatory pre-proposal conference on July 30, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 2402 of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201. All firms intending to submit a proposal for this project are encouraged to attend to discuss the proposed work and receive answers to questions related to the project.

The above item shall conform to the RFQ on file in the Purchasing Office. The document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Purchasing Office on July 11, 2019. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.

The City (the City of Evanston) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all firms that it will affirmatively ensure that the contracts entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the successful firm without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation marital status, disability, familial status or national origin.

The State of Illinois requires under Public Works contracts that the general rate of wages in this locality be paid for each craft or type of worker hereunder. This requirement is in accordance with the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) as amended. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.

Linda Thomas Purchasing  
Specialist 6363420 7/11/2019

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
Monique Mosley

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF MONIQUE MOSLEY (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00479

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Monique Mosley (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 10, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkelis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/31/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 11, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Associate Process Control Engineer (Original)

**Application Filing Period:** May 3, 2019 through to be announced. **Examination Date:** To be announced. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of associate process control engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, provides engineering services for the design, construction, improvement, modernization and maintenance for process instrumentation and computer control systems for water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and flood control reservoirs. **Pay:** \$79,107.08 per year

**Motor Vehicle Dispatcher Supervisor (Original & Promotional)**

**Application Filing Period:** July 5, 2019 through July 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** August 3, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of motor vehicle dispatcher supervisor practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, supervises Motor Vehicle Dispatchers in the Main Office Building garage. Schedules daily pool car assignments and routine vehicle maintenance tasks. **Pay:** \$40.44 per hour

**Motor Vehicle Dispatcher (Original)**

**Application Filing Period:** July 5, 2019 through July 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** August 3, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of motor vehicle dispatcher practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, assists in regulating parking on District property and assists in maintaining District vehicles. **Pay:** \$27.15 per hour

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#### PUBLICATION OF INTENTION - ZURICH AMERICAN PUERTO RICO INSURANCE COMPANY

Pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/17 of the Illinois Insurance Code, Mark E. Knipfer, President, and Laura J. Lazarczyk, Corporate Secretary, of Zurich American Insurance Company hereby as incorporators provide notice of intent to form a new insurance company domiciled in the State of Illinois to be named "Zurich American Puerto Rico Insurance Company"

The proposed Zurich American Puerto Rico Insurance Company will engage in the following class or classes of insurance business related to Class 2 and Class 3 of Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code:

- (a) Casualty, Fidelity and Surety
- (b) Accident and Health
- (c) Vehicle
- (d) Liability
- (e) Workers' Compensation
- (f) Burglary and Forgery
- (g) Glass
- (h) Fidelity and Surety
- (i) Other Casualty Risks
- (j) Contingent Losses
- (k) Livestock and Domestic Animals
- (l) Legal Expense Insurance
- (m) Class 3 - Fire and Marine, Etc.

- (a) Fire
- (b) Elements
- (c) War, Riot and Explosion
- (d) Marine and Transportation
- (e) Vehicle
- (f) Property Damage, Sprinkler Leakage and Crop
- (g) Other Fire and Marine Risks
- (h) Contingent Losses
- (i) Legal Expense Insurance

The principal address of Zurich American Puerto Rico Insurance Company will be 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, Cook County, State of Illinois, 60196.

### FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. TYRONE WASHINGTON; GANELLI MCDONALD-WASHINGTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH05620 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Tyrone Washington, Ganelli McDonald-Washington, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 86 in the Renaissance at Beverly Ridge, being a Resubdivision in the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat of resubdivision thereof, recorded December 19, 2007 as Document 0735303073 in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel Number: 25-17-121-008-0000 Property Address: 1304 West

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**K.C. JOHNSON**  
On the Bulls

## Potential must now become reality

On paper, moves made Bulls better, but there is plenty of work to do

When Jim Boylen made his free-agent pitches to Thaddeus Young, Tomas Satoransky and Luke Kornet, he didn't promise a starting role. He didn't talk playing time.

The Bulls coach detailed his beliefs and vision to field a roster with versatile, tough-minded players and told them they'd be welcome additions in that pursuit.

Young has started 671 of his 901 career games, including all 309 of his appearances over the last four seasons, and didn't ask about starting. Neither did Satoransky, who played the best basketball of his three NBA seasons in his 54 starts for the Wizards after John Wall went down last season.

No wonder Boylen and management feel they're accomplishing their offseason goal of adding serious-minded players to become a more well-rounded team.

"Going into my 13th season, everybody knows that I'm a serious guy," Young told reporters in Las Vegas late Monday. "Everyone knows I'm serious about my role. I take each and every possession seriously. Each game, I go out and give 110 percent."

"I think that's the reason they came after me as hard as they did and got me to sign."

Already, Boylen is envisioning myriad lineup possibilities. They range from looks as versatile as Young, Otto Porter Jr. or Chandler Hutchison playing power forward with Lauri Markkanen at

Turn to Johnson, Page 5



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Tomas Satoransky made 54 starts for the Wizards after John Wall went down with an injury last season.

### BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#### Running back was a steady performer

Our pick at No. 57, **Neal Anderson**, had a tough task following Walter Payton, but he was up to the challenge. When he retired in 1993 he was arguably the most productive running back in franchise history. **Back Page**

### CUBS AT THE ALL-STAR BREAK

# His future is now

Poor 2nd half could mean end of Maddon's tenure with Cubs

CLEVELAND — After being interviewed by a couple of Chicago reporters Monday at the All-Star Game, Yankees infielder DJ LeMahieu had a question he needed answered.

"Are the Cubs going to make the playoffs or what?" the former Cub asked. Well, probably. Uh, maybe. Who knows?

"They're the most talented team in that division," LeMahieu said. "Kind of a rough stretch right now, huh? They'll be fine."

Cubs fans aren't the only ones puzzled by the team's lack of consistency in the first half. All



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

around the All-Star Game festivities, baseball people were asking what has happened to the Cubs and why they can't separate from the mosh pit known as the National League Central.

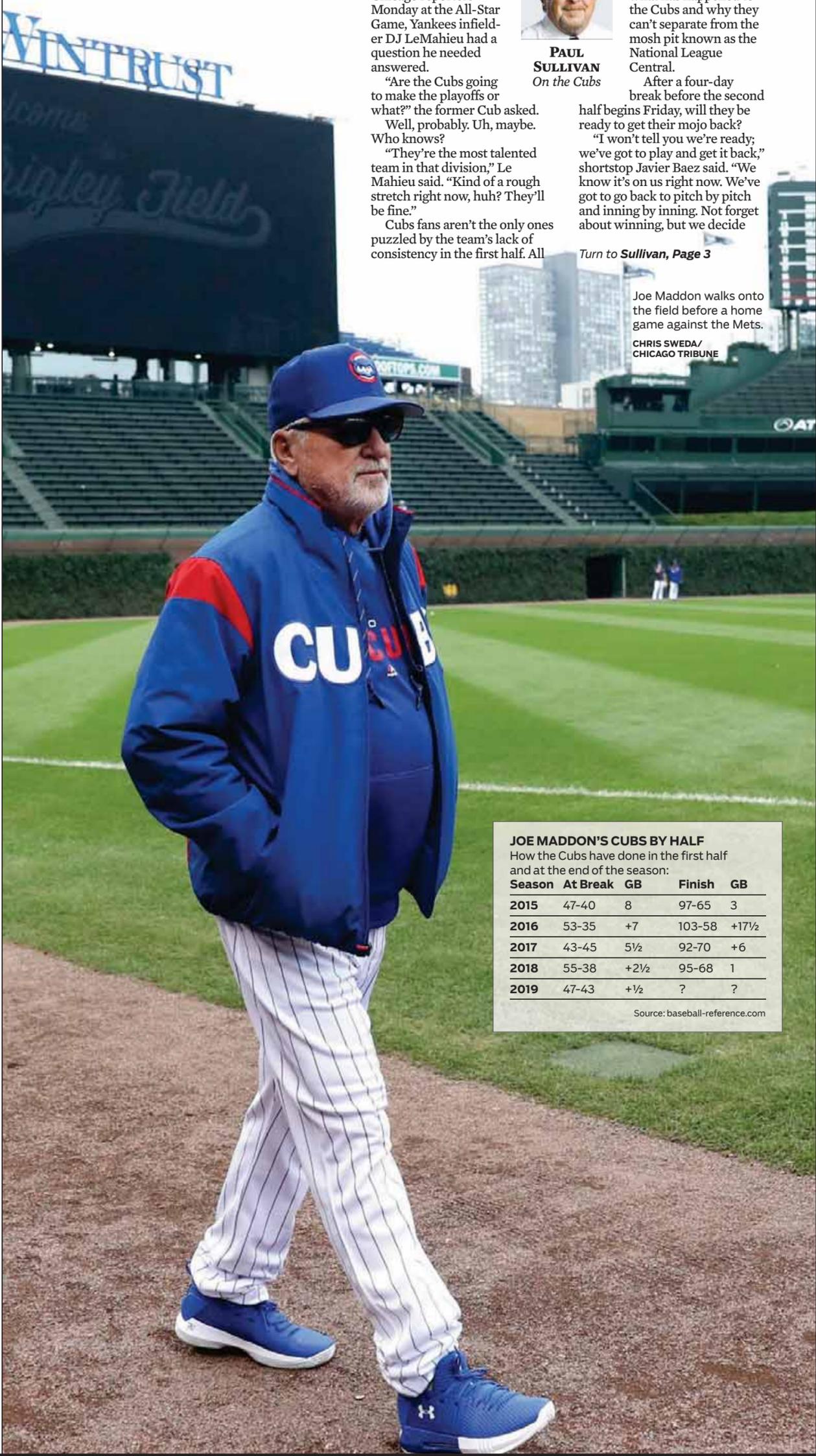
After a four-day break before the second half begins Friday, will they be ready to get their mojo back?

"I won't tell you we're ready; we've got to play and get it back," shortstop Javier Baez said. "We know it's on us right now. We've got to go back to pitch by pitch and inning by inning. Not forget about winning, but we decide

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Joe Maddon walks onto the field before a home game against the Mets.

CHRIS SWEDA/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



#### JOE MADDON'S CUBS BY HALF

How the Cubs have done in the first half and at the end of the season:

| Season | At Break | GB  | Finish | GB   |
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| 2015   | 47-40    | 8   | 97-65  | 3    |
| 2016   | 53-35    | +7  | 103-58 | +17½ |
| 2017   | 43-45    | 5½  | 92-70  | +6   |
| 2018   | 55-38    | +2½ | 95-68  | 1    |
| 2019   | 47-43    | +½  | ?      | ?    |

Source: baseball-reference.com



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## Another day of celebration

U.S. soccer player Megan Rapinoe celebrates while riding on a float during a Women's World Cup champions parade through the Canyon of Heroes on Wednesday in New York. **Page 7**

### FIRE

## To many, winning is the only thing

If Fire have success, fans are more likely to follow them into city

BY JOHN KEILMAN

After a decade of tepid results on the field and shrinking enthusiasm in the stands, Fire fan Rogelio Rudas Jr. isn't opposed to the change of scenery the team announced Tuesday.

He's just not sure it will make much of a difference.

"At the end of the day, (a new home field) is not going to be

enough," Rudas said. "The city will root for a winner. ... The product on the field obviously has to improve for this to work."

Team officials said the Fire will leave SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview at the end of this season, paying \$65.5 million to lease that ran through 2036. Though the team hasn't said where it will play next, it's widely believed the Fire will return to Soldier Field, which hosted them for most of the team's first eight seasons.

In interviews and online comments, Fire fans were happy,

angry, indifferent and every mood in between. But almost everyone said the location won't matter if the team doesn't start winning.

"If the results aren't on the field, any (attendance) bump you see will be temporary," said Karl Schuster of Section 8 Chicago, the team's independent supporters association. "This is a competitive market, and losing teams aren't tolerated. The record of the Chicago Fire over many years hasn't suggested that

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# TOP OF THE SECOND

PHIL ROSENTHAL

## TV ratings mirror Sox surge

The White Sox at the All-Star break this season are two games under .500 and generating their best cable TV ratings in five years.

Their 1.18 average household rating so far on NBC Sports Chicago — roughly 1.18% of all TV homes in the Chicago market — is the highest it has been at the mid-season hiatus since 1.38 in July 2014.

It's 57% better than last year's full-season average.

At first blush, one would credit that to the fact the Sox, in the middle of a major rebuild, are playing better, more competitive baseball at 42-44.

But the club's resonance with the audience in 2019 appears to go beyond wins and losses, and the surge in viewership holds the promise of still more growth ahead with Steve Stone and Jason Benetti calling the action.

There's no question this year's Sox team is more interesting to watch than the iteration of a year ago, when housecleaning to stock the development pipeline left behind a 33-62 team at the break. It's also better than the 38-49 ballclub that headed into the '17 All-Star break with the American League's worst record.

But, curiously, the '16 Sox who sent Chris Sale and Jose Quintana to the All-Star Game had a 45-43 record, two games over .500, and still apparently couldn't arouse the interest that this year's team has. Neither could the 41-45 White Sox of mid-2015.

There's something about the way Eloy Jimenez, Tim Anderson, Jose Abreu, Lucas Giolito, James McCann are jelling that has sparked renewed interest in what's happening on the South Side.

Per Nielsen estimates, the ratings bump has cut across all key demographics, including viewers 18 to 34 (up 91% compared with this point last year) and 25-54 (up 34%).

June was a particularly strong month with the Sox averaging a 1.57 household rating, their best June on NBC Sports Chicago since they racked up a 2.26 average seven years ago and their best since month since April 2014, when they recorded a 1.68 average.

Then there's the growing popularity of streaming via NBCSportsChicago.com and the MyTeams app, plus increased delivery of Sox content. It all paints a brighter pic-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The White Sox have had plenty to celebrate this season, including better TV ratings.

ture for the Sox than in recent years.

In tracking the Sox's ratings resurgence this season, it is instructive to recall the bottoming out and subsequent TV bounce of the Cubs in the years leading up to their 2016 World Series title.

The Cubs hit their low-water mark on the field at 61-101 in 2012, and in fact the 85-77 Sox that year outdrew the North Siders' games on what's now known as NBC Sports Chicago.

The Sox that season scored a 2.0 average household rating, while the Cubs averaged a 1.7 on the cable channel. (We're using NBC Sports Chicago numbers for the sake of comparative clarity and consistency, rather than try to account for games on ABC-7, WGN-9 and ESPN.)

But it took a couple of more sub-.500 seasons for Cubs' TV ratings to go completely pfft. The hard floor for the Cubs was a 1.5 household rating average in 2014.

The next season the Cubs finished third with a team that parlayed a wild-card berth all the way to National League Championship Series, and their average rating rose 120% to 3.1.

Ratings averaged 4.5 during the '16 World Series season, a 300% improvement on the 2014 low. Since then, it has been down (4.1 in '17), up (4.4 in '18) and down so far this year.

The Cubs' 3.94 average household rating to date on NBC Sports Chicago is down roughly 5% from last season's All-Star break and 10% from 2018's full-season average.

It's important to note the lowest lows for the Sox give them a deeper hole to climb out of than their cross-town rival.

The Cubs' 1.5 nadir in 2014 is almost double what the Sox have been drawing in recent years.

To be specific, the Sox flatlined with a season average of about 0.8 since 2014 — the one exception being a 0.9 in '15 — but now have the opportunity to have the same sort of proportionate growth in their audience.

Even if the '19 Sox can't quite double last season's 0.75 full-season average, it's hardly inconceivable they will manage to triple it by 2020 or 2021, which is right about where they were in 2009 and '10.

### LET'S PLAY 2

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|  | <b>Friday</b><br>Liberty<br>7 p.m.<br>WCIU-26.2  | <b>Sunday</b><br>@Wings<br>3 p.m.<br>League Pass |

### THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

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| <b>MLB</b><br>7 p.m. Astros at Rangers                | ESPN   |
| <b>CYCLING</b><br>6:30 a.m. Tour de France            | NBCSN  |
| <b>GOLF</b><br>12:30 p.m. Senior Players Championship | Golf   |
| 3 p.m. John Deere Classic                             | Golf   |
| <b>TENNIS</b><br>7 a.m. Wimbledon                     | ESPN   |
| 10 a.m. USTA Men's Circuit Winnetka                   | Tennis |

### LYNX 73, SKY 72

## Quigley's 24 just not enough

Odyssey Sims hit the go-ahead jumper with 6.4 seconds to play and finished with 16 points in the Lynx's 73-72 victory over the Sky on Wednesday night at Wintrust Arena.

Former Sky center Sylvia Fowles added 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Lynx (9-6). She has 156 career double-doubles, one shy of the WNBA record set by Lisa Leslie.

Sims drove, spun into the lane, pump faked to get her defender in the air and hit the go-ahead jumper.

Quigley scored 17 of her 24 points in the second half, but she missed a 3 as time expired for the Sky (7-8). AP

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### ACROSS

- 1 Evergreen tree
- 4 Move just a bit
- 9 Out of \_\_\_ world; extraordinary
- 13 Alimony payers
- 15 Stringed instrument
- 16 Wedding ring?
- 17 Setting for "The King and I"
- 18 Aggravated
- 19 Come \_\_\_; find
- 20 Crossed
- 22 Stitch up
- 23 Stitches
- 24 Photo \_\_\_
- 26 Strut about pompously
- 29 Cowboy hats
- 34 Fish basket
- 35 "Here, \_\_\_ and Everywhere"; Beatles hit
- 36 Energy
- 37 Rex or Robert
- 38 Peruses
- 39 German man
- 40 "Hey Diddle Diddle, the cat \_\_\_ the fiddle..."
- 41 Lends a hand
- 42 Henry or Peter
- 43 Good enough
- 45 Unlike casual clothes
- 46 Solemn assent
- 47 Parka feature
- 48 Lace place
- 51 In the highest position
- 56 Extended
- 57 Lunch hours
- 58 Courts
- 60 Suffix for favor or fashion
- 61 Male bee
- 62 Near, in poetry
- 63 Gifts for kids
- 64 Alley cat
- 65 \_\_\_ down; reclined

### DOWN

- 1 Pro vote
- 2 Leave the room
- 3 \_\_\_ out; become dilapidated
- 4 Eccentric
- 5 Those listed in a will
- 6 Ailments
- 7 Abscond
- 8 Tricycle riders
- 9 All \_\_\_; clumsy
- 10 Remain optimistic
- 11 Monopoly token
- 12 Beach surface
- 14 Crushed
- 21 Calf meat

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Yankees pitcher Aroldis Chapman and White Sox catcher James McCann congratulate each other after the AL's All-Star Game win.

ALL-STAR GAME WINNERS AND LOSERS

# Call McCann a winner

Sox catcher fares better than Chicago's other 5 All-Stars

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Cleveland rocked and the American League rolled Tuesday, prevailing over the National League 4-3 in Major League Baseball's All-Star Game at Progressive Field.

Who, beyond the obvious, were the winners and losers, you ask? Well, let's take a look.

**Winner: James McCann:** White Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito started shaky in his fourth-inning appearance but regained his poise to escape without allowing a run, even striking out the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger. Teammate Jose Abreu hit into an inning-ending double play in the eighth.

But Sox catcher McCann stood out with a seventh-inning single and a dramatic catch of a foul popup by the Brewers' Mike Moustakas to extinguish an eighth-inning NL rally with runners on second and third. McCann's grab saved the game for the AL.

**Loser: Cubs bats:** No offense. Literally. The three Cubs in the game — Javier Baez, Willson Contreras and Kris Bryant — went hitless in five at-bats, each striking out once. At least they'll always have memories of 2016 in Cleveland.

**Winner: Freddie Freeman:** In a rare instance of hooking a player up for sound actually paying off, the Braves first baseman was a hoot as he talked with Fox Sports' Joe Buck and John Smoltz and fellow players at the plate and in the field. Freeman's playfulness is what made it work.

Fox tried with others through the game and found varying degrees of success. The Indians' Francisco Lindor chatting up the

umpires about dinner he arranged for them this week at Lola Bistro may have come closest, but none paid the same dividend.

**Loser: Aroldis Chapman:** Boos greeted Chapman when the Yankees reliever came in to pick up the save in the ninth. Buck said it was because Chapman picked up the victory for the Cubs over the Indians in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series at Progressive Field. Because all the Cubs at the game were booed, that makes sense.

But it would be nice to think at least some of the boos for Chapman were because of the domestic abuse case that led to his 30-game suspension earlier in the 2016 season.

**Loser: The 2016 Indians:** Cleveland fans still might be nursing psychic bruises, but it doesn't change the 10th inning of Game 7 three years ago.

**Winner: Justin Verlander:** Fox's Ken Rosenthal button-holed the Astros ace in the dugout, asking him to respond to Commissioner Rob Manfred maintaining MLB has done nothing to its baseballs to increase home-run output. Verlander asserted just the opposite the day before, but he told Rosenthal he welcomed continued discussion. As long as people keep talking about "juiced" baseballs, the issue remains unsettled. So Verlander and those who agree with him come out ahead, and the offense-minded Manfred will remain defensive.

**Loser: Stickers instead of patches:** It was a beautiful gesture for baseball to have the rosters of both All-Star teams wear No. 45 patches on their jerseys as a memorial to Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who died on a road trip July 1 at 27. Unfortunately, rather than sew on the patches, they opted for stickers and — whether because of heat, humidity, synthetic fabrics, poor adhesive or whatnot — some didn't stick.

The sentiment remained heartfelt, but its effectiveness was undercut.

**Winner: Carlos Santana:** If one member of the hometown Indians is going to start in a rock-themed All-Star Game, it should be the one who shares his name with an artist honored down the street at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for hits such as "Evil Ways," "Black Magic Woman" and "Oye Como Va."

**Winner: Shane Bieber:** For that matter, if an Indians player was going to be named most valuable player, why not a guy named Bieber? In the fifth inning, the right-hander struck out the side, becoming the second pitcher ever to do so in an All-Star Game in his home park. Bobby Shantz of the A's did it in 1952 at Philadelphia's Shibe Park.

But this just in: Bieber made "Beliebers" of a lot of baseball fans.

**Loser: The hard sell:** It's probably wonderful to win a truck. But shouldn't the man from Chevy offer Bieber a test drive before making him choose his MVP prize?

**Loser: St. Petersburg, Fla.:** With this sixth game, the Indians now have hosted the All-Star Game more than any other franchise. The Tampa Bay (at least for now) Rays, meanwhile, have yet to bring the game to St. Pete. Not to press a sore point, but even Montreal hosted an All-Star Game.

**Winner: Cleveland:** So determined was MLB to bring the midsummer exhibition to the shores of Lake Erie just 22 years after it last visited what's now called Progressive Field that it broke down and actually gave the game to an A.L. franchise for the first time since the Twins hosted five years ago.

MLB won't do that again for at least another three years as the Dodgers and Braves are set to host in 2020 and '21, respectively.

BASEBALL NOTES

## Errors riddle All-Star Game scoreboard

Misspelled names, wrong photos, logos cause backlash

News services

The only errors on the scoreboard at the All-Star Game were by the scoreboard.

At least one player noticed — and wasn't too pleased.

The giant board at Progressive Field in Cleveland was filled with mistakes Tuesday night, including a couple of misspelled names, a wrong picture and a pair of incorrect team logos.

"They had what, two weeks to get ready for this? That can't happen," Mets sparkplug Jeff McNeil said.

McNeil is leading the majors with a .349 batting average, an impressive feat seeing how he made his major league debut less than a year ago.

A late sub, he came up for the National League in the eighth inning and noticed the headshot on the scoreboard wasn't of him. Instead, it was of Mets teammate Jacob deGrom.

"That was tough, to see deGrom's picture up there," McNeil said. "I didn't really like that."

"I wanted to see my picture up there. I know my family did, too. What are you going to do, I guess, but I don't think that should happen."

David Dahl didn't fare any better. The Rockies outfielder batted right before McNeil and was listed on the scoreboard as "Davis Dahl."

Same for Cubs catcher Willson Contreras. A starter, his first name was missing a letter and spelled "Wilson."

Big-hitting Cody Bellinger plays for the Dodgers and Ketel Marte is with the Diamondbacks, but when the starting lineups were shown, they both appeared with the logo of the Braves.

The American League won 4-3 and neither team was charged with an error.

"I don't think there was a lot of mistakes on either side," said NL manager Dave Roberts of the Dodgers.

Not on the field, anyway. The Indians apologized Wednesday.

**Dodgers activate Seager:** The MLB-best Dodgers activated two-time All-Star shortstop Corey Seager from the injured list Wednesday.

The former NL rookie of the year had been out since June 12 with a left hamstring strain. Seager hit .278 with eight home runs, 38 RBIs and 40 runs in 66 games before suffering the injury.

**Arrieta to make start:** Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said Wednesday that right-handed starter Jake Arrieta will start during this weekend's series against the Nationals despite being hindered by a bone spur in his right elbow.

The Phillies will continue to evaluate the injury.

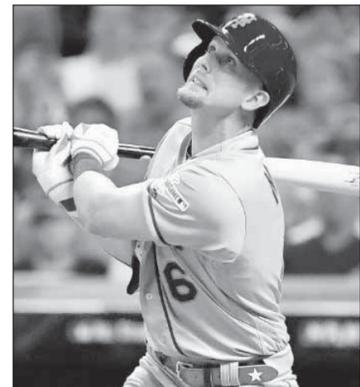
Arrieta, 33, who won the NL Cy Young Award in 2015 with the Cubs, is 8-7 with a 4.67 ERA this season.

**Bouton dies:** Jim Bouton, the former Yankees pitcher who shocked and angered the conservative baseball world with the tell-all book "Ball Four," died Wednesday at age 80 at his home in Great Barrington, Mass.

Bouton — a Bloom High School graduate whose family relocated from New Jersey to Chicago Heights when he was a teen — fought a brain disease linked to dementia and was in hospice care. He also had two strokes in 2012.

Published in 1970, "Ball Four" detailed Yankees great Mickey Mantle's carousing and the use of stimulants in the major leagues. Bouton's revealing look at baseball off the field made for eye-opening and entertaining reading, but he paid a big price for the bestseller when former teammates and players and executives across baseball ostracized him for exposing their secrets. He wasn't invited to the Yankees' Old-Timers' Day until 1998.

Bouton was 21-8 with six shutouts in 1963 — his second season in the majors and his only year as an All-Star — and went 18-13 with four more shutouts in 1964. The Yankees lost the World Series both years, and Bouton injured his right arm in 1965 and saw limited action the next three seasons. He worked on "Ball Four" in 1969, a season spent with the expansion Seattle Pilots and Houston Astros, his fastball replaced by a knuckleball as he tried to prolong his career.



JASON MILLER/GETTY

The Progressive Field scoreboard used the wrong photo when the Mets' Jeff McNeil entered Tuesday's game.

## Maddon's Cubs future likely tied to 2nd half

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who wins in the nine innings.

"First of all, we're the Chicago Cubs and everybody talks about us even before the World Series. A lot of people are expecting big things from us. Obviously we're trying, but we had a lot of pressure on us. Once the season started (that pressure) kind of went down a little bit, (but) the struggle was there and it kind of came up again.

"It's part of the game, making mistakes, failure. We've just got to make adjustments and get back on track."

The onus is on manager Joe Maddon to make sure it gets back on track in the final year of a contract the sides agreed not to renegotiate until the season ends. Several national media members at the All-Star Game spoke of Maddon's future as a fait accompli, with the only question whether he'll last the rest of the season.

While President Theo Epstein hasn't blamed Maddon for the mediocre record (47-43), he made a point in the offseason of saying the Cubs lacked "urgency" in 2018, and last week Epstein added: "The first half this year hasn't been as clean as we'd like and as heads-up as we'd like and maybe as intense as we'd like."

The manager is mostly responsible for those departments. So what can Maddon do that he hasn't done to breathe life back into the Cubs?

"I honestly don't think there's anything else he can do," third baseman Kris Bryant said. "I've seen a big change in him, just how he approaches each and every guy."

"He's way more involved. He's talkative. He's positive every day. I love him. I love

the way he runs the team. He's been doing everything right for us.

"We have to play better to show that he deserves to be here. A lot of that falls on us. We just haven't performed the way we should. I can think of a handful of ball-games that we should've won, and that whole narrative would be much different. But it hasn't been that way, and we hope to change it certainly so he's not getting that blame."

The players aren't naive. Everyone knows Maddon's future will be debated during the second half if they don't play better.

Epstein and Maddon's agent, Alan Nero, knew it could be a distraction when they agreed in November to table discussions of a contract extension.

It's no different from Dusty Baker's status in 2006, three years after getting the Cubs within five outs of the World Series. From the All-Star break on, everyone speculated Baker was gone. By October he was, along with President Andy MacPhail, who resigned.

"I'm not worried about Joe," catcher Willson Contreras said. "We have 2 1/2 months to go. After that, I can't say much about those conversations. I'm just trying to enjoy Joe as much as I can and looking forward to keep playing for him."

Fittingly, the Cubs start the second half Friday against Clint Hurdle's Pirates. Maddon's Fourth of July eruption in Pittsburgh, directed at the manager he called "Clinton," was widely viewed as an attempt to end the Cubs' hibernation.

"It's more of a spark we needed to come together as a team," Bryant said. "We were

in a lull there, and Joe took it upon himself to kind of light that spark for us."

Adding to the suspense is the July 31 trade deadline. Will the Cubs deal one of their stars, and if so, which one? Can they hand out \$300 million or so to both Baez and Bryant down the road while also resigning Contreras?

Bryant's agent, Scott Boras, said keeping Bryant should be a no-brainer for the Ricketts family.

"When a player is successful, you'd always say he's a candidate for (a long-term deal)," Boras said. "Why wouldn't the owner want to? Who can replicate his performance? I don't know of anyone that plays four positions and is an All-Star and hits in the middle of the lineup and has an OPS of .950."

"So, understanding that, what owner wouldn't want him?"

Asked if Addison Russell, another Boras client, is still a good fit with the Cubs after a so-so performance following his return from a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy, Boras seemed less optimistic.

"Addison is back playing and reaching his level of normalcy," Boras said. "He's a great shortstop, a great middle infielder, really skilled, and a lot of teams want him. As to where he fits and what goes forward, that's going to be a value choice on the part of the Cubs."

The only known entering the second half is that everything is up in the air, and Epstein will have difficult decisions to make if the Cubs don't live up to expectations.

The clock is ticking.

## BASEBALL

## WHITE SOX IN THE MINORS

## Robert, Madrigal work their way up

BY LAMOND POPE

Dylan Cease enjoyed a successful big-league debut, pitching five innings July 3 in a win against the Tigers.

Which prospects are next in line to make an impact for the White Sox?

Outfielder Luis Robert and infielder Nick Madrigal are making their way through the system. Both represented the Sox on Sunday in the All-Star Futures Game in Cleveland.

Robert, who MLB.com calls the top prospect in the organization, is headed to Triple-A Charlotte after tearing it up at Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham.

He's just one of the players making waves in the minors. Here's the latest on some White Sox prospects.

**Nick Madrigal, second baseman, Birmingham:** Madrigal, the No. 4 prospect in the organization, is batting .313 with 15 doubles and 38 RBIs with stops at Winston-Salem and Birmingham. He is hitting .392 in 25 games at Birmingham and has struck out only twice in 97 at-bats.

"It's always been a part of my game, trying not to strike out, especially hitting toward the top of the order," Madrigal said during a conference call last week.

Madrigal, the No. 4 pick in the 2018 draft, earned Sox minor-league co-player of the month honors for June.

**Kade McClure, pitcher, Winston-Salem:** McClure threw 20 consecutive scoreless innings in four starts from June 2 to June 25. He was named the organization's minor-league pitcher of the month for June.

McClure went 1-1 with a 2.12 ERA and 20 strikeouts in June. Overall, he is 3-4 with a 2.60 ERA and 76 strikeouts in 16 starts between Class A Kannapolis and Winston-Salem.

"I'm trying to attack the zone and cut down on the number of walks," McClure said last week. "You obviously can't control everything, but put the ball in the zone and trust the defense"

**Luis Robert, outfielder, Charlotte:** Robert hit an eye-popping .453 in 19 games at Winston-Salem and continued the success at Birmingham, where he hit .314 in 56 games.



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Luis Robert, taking batting practice during spring training in Glendale, Ariz., hit .453 at Winston-Salem and is hitting .314 at Birmingham.

"Speaking to scouts that have covered the Southern League for the last 10 years, I've heard some guys say they haven't see a player like this come through there in some time," Sox director of player development Chris Getz said during the conference call.

Robert's next challenge is with Charlotte. He is hitting .349 with 16 home runs and 53 RBIs.

**Blake Rutherford, outfielder, Birmingham:** Rutherford hit .156 in April and .216 in May. But the No. 8 prospect in the organization had a big June, hitting .365 with 12 RBIs. Rutherford, a Yankees first-round pick in 2016, is hitting .268 with five home runs and 33 RBIs.

**Gavin Sheets, first baseman, Birmingham:** Sheets leads the Barons in homers (11) and RBIs (60). Like Rutherford, Sheets started slowly. He hit .207 in April before turning it on in June, hitting .304 with four homers and 25 RBIs. Sheets, the No. 17 prospect in the organization, was a second-round pick in 2017.

**Steele Walker, outfielder, Winston-Salem:** Walker was the organization's co-player of the month in June, hitting .330 with six doubles, three home runs and 16 RBIs. He had a .379 on-base percentage and slugged .523. Walker, the No. 10 prospect in the system, is hitting .302 with 19 doubles, five homers and 38 RBIs in 67 games between Winston-Salem and Kannapolis. He was taken in the second round in 2018.

**Andrew Vaughn, first baseman, Kannapolis:** The No. 3 pick in this year's draft had nine hits in 15 at-bats (.600 average) in three games for the Arizona League White Sox. He hit one home run and drove in four. The Sox moved him to Kannapolis, where he had four hits in his first 13 at-bats, including a home run Tuesday.

**Seby Zavala, catcher, Charlotte:** The Sox promoted Zavala to the majors on May 25. He appeared in three games and had one hit in nine at-bats before being optioned back to Charlotte after the May 31 game against the Indians. He hit .270 with six homers and 14 RBIs in 21 games in June for Charlotte. The No. 21 prospect in the organization, Zavala is batting .230 with 12 homers and 32 RBIs.



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## Sox protecting fans

The White Sox started work Wednesday on extending the protective netting to each foul pole at Guaranteed Rate Field.

They are the first major-league team to do so; the Pirates, Rangers and Nationals are among those who have said they'll do the same.

The Sox said the work will be complete before the next home game July 22 versus the Marlins.

On May 29 in Houston, a 2-year-old girl was struck by a foul ball off the bat of the Cubs' Albert Almora Jr. And on June 10 at Guaranteed Rate Field, a foul ball hit by Sox rookie Eloy Jimenez resulted in a woman being hospitalized.

Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred is reluctant to order teams to extend their netting, saying the decision is up to each team.

"We recognized early in this process that it was very difficult to set an individual rule, one rule that applied to 30 different ballparks, given their structural differences," Manfred said Tuesday in Cleveland at a meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. "Instead, we have opted to work with the individual clubs over a period of time to extend the netting, and we've made extensive progress on that."

## Sister's curve fails to win 'Viral' award

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, whose wicked curve on a ceremonial first pitch before a White Sox game last year already scored her a Topps baseball card and a bobblehead doll, fell short Wednesday in her bid to add an ESPY Award to her collection.

A gymnastics performance by UCLA's Katelyn Ohashi that scored a perfect 10 took the trophy for Best Viral Moment.

The award was presented during a special edition of ESPN's "SportsCenter" with Sage Steele and Kevin Negandhi ahead of the ceremony, set to be televised live in prime time on ABC from Los Angeles' Microsoft Theater.

"Don't Sleep on Sister Mary Jo's curveball," featuring Sobieck's strike to Lucas Giolito, may have been the sentimental favorite among the the four videos contending for the Viral Moment prize.

But in terms of sheer numbers, it faced an uphill fight



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/AP

Sister Mary Jo Sobieck arrives at the ESPY Awards on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

going into the viewer voting.

ESPN reported the video with Sobieck, who teaches theology at Marian Catholic in Chicago Heights, had 5 million views coming into the competition.

The video of Ohashi's performance, however, had 43.5 million views on YouTube through the end of May.

The other two finalists were not even close in popularity.

Texas A&M's Infinite Tucker diving to become SEC 400-meter hurdle champion had attracted 2.7 million views, and speedy 7-year-old Rudolph "Blaze" Ingram running away from his peers had 1.2 million.

## Cease's 2nd start for Sox on Tuesday

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox announced the bulk of their rotation for the first two series after the All-Star break, and Dylan Cease will make his second start Tuesday against the Royals in Kansas City, Mo.

Ivan Nova, who started and won the first-half finale Sunday against the Cubs, will take the mound for the first game after the break Friday against the Athletics in Oakland, Calif. Reynaldo Lopez will start the series finale Sunday, with Saturday's pitcher to be determined.

All-Star Lucas Giolito will face the Royals in the opener of a four-game series Monday, followed by Cease and Nova.

Cease made his major-league debut July 3, pitching five innings and earning the win against the Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader at Guaranteed Rate Field. To stay fresh during the extended layoff, he said he threw a bullpen session Saturday and had another scheduled for Wednesday.

## CUBS IN THE MINORS

## Happ works on timing; Hoerner hot in Tennessee

BY TIM BANNON

In the last month, the Cubs called up two of their most intriguing prospects: Robel Garcia and Adbert Alzolay.

After four games, Garcia has a slash line of .364/.462/1.091, and even though his play at second base has been shaky, he's likely to stay in the big leagues for a while.

Alzolay, after a rough outing against the Pirates on July 1, is back in the minors for more seasoning.

So at the All-Star break, we check in on some notables in the Cubs farm system. Statistics are through Tuesday.

**Jim Adduci, outfielder/first baseman, Triple-A Iowa:** Adduci, 34, is hitting .302 with nine home runs, 40 RBIs and a .342 on-base percentage in 66 games for Iowa. The Cubs called up the Evergreen Park High School graduate May 27, and he played in two games (one start), going 0-for-5 with three strikeouts.

"I love playing this game, and I think this can help people who are grinding it out," Adduci said in May. "It can happen, and when

you come up here, it's everything I've gone through, and you're ready for this moment. You get to have fun, really enjoy it and help the team win."

He was a 42nd-round draft pick of the Marlins in 2003.

**Adbert Alzolay, right-handed pitcher, Iowa:** Since that rocky July 1 appearance against the Pirates in which he gave up seven runs in 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, he has made one appearance for Iowa, on Saturday against the Memphis Redbirds. That didn't go so well either. Alzolay lasted 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> inning, giving up five runs on four hits and three walks.

**Miguel Amaya, catcher, Class A Myrtle Beach:** Ranked as the Cubs' second-best prospect and No. 76 overall by MLB Pipeline, Amaya, 20, played Sunday in his second Futures Game. He grounded out in the third inning before being replaced at catcher. Last year he went 0-for-3.

Amaya is batting .221 with seven home runs and 34 RBIs in 63 games for Myrtle Beach. The Cubs signed him in 2015 as a free agent out of Panama.

**Taylor Davis, catcher, Iowa:** The 29-year-old Davis, a 49th-round draft pick, made a splash when he was called up to the Cubs in early May, hitting a grand slam against the Cardinals on May 4 at Wrigley Field.

He played in six games during that stretch, going 3-for-15.

With Willson Contreras and Victor Caratini healthy, Davis has been back with Iowa, with whom he's batting .281 with a .391 OBP and .393 slugging percentage. He has four homers and 17 RBI.

**Carl Edwards Jr., right-handed pitcher, Iowa:** He continues his rehab assignment after suffering a left thoracic strain in June.

On July 1, Edwards threw one-third of an inning, walking one and striking out one while giving up a hit and a run. On Thursday he didn't allow a hit while striking out one in an inning.

Joe Maddon said this weekend that he wasn't sure when Edwards would return.

**Trent Giambrone, infielder, Iowa:** The Cubs picked him in the 25th round of the 2016 draft out of Delta State.

In Giambrone's fourth year in the minors, he has played in 84 games for Iowa, batting .237 with 19 home runs and 48 RBIs and a .794 OPS.

He has been compared with David Bote, an 18th-round pick who reached the majors with versatility and some power.

**Ian Happ, infielder, Iowa:** Happ, a first-round pick in 2015, spent 2017 and 2018 with the Cubs but has been with Iowa all this season.

He's batting .234 with 100 strikeouts and 55 walks in 312 at-bats. He has 13 home runs, 47 RBI and a .772 OPS. Last year with the Cubs he batted .233 with 167 strikeouts and 70 walks in 387 at-bats. He had 15 homers and 44 RBIs.

Iowa coaches told the Des Moines Register that they still like Happ's swing as well as his work ethic. Yet he's not where the Cubs want him to be.

"His timing is still a little bit in between," Iowa manager Marty Pevey told the Register. "From the right side of the plate, he looks really good. From the left side of the plate, he's missing some fastballs that he's a little tardy on and

it's something that we've been really working on the last few days."

**Nico Hoerner, shortstop, Double-A Tennessee:** The Cubs' top prospect (52nd-ranked position prospect, according to mlb.com) was the team's top pick in 2018 (24th overall) out of Stanford.

Last year, he played for Class A Eugene and South Bend. This spring, he was promoted to Tennessee.

In 23 games with Tennessee, his slash line is .282/.358/.494 with two home runs and 10 RBIs.

**Danny Hultzen, left-handed pitcher, Iowa:** Hultzen, 29, was the second pick in the 2011 draft and signed a five-year, \$8.5 million contract with the Mariners. Hultzen advanced as high as Triple-A Tacoma in 2013 until he suffered labrum and rotator cuff injuries. Hultzen missed all of 2014, and after more injuries he returned to the University of Virginia to complete his bachelor's degree.

Sources: Chicago Tribune reporting, Des Moines Register, Baseball Reference, mlb.com

## BULLS



DOUG MCSCHOOLER/AP

Veteran Thaddeus Young, right, brings a serious, tough-minded approach to the Bulls.

## Potential must become reality

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center if the Bulls go small to Markkanen or Wendell Carter Jr. playing alongside Kornet if they go big.

Satoransky adds a plethora of options. He can play point or shooting guard as well as small forward. This gives the Bulls insurance in case Denzel Valentine's rehabilitation from reconstructive ankle surgery runs into training camp or if Kris Dunn is traded, a seemingly growing possibility by the day.

The projected starters are Dunn or Satoransky, Zach LaVine, Porter, Markkanen and Carter, who is set for surgery Tuesday to repair a core muscle injury that could be a sports hernia. Rookie point guard Coby White's raw talent screams the need for at least 24 minutes. Young has averaged 30.7 minutes overall in his consistently solid 12-year career.

Boylen has options.

Executive vice president John Paxson spoke to this point when the Bulls sent Jabari Parker and Bobby Portis to the Wizards for Porter at the February trade deadline. But it has been somewhat forgotten in the sea of July transactions: Porter's acquisition, in essence, began the Bulls' free-agency pursuits.

"We're not in the position to go after the big names, the franchise-changers," Paxson said in February. "We're looking at things realistically. We also looked ahead to this summer, and even the summer beyond, at available wings and versatile players. There are no guarantees of getting players like that."

So the Bulls landed their starting small forward and the \$55.7 million he's owed for the next two seasons. They did so for Parker, a failed experiment who wouldn't have returned, and Portis, who turned down an extension worth annually what the Bulls will pay Young.

Even with six years of NBA experience, Porter just turned 26. He fits with the timeline and commitment to Markkanen, LaVine and Carter, at least two of whom must become stars for this rebuild to work.

The moves this offseason are consistent with Paxson's season-ending statement that the Bulls need to become relevant again. The hope is adding versatile players makes the Bulls more competitive as Markkanen, LaVine and Carter progress, thus making them an attractive free-agent destination or flush with enough assets to trade for the next disgruntled superstar.

That's the plan anyway. And as Boylen and Paxson often say, plenty of work remains for it to come to fruition.

"We're just trying to move forward," Boylen said over the weekend in Las Vegas. "We're still talking about Bulls across the chest. We're still talking about playing for the city. We still talk about playing the right way. We're going to keep pounding those things as long as I'm here."

Along those lines, several players from the NBA roster were scheduled to arrive in Las Vegas for a Tuesday night dinner and Wednesday team-bonding activity. Like his free-agency pitch, Boylen didn't have to sell anything.

## FIRE

## Fire need to win to keep fans coming

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(increased) attendance based on the novelty of a city stadium is sustainable."

SeatGeek Stadium can hold 20,000 spectators, but the Fire's figures show attendance has been well below that during the team's 13 years in Bridgeview. Last year's average of 14,806 — during a season in which the Fire won only eight games — was the lowest since 2011.

Still, the stadium has been a comfortable home for fans such as Jim Werdeniuk of Bridgeview, who lives close enough to walk to games. He said he probably won't renew his monthly ticket subscription if the Fire land at Soldier Field.

He expects tickets to cost more and seats to be farther from the field, and the location, needless to say, will be far less convenient for him.

Werdeniuk recalled that fans were excited to leave Soldier Field in 2006 for a soccer-specific stadium in the suburbs and questioned whether the Fire would squander the goodwill the team built up among certain supporters.

"They're going to lose the loyal South Side people who've been coming for a while, and I don't know that they'll be able to offset that," he said.

Tony Nielsen, who has gone to Fire games since 2007, said the stadium's address didn't matter when the team was winning. But he said the Fire's large suburban fan base, which includes many families, might not put up with the expense and "logistical nightmare" of going into the city.

"The move to Soldier Field is a distraction that will not fix anything with the franchise itself," he said. "The same lack of results and poor ownership will keep fans away. The only difference is that the low attendance will look much worse in a (61,000)-seat stadium than a 20,000-seat stadium."

But Bradley Dlatt, who lives in Chicago's River North neighborhood, said the city has a vast, untapped well of soccer aficionados. They wear club jerseys to bars and packed Lincoln Park to watch the U.S. women's national team play World Cup games, he said, and they might back the Fire if the team were closer.

Dlatt said that Bridgeview has been



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Section 8 Fire fans, seen at SeatGeek Stadium, must decide whether to follow the team to its new home in the city.

hampered by its scant public transportation options and that Soldier Field could be a more appealing location for a large portion of the city.

"There's an appetite for soccer fandom in Chicago, and I don't know if it's necessarily tied to winning," he said. "It's just a matter of putting the team in a place where the fans can access it."

The possibility of higher prices is what worries Walter Arredondo of the Sector Latino supporters group. Like others, he expects Soldier Field to be a temporary home until the Fire can build a new soccer stadium in the city, and he said cost-conscious fans could be alienated if the team opts for an upscale model.

"Ideally, it would be somewhere in Pilsen, where it could be cheaper," he said. "It just depends on how expensive it will be. As a fan, that's the most concerning part."

Rudas guessed that building a new Chicago stadium for the Fire could take up to a decade, given the complexities of big construction projects in the city. A stadium proposed for the Lincoln Yards complex on the North Side was jettisoned earlier this year, and new Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said she will take a tougher line on public subsidies than her predecessor, Rahm Emanuel.

So if the Fire end up back at Soldier Field, Rudas said, they should be prepared to make the most of a long stay — and that starts with producing better results.

"You can get everybody to come in once, but you have to get them to come back," he said.



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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 | 30   | 24   |
| CENTRAL         |    |     |      |      |      |
| W               | L  | PCT | GB   | WCGB |      |
| Cleveland       | 56 | 33  | .629 | —    | —    |
| Minnesota       | 50 | 38  | .568 | 5½   | —    |
| Detroit         | 42 | 44  | .488 | 12½  | 7    |
| Chi White Sox   | 30 | 61  | .330 | 27   | 21½  |
| Kansas City     | 28 | 57  | .329 | 26   | 20½  |
| WEST            |    |     |      |      |      |
| W               | L  | PCT | GB   | WCGB |      |
| Houston         | 57 | 33  | .633 | —    | —    |
| Oakland         | 50 | 41  | .549 | 7½   | 1½   |
| Texas           | 48 | 42  | .533 | 9    | 3    |
| Los Angeles     | 45 | 46  | .495 | 12½  | 6½   |
| Seattle         | 39 | 55  | .415 | 20   | 14   |

| 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  | 7    |
| Miami           | 33 | 55  | .375 | 19½  | 13   |
| CENTRAL         |    |     |      |      |      |
| W               | L  | PCT | GB   | WCGB |      |
| Minnesota       | 47 | 43  | .522 | —    | —    |
| Cleveland       | 47 | 44  | .516 | ½    | ½    |
| Chicago         | 44 | 44  | .500 | 2    | 2    |
| Kansas City     | 44 | 45  | .494 | 2½   | 2½   |
| Detroit         | 41 | 46  | .471 | 4½   | 4½   |
| WEST            |    |     |      |      |      |
| W               | L  | PCT | GB   | WCGB |      |
| Los Angeles     | 60 | 32  | .652 | —    | —    |
| Arizona         | 46 | 45  | .505 | 13½  | 1½   |
| San Diego       | 45 | 45  | .500 | 14   | 2    |
| Colorado        | 44 | 45  | .494 | 14½  | 2½   |
| San Francisco   | 41 | 48  | .461 | 17½  | 5½   |

## THURSDAY PROBABLE PITCHERS

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | 2019  | W    | L    | ERA  | TR |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|----|
| TM PITCHER      | TIME  | W    | L    | ERA  | TR |
| Hou Valdez (L)  | Thu   | 3-4  | 4.57 | 1.3  |    |
| Tex Lynn (R)    | 7:05p | 11-4 | 3.91 | 12-6 |    |

| 2019 vs. OPP. |          |     |     |      |
|---------------|----------|-----|-----|------|
| TM            | PITCHER  | W-L | IP  | ERA  |
| Hou           | Valdez   | 0-1 | 5.1 | 5.06 |
| Tex           | Lynn (R) | 0-1 | 7.0 | 3.86 |

| LAST 3 STARTS |         |     |      |      |
|---------------|---------|-----|------|------|
| TEAM          | PITCHER | W-L | IP   | ERA  |
| Hou           | Valdez  | 1-2 | 12.1 | 9.49 |
| Tex           | Lynn    | 3-0 | 22.0 | 2.86 |

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

| FRIDAY'S GAMES |    |              |      |  |  |
|----------------|----|--------------|------|--|--|
| Tampa Bay      | at | Baltimore    | 6:05 |  |  |
| Toronto        | at | N.Y. Yankees | 6:05 |  |  |
| L.A. Dodgers   | at | Boston       | 6:10 |  |  |
| Minnesota      | at | Cleveland    | 6:10 |  |  |
| Houston        | at | Texas        | 7:05 |  |  |
| Detroit        | at | Kansas City  | 7:15 |  |  |
| Chi White Sox  | at | Oakland      | 9:07 |  |  |
| Seattle        | at | L.A. Angels  | 9:07 |  |  |

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

| FRIDAY'S GAMES |    |              |      |  |  |
|----------------|----|--------------|------|--|--|
| Pittsburgh     | at | Chi Cubs     | 1:20 |  |  |
| Washington     | at | Philadelphia | 5:05 |  |  |
| L.A. Dodgers   | at | Boston       | 6:10 |  |  |
| N.Y. Mets      | at | Miami        | 6:10 |  |  |
| San Francisco  | at | Milwaukee    | 7:10 |  |  |
| Arizona        | at | St. Louis    | 7:15 |  |  |
| Cincinnati     | at | Colorado     | 7:40 |  |  |
| Atlanta        | at | San Diego    | 9:10 |  |  |

## 2018 STANDINGS AT ASG BREAK

| AL EAST       |    |    |      |     |      |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|------|
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| Boston        | 68 | 30 | .694 | —   | —    |
| NY Yankees    | 62 | 33 | .653 | 4½  | +5   |
| Tampa Bay     | 49 | 47 | .510 | 18  | 8½   |
| Toronto       | 43 | 52 | .453 | 23½ | 14   |
| Baltimore     | 28 | 69 | .289 | 39½ | 30   |
| AL CENTRAL    |    |    |      |     |      |
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| Cleveland     | 52 | 43 | .547 | —   | —    |
| Minnesota     | 44 | 50 | .468 | 7½  | 12½  |
| Detroit       | 41 | 57 | .418 | 12½ | 17½  |
| Chi White Sox | 33 | 62 | .347 | 19  | 24   |
| Kansas City   | 27 | 68 | .284 | 25  | 30   |
| AL WEST       |    |    |      |     |      |
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| Houston       | 64 | 35 | .646 | —   | —    |
| Seattle       | 58 | 39 | .598 | 5   | —    |
| Oakland       | 55 | 42 | .567 | 8   | 3    |
| LA Angels     | 49 | 48 | .505 | 14  | 9    |
| Texas         | 41 | 56 | .423 | 22  | 17   |
| NL EAST       |    |    |      |     |      |
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| Philadelphia  | 53 | 42 | .558 | —   | —    |
| Atlanta       | 52 | 42 | .553 | ½   | —    |
| Washington    | 48 | 48 | .500 | 5½  | 5    |
| Miami         | 41 | 57 | .418 | 13½ | 13   |
| NY Mets       | 39 | 55 | .415 | 13½ | 13   |
| NL CENTRAL    |    |    |      |     |      |
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| Chi Cubs      | 55 | 38 | .591 | —   | —    |
| Milwaukee     | 55 | 43 | .561 | 2½  | +1   |
| St. Louis     | 48 | 46 | .511 | 7½  | 4    |
| Pittsburgh    | 48 | 49 | .495 | 9   | 5½   |
| Cincinnati    | 43 | 53 | .488 | 13½ | 10   |
| NL WEST       |    |    |      |     |      |
| TEAM          | W  | L  | PCT. | GB  | WCGB |
| LA Dodgers    | 53 | 43 | .552 | —   | —    |
| Arizona       | 53 | 44 | .546 | ½   | ½    |
| Colorado      | 51 | 45 | .531 | 2   | 2    |
| San Francisco | 50 | 48 | .510 | 4   | 4    |
| San Diego     | 40 | 59 | .404 | 14½ | 14½  |

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## TUESDAY: AL STARS 4, NL STARS 3

| NL                | AB | R | H | BI | SO   | AVG  |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|------|------|
| Yelich lf         | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Brantley lf       | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| McNeil lf         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Baez 1b           | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Story ss          | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| DeJong ph-2b      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .258 |      |
| Freeman 1b        | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Blackmon rf       | 2  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1    | .500 |
| Bellinger rf      | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2    | .000 |
| Alonso 1b         | 2  | 0 | 1 | 2  | .500 |      |
| Arceneaux 3b      | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Moustakas 3b      | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Bell dh           | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | .500 |      |
| d-Realmuto ph-dh  | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Contreras c       | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Muncy 2b          | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Marte 2b          | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .500 |
| Grandal c         | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Jana Jr. cf       | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Dahl cf           | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| TOTALS            | 32 | 3 | 5 | 3  | 16   | .100 |
| AL                | AB | R | H | BI | SO   | AVG  |
| Springer rf       | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .500 |
| a-Lindor ph-ss    | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| LeMahieu 2b       | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| b-Torres ph-2b    | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .500 |
| Trout cf          | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Merrifield cf     | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Santana 1b        | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Abreu 1b          | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Martinez dh       | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| e-Vogelbach ph-dh | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Bregman 3b        | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0    | .500 |
| M.Chapman 3b      | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0  | .265 |      |
| Sanchez c         | 2  | 1 | 1 | 0  | .500 |      |
| McCann c          | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Brantley lf       | 1  | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| Meadows lf-rf     | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| e-Bogaerts ph     | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | .000 |      |
| Betts rf          | 1  | 0 | 1 | 0  | .272 |      |
| Polanco ss        | 2  | 0 | 1 | 1  | 1    | .500 |
| Gallo lf          | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1    | .000 |
| TOTALS            | 30 | 4 | 8 | 3  | 7    | .267 |

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: Arendts, LeMahieu, Trout, Meadows, Bogaerts. GDP: Abreu, Bogaerts. DP: NL 2 (DeJong, Muncy, Alonso), (DeJong, Muncy, Alonso).

| RY                 | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO    | ERA   |
|--------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-------|-------|
| Ryu                | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Kershaw, L0-1      | 1  | 2 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1     | 9.00  |
| Clayton            | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Castillo           | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Buehler            | 1  | 2 | 1 | 1  | 0  | 2     | 9.00  |
| Soroka             | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Woodruff           | ½  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 0  | 1     | 13.50 |
| Smith              | ½  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 27.00 |       |
| Alcantara          | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0.00  |
| AL                 | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO    | ERA   |
| Vanderland         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Tanaka, W 1-0      | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1     | 0.00  |
| Berrios, H 1-0     | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2     | 0.00  |
| Giolito, H 1-0     | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Bieber, H 1-0      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 3  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Hendriks, H 1-0    | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 3     | 0.00  |
| Greene, H 1-0      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0.00  |
| Hand, H 1-0        | 1  | 2 | 2 | 2  | 2  | 1     | 18.00 |
| A.Chapman, Sv, 1-0 | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 3  | 0     | 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

## ODDS

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  |          |               |        |      |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|--------|------|
| AMERICAN LEAGUE        | THURSDAY |               |        |      |
| Houston                | -124     | at            | Texas  | +114 |
| WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS |          |               |        |      |
| L.A. Dodgers           | 13/4     | Cincinnati    | 80/1   |      |
| N.Y. Yankees           | 19/5     | Colorado      | 80/1   |      |
| Houston                | 9/2      | Pittsburgh    | 80/1   |      |
| Minnesota              | 11/1     | Arizona       | 100/1  |      |
| Atlanta                | 13/1     | San Diego     | 100/1  |      |
| Chi Cubs               | 17/1     | L.A. Angels   | 150/1  |      |
| Milwaukee              | 22/1     | Chi White Sox | 300/1  |      |
| Washington             | 22/1     | N.Y. Mets     | 500/1  |      |
| Cleveland              | 25/1     | San Fran.     | 500/1  |      |
| Philadelphia           | 28/1     | Seattle       | 3000/1 |      |
| Tampa Bay              | 28/1     | Baltimore     | 9999/1 |      |
| Boston                 | 30/1     | Detroit       | 9999/1 |      |
| St. Louis              | 32/1     | Kansas City   | 9999/1 |      |
| Oakland                | 60/1     | Miami         | 9999/1 |      |
| Texas                  | 70/1     | Toronto       | 9999/1 |      |

## SOCCER

| MLS            |    |   |   |    |       |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|-------|
| EASTERN        | W  | L | T | PT | GF GA |
| Philadelphia   | 10 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 37 26 |
| D.C. United    | 8  | 5 | 7 | 31 | 25 21 |
| Atlanta        | 9  | 7 | 3 | 30 | 27 23 |
| Montreal       | 9  | 9 | 3 | 30 | 26 34 |
| N.Y. City FC   | 7  | 1 | 8 | 29 | 30 19 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 8  | 7 | 4 | 28 | 33 27 |
| Toronto FC     | 6  | 8 | 5 | 23 | 30 33 |
| New England    | 6  | 8 | 5 | 23 |       |

## WOMEN'S WORLD CUP



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# Equal to the occasion

World Cup champions celebrated as winners on field, leaders off it

BY ALI SWENSON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Adoring fans packed New York City's Canyon of Heroes on Wednesday amid a blizzard of confetti to praise the World Cup-winning U.S. women's national soccer team as champions on the field and advocates for pay equity off it.

Crowds chanted "USA! USA!" and workers sounded air horns from a construction site as the hourlong parade moved up a stretch of lower Broadway that has long hosted so-called ticker tape parades for world leaders, veterans and hometown sports stars.

Co-captain Megan Rapinoe and her teammates shared a float with Mayor Bill de Blasio and U.S. Soccer Federation President Carlos Cordeiro. Rapinoe struck her now-famous victory pose, took a swig of Champagne and handed the bottle to a fan. Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher held the World Cup trophy aloft.

Aly Hoover, 12, of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, stood at the sidelines with a poster of the face of Alex Morgan, another team star. "I just want to be like them," she said.

Garret Prather brought his newborn son "to celebrate how the American women made us proud on and off the field."

The team sealed its second consecutive tournament win by beating the Netherlands 2-0 on Sunday. It will get \$4 million for winning the World Cup from FIFA, the international soccer governing body. The men's French team got \$38 million for winning last year.

The U.S. women's team has sued the U.S. Soccer Federation for gender and pay discrimination. The federation will give the women bonuses about five times smaller than what the men would have earned for winning the World Cup. The case is currently in mediation.

Kate Lane, who watched the parade, called the pay gap "massive" for the soccer players and "across the board" for most women.

"Especially in male-dominated professions," said Lane, of Limerick, Ireland. "Women put just as much commitment into their work as their male counterparts."

She's hopeful the younger generation is soaking up the message from the women's team, noting a girl about 7 years old wearing an "Equal Pay" T-shirt.

Earlier Wednesday, team members joined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, as he signed a bill that expands gender pay equality in the state. He said



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U.S. women's captain Megan Rapinoe strikes her now-world-famous pose with the World Cup trophy in hand at Wednesday's celebration in New York. After a ticker tape parade, the team gathered outside City Hall (top) and received the "Keys to the City."

women's soccer players should be paid the same as male players.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat, introduced a bill Tuesday that would bar federal funding for the men's 2026 World Cup until the U.S. Soccer Federation provides equal pay to the women's and men's teams.

At a City Hall rally after the parade, the presidential candidate de Blasio, also a Democrat, honored the team with symbolic keys to the city, saying it "brought us together" and "showed us so much to make us hopeful."

After chants for "Equal pay!" from the crowd, Cordeiro said women "deserve fair and equitable pay. And together I believe we can get this done."

At the rally, Rapinoe noted the diversity of the team: "We have pink hair and purple hair, we have tattoos and dreadlocks, we got white girls and black girls and everything in

between. Straight girls and gay girls."

The parade is named for the strands of ticker tape that used to be showered down from nearby office buildings. The tape has since been replaced with paper confetti, which drifted down from office buildings throughout Wednesday's parade, along with documents and spreadsheets folded into paper airplanes.

The Department of Sanitation said it has assigned 350 workers to parade cleanup, with trucks, backpack blowers and brooms at their disposal.

The team had already started celebrating its record fourth Women's World Cup title. After touching down at Newark Liberty International Airport on Monday, players shared a toast and sang "We Are the Champions."

Team members appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" in Times Square on Tuesday to show off their trophy and

answer questions from cheering kids.

Rapinoe, the outspoken star who won the awards for the tournament's best player and top scorer, also appeared on CNN and MSNBC later Tuesday.

Rapinoe told CNN's Anderson Cooper that President Donald Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again" is "harking back to an era that wasn't great for everyone. It might've been great for a few people."

Rapinoe told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow that Trump had yet to invite the women's soccer team to the White House.

Trump had tweeted that he would invite the team, win or lose. Rapinoe has said she wouldn't be going to the White House. The team has accepted an invitation to visit Congress.

Associated Press writers Melissa Murphy and David Bauder contributed to this report.



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Fans of all ages flocked to Wednesday's parade and celebration in New York. Many used the occasion to express their support for equal pay, a leading issue for the U.S. women's team.



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

# #57 Neal Anderson

Payton's heir apparent  
a consistent contributor  
in solid, eight-year career

BY WILL LARKIN

Following Walter Payton as the Bears' starting tailback might have been the least enviable job in franchise history, but someone had to do it.

It was said if Neal Anderson could be half the player Payton was, he would be one heck of a running back. That's pretty much what happened. Anderson rushed for 6,166 yards in eight seasons compared with Payton's 16,726 in 13. Anderson gained 2,763 receiving yards to Payton's 4,538, scored 71 touchdowns to Payton's 125 and earned four Pro Bowl selections to Payton's nine.

When Anderson retired at 29 after the 1993 season, by any measure he was the second most productive running back in Bears history. The laid-back back never got caught up in trying to live up to Payton's standard, even though his Florida teammates nicknamed him "Sweetness" in college because their running styles were so similar.

"It won't bother me," Anderson told the Tribune's Don Pierson on May 2, 1986, after the Bears drafted him with the final pick in the first round. "Being compared to Walter Payton is something that anyone would like because he's such a great running back. But I have my own style; I'm just going to come in and be Neal Anderson. And if that comes anywhere close to Walter Payton, I'll be satisfied."

Anderson was part of a loaded draft class for running backs, and the Bears were looking to find the 31-year-old Payton's heir apparent. With no chance of acquiring Bo Jackson of Auburn, the Bears scouted a group that included Ohio State's Keith Byars, LSU's Garry James and Dalton Hilliard, SMU's Reggie Dupard, Iowa's Ronnie Harmon, Washington State's Reuben Mayes, Arizona State's Darryl Clack, TCU's Kenneth Davis, Notre Dame's Allen Pinkett, Virginia's Barry Word and Anderson and his Florida teammate John L. Williams.

The Bears considered trading up to the Eagles' spot at No. 10, dangling Todd Bell or Al Harris, both of whom held out for the entire 1985 championship season. Coach Mike Ditka and general manager Bill Tobin decided to stand pat at No. 27 and were happy to grab Anderson when he fell. He was the sixth back taken in the first round, and five were drafted in the second.

"You'll love the way he runs with the football," Ditka told the media after the draft. "He's a lot like the one we have right now. We didn't feel he'd come down to us. ... He's got character, character, character, character."

Anderson combined sprinter's speed with a Florida record 38½-inch vertical leap and the strength to finish second in the shot put at the high school state meet. He set a Gators record with 3,234 rushing yards despite sharing time with fellow first-round picks James Jones, Lorenzo Hampton and Williams.

When the Bears drafted Anderson, fans and media saluted the pick. Anderson's outstanding pedigree and the Bears' new Super Bowl trophy contributed to one of the most positive reactions to a first-round pick in team history.

Tribune columnist Bernie Lincicome wrote in his April 30, 1986, piece: "As we look back at William Perry, who was too fat, and to Wilber Marshall, who was too small, and even to Jim McMahon, who was too cocky, we have to conclude that Tobin, Ditka and the rest have a pretty good idea of what they are doing."

Anderson proved everyone right, as his 6,166 rushing yards were the most of any running back in the class, with Williams the closest at 5,006.

Hilliard's 39 rushing touchdowns were second to Anderson's 51.

Anderson spent his rookie season as a backup, then entered the lineup as a fullback in 1987. Payton retired after that season, and the Bears promoted Anderson to starting tailback.

In his first three years as the feature back, Anderson rushed for 1,106, 1,275 and 1,078



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Neal Anderson looks for room to run against the Chiefs in 1987. He rushed for 6,166 yards in eight seasons and was in four Pro Bowls.

## ANDERSON AS A BEAR

1986-93 | 8 seasons | 116 games

**Bears record:** 77-50 (.606).

**Playoff appearances:** 5.

**Acquired:** First round (27th overall pick), 1986 draft from Florida.

yards. He was named to the Pro Bowl all three of those years and in 1991, when he rushed for 747 yards.

Anderson entered the NFL as a poor pass-catcher but worked relentlessly to get better. In six seasons from 1987 to '92, he averaged 44 catches, 420 yards and three receiving touchdowns. He led the team with 50 receptions in 1989.

For the most part, if Anderson had a good game, so did the Bears, who went 12-4 when Anderson rushed for 90 yards or more.

At his peak, an argument could be made that Anderson was the NFL's best all-around back. Pierson made that claim on Sept. 20, 1990.

"Neal Anderson is the best running back in football," Pierson wrote. "He has passed up Eric Dickerson and Roger Craig and does more than Barry Sanders or Christian Okoye. He is more powerful than Thurman Thomas, shifter than Herschel Walker, bigger than James Brooks and faster than anyone, with the possible exception of Bo Jackson. ... Maybe tomorrow will belong to Eric Metcalf or Blair Thomas or Sammie Smith. Today is Anderson's."

## THE LIST

57. Neal Anderson
58. Mike Brown
59. Jim Osborne
60. Willie Galimore
61. Mark Carrier
62. Mark Bortz
63. Julius Peppers
64. J.C. Caroline
65. Ed O'Bradovich
66. Mike Pyle
67. Mike Hartenstein
68. Keith Van Horne
69. Tommie Harris
70. George Wilson
71. Jack Manders
72. James Williams
73. Jim Dooley
74. Robbie Gould
75. Bennie McRae
76. Johnny Lujack
77. Bill Osmanski
78. Jay Cutler
79. Jim McMillen
80. Khalil Mack
81. Eddie Jackson
82. Doug Plank
83. Zuck Carlson
84. Bill Wade
85. Kyle Long
86. Brandon Marshall
87. Lee Artoe
88. Alshon Jeffery
89. Beattie Feathers
90. Kevin Butler
91. Bill Karr
92. Matt Suhey
93. Ed Brown
94. Gary Famiiglietti
95. Akiem Hicks
96. Joey Sternaman
97. Hugh Gallarneau
98. Tom Thayer
99. William Perry
100. Patrick Mannelly

After his career year in 1989, Anderson reached free agency, and Bears coaches and players felt the front office should do anything necessary to prevent him from suiting up for another team.

"We don't even want to think about that," receiver Dennis McKinnon told the Tribune's Fred Mitchell on Dec. 22, 1989. "If they have to rob a bank, they have to find the money to pay him."

## Ex-Bear Moore says criticizing Cutler derailed career

Nickelback's PT diminished  
after Webb incident in 2012

BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE STAFF

Bears nickelback D.J. Moore went public with his criticism of Jay Cutler after the quarterback shoved left tackle J'Marcus Webb during a game against the Packers in September 2012.

Now, seven years later, Moore is detailing the fallout from that episode, which he says derailed his career.

First, a rewind of that 23-10 loss to the Packers on a Thursday night at Lambeau Field.

Cutler was sacked seven times. Webb had a lousy game. After one sack, Cutler pushed Webb after telling the tackle to get his head in the game.

The game was on national TV, and Cutler was roundly criticized for that behavior as well as his sideline demeanor.

Days later, Moore — who, like Cutler, went to Vanderbilt — ripped the quarterback's reaction to Webb's poor play.

"Is it unfair to criticize Jay right now?"

Shoot, it's unfair for him to be like that toward J'Marcus," Moore said. "In every game in every sport, there's always somebody who has a tough day. For you to come off on the sideline, once you holler at him, it makes it seem like (Webb) is the only reason."

"I don't feel for Cut. He knows what he was doing. I don't think you do that. I think if you have a problem with (Webb), maybe do that in the locker room or something. It's like bad-mouthing someone in the media. It's just weird."

Cut to Tuesday, when Moore posted a story on prostylepodcast.com, recounting the aftermath.

"Personally, I always enjoyed Jay Cutler," he wrote. "Sour face and all, I appreciated his company no matter how brief. After a game against Green Bay, the way I looked at him changed."

Moore wrote that Bears coach Lovie Smith told the players not to talk to the media about the Cutler-Webb brouhaha. But Moore, of course, did. And the next morning, Smith called Moore into his office.



Moore

"He simply said, 'I told you not to say anything about it,'" Moore said. "I replied, 'I know, but I think he deserves the criticism. He was wrong;' ... We had words back and forth, then he ended it by letting me know I would pay for this one. ..."

"The week after while playing Dallas, I saw the writing on the wall. I went out for one play for a random reason and I go to run back in after fixing myself, but Coach didn't let me go back right away. He stuck his hand out and said wait. ... I went from starting to playing special teams to not dressing on the 45-man roster. I went from playing nickelback to not even meeting in the nickelback room. It might be the toughest thing I have ever been through."

"What made it worse was that it was my contract year — cannot get paid if you're not playing. If I had kept my mouth shut, I would probably still be playing now."

Moore, whom the Bears drafted in the fourth round in 2009, ended his career the next season with the Panthers, playing in only two games.

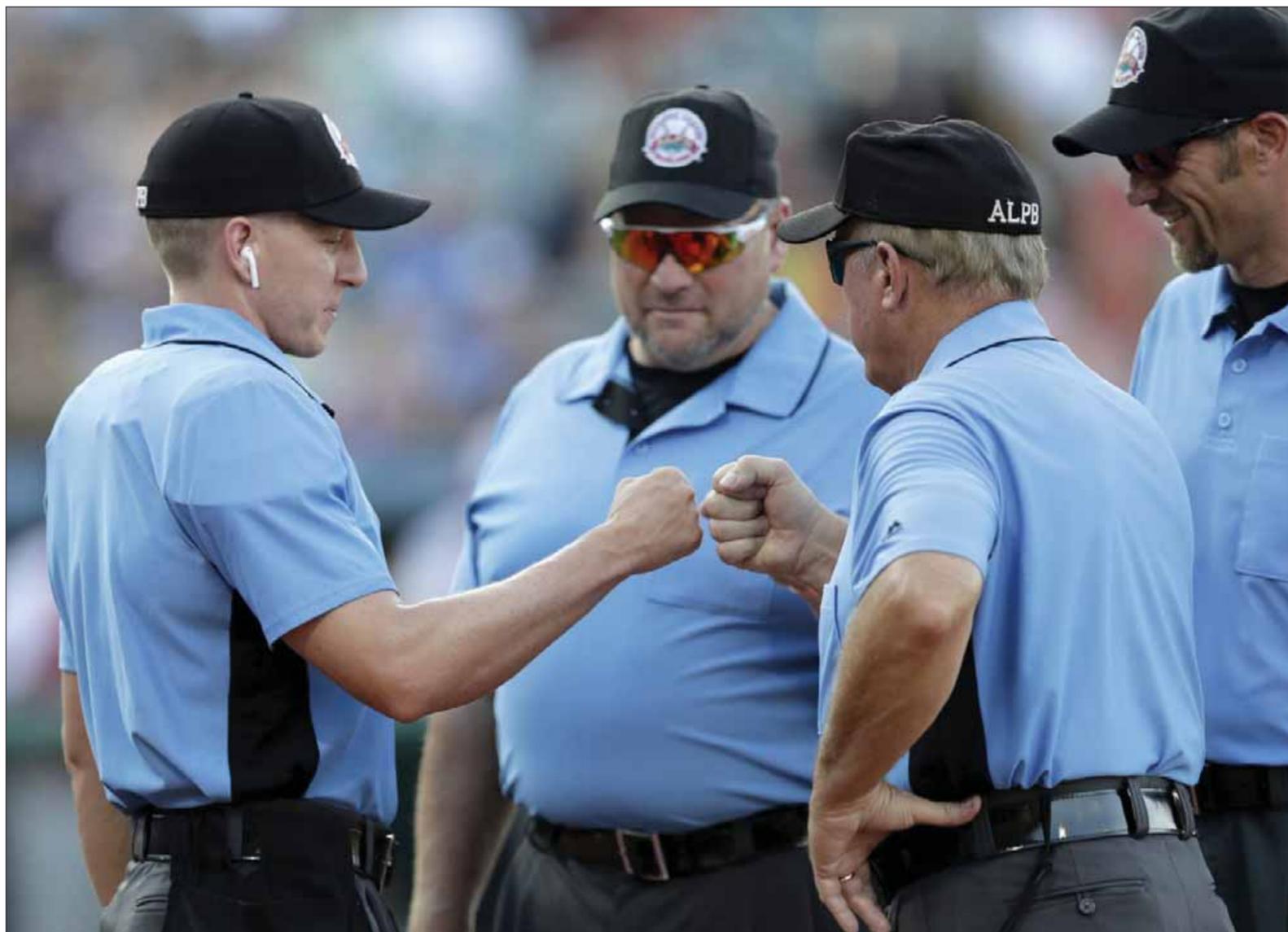


CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2012

J'Marcus Webb (73) and Jay Cutler during the loss to the Packers in 2012. After a sack, Cutler shoved Webb on the sidelines.

A few days after that 2012 Packers game, Cutler had this to say in his defense: "I can't put a definite reason on why it happened. It happened. It's an emotional game. I put a lot into playing quarterback and I take it seriously. It's just one of those things that happen during a game. Since then, we've talked about it and it's behind us."

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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Home plate ump Brian deBrauere, left, wears an earpiece connected to a ball and strikes calling system before the start of the Atlantic League All-Star Game on Wednesday.

## 'Robot ump's' arrive

At Atlantic League All-Star Game, software helps humans call balls, strikes

By JACOB BOGAGE  
The Washington Post

The either long-dreaded or long-awaited arrival of digitally rendered ballpark justice has come to professional baseball. "Robot umpires" have arrived.

Except, they're not really robots. They're human umpires wearing a Bluetooth-connected earpiece, connected to an iPhone, connected to a software program in the press box. The software doesn't make every call, just balls and strikes. And if it's wrong, the human umpire can step in to overrule the program, and his decision, not the software's, is final.

The Atlantic League, an independent circuit with seven teams on the East Coast and one in Texas, became the first American professional baseball league to let a computer call balls and strikes at its All-Star Game on Wednesday night in York, Pennsylvania.

"It's amazing how good these robots look. They look just like the actual umpires," league president Rick White joked in a phone interview. "I think once people actually see this happening, they're going to realize it's not that big a deal."

League officials have quietly tested software, created by sports data firm Trackman and provided by Major League Baseball, for weeks during real games in New Britain, Connecticut, and Bridgewater, New Jersey. For a few innings or an entire game, umpires have heard "ball," "strike" or "did not track" through the earpiece, then conveyed Trackman's call, only overturning the software on a technical glitch. Home plate umpires continue to rule on check swings, foul tips, catcher's interference and plays at the plate. (While the program has been provisionally tested, with managers being informed before the game when Trackman would be used, Wednesday's All-Star Game begins the league's formal rollout.)

Officials have monitored everything from the time it takes the software to communicate "ball" or "strike" into the umpire's ear to the software's loyalty to baseball's sacrosanct strike zone: "That area over home plate the upper limit of which is a horizontal line at the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants, and the lower level is a line at the hollow beneath the knee cap," according to the Major League Baseball rule book.

Even during the testing period, the technology has changed. Um-



A Doppler radar device is seen on the roof behind home plate during Wednesday's Atlantic League All-Star Game at PeoplesBank Park in York, Pa. The computer transmits balls and strikes calls to the home plate ump.

pires first experimenting with the system were equipped with a radio-receiver belt pack. Now, they slip an iPhone connected to a WiFi network into a back pocket.

The Atlantic League is set to install the system, run via a small panel placed in an elevated position behind home plate, in each of its club's ballparks for use in the second half of its 140-game regular season. Then baseball's next generation of electronic transformation will have arrived, and it will be more subtle than you think, unless you can spot a single Apple AirPod in the home plate umpire's ear behind his mask.

"I have seen this coming. It's inevitable," Atlantic League umpire Derek Moccia said. "The game is changing. Baseball needs to speed up to keep up with the world. And if you want to be on board with this, you have to keep up. The game is bigger than you, bigger than any player."

The experiment is part of a three-year agreement with MLB that allowed big league officials to install experimental rules in the Atlantic League to study their

effects on game play, strategy, tempo and prospect development. In return, MLB promised to "enhance its scouting coverage of the Atlantic League" and to install hardware to enable advanced analytical study of players.

Some of those rule changes include a prohibition against mound visits, a ban of defensive shifts, a three-batter minimum for new pitchers and larger bases (18-by-18 inches, rather than 15-by-15). In the second half of the season, the league will allow batters to steal first base: Any pitch on any count not caught in flight will be considered a live ball, and a batter may run to first base, similar to a dropped third strike.

Based on the results, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred could consider implementing new rules after the league's labor agreement expires in 2021. Manfred has reportedly already discussed instituting a 20-second pitch clock. The Atlantic League already employs a 12-second pitch clock.

Much of the tension around the rule changes for the developmen-

tal league — which baseball insiders liken to Class AAA in affiliated minor league baseball — has focused on the action behind the plate as American sports' most analog game continues a steady creep toward the digital world.

Batsmen in baseball's earliest iterations used to order the pitcher where they wanted the ball thrown (low, high, or "fair" — right down the middle), and umpires would declare the pitch a ball or strike in a much smaller zone.

Now, a computer will judge balls and strikes in a preprogrammed strike zone that hitters, pitchers, coaches and umpires alike say has changed decadeslong expectations.

Although professional umpires are overwhelmingly consistent, each ump's strike zone has some natural variance. The game's human element makes officials susceptible to gamesmanship, such as when a catcher "frames" a pitch with his mitt to make it appear more attractive, or when a batter feigns stepping away from an offering to make it appear inhospita-

tably inside.

"When an umpire is having a bad day, they can't wait for the electronic strike zone," said Mauro Gozzo, manager of the New Britain Bees. "But when your pitcher is rolling and he's not getting that call that he normally gets of that pitch three inches off the plate, that's going to get some players upset."

"I always tell people, 'It could benefit me,'" Somerset Patriots reliever Nate Roe said. "It could benefit me as far as pitch location or pitch break. I'm trying to stay very positive about the whole thing."

Atlantic League players, coaches and umpires who spoke with The Washington Post said they favor the new software. Players and coaches lauded the system's consistency and predicted it would end generations of bickering over balls and strikes.

"If a hitter or pitcher has an argument, who are they necessarily going to argue with anymore?" Somerset pitching coach Jon Hunton said. "There's never been a pitch in baseball that's ever been overturned from a ball to a strike or a strike to a ball."

Umpires who have used the system said that although Trackman makes their jobs slightly more mechanical, it helps them call a fair game.

"I believe that I'm doing a decent job, but now I'm doing it with Trackman," Baker said, "and that's another tool I'll have to help me."

The consensus about the Trackman system from league officials, players and coaches is that it is more lenient on height but stricter on width. The software has called high pitches for strikes that many umpires consider too high. Breaking pitches that bounce in front of the catcher before crossing home plate have also been called strikes because the software has detected that the ball crossed the front of the plate even with the batter's knee.

"I try to think that I have a good judgment of the strike zone, and in terms of consistency, it's just minor differences between my zone and the Trackman zone," umpire Calvin Baker said. "So do I trust my zone better? Absolutely."

"I make a joke that if Trackman wants to stay in this league, it better tighten up," Moccia said. "The players have patience. They want to be part of [bringing more technology into baseball] just like us umpires be a part of it, but that patience at some point is going to wear thin."

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## THE MURRAY EFFECT

Heisman winner's success inspires athletes to play 2 sports in college

By SAMANTHA PELL  
The Washington Post

This spring, as he watched Kyler Murray become the first player to be drafted in the first round of both the NFL and MLB draft, Jalen Suggs saw a potential blueprint for his own success.

Suggs is a two-sport high school star from Minnesota who has his pick of Division I football and basketball programs — or, if he chooses, both. He is also among the next crop of elite athletes looking at Murray, who was drafted first overall by the Arizona Cardinals after winning the Heisman Trophy as Oklahoma's quarterback, as a model for maximizing their athletic opportunities. Instead of choosing a single sport to pursue in college with the hope of eventually playing professionally, many are asking, "Why not both?"

While two-sport high school stars are nothing new, athletes are specializing in a single sport increasingly early, and almost all are forced to choose one by the time they reach college. Murray's successful but unconventional path may not prove to be easily replicated, but his short-term influence on the next generation of athletes is clear.

"He just let me know that it is OK to do both," said Suggs, who is ranked the No. 12 basketball recruit and the No. 9 dual-threat quarterback in the Class of 2020, according to 247Sports. "And in doing it, it shouldn't be viewed as a negative. ... A lot of people would say, 'Just pick one sport,' or, 'It is too much time,' or, 'You are going to get hurt doing one of them.' But he just really showed me that I can."

Murray's improbable journey served as an endorsement for waiting as long as possible to choose a sport. After he was selected ninth by the Oakland Athletics in the 2018 MLB draft and landed a \$4.6 million signing bonus, the conventional wisdom was that risking injury while playing football — a sport in which he hadn't yet started for a full season on the college level — might not be worth it. But by extending his opportunity to make the decision, and after an outstanding season in which he had 54 total touchdowns and won the Heisman, he earned himself an NFL contract worth \$35 million guaranteed while vowing to give up baseball and focus only on football going forward.

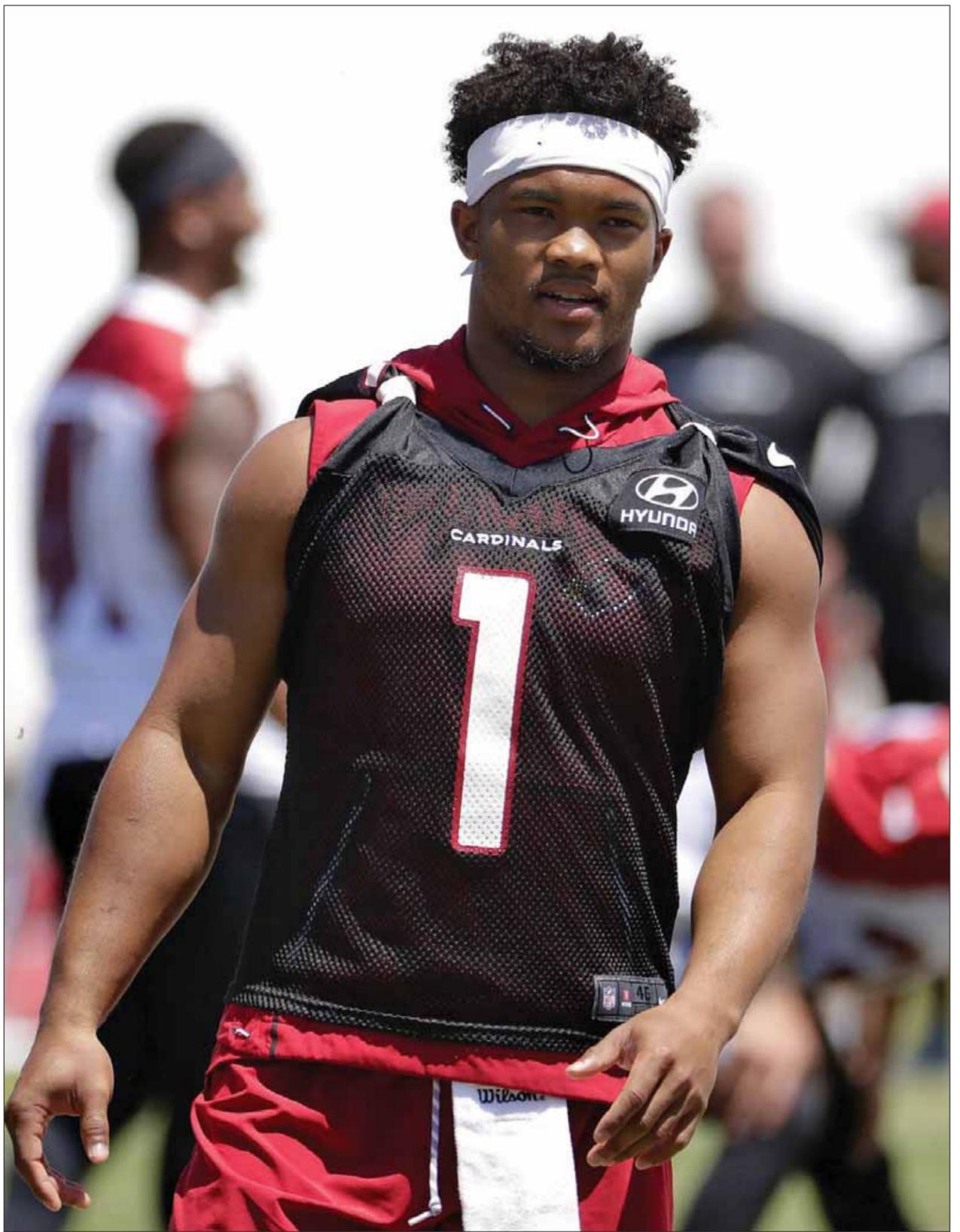
"If [Murray] turns into a great quarterback in the NFL, the reverberating effect could be just huge," said Peter King, an NFL reporter and commentator for NBC. "Not just because he's the first [quarterback under 6-foot] to be drafted that high, but because of his versatility. I just think that now we've got to see it."

The 6-foot-4, 185-pound Suggs is intrigued by the possibility of having a similarly successful two-sport career, and in making his college choice — among the schools piquing his interest are Gonzaga, Marquette, Michigan and Minnesota — he will have to decide if being a two-sport college athlete is the right call. Suggs, who attends Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis and is related to NFL star Terrell Suggs, is considered to have NBA potential as a point guard but is also viewed as a high-level college prospect at quarterback.

"Easily watching Kyler go as far as he did in baseball, then for him to go rip it up in football, and then being able to choose and for him to make his own decision, it was great," said Larry Suggs, Jalen's father. "I would want the same thing for my son."

Suggs isn't alone, even if he is unique in pursuing the rare combination of basketball and football. Several highly regarded recruits are considering following Murray's lead even more directly with a two-sport career in football and baseball, including Jackson (Mississippi) Prep's Jerrion Ealy, a five-star running back and skilled outfielder who will play both sports at Mississippi after being passed up in the first round of last month's MLB draft; and Memphis University School's Maurice Hampton, who will play defensive back and outfield for LSU.

Perhaps the most notable high school athlete to try to follow in



MATT YORK/AP

Cardinals QB Kyler Murray, the 2018 Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, also was drafted by the MLB's Athletics.

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Murray's footsteps is D.J. Uiagalelei, the top-ranked quarterback in the Class of 2020 from St. John Bosco in California, who committed to Clemson in May. At 6-4 and 235 pounds with a powerful arm, Uiagalelei is considered the heir apparent to Tigers star Trevor Lawrence, but he's also a major league prospect who will bring his 95-mph fastball to Clemson's baseball team.

"What Kyler Murray is doing, it is so amazing," said David Uiagalelei, D.J.'s father. "It is helping my son's situation out big time. ... I'm really just thanking Kyler."

Some experts caution that young athletes need to be realistic about their abilities in each sport and recognize that not everyone can match the natural ability of Murray, who possesses rare athleticism as a thrower and runner that served him well in both sports.

"I think that players are going to see this as an opportunity and are going to point to Kyler Murray at how it can be successful, but they also need to understand that unless you are like Kyler Murray, the chances of you pulling it off are pretty infinitesimal," ESPN baseball reporter Jeff Passan said.

But others point out that the opposite could be true — that players who could have replicated Murray's achievement if given the chance were forced to make a

decision too early.

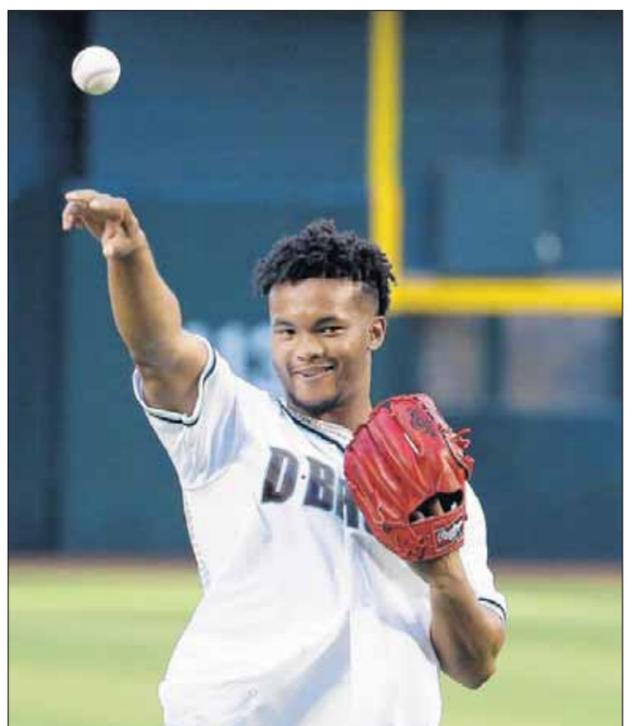
"I would bet my last dollar that we missed God knows how many Kyler because kids were told to make a decision early and people went along with that because they couldn't find the right place," NFL Network analyst Charles Davis said.

Ealy, the Mississippi-bound running back and outfielder, said his dream is to be the first Hall of Famer in both sports, and he credits Murray for opening the door for the acceptance of a reliable two-sport athlete. He said he recognizes the challenge but appreciates the opportunity to play both into his college years, giving him more time to decide which sport is right for him.

"Of course it is going to be hard. If it wasn't, everyone would be doing it," Ealy said. "I want to go out and do it and play both sports as long as I can and as far as I can."

The two-sport challenge Suggs is attempting is considered more difficult, and past examples of football-basketball success stories are rare. Charlie Ward, who in the late 1980s and early 1990s played both sports at Florida State, is the only Heisman winner to play in the NBA.

Suggs could find himself pressed into a decision sooner rather than later, if pro basketball scouts project him as a first-round selection after his first season in



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Murray throws out the first pitch prior to a baseball game last month between the Diamondbacks and the Dodgers.

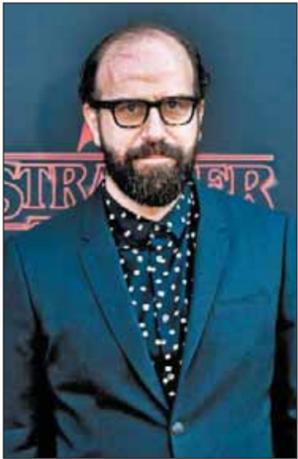
school. Unlike in football or baseball, in which recruits have to wait three seasons after their high school graduation to be drafted, the NBA allows players one year removed to join its ranks. It is an appealing option to Suggs, and an NBA agent suggested that having already played a season of college football could even help his standing with talent evaluators.

"From a basketball standpoint, I think it would increase his stock," the agent said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a high school recruit. "He does have that physicality, a mental toughness, intellect and athleticism. ... It would show that he could multitask and he can per-

form under pressure."

In the meantime, Suggs would like to prolong that decision for as long as possible. He has had a basketball in his hand since he was a week old and has played football since kindergarten. He intends to keep it that way while he carefully evaluates his college options alongside his family and friends — with Murray's success seared in the back of his mind.

"I will continue to play and love both [sports] for as long as I can," Suggs said. "I have dreams of going to the NFL, [and] I definitely have dreams of going to the NBA. As long as I accomplish one of them, I can say that I accomplished what I wanted to do."



AMY SUSSMAN/GETTY

Brett Gelman plays Murray Bauman, a journalist-turned-conspiracy theorist, on the latest season of "Stranger Things."

## For actor, a flawed role's a good role

Highland Park native dishes on 'Stranger Things,' 'Fleabag' spots

BY CARMEL CARRILLO

Actor Brett Gelman has one of those faces: You know you've seen him before but can't remember where, let alone what his name is. This summer, you get twice as much Gelman: He stars in Netflix's "Stranger Things" Season 3 as the tightly wound Murray Bauman and as Martin, the boorish, alcoholic brother-in-law (and only American) on Amazon's "Fleabag."

"It feels incredible," he said of being on two hit TV shows. "I mean, I'm on the best hour and half-hour of television ... I feel really lucky."

As of Monday evening, Netflix says "40.7 million household accounts have been watching the show ('Stranger Things') since its July 4 global launch — more than any other film or series in its first four days."

An alum of the Upright Citizens Brigade comedy group, Gelman also starred in HBO's "Camping," the FX series "Married" and Netflix's "Love."

During a phone conversation Tuesday, the 42-year-old talked about growing up in Highland Park and why he became an actor. "I saw the Marx brothers' 'A Night at the Opera' when I was six years old. And as soon as I heard Groucho Marx's voice, I didn't even understand the jokes, I just knew that that was the best. And so that made me obsessed ...

### 1. As a kid, he couldn't wait to move out of Highland Park

"It's a very beautiful place, but I wouldn't say that I fit in. As soon as I could come into the city, I did. ... A lot of the time it felt like the kids around me were villains in John Hughes' movies.

"Chicago definitely is majorly influential" on his choice to become an actor, Gelman said. He also took classes at Steppenwolf and Second City theaters. "A lot of the alumni (of Chicago theater) are some of my biggest heroes and definitely influence my acting, from John Belushi to John Malkovich to Laurie Metcalf to Bill Murray. And growing up as a kid, I mean I saw Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell on stage, and I was just like, 'Wow.'"

"I would not be where I am today if not for Chicago and its influence on me."

### 2. Gelman couldn't speak Russian before his "Stranger Things" role

"They got me an incredible coach," he said. "There was a lot of practice, to the point where, 'Oh, yeah, I have English lines (too)!' " In the show, Sheriff Hopper (David Harbour) catches a Soviet scientist in a secret underground lab, and Gelman's journalist-turned-conspiracy theorist is the only person Hop knows who can speak Russian. Asked if he was anxious about speaking a new language onscreen, Gelman said, "At first I was worried about it. Once you start to feel a handle on it, it becomes exciting. But there is

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# Author was hired to teach — until someone read his book

A third-generation Olivet Nazarene grad ruffled a few feathers

BY JENNIFER DAY

T.J. Martinson's grandparents met when they were students at Olivet Nazarene University. His parents did, too, and so it was natural that Martinson followed family tradition, becoming a third-generation ONU student. Even after he graduated in 2013, Martinson kept in touch with the university through his father, who is chair of its communication department. As Martinson neared the end of his Ph.D. program at Indiana University, he applied for a post as an assistant professor in the ONU English department.

This spring, about two months after publishing his debut novel, "The Reign of the Kingfisher," Martinson received an offer: He was hired to teach classes this fall at the university, which is about 50 miles south of Chicago in Bourbonnais. But Martinson said



PINAR ISTEK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Author T.J. Martinson's recent invitation to teach at Olivet Nazarene University recently was rescinded. Martinson says it's because of objections over his novel, "The Reign of the Kingfisher."

he was notified on June 28 that ONU was rescinding its job offer, citing complaints that his novel contained profanity and other elements that conflict with the school's religious doctrine. Al-

though the university will pay him for the yearlong contract, he said, he would not be allowed to teach.

A written statement released by the university declined to

"comment on the specifics of personnel matters," adding: "What we can tell you is that the University has decided not to proceed with the appointment of T.J. Martinson as an assistant professor, which was scheduled to begin this fall. We wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Martinson said he was told that "a constituent" had raised concerns that portions of his novel demonstrated a lack of Christian morals, citing swearing in the book as well as its portrayal of a lesbian character and prostitution. "One of the more puzzling critiques," Martinson wrote in a Facebook post about the matter, "concerned a character, who, when presented with the option, decides to hope instead of pray." Martinson said these concerns were relayed by Carol Summers, ONU vice president for academic affairs. The ONU Office of Academic Affairs said Summers was out of town and unavailable for comment.

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KARTEMQUIN FILMS

In "Cooked: Survival by Zip Code," Judith Helfand zeroes in on Chicago's shockingly inadequate response to the deadly July 1995 heatwave, during which the city morgue overflowed with the sudden deaths of 739 citizens, largely the elderly and people of color from the city's impoverished South and West sides.

# HEATWAVE

Documentary 'Cooked' looks at the '95 Chicago heatwave and how race and privilege determines who lives and who dies



NINA METZ  
 Chicago Close-up

As I write this, a colleague who takes an amateur interest in tracking the weather emailed to say it would be "among the hottest days of 2019 so far, if not #1."

My first summer in Chicago, I lived in an apartment that had no air conditioning. I thought I could tough it out. This was in 1998, and according to the National Weather Service there were three consecutive days that summer when the temperature hit 90 degrees or higher.

But as they say, it's not just the heat, it's the humidity. I was miserable — ask me about the time I found myself awake at 3 a.m. sweating profusely and watching "Deliverance" on TV! — and I couldn't wait to spend my weekdays in an air-conditioned office to give my body a chance to cool down. But I don't think I slept through the night once. I was walking around in a haze.

Even through the worst of it, I had options.

I had the ability and financial wherewithal to move that fall. Money I might have spent on a hotel or window unit (and the electricity bills that come with it) I saved for a security deposit instead. But if push came to shove, I could have put some expenses on my credit card.

I had those eight hours each workday as a reprieve. And importantly, I didn't have health issues that worsened because of the heat. It was a wretched summer, but the chances of it being a life-threatening one for me — a young, middle-class white woman on the North Side with no dependents — were slim.

That distinction is key to filmmaker Judith Helfand, whose Kartemquin documentary "Cooked: Survival by Zip Code" comes to the Siskel Film Center this week. In it, she revisits the 1995 Chicago heat wave (739 heat-related deaths) and uses it as a springboard for a larger conversation about the ways privilege and race determine who is harmed by disasters most.

In the film, she makes a persuasive argument that it's time to broaden the definition of disaster — to include the vast and ongoing economic and community inequities. And that this disaster

warrants as much funding and focus as more traditional disaster preparedness for floods or hurricanes.

"I think when I first started working on the film, my feeling was shock," said Helfand, who will be at screenings on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and July 18. "And part of the shock was, wait, where was I in 1995 and how I did miss this? How did this not sear itself into the front of my brain?"

"So what was I doing? I was in an air-conditioned editing room working on a personal movie called 'A Healthy Baby Girl' about my own experience with cancer caused by DES (a synthetic form of estrogen) exposure. Ironically, the only tumor registry in all the world for collecting this very rare kind of tumor that's linked to DES exposure is in Hyde Park — and Hyde Park didn't have any heat deaths. Which I think really does speak to what does a robust infrastructure do for a community every single day — and by that I mean the infrastructure that exists because (of) the University of Chicago — and how does that help determine quality of life, health, safety, security, life span, all of those things?"

As we talked, Helfand (who is based in

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Ariana Grande with Pete Davidson during the pop star's "summer of fun."

## Grande: Davidson was 'amazing distraction'

Over a turbulent 12 months, Ariana Grande survived a suicide bombing following her concert in Manchester, England, that killed 22 people and the breakup of her two-year relationship with rapper Mac Miller. In the spring of 2018, friends convinced the 26-year-old pop star to relocate from Los Angeles to New York City for a summer of "fun."

But things only got more turbulent. In the "haze" of her breakup from Miller, Grande met 24-year-old "Saturday Night Live" star Pete Davidson, and the two embarked on a whirlwind romance and engagement that was ultimately misguided, the singer admitted in a new interview with Vogue.

"My friends were like, 'Come! We're gonna have a fun summer,'" Grande told Vogue. "And then I met Pete, and it was an amazing distraction. It was frivolous and fun and insane and highly unrealistic, and I loved him, and I didn't know him."

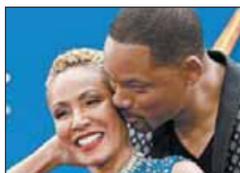
The romance didn't last, especially after Miller died of an accidental drug overdose in September 2018. Grande and Davidson broke up the following month.

Grande acknowledged to Vogue that she had not sufficiently processed the end of her relationship with Miller when she began dating Davidson. She said Miller's sudden death left her with an "all-consuming" grief.

"He was the best person ever, and he didn't deserve the demons he had," she said. "I was the glue for such a long time, and I found myself becoming ... less and less sticky. The pieces just started to float away."

She concluded: "I have to be the luckiest girl in the world, and the unluckiest, for sure."

— Tribune Content Agency



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**Power couple:** Will and Jada Pinkett Smith have announced the launch of a new media venture, Westbrook Inc., which will be a cross-platform holding company "formed to execute the Smith family's global content and commerce business strategy." In a statement, the couple said Westbrook's mission is "to spread positive ideas, art and products that entertain and empower the greatest number of lives."

**Making makeup:** The last thing the world needs, Lady Gaga says, is another beauty brand. But that's too bad. The pop star released a video with that message on social media. It heralds the coming of her new beauty line, Haus Laboratories, reportedly to be sold on Amazon in September. Gaga says in the video: "Beauty is how you see yourself" and "We want you to love yourself."

**Weed control:** Jay-Z is heading into the legal marijuana industry as a chief brand strategist in partnership with California-based cannabis product company Caliva. His role will be to drive creative direction, outreach efforts and strategy for the brand. Jay-Z said he also wants to increase the economic participation of people returning from incarceration through job training and workforce development.

**July 11 birthdays:** Singer Bonnie Pointer is 69. Actor Stephen Lang is 67. Actress Sela Ward is 63. Guitarist Richie Sambora is 60. Singer Suzanne Vega is 60. Actress Lisa Rinna is 56. Actor Greg Grunberg is 53. Actor Justin Chambers is 49. Rapper Lil' Kim is 44. Rapper Lil' Zane is 37. Actor Connor Paolo is 29.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Woman feels suffocated by close clan

**Dear Amy:** I am in my 30s and have been dating my boyfriend for two years. While my family lives in a different state, he lives with his folks. This would not be a problem, except that we seem to spend an excessive amount of time with his family, usually at least one weekend afternoon each weekend, in addition to dinners during the week.

Family birthdays and anniversaries tend to be all-day affairs, and with siblings and grandparents living close by, it feels like I spend all of my time with his family. This feels excessive, and I feel more like a kid than a grown woman.

My boyfriend does not seem to see it this way. He is always asking if I mind doing additional things with his parents. I have tried telling him how I need to feel like we are developing our own relationship outside of his family, but I don't know if he hears me or if I'm asking too much.

I know he gets a lot of pressure from his parents to spend time with them, but I am wanting him to set some boundaries.

— Stuck

**Dear Stuck:** I'm going to assume that your boyfriend is also in his 30s. I'm also going to assume that he has always lived at home. He is acting like a man whose world has always revolved around his family. YOU are the interloper, you are the extra, and you will be expected to fold into the strong social and family system that already exists.

Yes, this is too much time for you to spend with his family. How do I know

this? Because you think it is. When it comes to boundaries, I agree that boundaries need to be drawn. But YOU should draw the boundary, and it should be for you, not him.

If weekend afternoons with family wear you out, you should go to a yoga class — or a matinee with a friend — instead. He might decide that he misses hanging with you, and so he might choose to do something with you. (He might not, mind you, but because you'll already have a plan for yourself, it won't matter.)

Also, take separate transportation (if possible) to daylong celebrations, so that your desire to leave won't impede his desire to stay.

I assume that you enjoy his family, and I assure you that you will enjoy them more if you are making choices according to your own desires and priorities.

You should also face reality: This is the way it is. This is the way HE is. Unless he finally chooses to be a different kind of adult, the near and far-off future with him will always include his clan.

**Dear Amy:** I recently started working longer hours than normal, and it gets exhausting. My friends are really important to me. We used to hang out every day after work, but now I'm too tired after work to stay up late with my friends.

They are aware that my hours have changed, but they continue to call, text and even come by my house at night.

When they do this, I often tell them I have more work to do (even though I

don't), because I don't want to offend them by telling them I would rather watch "The Office" and go to bed than hang out with them.

Are my lying and laziness justified, or should I just get over myself and go with them?

— Lazy Liar

**Dear Lazy Liar:** Because you mentioned "The Office," I'll use a reference from the show to describe you.

You, my friend, are such a "Pam." But even meek, passive and ever-cooperative Pam finally found her voice (in season three). And so should you.

Lying and laziness are never justified. I'm surprised you would even expend the effort to continue to lie to your friends. Speak your truth: "Guys, my new work schedule is exhausting. I can only go out once a week. Let's find the best night, and we'll enjoy a quality hang."

**Dear Amy:** "Disturbed by Do Not Disturb" was offended by a hotel "Do not disturb" notice featuring a necktie draped over the door handle. She thought this was a sexist symbol leftover from college frat culture — and you agreed with her!

Where are we if we can't enjoy a little "wink-wink" and wit in this world?

— Upset

**Dear Upset:** If this is your idea of wit, then we have nothing to discuss.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Increasing political partisanship

## Exploring judicial appointments

BY JOAN BISKUPIC  
The Washington Post

Federal judges are supposed to be neutral decision-makers. But any pretense of neutrality has slipped away as the appointment process for Supreme Court justices and prominent lower-court judges has become mired in political partisanship.

President Donald Trump seems to expect his appointees to automatically side with him, just as he expects judges selected by President Barack Obama to be against him. His administration has allowed conservative advocates to play an outsized role in picking nominees. And the Senate, with its power to confirm or reject those choices, has sunk deeper into partisan score-settling.

Republicans and Democrats alike have contributed to today's hyper-politicized process. But nothing approaches the muscle that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell exerts. McConnell thwarted Obama's opportunity to replace the late justice Antonin Scalia in 2016 and, once Trump took office in 2017, began directing the swift approval of a record number of appeals court judges, as well as two Supreme Court justices.

In his new book, "Confirmation Bias," journalist Carl Hulse delves deeply into recent confirmation battles, describing the Senate's advice-and-consent power as "corrupted to what appears to be the point of no return."

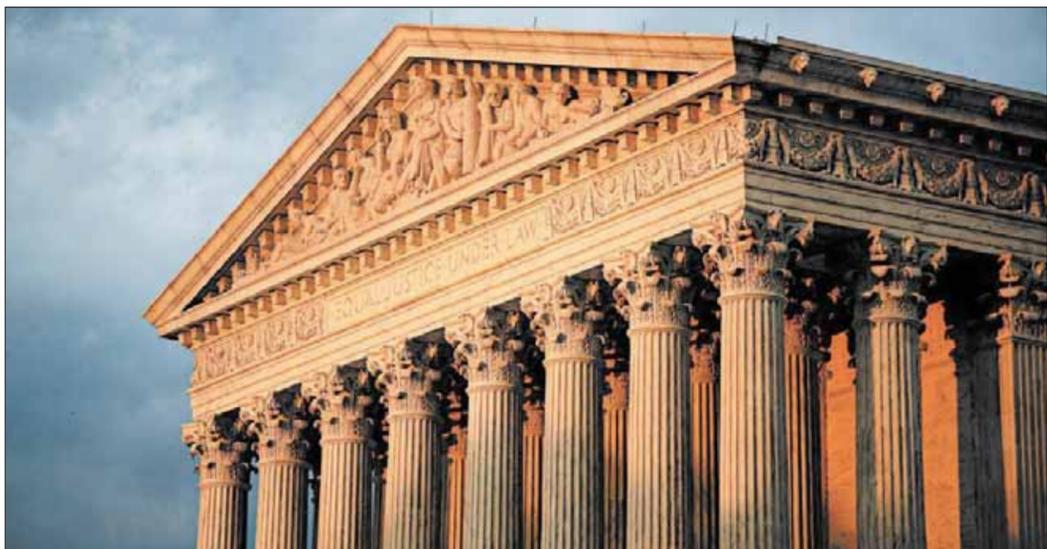
The book is an absorbing, if dispiriting, look at the maneuverings of inside players like McConnell and Donald McGahn, Trump's first White House counsel, and outside advocates like Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society, who appears to have steered judicial selection as much as anyone at the White House.

Hulse, a New York Times correspondent and Illinois native, probes moments of escalation over the years and the backroom machinations of the Trump strategy now transforming the courts and the law. Inevitably, he covers previously reported ground, but "Confirmation Bias" is an important guide at this crucial time for the stature of America's judiciary.

Chief Justice John Roberts, himself a Republican appointee, has lamented the current state of affairs. In November Roberts pushed back on Trump. Roberts issued a statement saying: "We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges. What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal right to those appearing before them."

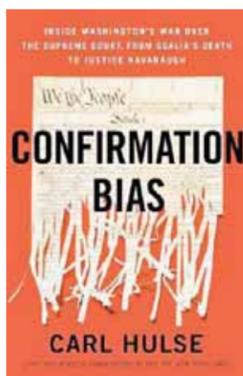
Yet individual judges have sometimes reinforced the notion that they are bent on favoring the president who appointed them. Of equal concern, the selection process appears patently designed to produce men and women who will do just that.

Tracing the origins of the Trump plan for the federal



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### 'Confirmation Bias'

By Carl Hulse, Harper, 310 pages, \$28.99

bench, Hulse recounts McGahn's early interaction with the candidate. They were introduced by David Bossie, president of the conservative advocacy group Citizens United. Trump inscribed a copy of "The Art of the Deal" to McGahn's young son, Don III, writing, "You've got a great dad." McGahn then helped draw up Trump's spring 2016 list of possible Supreme Court nominees.

Once Trump became president, McConnell and McGahn formed an early partnership to place ideo-

logical soul mates on the bench. McGahn engineered the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to fill Scalia's seat on the Supreme Court. In 2018 he managed the resignation of Justice Anthony Kennedy and his replacement by Brett Kavanaugh.

Back in 2008, Kavanaugh, then an appeals court judge, swore in McGahn after his confirmation to the Federal Election Commission. "That guy's going to be on the Supreme Court someday," McGahn said privately. Nearly a decade later, in 2017, Hulse writes, McGahn confided to Trump strategist Steve Bannon his continued interest in Kavanaugh as a Supreme Court choice.

During the televised Kavanaugh confirmation hearings last year, McGahn coached the nominee on his response to Christine Blasey Ford's sexual assault allegation. As Ford testified before senators, Hulse reveals, McGahn received "worried texts from his circle" and then urged Kavanaugh to respond aggressively: "He wanted to see the nominee push back, cut off his interrogators, and turn their questions back on them." Kavanaugh denied Ford's allegations dating back to their teen years in suburban Maryland, chalked them up

to partisan critics and challenged senators about their drinking habits after they suggested that Kavanaugh drank to excess as a young man.

For decades, Republicans in Washington, dismayed at the judicial liberalism of the 1960s and 1970s, have made judicial appointments a higher priority than Democrats have. There have been exceptions, of course, when Democrats went on the offensive. In 1987 the Democratically controlled Senate rejected Robert Bork, and in 2013 Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid instigated a change in filibuster rules to win confirmation of stalled Obama nominations. A decade earlier, Reid helped block several nominees of President George W. Bush.

Yet Republicans such as McConnell have more recently been in control and ready to play hardball, partly as retribution. On Feb. 13, 2016, when Scalia died, McConnell received early word. When the death became public, McConnell was ready with his statement that an appointment to the seat should be saved for the next president, to be elected in November. On that same Feb. 13 McGahn called Trump to advise him

on addressing the vacancy and offering names of possible successors.

Hulse writes of the ensuing angst among some on Obama's team that the president moved too slowly on a successor. Ron Klain, then chief of staff to Vice President Joe Biden, wanted the president to quickly name presumptive nominee Merrick Garland, chief judge of the D.C. Circuit. The well-regarded moderate's name had been kept in reserve for just such a moment.

Within a few days of Scalia's death, Hulse reports, Klain told White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough: "The president ought to go to the Rose Garden tomorrow and name Merrick Garland. Tomorrow. Not a month from now. Tomorrow. Every day that ticks by is a day that you are letting McConnell consolidate his position."

Obama announced the Garland choice a month later. Senators never held a hearing.

Joan Biskupic is a CNN legal analyst and Supreme Court biographer. Her most recent book is "The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts."

## BOOK REVIEW

# 'Three Women' examines feeling of desire from female perspective

BY LISA TADDEO  
The Washington Post

I remember reading Gay Talese's "Thy Neighbor's Wife," for the first time, in a coffee shop in New York City's meatpacking district, in 2010. I was single and dating and talking to my friends about dating. It wasn't even dating. It was something lonelier and more exhausting.

In that coffee shop, unmoored by whatever recent indignity I'd suffered at my own hand, I realized that it had been 30 years since Talese wrote a book about sex, and from a very male perspective. Nobody since had written so immersively about the complicated plains of desire.

As I began to write "Three Women," I wanted to approach that same level of immersion but very quickly found that I wasn't terribly interested in the acts of sex. When speaking with friends about desire, it was the physical acts that framed an interlude, but what stayed with us and tormented and invigorated us was the feverish reverie that followed. Between sex and desire there is an unspoken gulf. I wanted to explore the nuance that lived down there.

To that end, I began by looking for interview subjects who were willing to lay bare their most intimate secrets. Finding people who would open up about their very cores was not just difficult but close to impossible. Plenty of people had stories about sex they didn't mind sharing, but I was looking for something inflamed.

I spent more than eight years and made multiple road trips across the country. Over the course of that time, I spoke to hundreds of people, 30 or so at length, for weeks, months and even years. Of those



### 'Three Women'

By Lisa Taddeo, Avid Reader, 320 pages, \$27

30, some dropped out on their own; others I let go.

The most common hurdle was a subject's fear of being found out, of being seen in the world as an X-ray. The ones I gradually stopped talking to had become less invested in their own narratives. I was looking for something immediate and raw, for someone who wanted something desperately and beautifully. And then I found her.

Early on, I moved from New York City to Indiana to get out of my tiny worldview and into someone else's. There, in a rural town not far from the Kinsey Institute, I formed a small discussion group, a place where women could speak freely about their sexuality, and Lina's voice rose above the rest.

She had been in a dead marriage for more than a decade. Her husband at that point would not kiss her on the mouth, and the couple's therapist said that was OK, that the sensation offended him and that Lina needed to accept it. On the day I met her, Lina had just decided to embark upon the extramarital affair that would consume her for years to come.

I found Maggie while in Medora, N.D. After I read about a recent trial, in which Maggie accused her former high school English teacher of pursuing a sexual relationship with her when she was 17, I drove to Fargo the very next day. She said the alleged relationship was consensual. (The teacher was acquitted of three charges, and two were later dismissed.) It was the nuance of her pain and desire that struck me.

I'd heard about Sloane from multiple people I'd contacted. One of the rumors was that her husband wanted to have sex with her every day. What made the rumor more salacious was that she was said to be a willing participant. Another rumor was that her husband liked to watch her have sex with other people.

Both rumors turned out to be true. But truer still was that she was at once in control of her narrative and confused by it.

Beyond the exquisite inflammation of their experiences, I was struck by the nearness and relatability of these three women's lives. Most remarkably, these women told me the truth, exposing the most vulnerable parts of their lives with nothing to gain by it. They told me the truth of their desire, which so many of us keep protected.

I wanted this book to be about all of those emotions, the universality of those emotions. In the end, these women are not all women or all men or all people or all sexual proclivities.

Their stories are three stories of three people. They are as important as anyone else's, and they deserve to be heard.

Lisa Taddeo is the author of "Three Women."

## BOOK REVIEW

# A slitheringly good summer read

BY RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

Environmentalists and well-educated children have explained to me that snakes are nothing to fear, but that wise counsel can't quell the spike of alarm whenever I spot one slithering through the yard.

Sadie Jones exploits that deep-seated apprehension in her deliciously wicked fifth novel, "The Snakes." Her title practically hisses the story's symbolic implication, pricking those ancient warnings embedded in the Garden of Eden and the face of Medusa. And the novel's contemporary setting exhibits the markings of Gothic terror, with wry allusions to Frankenstein, Edgar Allan Poe and even Stephen King. But Jones coils all these old elements around new anxieties involving race and class.

At the opening, a young British couple decides to take a long road trip. Bea, who is white, is an earnest psychotherapist. Her husband, Dan, who is mixed-race, is an artist trying to make ends meet by working as a real estate agent. Driving around Europe for three months will exhaust their meager savings, but they hope the excursion will give them time to reassess their lives back in London.

Jones is a patient sower of dread. The tiny seeds of concern she plants along the way germinate and blossom in lurid hues.

At Bea's insistence, their first stop is a visit with her brother, Alex, who manages a hotel near a small town in Burgundy, France. Several years earlier, Bea and Alex's father bought this hotel for Alex so that he'd have something productive to do after rehab. When Bea and Dan drive up to Alex's hotel, it looks abandoned. Bea makes a

nervous joke about "The Shining," but when Alex appears, he's delighted to see them — so full of theatrics that Dan thinks that "being with him was like watching television." For Bea, who knows her brother's desperate history of drug abuse, the situation is more alarming.

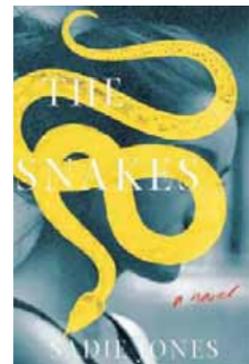
This would seem like a good time to check out, but Bea is wholly devoted to her brother. She isn't reassured when she finds the hotel guest book full of fake names and comments all written by Alex. That night, he invites her to help him clean out the snake traps in the attic.

"He banged the trapdoor with his fist. Dust fell as it popped up," Jones writes. "The smell was liquid and familiar, as if the smell of corpses was not new, and had only to be recognized."

Much of the ghoulish fun of this novel comes from following Jones as she winds through the canon of classic horror. In her telling, Alex's hotel is decorated with crepe paper left over from half a dozen other macabre tales. Is that Jack Torrance? Norman Bates? Roderick Usher? Jones flicks her tongue toward each of those demented hosts, but she's pursuing a wholly original story about the repercussions of trauma.

It quickly becomes apparent that all the creaky floors and spooky cobwebs are merely a shadow of what's really haunting this family. Bea and Alex are the children of two repellent parents: a fabulously wealthy real estate developer and a shockingly narcissistic woman. While Bea broke away from them years ago, Alex is still caught in their toxic embrace.

And who should arrive at that very moment to complete this supremely dysfunctional family re-



### 'The Snakes'

By Sadie Jones, Harper, 448 pages, \$26.99

union? Why, it's Mummy and Daddy.

The disaster that unfolds is like something Shirley Jackson might have spun from "Meet the Parents" and "Snakes on a Plane" — which is such an absurd description that I suspect Jones' special venom has already coursed its way to my brain. But that's the effect of this clever writer who undulates so eerily from phantasmal excess to psychological realism.

Dan has never entirely understood Bea's decision to refuse all contact with her parents, and when they suddenly appear at the hotel, he realizes the full extent of what she's given up. Why should he and Bea struggle to make ends meet while her racist father is willing to give her everything? In this rich atmosphere, Dan's greed inflates like a pair of gasping lungs.

"The Snakes" eventually sloughs off its spookier elements, but the criminal story that emerges grows more shocking because of the rare quality of brutality in Jones' prose. Of course, we've no shortage of gruesome writers, but that's not Jones' technique. She excels, instead, at drawing us into tender sympathy with her characters even as she coolly subjects them to the most monstrous treatment. The result is hypnotic — like staring into the serpent's eyes just before it strikes.

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# 'It's really scary to be a Muslim right now'

Riz Ahmed calls on Hollywood leaders to help reduce Islamophobic sentiment

BY ELAINE LOW  
Variety

Art can provoke feeling, but its impact has limitations in the face of legal and systemic oppression, said Riz Ahmed, the activist and actor known for "The OA," "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" and "The Night Of," onstage at the CAA Amplify conference in Ojai, California, calling for the high-powered industry execs, talent, Wall Streeters and politicians in the room to act on reducing Islamophobic sentiment in the media.

"The efforts of individual artists or storytellers may be bold, they may be progressive, they may act as beacons of hope for other people, but in the face of institutional prejudice and institutionalized obstacles, systemic obstacles, our efforts can sometimes still fall flat," he told the audience, a group that included Obama-era senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, "Patriot Act" creator Hasan Minhaj, playwright Young Jean Lee, Equal Justice Initiative founder Bryan Stevenson and "Just Mercy" stars Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx.

Ahmed said he has learned hard lessons from 15 years of getting secondarily searched at airports around the world, even as

his work has earned him fans and acclaim. At times, he said, the airport guards swabbing him for explosives would ask for selfies or quote his raps back at him.

"(Hasan Minhaj) could win a Peabody, I could win an Emmy, Ibtihaj Muhammad could win the Olympics, but some of these obstacles are systemic, and we can't really face them alone," he said. "We need your help. I'm basically here to ask for your help. Because it's really scary to be a Muslim right now. Super scary."

"With all my privilege and profile, I often wonder if this is going to be the year they round us up, if this is the year they're going to put Trump's Muslim registry into action, if this is going to be the year they ship us all off," he continued, citing international incidences of Islamophobia, including Brexit-based nationalism in the U.K. and Uighur Muslims being held in detention camps in China.

His call to action for the Hollywood heavy hitters in the room, then, was to research how Muslims are represented on television and in movies in a data-driven, targeted, systemic way, so that ultimately Muslims aren't only portrayed as terrorists or



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Riz Ahmed says the on-screen representation of Muslims "feeds the policies that get enacted, the people that get killed."

boogymen.

"I think lives are quite literally at stake here," he said. "The representation of Muslims on screen — that feeds the policies that get enacted, the people that get killed, the countries that get invaded."

Ahmed, whose presentation won him a standing ovation, wasn't the only one who took the stage to promote inclusion.

"I'm not waiting for Hollywood," said "Baby Driver" actor and Sign World Media founder CJ

## Ahmed's roles

At 36 years old, British actor Riz Ahmed has an impressive resume. You've seen him in action movies such as "Venom," "Night Crawler" and "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," plus the Netflix series "The OA." Here are others:

**"Shifty"** (2008): Ahmed plays a conflicted crack dealer in London looking to get out of the drug business. From the director of "Welcome to the Punch."

**"Four Lions"** (2010): In this unusual comedy, Ahmed stars as the brightest of four bumbling Brits who aspire to learn and commit terrorism.

**"Trishna"** (2011): Frieda Pinto ("Slumdog Millionaire") and Ahmed play star-crossed lovers from different sides of the tracks. Directed by Michael Winterbottom ("24 Hour Party People").

**"The Reluctant Fundamentalist"** (2012): Acclaimed director Mira Nair directs this story of a young Pakistani Muslim working in the U.S. who finds his loyalties split when he suffers discrimination and suspicion after the 9/11 bombings. With Liev Shreiber and Kiefer Sutherland.

**"The Night Of"** (HBO, 2016): Ahmed brought depth and emotion to the highly lauded series that followed a New Yorker, accused of murdering a woman with whom he had a one-night stand, as he navigates the trial and, ultimately, prison. John Turturro plays his quirky lawyer.

**"Girls"** (HBO, 2017): On a writing assignment, Hannah (Lena Dunham) stops thinking about herself just long enough to fall for her free-spirited surf instructor, Paul-Louis (Ahmed). He's spoken for, though, so their fling leaves Hannah with a decision to make.

— Carmél Carrillo

Jones, who is deaf. "The goal of my company is to serve and innovate and create and produce and hire deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to become skilled in post-production."

And actor-producer-director Eva Longoria, at times speaking with her 1-year-old son Santiago on her lap, said that "if you are

a woman in this room, and you have a chance to hire a woman, hire her."

"If you're a person of color, and you have a chance to hire a person of color, you hire them," she said. "Because we have to build the pipeline of talent, and we can't get that experience if we're never given the opportunity. ... Be loud about it."

## Teach

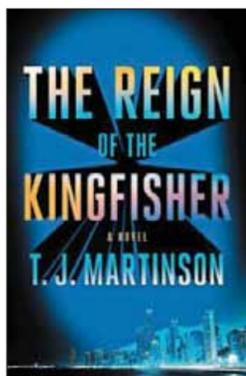
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"The Reign of the Kingfisher" imagines an alternate Chicago, one where violence has spiked in the 30 years since the death of a local superhero. As the Tribune reported earlier this year, "the book is closer to a crime procedural, with a dead man of steel as its mystery. ... Chicago has never been associated with a single superhero. Which sounds like an overly breezy premise for an often ambitious literary novel, but 'Reign of the Kingfisher' — should it make the leap from perfect summer read to perfect summer movie (and it certainly plays like it's ready) — can be grim and unsettling R-rated stuff."

ONU's University Life Handbook states the university "fully supports the principles and standards set forth by the Church (of the Nazarene) concerning media productions which produce, promote or feature the violent, the sensual, the pornographic, the profane or the occult, and thus undermine God's standard of holiness of heart and life. These types of productions should be avoided."

Martinson said his aim — as it should be for any novelist — was to write a book that reflects the world as it is. "I never really thought for a moment this is going to ruffle Nazarene feathers," he said. "I just thought, I will be really proud that I accomplished this."

As part of his application, Martinson submitted a statement of faith that outlined his support of the



LGBTQ community. He also noted that a copy of "The Reign of the Kingfisher" was in the president's office when he was interviewed.

The American Association of University Professors' 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure allows for limits on academic freedom "because of religious or other aims of the institution," and calls on universities to state such limitations in writing at the time of a faculty member's appointment. However Henry Reichman, chair of the AAUP Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, said this doesn't allow universities to infringe on faculty members' extramural expression.

The single biggest threat to academic freedom overall, Reichman said, is the erosion of the tenure system, a phenomenon occurring throughout the United States at religious and secular institutions. The number of faculty members hired on short-term contracts has dramatically increased, and these appointments do not carry the protections of a traditional, tenure-track job.

He added that the rela-

tive ease of dismissing non-tenured faculty combined with the growing reliance on fundraising may be influencing university administrators to avoid controversy that might compromise relationships with donors.

"The result is that many of those people are engaging in self-censorship, or when they have actually been censored, they don't even know it. They're just told, 'We're not going to renew your appointment,'" Reichman said.

This isn't the first time ONU has struggled with questions surrounding academic freedom. In 2007, ONU removed Richard G. Colling, a professor of biology, from teaching classes after 26 years of service due to controversy within the evangelical community surrounding his book "Random Designer: Created from Chaos to Connect with Creator." The book, which attempted to integrate the science of evolution with Christian faith, was also banned.

While controversy may pose a threat to a university's fundraising mission, it often helps book sales. After Martinson posted on Facebook about parting ways with ONU, he received an outpouring of support from commenters, many of whom said they would buy his book. Although his publisher, Flatiron, couldn't confirm sales figures, the book was briefly unavailable on Amazon.

Martinson thanked Facebook followers and suggested they donate to the Trevor Fund, a suicide hotline for LGBTQ youth, instead.

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## Metz

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New York) stopped herself mid-thought: "I have to turn my air conditioning on. It's hot. Hold on one second."

I told Helfand about a tweet that had gone viral earlier in the week from Taylor Lorenz, a staff writer at The Atlantic, who wrote: "Air-conditioning is unhealthy, bad, miserable, and sexist. I can't explain how many times I've gotten sick over the summer b/c of overzealous AC in offices. #BanAC" — and then doubled down with: "Like buy a fan. Ur not gonna die lol. I should be able to wear dresses in the summer and not get hypothermia."

"For her to say that, she's incredibly lucky," Helfand said.

That doesn't mean we can't debate whether offices are kept too chilly in summer months, she added.

I countered: Sure, but it's hard not to think of the 739 who died in the Chicago heat wave — primarily poor, elderly and black people on the city's South and West sides — and not cringe at the words "Ur not gonna die lol."

"She's totally on the other side of the life-and-death decisions that come with: Do I turn the air conditioning on or not?" Helfand said. "Will I be able to pay for my medication if I have an extremely high electric bill this month? Do I even have an air conditioner? Will I be able to go outside instead so that I can find places in my neighborhood that do have air conditioning?"

"To start from the place of air conditioning is to start from a place of incredible privilege."

And this is Helfand's main point in the film: "Extreme weather reveals extreme inequity, extreme disparity, extreme racism — and the long-term impact of structural racism. And I think that it's all too easy because of segregation and the long-term impact of segregation, to not see what you don't want to see. To not see what it's not convenient to see."

"And it's easy not to see (if you're white) because you live on one side of town and the black community lives on the other side of town. Then it's very easy to come to accept the long-term impact of a very very heinous legislation — like redlining, the covenants, all of the things that



KARTEMQUIN FILMS

Filmmaker Judith Helfand interviews retired Brigadier General John W. Heltzel about disaster preparedness and the art of politicizing deadly weather in her documentary "Cooked: Survival by Zip Code."

determined where people would live, if they could get a loan to buy a house, if they could afford to do home improvements, if they could do all of the things possible to acquire wealth and have equity and security — that has yielded incredible pain and suffering and disease and death and all of the inequities that lead not only to a health disparity but a life-span disparity."

In the film, Englewood resident Colleen Scott walks around her neighborhood with her husband, counting the abandoned homes. She becomes choked up at one point and says to the camera: "What do you think about when you see abandoned property? It's abandoned. Forgot about. Left out."

Helfand is a companionable presence in the film and she has almost a faux naïf approach when asking questions, which elicits some interesting results. Here's sociologist Michele Landis Dauber responding to a query from Helfand:

"So what you're struggling with is, why are we spending so much money on low-probability events when we have people dying like flies all around us and that money could be helping now?" She pauses. "Well, right. Yeah. You're right to see that as an unreasonable allocation of resources because it is."

"Everybody laughs at that moment," Helfand said, "because they're so happy that she's validating my question."

Is Helfand's wide-eyed approach intentional and strategic — or is it just her personality?

"It's a combination of, I'm really nervous that they're going to turn around and say, 'OK, you have to leave now,'" she said. "I am also incredulous. I'm honestly like, wow. And also, I'm nice! I'm really not out to get anybody. We're all in this together. But we've been so conditioned and beaten

down by cynicism that we don't even ask these very open-ended, open-hearted 'why not?' and 'what if?' questions."

The film was inspired by (and includes) the work of Eric Klinenberg, who wrote the 2002 book "Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago," but Helfand expands out to include the larger world of disaster preparedness.

"People might say, are you banging on the door of the right office?" she said. "Is Homeland Security the one that's supposed to invest in our communities — is that the place that is going to kind of pay back all those years of disinvestment? Well, certainly not."

"But all the language and the ideas that they use for emergencies and preparing for the future and recovery and rebuilding and all of the money that they spend on training and building the infrastructure to be there in case of an emergency, I think it's extraordinary and very valiant. But what if we used that same kind of energy, that same kind of intention, that same kind of focus and we really looked at the disaster at hand? If we looked at the one that is happening every single day? The brutal and amazing ever-growing number of people who are dying of treatable diseases on one side of town and not on the other side of town?"

"It's a total emergency. There's a 30-year lifespan gap now between one side of town and the other."

"We don't have to wait for the tornado. The tornado is here."

"Cooked: Survival by Zip Code" runs at the Siskel Film Center for two weeks through July 25. Director Judith Helfand will be at several screenings. For info go to [siskelfilmcenter.org/cooked-survival-by-zip-code](http://siskelfilmcenter.org/cooked-survival-by-zip-code).

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## Gelman

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a river of panic you have to cross."

### 3. The actor parted ways with Adult Swim because of the way it treated women

In 2016, he chose to no longer work for the network because of comments made by an executive vice president there. "The problem of misogyny and racism and homophobia and transphobia are, I think, (some) of the main problems of the world but also our industry. I think it's gotten somewhat better, but I also don't think that it's anywhere near where it has to be at all."

### 4. He's not worried about being stereotyped

While he acknowledged that neither his "Fleabag"

character Martin nor his "Stranger Things" character Murray is a people person, he loves playing flawed men. "A great character is a great character. And if you're presented with that opportunity to play them, no matter what their moral or social make-up is, you're gonna get a lot out of it."

The Russian-speaking Murray, he said, acts "more out of like a fearful place, of things that happened to him in the past that he is constantly, with the type of work he does, putting himself in a precarious position. ... But in his heart, he's always doing the good thing, the right thing, and he's never engaging in a toxic thing."

"Whereas Martin is very fueled by self-hatred. He's watching his life crumble before his eyes, much of that crumbling is his own doing, and he's spinning out in desperation."

### 5. He's unsure about his return to "Stranger Things"

Netflix hasn't confirmed Season 4 yet, but showrunners and Ross and Matt Duffer have been talking about the possibility of it in interviews. "I would love to work with Phoebe Waller-Bridge (creator and star of 'Fleabag') and the Duffer brothers again. I'll do whatever they want me to do," he laughed.

Waller-Bridge has stated she has no plans for a third season. As for the possibility of a Martin and Claire spin-off from "Fleabag," who appeared to be splitting up at the end of Season 2? "Sian Clifford, the actress who plays Fleabag's sister, Claire, and Martin's beleaguered wife) and I would love that. But," he warned, "that'd be a really dark show."

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# How Scooter Braun became so powerful

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Around this time last year, two of pop music's biggest superstars got unusually candid about their love lives.

Ariana Grande was enjoying a very public romance with "Saturday Night Live" star Pete Davidson. Justin Bieber, meanwhile, was engaged to Hailey Baldwin, a milestone he made Instagram official. Amid this rare constellation of celebrity PDA, one fan called attention to the manager Grande and Bieber share, Scott "Scooter" Braun, in a pithy tweet: "The devil works hard, but Scooter Braun works harder."

It was a joke — the tweet was deleted after drawing a pointed response from Grande — but the sentiment spoke to Braun's increasing influence in pop culture. He could make things happen, and fans recognized that. The devil and/or Kris Jenner would be proud.

Braun, 38, famously discovered Bieber back in 2008 when the Stratford, Ontario, native was a pre-teen crooning R&B covers on YouTube. As Bieber skyrocketed to fame, Braun turned his entrepreneurial talents into a veritable entertainment empire, amassing a slew of in-demand clients including Tori Kelly, Demi Lovato, model Karlie Kloss and, at one point, Jenner's son-in-law, Kanye West.

But Braun's industry reach was highlighted in an unexpected way Sunday when Taylor Swift called him out in a scathing Tumblr post. Braun purchased Big Machine Records, the label on which Swift launched her career, and acquired her master recordings as part of the \$300 million deal.

Swift wrote that she had not been made aware of Braun's purchase until "it was announced to the world," a claim Big Mach-



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Entertainment executive Scooter Braun knows the tastes of a digital generation but says he "got lucky" to be a success.

ine founder Scott Borchetta later disputed. But the singer-songwriter was particularly incensed that Braun would own her records.

"All I could think about was the incessant, manipulative bullying I've received at his hands for years," Swift wrote, citing a 2016 Snapchat incident involving West and his wife, Kim Kardashian.

The ensuing drama has divided celebrities, including Bieber (who has defended Braun), some of Braun's other clients and Swift's supporters. The controversy has also put a spotlight on Braun, whom the New York Times once called "the defining music executive of the social media era, known for aggressive online cross-promotion between clients."

So how did he get here? Braun got his first taste of the music business in Atlanta, where he attended Emory University. As a freshman, Braun sold fake IDs but soon discovered a

more lucrative side hustle: promoting parties. The city's prominent hip-hop scene enabled him to rub elbows with rappers and R&B musicians in the early aughts.

"The singer Ciara referred to him as her 'big brother.' Lil Jon called him 'the white Puff Daddy,'" recalled a 2012 New Yorker article. He became a protégé of veteran producer Jermaine Dupri, who asked Braun to head up marketing at his So So Def label. He was fired a few years later, a setback he has described as stemming from a disagreement over the label's direction.

But Braun had enough connections to consult and freelance his way forward.

"Only a few weeks after leaving Dupri, Braun brokered a \$12 million campaign deal between Ludacris and Pontiac," explained a 2006 Creative Loafing article that dubbed Braun "the Hustla." Braun eventually set up his own management company,

enlisting Asher Roth, the white rapper best known for his debut 2009 single "I Love College," as his first client.

Braun was in search of a younger act when he stumbled across Bieber's baby-voiced videos. A 2009 New York Times article detailed Braun's dogged attempt to track down the singer and his mother, Pattie Mallette: "He tracked down Justin's school, calling board members, imploring them to contact Ms. Mallette."

Braun continued to use his digital savvy to recruit artists for his business. In 2011, after Bieber tweeted about a song he couldn't get out of his head, Braun scrambled to sign the relatively unknown Canadian artist to his label, Schoolboy Records. The song in Bieber's head was Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe."

Bieber's love for the song was central to Braun's strategy — in early 2012, the singer and his famous friends lip-synced to "Call

Me Maybe" in a goofy YouTube video that Braun has hinted he had a hand in. The song became a viral smash. That same year, Braun came across "Gangnam Style," the insanely popular dance track by Korean rapper Psy. "HOW DID I NOT SIGN THIS GUY!?!?!," he tweeted. Months later, he did.

In recent years, Braun has garnered attention for his perceptibly patient response to Bieber's post-adolescent struggles in the public eye, and for staging a benefit concert in Manchester just weeks after a terrorist bombing killed 22 people and injured dozens more after a concert on Grande's "Dangerous Woman" tour. Braun, who has also been praised for his philanthropic efforts, recruited an all-star lineup to support Grande at the event, which, according to the New York Times, raised more than \$12 million to help victims of the bombing.

Braun's strategic busi-

ness approach led author Amos Barshad to label the manager a "Rasputin" (after the legendary Russian mystic), in his 2019 book, "No One Man Should Have All That Power: How Rasputins Manipulate the World." In an interview with Braun, Barshad asked the obvious question.

"On a day-to-day basis, no, I don't manipulate," Braun told him. "I try to be so transparent it's overwhelming. Manipulation, I think, should only be used when it's a life-or-death situation."

Braun told Barshad it ultimately comes down to intent.

"If you're manipulating and you know in your heart you're doing something malicious, then you're just an awful person," he said. "If you're in a situation where you're manipulating something and you 100 percent believe it's for their betterment — that it's for the benefit of others — then that's a justification I've found in the past."

Braun has yet to officially weigh in on the Swift controversy — and he may not. At Fast Company's Innovation Festival last year, Braun recalled being fired by Grande several years ago, joking that her decision was related to a bad relationship the singer was in at the time. His team was angry, he recalled, and wanted him to strike back publicly.

"But I said, 'We're not going to say a word, and this is going to come back around,'" Braun recalled. "I just said, 'Let's stay quiet and let our truth be our actions.'" (Grande returned to his management company within months.)

"There are a lot of people who are smarter than me, who have worked as hard as me, but along the way I got lucky," Braun said of his career path as an entertainment executive attuned to the tastes of a digital generation.

"And I've never taken that for granted."

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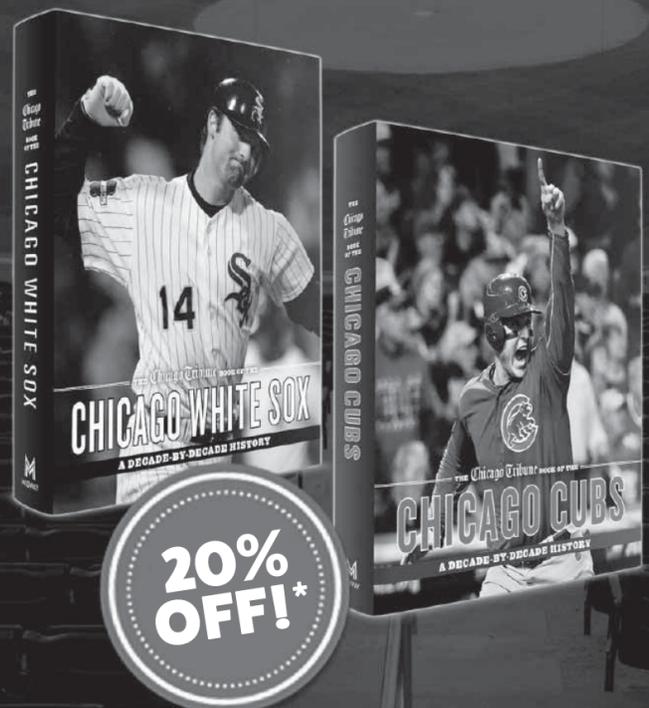
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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Jessica Green

**"The Outpost"** (8 p.m., CW): Season 2 of this adventure fantasy opens with a premiere called "We Only Kill to Survive," which finds Talon (Jessica Green) recalling the ghosts of her childhood as she summons a new threat. Elsewhere, as Garret (Jake Stormoen) searches for Dred, Gwynn (Imogen Waterhouse) focuses on getting the Outpost ready for war. Meanwhile, a messenger brings news that is utterly devastating.

**"Siren"** (7 p.m., FREE): As the mating season for mermaids begins, Ryn (Eline Powell) realizes she will need to return to the sea to help her colony in the new episode "The Outpost." Helen and Ben (Rena Owen, Alex Roe) embark on a tense hunt after the hybrids entice one of the mermaids to follow them to a remote location, their true motives unclear. Xander (Ian Verdun) is uneasy when a journalist comes to him seeking help in piecing together events on the night of the oil rig fire.

**"Jersey Shore: Family Vacation"** (7 p.m., MTV): The roommates return with more new episodes fraught with interpersonal drama, but the squad at the moment is huddled around Mike, who's coping with two major upcoming events, the first (his wedding) happy, the second (a prison sentence) anything but. Elsewhere, Jenni is pondering divorce, Deena's due to give birth any day and Pauly can't resist planning another wedding prank.

**"Ax Men"** (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., History): Since this long-running reality series left the air after Season 9 in 2016, many of the featured logging families in the Pacific Northwest have been fractured under the pressures of economic hardships and changing climate conditions. Family businesses have been thrust into jeopardy by these and other challenges.

**"The Dead Files"** (9 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): Former New York Police Department homicide detective Steve DiSchiavi and physical medium Amy Allan return to launch their 11th season of explorations into the occult in a premiere called "Darkness Rises," which takes them to Tonawanda, N.Y. There, they learn from a frightened woman that she has endured years of paranormal activity in her home.

**"Alone"** (9:03 p.m., 1:06 a.m., History): The survivalists desperately scour the landscape for food, knowing that harsh Arctic winter weather is creeping up on them in the new episode "The Kill." While most of them choose to go after smaller, more manageable prey, one gets a chance to harvest a big game animal — consequently attracting the unwanted and aggressive interest of predators in the area.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Kumail Nanjiani.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Madonna; journalist Guy Raz; Ari Lennox performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Craig Ferguson; professional wrestler Ronda Rousey; adventurer Bear Grylls.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Jon Favreau; actress D'Arcy Carden; Taylor Bennett performs.\*

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## RIP TORN 1931-2019

## Stage, screen actor won Emmy for 'The Larry Sanders Show'

By **BOB THOMAS**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rip Torn, the free-spirited Texan who overcame his quirky name to become a distinguished actor in television, theater and movies, such as "Men in Black," and win an Emmy for "The Larry Sanders Show," has died. He was 88.

Torn died Tuesday afternoon at his home with his wife, Amy Wright, and daughters Katie Torn and Angelica Page by his side, according to his publicist Rick Miramontez. No cause of death was given.

His work on stage and screen spanned seven decades, ranging from an early career of dark, threatening roles to iconic comedic performances later in life.

After acclaimed performances in "Cross Creek," "Sweet Bird of Youth" and other dramas, Torn turned to comedy to capture his Emmy as the bombastic, ethically challenged television producer in "The Larry Sanders Show." Created by and starring Garry Shandling, HBO's spoof of TV talk shows aired from 1992 to 1998 and is credited with inspiring such satirical programs as "30 Rock" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Torn played Agent Zed in the first two "Men in Black" movies, which starred Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.

Born Elmore Rual Torn, the actor adopted the name Rip in his boyhood, following the tradition of his father and uncle. It was the subject of endless ridicule during his early days as a stage actor in New York, and fellow drama students urged him to change it.

With customary stubbornness, he refused, eventually overcoming the jokes with a series of powerful performances that led to



MARK MAINZ/GETTY 2005

Actor Rip Torn died Tuesday at his Connecticut home. He was 88.

his being regarded, along with Marlon Brando, Paul Newman and James Dean, as actors of a postwar generation who brought tense realism to their craft. He was also a political activist who joined James Baldwin, Harry Belafonte and other cultural and civil rights leaders for a frank and emotional 1963 meeting with then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy about the country's treatment of blacks.

Torn made his film debut in 1956 in an adaptation of Tennessee Williams' "Baby Doll" and within a few years was a respected film and television actor, working on occasions with his second wife, Geraldine Page.

His success eventually inspired a younger cousin to take up acting — Oscar winner Sissy Spacek.

Other film credits included "Critics Choice" and "The Cincinnati Kid." In Albert Brooks' "Defending Your Life," he was featured as a gregarious attorney in the afterlife.

On television he played such figures as Richard Nixon, Lyndon B. Johnson and Walt Whitman.

His career hit a dry spell in the 1970s, and he blamed it on the buzz in Hollywood at the time that he was difficult to work

with, a reputation sealed when tension on the set of "Easy Rider" led to his being replaced by Jack Nicholson for the 1969 release.

"I wouldn't say that I was blacklisted," he told The Associated Press in 1984, "but the word got around that I was difficult and unreliable. Unreliable! In all my years in the theater I have never missed a performance."

He managed to keep working in small projects in theater, films and TV, returning to the mainstream in 1983 with "Cross Creek," in which he played table-smashing backwoodsman Marsh Turner. The role brought him his only Oscar nomination, for best supporting actor. He also appeared in 1984's "City Heat."

But he never entirely shook his rebellious reputation. In 1994, actor-director Dennis Hopper said on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" that Torn once pulled a knife in a New York restaurant as he complained about being replaced in "Easy Rider." He sued Hopper for slander and won a \$475,000 judgment.

He remained active in film and television in later years, including a recurring role in "30 Rock" and a voice acting gig in the 2007 animated "Bee Movie."

He weathered a couple of drunken driving arrests, including one in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury, Connecticut.

Torn and his first wife, actress Ann Wedgeworth, had a daughter, Danae, before divorcing. In 1963 he married Page. They had three children, a daughter, Angelica, and twins Jon and Tony, and appeared in productions together until her death in 1987. Torn also had two children, Katie and Claire, with actress Wright.

## THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 11

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|                    | <b>AMC</b>     |   | Gladiator (R,'00) ***                                     | Russell Crowe. A fugitive general       |  |  | becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. © |                          |                        |
|                    | <b>ANIM</b>    |   | Mermaids: The Body Found: The Extended Cut ©              |   |  |  | Mermaids: New                          |                          | Monsters 卐             |
|                    | <b>BBCA</b>    |   | Stand by Me (R,'86) ****                                  | Will Wheaton. ©                         |  |  | Stand by Me (R,'86) ****               | ©                        | 卐                      |
|                    | <b>BET</b>     |   | 卐 (5) Juice (R,'92) **                                    |   | Shaft (R,'00) **                               | Samuel L.                                  | Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams. 卐        |                          |                        |
|                    | <b>BIGTEN</b>  |   | 卐 Michigan (N) All or Nothing (N)                         |   | The Game                                       |  | Michigan 卐                             |                          |                        |
|                    | <b>BRAVO</b>   |   | Housewives/NYC  |   | Housewives/NYC (N)                             |  | Housewives/NYC                         |                          | Watch (N)              |
|                    | <b>CLTV</b>    |   | News at 7   | News (N)                                | News at 8                                      | News (N)                                   | SportsFeed ©                           |                          | Politics               |
|                    | <b>CNBC</b>    |   | Shark Tank ©  |   | Shark Tank ©                                   |  | Shark Tank ©                           |                          | Shark 卐                |
|                    | <b>CNN</b>     |   | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)                                   |   | Cuomo Prime Time (N)                           |  | CNN Tonight (N)                        |                          | Tonight (N) 卐          |
|                    | <b>COM</b>     |   | The Office  | The Office                              | The Office                                     | The Office                                 | The Office                             | The Office               | Daily (N) 卐            |
|                    | <b>DISC</b>    |   | Naked and Afraid ©  |   | Naked and Afraid: "Episode 14." (N) ©          |  |  |                          | Afraid XL 卐            |
|                    | <b>DISN</b>    |   | Bunk'd (N)  | Bunk'd ©                                | Coop   | Sydney-Max                                 | Amphibia                               | Big City                 | Bunk'd ©               |
|                    | <b>E!</b>      |   | Hitch (PG-13,'05) ***                                     | Will Smith, Eva Mendes. ©               |  |  | Hitch (PG-13,'05) ***                  |                          | 卐                      |
|                    | <b>ESPN</b>    |   | MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers. (N) (Live) |   |  |  |  |                          | SportCtr (N)           |
|                    | <b>ESPN2</b>   |   | 卐 Basketball  |   | Professional Fighters (N)                      |  | NBA Basketball (N) 卐                   |                          |                        |
|                    | <b>FNC</b>     |   | Tucker Carlson (N)  |   | Hannity (N) ©                                  |  | The Ingraham Angle (N)                 |                          | Fox News               |
|                    | <b>FOOD</b>    |   | Chopped ©   |   |  |  | Beat Flay (N)                          | Beat Bobby               | Beat Bobby             |
|                    | <b>FREE</b>    |   | Siren: "The Outpost." (N)                                 |   | (8:01) Beauty and the Beast (G,'91) ****       | ©  |  |                          | 700 Club (N)           |
|                    | <b>FX</b>      |   | Snatched (R,'17) **                                       | Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn. ©             |  |  | Baskets (N)                            | Baskets ©                | Baskets 卐              |
|                    | <b>HALL</b>    |   | Love Unleashed (NR,'19)                                   | Jen Lilley. ©                           |  |  | Golden Girls                           | Golden Girls             | Golden Girls           |
|                    | <b>HGTV</b>    |   | Beach   | Christina (N)   Unspouse                |  |  | Hunters (N)                            | Hunt Intl (N)            | Hunters                |
|                    | <b>HISTV</b>   |   | Mountain Men (N)  |   | Ax Men (Season Premiere) (N) ©                 |  | (9:03) Alone (N) ©                     |                          | Mnt. Men 卐             |
|                    | <b>HLN</b>     |   | Forensic  | Forensic                                | Forensic                                       | Forensic                                   | Forensic                               | Forensic                 | Forensic               |
|                    | <b>IFC</b>     |   | Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,'93) ***                               | Robin Williams, Sally Field. ©          |  |  |  |                          | Hook ****              |
|                    | <b>LIFE</b>    |   | Little Women: Atlanta (N)                                 |   | Little Women: Atlanta (N)                      |  | Little Women: LA (N) ©                 |                          | Millions ©             |
|                    | <b>MSNBC</b>   |   | All in With (N)   |   | Rachel Maddow Show (N)                         |  | The Last Word (N)                      |                          | 11th Hour (N)          |
|                    | <b>MTV</b>     |   | Jersey Shore: Family Vacation (N) ©                       |   |  |  | Jersey Shore (N)                       |                          | Jersey (N) 卐           |
|                    | <b>NBCSCH</b>  |   | Motocross (Tape)  |   |  |  | Heartland Poker Tour (N)               |                          | Poker 卐                |
|                    | <b>NICK</b>    |   | Tooth Fairy (PG,'10) **                                   | Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd. ©          |  |  | Friends ©                              |                          | Friends ©              |
|                    | <b>OVATION</b> |   | 卐 (6:30) Stripes (R,'81) **                               | Bill Murray, Harold Ramis.              |  |  | No Reservation                         |                          | Bourdain 卐             |
|                    | <b>OWN</b>     |   | 20/20 on OWN ©  |   | 20/20 on OWN ©                                 |  | 20/20 on OWN ©                         |                          | 20/20 卐                |
| <b>OXY</b>         |                | The Killer Affair (Series Premiere) (N)             |   | Snapped: "Emma Raine." ©                |  | The Killer Affair                          |  | Snapped 卐                |                        |
| <b>PARMT</b>       |                | 卐 (6:30) The Mummy (PG-13,'99) **                   | Brendan Fraser. ©   |   |  | The Mummy                                  |  | Returns **               |                        |
| <b>SYFY</b>        |                | 卐 Lost World: Jurassic Park                         | Jurassic Park III (PG-13,'01) **                          | Sam Neill.                              |  |  |  | Krypton 卐                |                        |
| <b>TBS</b>         |                | Seinfeld  | Seinfeld  | Big Bang                                | Big Bang                                       | Big Bang                                   | Big Bang                               | Conan (N)                |                        |
| <b>TCM</b>         |                | Tab Hunter Confidential (NR,'15) ***                |   | (8:45) Gunman's Walk (NR,'58) ***       | Van Heflin. ©                                  |  |  |                          |                        |
| <b>TLC</b>         |                | Dr. Pimple Popper (N)                               |   | Dr. Pimple Popper (Season Premiere) (N) |  | Untold Stories of ER (Season Premiere) (N) |  | My Crazy                 |                        |
| <b>TLN</b>         |                | Humanit   | Wretched  | Everlasting Love                        |  | Life Today                                 | Like You                               | Humanit                  |                        |
| <b>TNT</b>         |                | Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,'14) ***                    | Tom Cruise. ©   |   |  | Oblivion (PG-13,'13) ***                   |  | 卐                        |                        |
| <b>TOON</b>        |                | Amer. Dad   | Amer. Dad   | Burgers                                 | Burgers  | Family Guy                                 | Family Guy                             | Rick, Morty              |                        |
| <b>TRAV</b>        |                | The Dead Files: "Dark Forces and Evil Grandma." (N) |   |   |  | The Dead Files (N) ©                       |  | Dead Files 卐             |                        |
| <b>TVL</b>         |                | Raymond   | Raymond   | Raymond                                 | Raymond  | Two Men                                    | Two Men                                | King                     |                        |
| <b>USA</b>         |                | Fast & Furious (PG-13,'09) **                       | Vin Diesel. ©   |   |  | Queen of the South (N)                     |  | Law-SVU 卐                |                        |
| <b>VH1</b>         |                | 卐 (6) Pretty Woman (R,'90) ***                      | ©   |   |  | The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13,'06) ****     | ©                                      | 卐                        |                        |
| <b>WE</b>          |                | Growing Up Hip Hop                                  |   | Growing Up Hip Hop (N)                  |  | Growing Up Hip Hop                         |  | Hip Hop 卐                |                        |
| <b>WGN America</b> |                | Last Man  | Last Man  | Last Man                                | Last Man                                       | Last Man                                   | Last Man                               | Last Man                 |                        |
| PREMIUM            | <b>HBO</b>     |   | Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13,'18) ***                         | Rami Malek.                             |  | Divorce ©                                  |  | (9:45) Big Little Lies © |                        |
|                    | <b>HBO2</b>    |   | I Love You, Now Die ©                                     |   | (8:02) I Love You, Now Die ©                   |  |  | The Old Man & the Gun 卐  |                        |
|                    | <b>MAX</b>     |   | Fifty Shades Freed (R,'18) *                              | Dakota Johnson.                         |  |  | (8:50) The Getaway (NR,'83) **         | 卐                        |                        |
|                    | <b>SHO</b>     |   | The Loudest Voice ©                                       |   | White Chicks (PG-13,'04) **                    | Shawn Wayans. ©                            |  | Hesus (N)                |                        |
|                    | <b>STARZ</b>   |   | 卐 (6) Superfly (R,'18) **                                 |   | Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13,'17) *** |  |  | Bill & Ted 卐             |                        |
| <b>STZNC</b>       |                | 卐 (6:18) Max Payne ('08) *                          |   | Another 48 HRS. (R,'90) **              | ©  |  | (9:38) A View to a Kill 卐              |                          |                        |

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (July 11): Grow your physical performance, strength and endurance this year. You're especially charismatic and charming this summer, before changes require adaptation for you and your partner. Your collaboration flowers into romance next winter, inspiring a new personal view. Together, you're greater than the sum of your parts.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Avoid impetuous financial moves. Consider before spending. Make a final decision after you've done the research.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. An attraction grows more interesting. Expect the unexpected. When the perfect opportunity for connection and collaboration arises, jump on it.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. An athletic dream or health goal seems within reach. Plan your moves, strategize and coordinate. The actions that you take now can have lasting impact.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Keep a flexible attitude, and have fun. Enjoy gatherings with family and friends. You're especially attractive, and there's someone interesting nearby.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. It's a good time to make changes at home for long-term benefit. Strategize with family for the perfect upgrades. Imagine the end results. Plan carefully.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Creativity abounds and can take you to unexpected places. An imaginative assignment can pay well. Music feeds your muses. Find an answer in a dream.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Discover new, cost-effective efficiencies. A profitable venture has your attention. Is your equipment satisfactory? Invest in practical upgrades, and power on. A dream opportunity appears.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Get help building a personal dream. You can get what you need. Keep your bargains. Meditation can soothe anxious nerves. Put in extra planning and coordination.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Get especially quiet and peaceful, and listen to your intuition. Meditate under a tree. Let thoughts roam while you walk outside. Discover an excellent, innovative idea.

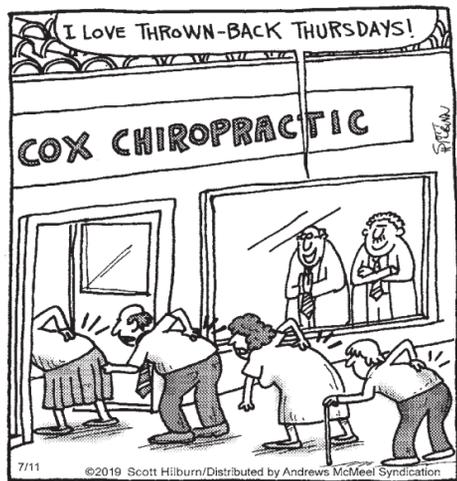
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Connect with friends, teammates and colleagues. Brilliant ideas flow through your social networks. Follow a hunch. Draw upon hidden resources.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Crazy professional dreams seem possible. It takes action to make things happen, but things may not go according to plan. Watch for hidden opportunities.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. An adventure, investigation or exploration that you've been dreaming about comes into focus. Watch for hidden danger, and go for it!

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



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### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

|              |              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>North</b> |              | <b>East</b>  |            |
| ♠ 8 4        | ♥ AK 7 6 5 2 | ♠ Q 3 2      | ♥ J 10 9 3 |
| ♦ A 7        | ♣ A J 5      | ♦ K J 10 8   | ♣ 9 2      |
| <b>South</b> |              | <b>West</b>  |            |
| ♠ A 9 6      | ♥ Q 8        | ♠ K J 10 7 5 | ♥ 4        |
| ♦ Q 5 4 2    | ♣ Q 10 8 3   | ♦ 9 6 3      | ♣ K 7 6 4  |

Today's deal is from a recent tournament in Europe, where the Multi-Two Diamond opening is commonplace. We have no system notes to go with this auction, so a couple of the choices are curious. As there was no chance, after the overall, that partner had a weak two-bid in hearts, East might have bid two spades instead of doubling. However, a two-spade bid might have had a subtle partnership meaning

**The bidding:**

|      |       |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| West | North | East  | South |
| 2♦*  | 2♥    | Dbl** | Redbl |
| 2♠   | Dbl   | Pass  | 3NT   |

All pass  
 \*Multi, weak two-bid in either major  
 \*\*Pass or correct  
 Opening lead: Jack of ♠

a diamond from dummy. Many players would go down at this point by cashing the queen of hearts and leading a heart to dummy. The disappointing 4-1 heart split would now defeat the contract. East would be given a heart trick and he would put dummy on lead with the ace of diamonds. South would eventually have to lead away from dummy's ace of clubs.

A little care is all that's required. Declarer should lead a low heart to dummy's ace and then a heart back to his queen. Should the hearts split 3-2, South has a free club finesse into the safe hand for one or two overtricks. The actual 4-1 heart split means that South needs the club finesse for his contract, and he is in the right hand to take it. South can run the 10 of clubs and continue with a club to the jack. He must still concede a heart to East, but the contract comes home with an overtrick.

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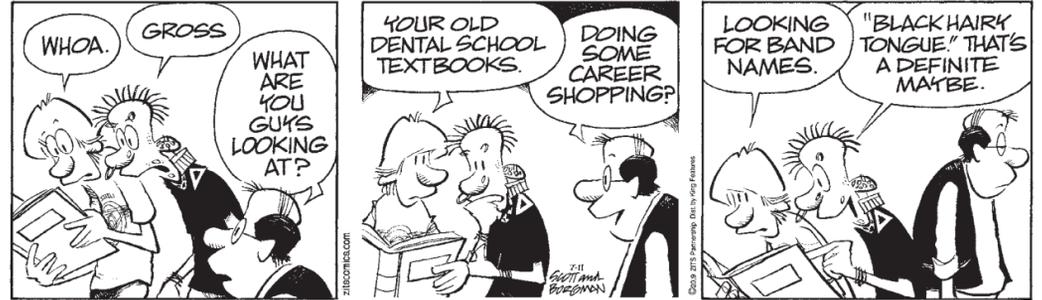
### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



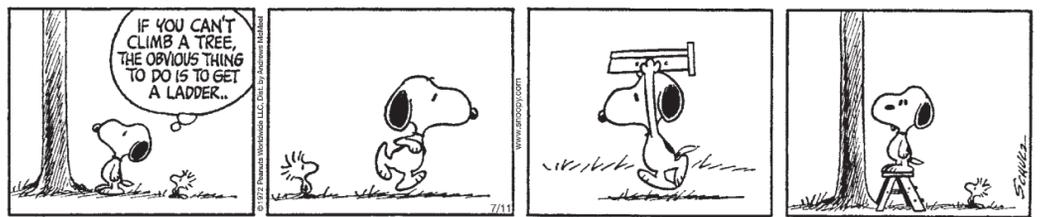
### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



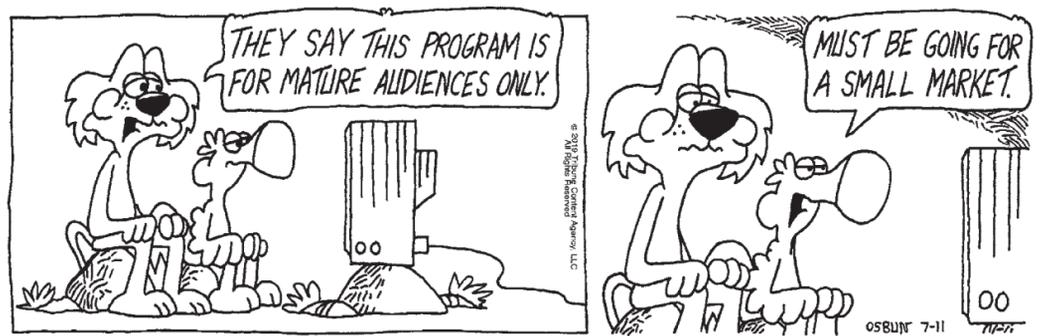
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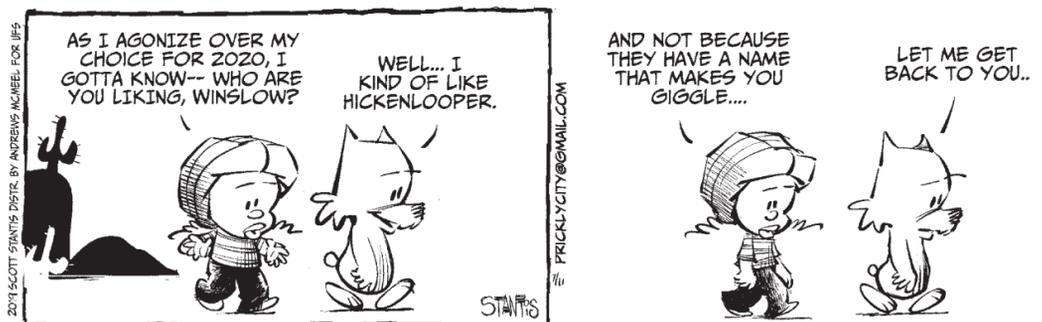
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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THURSDAY, JULY 11

NORMAL HIGH: 85°

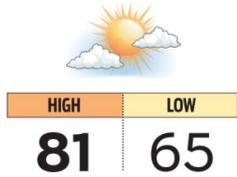
NORMAL LOW: 64°

RECORD HIGH: 97° (1936)

RECORD LOW: 50° (1996)

## Enjoy the one-day break before heat returns

### LOCAL FORECAST

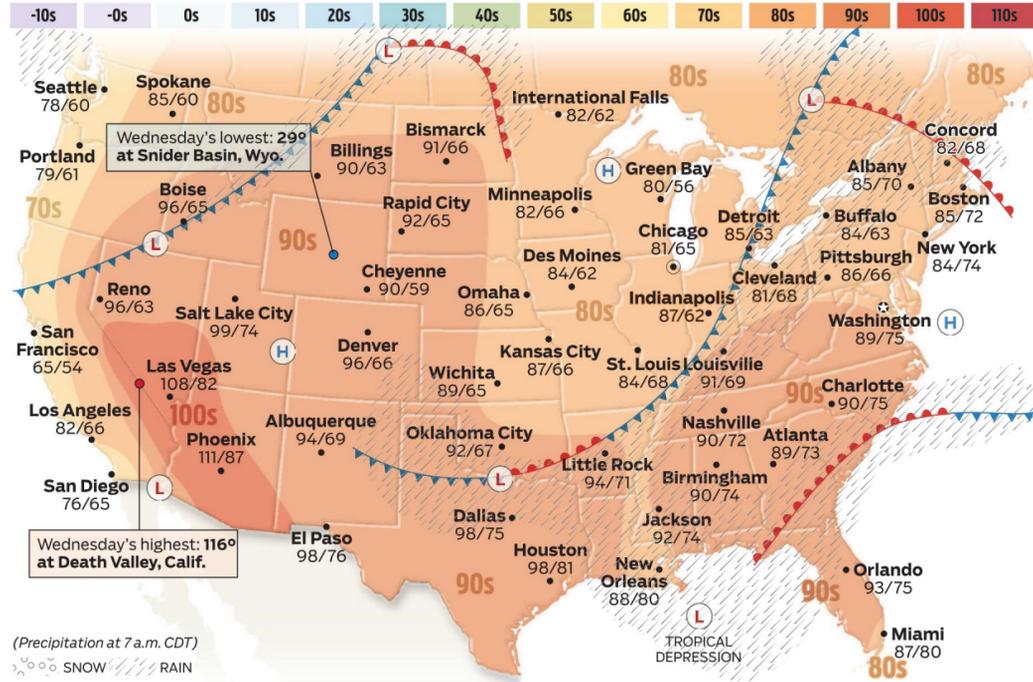


■ A one day insurgence of cooler Canadian source high pressure – heat to return Friday.

■ As cooler air pushes into the area on the wings of gusty northeast winds gusting at times to 20 mph, temperatures will top out in the upper 70s to lower 80s with cooler readings along and just inland of the Lake Michigan shoreline.

■ A few building cumulus clouds could give sprinkles at some locations during the afternoon. Clear skies and cool temperatures overnight.

### NATIONAL FORECAST

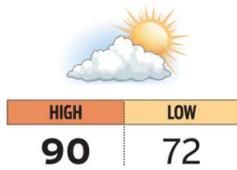


On Wednesday, Chicagoans experienced their hottest day in 11 months, as the mercury topped out at 94 degrees at the official O'Hare observing site and 96 at Midway. The last time it was so warm was Aug. 4. Winds shift to the northeast Thursday, bringing the area briefly under the influence of Canadian high pressure – daytime highs will top out around 80 degrees with cooler readings along the lakefront.

Warmth returns Friday with highs around 90 degrees, and even though a weak frontal system will fluctuate in our area, high temperatures over the weekend will remain in the lower 90s.

The first three workdays next week, the tropical storm will move inland up the lower Mississippi River Valley, putting our area under the influence of subsiding air to the north of that low pressure.

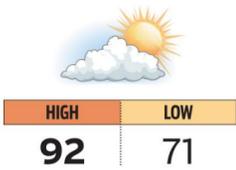
### FRIDAY, JULY 12



High pressure modifies quickly as a cold front approaches from the northwest. Afternoon highs bounce back to the 90 degree mark at most locations under sunny skies. Partly cloudy overnight.



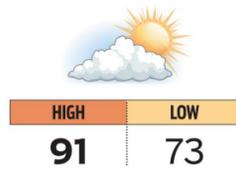
### SATURDAY, JULY 13



Building heat and humidity. A slight chance of a t-storm. High temps in the lower 90s with heat indices in the mid-90s. Winds shift NE during the afternoon, brings cooling to the lakefront. Partly cloudy overnight.



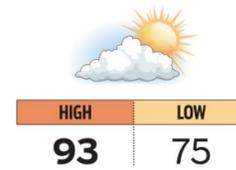
### SUNDAY, JULY 14



Weak front remains just south of the area. Light easterly winds. Temps reach the low 90s inland, but hold in the upper 70s along the lake. Clouds build along the front leading to isolated afternoon or evening t-storms.



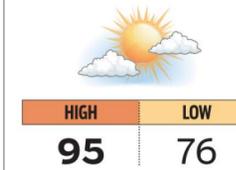
### MONDAY, JULY 15



Front lifts back across the area. Winds become SW at 10-20 mph, helping to boost temps well into the 90s. Heat index could warm to triple-digits. A slight chance of t-storms during the day. Partly cloudy overnight.



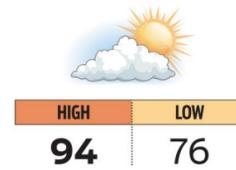
### TUESDAY, JULY 16



Mostly sunny, dangerously hot and humid. Afternoon highs in the mid-90s with a heat index 100 to 105-degrees. Warm and muggy overnight. South-west winds.



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17



Partly cloudy. Continued very hot and humid with afternoon highs in the middle 90s. Dangerous heat indexes for third consecutive day - around 105 degrees. Partly cloudy at night.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
How did Chicago's weather records start?  
Candice Miller  
Chicago

Dear Candice,  
Worries about shipwrecks on the Great Lakes prompted this country's first organized weather observation system, in 1870. Weather observations were taken in Chicago and at 500 other sites across the U.S. by 1860, an effort interrupted by the Civil War. It wasn't until Feb. 2, 1870, that Congress authorized the Secretary of War to collect weather data and to telegraph advisories on the approach of storms to mariners. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the bill seven days later, authorizing the Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce. Organized weather reports come from 22 sites, including Chicago, that telegraphed reports to Washington, where early weather forecasts. Chicago's weather records began Nov. 1, 1870.

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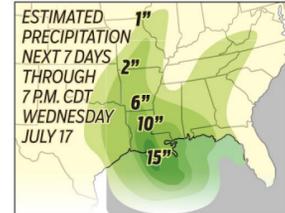
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## Tropical Storm stirs in Gulf; extended period of heat here

**TROPICAL UPDATE**  
Tropical Depression could become Hurricane "Barry" by Saturday



Tropical downpours threaten serious flooding



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY**  
Upper-air flow (30,000 ft) and low-level temperatures

High pressure ridge over the plains and subsiding air north of tropical storm combine to produce extended period of hot humid weather across the Chicago area and Midwest/Lower Ohio Valley

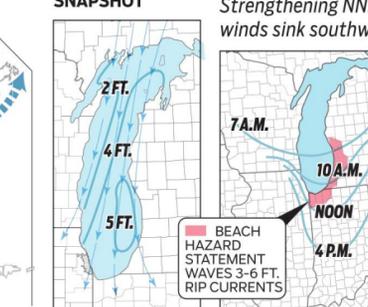


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**WAVES TO BUILD ON CHICAGO BEACHES**  
Chicago shoreline wave height forecast



**WAVE HEIGHT 2 P.M. THURSDAY SNAPSHOT**



TRACKING THE STRONG 'NNE' WINDS  
Strengthening NNE winds sink southward

### MIDWEST CITIES

| THURS./FRI.    | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Illinois       | pc | 87 | 67 | su | 87 | 65 |
| Carbondale     | pc | 85 | 60 | su | 85 | 63 |
| Champaign      | pc | 84 | 61 | su | 84 | 63 |
| Decatur        | pc | 83 | 61 | su | 83 | 64 |
| Moline         | pc | 82 | 62 | su | 82 | 64 |
| Peoria         | pc | 82 | 62 | su | 82 | 66 |
| Quincy         | pc | 82 | 65 | su | 82 | 67 |
| Rockford       | pc | 79 | 59 | su | 85 | 68 |
| Springfield    | pc | 82 | 63 | su | 85 | 64 |
| Sterling       | pc | 79 | 60 | su | 84 | 66 |
| Indiana        | pc | 87 | 67 | su | 86 | 63 |
| Bloomington    | pc | 89 | 66 | su | 86 | 64 |
| Evansville     | pc | 86 | 61 | su | 84 | 63 |
| Fort Wayne     | pc | 87 | 62 | su | 86 | 63 |
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| Wisconsin      | pc | 80 | 56 | su | 86 | 66 |
| Green Bay      | pc | 80 | 56 | su | 86 | 66 |
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| Milwaukee      | pc | 74 | 58 | su | 89 | 69 |
| Wausau         | pc | 78 | 54 | su | 83 | 61 |
| Michigan       | pc | 85 | 63 | su | 82 | 66 |
| Detroit        | pc | 81 | 58 | su | 83 | 66 |
| Grand Rapids   | pc | 82 | 58 | su | 83 | 66 |
| Marquette      | pc | 72 | 56 | su | 81 | 59 |
| St. Ste. Marie | pc | 69 | 52 | su | 80 | 58 |
| Traverse City  | pc | 69 | 54 | su | 82 | 64 |
| Iowa           | pc | 82 | 59 | su | 88 | 67 |
| Ames           | pc | 80 | 58 | su | 86 | 67 |
| Cedar Rapids   | pc | 80 | 58 | su | 86 | 67 |
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### OTHER U.S. CITIES

| THURS./FRI.     | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
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# SEASIDE SIGNALS

Designers add a modern touch to nautical style **PAGE 4**

# Add luxe feel to kitchen without breaking the bank

BY LAUREN WHITE  
HomeAdvisor

No matter how much you actually spend sprucing up your kitchen, there are some tricks you can use to make it look like a million bucks (so to speak).

These colors will give your kitchen a high-end feel without a luxury price tag.

**White:** A bold, crisp white will make your kitchen look more spacious and clean. It reflects light and creates the illusion of a larger room, especially when you pair it with broad natural light or lighting in a natural hue. Warmer, creamier whites will have a similar effect, but softer. Plus, white is a versatile backdrop for any number of accent colors.

**Try:** Benjamin Moore's Simply White; Behr's Snowfall; PPG's Gypsum.

**Gray:** Both cool and warm grays will lend a luxe feel to your kitchen. Use lighter grays on broad surfaces to make spaces feel bigger.



DREAMSTIME

Layering different grays and textures can make even the smallest kitchen look dynamic.

And consider layering different shades of gray in various finishes for an enriched design. For instance, pair rich charcoal gray cabinetry with barely there gray walls and strikingly dark gray hardware.

And try a concrete or concrete-look material on details like your backsplash or countertops for added texture.

**Try:** Benjamin Moore's

Metropolitan or Kendall Charcoal; Sherwin-Williams' Peppercorn.

**Black:** Black is the epitome of luxury in any category. But it's easy to take this

color too far — especially if you're working with a small space. It's worthwhile to talk with an interior designer to make sure you get the impression you want with this color. For smaller kitchens, try black on lower cabinets, countertops, hardware or plumbing fixtures paired with lighter neutrals.

**Try:** Benjamin Moore's Onyx; Sherwin-Williams' Tricorn Black; PPG's Dark as Night.

**Navy:** Navy is a classic color that will add an expensive edge to any kitchen. It works perfectly as a cabinet, appliance or wall color, and it pairs well with metal fixtures and rich wood tones. Like black, Navy requires some restraint in smaller kitchens. If you're working with little space, use this color on lower cabinets to anchor the room.

**Try:** Sherwin-Williams' In the Navy or Naval; Benjamin Moore's Hale Navy.

**Beige:** A sophisticated beige will have similar

benefits to white, opening up your kitchen and making it feel larger. But the inherent warmth in beige will give it a cozy edge. Plus, this color is a universal neutral that complements many design styles and materials. With beige, play up the luxury with rich wood tones or white details, such as on your trim or countertops.

**Try:** Benjamin Moore's Pale Oak or Grant Beige; Sherwin-Williams' Accessible Beige.

Want to take the luxe look to another level? Add these ingredients to the mix:

- Metal plumbing and light fixtures.
- Varied textures, shades and finishes throughout.
- Appliances in sophisticated colors with metal trim.
- A wallpapered wall in a bold, complementary print.
- Rich wood tones (like walnut countertops or upper cabinets).
- Tuxedo cabinets (different colors on upper and lower cabinets).

## GADGETS

# Pocket translator keeps conversation flowing

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

The Pocketalk translator can be a handy device while vacationing in a foreign country or anywhere you might need to bridge the gap between spoken languages.

The oval-shaped palm-sized device (4.3-by-2.4-by-0.6-inches) has its own custom OS (based on Android OS 8.1) operating

system and needs internet access from your choice of a built-in mobile data plan, personal hotspot or Wi-Fi.

According to the Pocketalk site, it "connects to the internet for access to robust language engines and cutting-edge cloud technologies for highly accurate translations. The language engines are accessed to get the translation.

The Pocketalk is available in two versions. One

(\$249) you use with your own connection to the internet (Wi-Fi etc.) and the other has built-in mobile data with a SIM card (\$299). With the SIM card version, just turn it on and it connects to the internet, which should work in 126 countries. The SIM activation lasts two years.

A 2200mAh internal battery keeps it running for seven hours of use or up to 10 days in sleep mode before

a USB charge is needed.

A touch panel display (320240 pixels) on the front shows the conversation and translation. There are two built-in 1.5 watt- speakers to hear the translation and dual microphones with noise cancellation hear your words with clarity.

Other controls are for adjusting the text size, volume, sleep settings, clearing past conversations

and the brightness of the display.

After you choose the two languages you want to be translated, there's really not a lot to it beside pressing a button while you talk to get the translation. It can handle up to 30 seconds of speaking for each translation, and there are 74 languages to choose from, with more expected.

For more information: [www.pocketalk.net](http://www.pocketalk.net)



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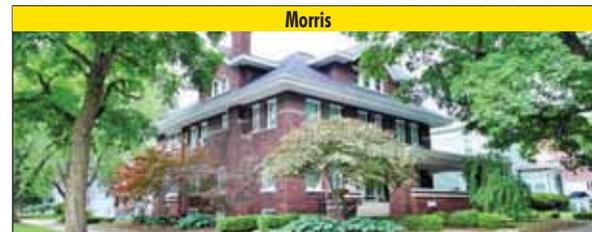


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# Nautical style goes modern

**BY KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

There might be life preservers on the wall, but they're probably vintage, and paired with modern chairs. There might be art, but instead of the usual beachy tableaux, there are close-up wave prints, or oversize photos of sea creatures.

It's a look that still pays homage to a home's waterside location — actual or aspirational — but in a stylish way.

New York designer Ghislaine Vinas recently did a project out in the sandy seaside enclave of Montauk, New York. A fresh palette of white and blue was accented with Vinas' signature punches of bright orange, green and yellow. Beach-chair-style stripes of color adorn furniture pieces and shower tile. Porthole-style mirrors in various iterations anchor bathroom vanities. And scattered throughout the home are nautical references given a playful spin. For example, in the open plan living area, Vinas hung a group of white sphere light fixtures suspended in blue netting; they look like boat buoys.

Blues ranging in intensity from sky to pool to navy were used in textiles and rugs throughout the



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house.

And there's loads of lively art, from photo prints of giant waves to San Francisco artist Rex Ray's groovy surfboard wallpaper, as well as a group of whimsical, painted shark heads from California ceramist Lorien Stern.

"For this Montauk project, the client's roots are strong in Florida,



**GARRETT ROWLAND PHOTO**

Buoy-themed lighting and crisp whites and blues reference the water in this Ghislaine Vinas-designed home.

and she has fond memories of time spent on the beach in the 1970s," Vinas says. "So we adopted a super tongue-in-cheek aesthetic and mixed it in with a classic but cool Hamptons beach vibe."

That mashup led her team to dub the home "Floritauck," a name the client liked so much that it stuck.

Vinas also introduced tasty citrus hues like lime, orange and lemon to the decor.

"We loved this homage to Floridian agriculture, and decoupage a vintage dresser with fruit cutouts," she says.

While Vinas went for a playful seaside vibe, Minneapolis-based designer Raena Albers opted for something a little more serene in one of her recent projects. "My clients moved to Minnesota from the Pacific Northwest, and have a huge affinity for sailing," she says.

Albers referenced that coast's moody palette of sand, mist and ocean in the furniture and accessories. A smart little model sailboat graces a mantel, while a gallery wall of white-framed, watercolor seabird prints adds interest in a family seating area.

Here are a few ways to get the look.



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This is the wrong way to mulch a tree. Instead of piling mulch against the trunk, where it can lead to damaged bark, spread it in a wide, even layer over the soil around the tree.

## When mulching around a tree, don't pile it on

BY BETH BOTTS  
Chicago Tribune

To help a tree or shrub, spread mulch over its roots the right way — as a layer, not a mountain.

“All too often, you see mulch heaped up around a tree’s trunk,” said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

“It looks sort of like a volcano. And it’s bad news for the tree.”

The heaped-up mulch makes the tree’s bark vulnerable to insects, diseases, burrowing rodents and rot. Bark may look tough, but it can easily be damaged. If the bark is penetrated, disease-carrying organisms can enter the tree.

“A pile of mulch traps moisture and creates perfect conditions for pests and pathogens,” Yiesla said.

Small animals can burrow through it to chew the bark. Too-deep mulch also can block oxygen and water from getting into the soil to reach the plant’s roots.

Unfortunately, “volcano mulching” is very common, even in some professionally tended landscapes.

“Homeowners see it everywhere, so they may assume it’s the right way to

mulch,” Yiesla said. “It’s not.”

Properly applied, mulch is a great boon to trees, shrubs and perennials.

“It’s one of the best things you can do for your plants,” Yiesla said.

Studies have shown that trees surrounded by a layer of mulch grow better and stay healthier. Mulch imitates the accumulation of leaves and other debris that fall to the ground in nature. Like that layer of dead leaves in the woods, mulch protects and enriches the soil where plants’ roots live.

It insulates the soil against extremes of either hot or cold. It prevents evaporation, so the soil stays moist and the roots can absorb water. A circle of mulch around the base of a tree also creates a safety zone to fend off lawnmowers and string trimmers that could bruise or slash the bark.

Over time, a mulch layer made of wood chips, shredded wood, leaves or other plant materials will decay, feeding beneficial organisms in the soil and adding nutrients that plants need.

“That’s how it works in nature,” Yiesla said.

“Everything that falls into that litter layer breaks down and feeds the soil.”

To apply mulch properly, spread it in a flat, even layer around the tree or shrub. The mulch should be just 3 to 4 inches deep.

“More is not better,” Yiesla said.

Keep the mulch an inch or two clear of the tree’s bark or the shrub’s stems. A mulch circle should extend at least 3 feet from the trunk of the tree, but a wider area of mulch will benefit a tree even more.

“Make it as wide as you are comfortable with,” Yiesla said. “It doesn’t have to be a perfect circle.”

You can make a big area of mulch that surrounds more than one tree or shrub, as well as the perennials that grow around them. As the mulch decays, add more right on top.

“Just make sure you only add enough to keep the layer 3 to 4 inches deep,” Yiesla said. “And keep it clear of the trunk.”

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum’s Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).*

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## Carpenter ants build their nests in wet, rotting wood

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

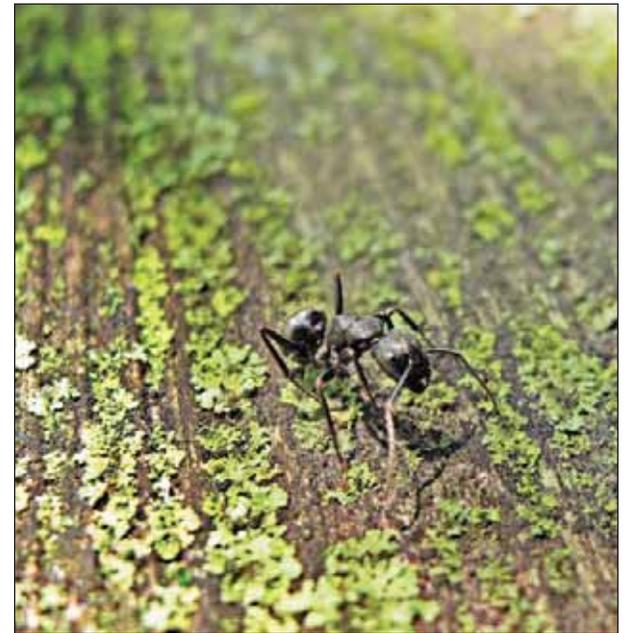
I have been seeing some large and small black ants in my kitchen over the last few days and have also noticed them crawling up the trunk of one of my old maple trees. There appears to be sawdust at the base of the tree, and I am concerned about the tree’s health. Is there something I should do to protect my tree?

— Grace Johnson, Wilmette

There are probably carpenter ants living in your tree and crawling around your kitchen. Carpenter ants feed on sweets, eggs, meats, cakes and grease, which explains their presence in your kitchen. They are fairly common inside trees, especially older trees that are hollow or have a lot of dead limbs.

Carpenter ants build their nests by tunneling in wet and rotting wood, and generally do not go into healthy wood. They use knots, cracks, holes and old insect tunnels to gain access to these areas. You are seeing the small pieces of wood (sawdust) that the workers take out to build tunnels and drop at the nest entrance. These small chips build up and result in a pile of coarse sawdust at the base of a tree. The nest consists of winding, 1/4-inch-diameter tunnels.

The nests may be present in rotting wood in stumps, trunks, limbs or roots. The presence of carpenter ants in a tree is an indication of rotting wood, so you may want to have your tree inspected by an arborist to evaluate whether the rot has weakened the tree enough to be a hazard or whether the tree needs pruning. The carpenter ants themselves do not directly weaken the tree, but they do indicate dead wood, cavities and



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Carpenter ants generally do not go into healthy wood. Coarse sawdust is a telltale sign of their presence.

other decay in the tree.

The worker ants come in two sizes and are nonreproducing females that are wingless and black. The smaller workers are approximately 1/4-inch long and do much of the food foraging, nest building and larval feeding. They also attend to the queen. The large workers are also wingless and black but are about 1/2-inch long and primarily defend the nest and smaller workers.

Carpenter ant nests that are at least 5 years old will likely be reproducing. Winged reproductive ants emerge from the colony in early morning and fly toward light. Once mating occurs, the queens tunnel in damp, rotting wood to start a new colony. Nests that are in trees that are close to a house occasionally have ants entering the house to forage or establish a satellite nest in the house.

Finding some carpenter ants in your home does not necessarily mean that there is a nest there. It is important to try to determine whether the ants are

coming from an outdoor or an indoor nest, although this can be difficult at this time of year. If you find carpenter ants in your home during winter or early spring, it indicates the ants are coming from a nest in the building. If you see activity later in the year, it is less clear if the nest is indoors.

Finding winged reproductive carpenter ants inside your house is another sign that you have an established nest in your house that should be controlled by a licensed pest control company. This, in turn, most likely means there is wet or decaying wood somewhere in your home, so some repairs may be needed. A leaky pipe or roof can cause wood to rot and be hospitable to carpenter ants. They do not eat wood, but they create tunnels in it and leave telltale sawdust behind.

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# Concrete analysis

Don't underestimate the difficulty of installation

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I plan to install a concrete patio during my vacation. It's going to measure 14 feet by 30 feet. I've watched lots of online videos and paid attention to cable TV shows and now feel emboldened. What can go wrong and how much help do you think I'll need? I've never done a job like this and feel it's doable.**

**A:** This question reminds me of the can't-fail spirit I relied on early in my career when I tried to do something new. It's important to remember that back then, there were no online videos or cable TV shows to instill a dangerous sense of bravado.

The first time I tried to do a large concrete job on my own I was 23 years old and had never done anything like it before. I alone was pouring a set of steps and a short section of sidewalk at an older home I was rehabbing. How hard could this be?

It's much, much harder than you can ever imagine. The first thing that went wrong: I never thought how the concrete wouldn't flow horizontally across the truck chute to get to the uppermost steps. The top steps were just about a foot below the top of the truck chute. About a half a cubic yard of concrete had to be hand-shoveled from the chute, and the truck driver was kind enough to help.

Another key point is that concrete installation is true science. Scientists devote their entire careers to the study of this man-made material. Most of the online videos I've seen about concrete installation gloss over extremely important details.

The mix you order from the



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Professionals finish a concrete flooring project. It's not as easy as it looks.

concrete plant needs to match the extreme weather conditions you'll experience outside your home. You often will see that 4,000 pounds per square inch (PSI) concrete should be used in climates that experience freezing weather. Note that this is a minimum standard. You can order stronger concrete, and it might be a good idea to do so.

Water is both the friend and foe of concrete. Add too much at any point in the mixing or installation process and you can ruin the concrete. Allow too much water to evaporate from the concrete after you're washing off your tools, and you can weaken the concrete. New concrete needs to retain water — it's called "cur-

ing" — so the microcrystals in the concrete can continue to grow for months after the ready-mix truck leaves your home.

Concrete is very strong when squeezed, but it only has one-tenth that strength when subjected to tension. Tension is when concrete gets bent by hollow voids under the new concrete or from frost heaving in cold climates. The addition of reinforcing steel is a must if you want to ensure your new patio doesn't develop wide, ugly offset cracks.

Your new patio is going to shrink. Concrete tends to shrink  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch for every 10 horizontal feet. This shrinkage pulls the concrete apart and can cause ugly random cracking. It's best to put

in your own control joints in the wet concrete. These preweakened joints must be a minimum of one-fourth the thickness of the slab. All too often, contractors make them too shallow.

Lastly, don't underestimate the enormous amount of work to get the concrete from the truck into the forms. You'll need at least six or eight helpers, especially since none of you has ever done this type of work before. Pour just before the sun rises so you don't die of heatstroke. Good luck!

**Q: I'm building a new home and visited it during a driving rainstorm. There was water coming into the house. The siding has yet to be installed**

**outdoors, but a self-adhered water barrier is in place. Everything looks fine, and there were no loose pieces of water barrier flapping in the wind. There's a direct-vent fireplace exhaust hood on the wall above the area that was leaking. What could be wrong?**

**A:** I rarely bet, but in this case I'd put all my pocket money on a faulty installation of the fireplace vent that passes through the wall. My guess is that after an autopsy is performed on the installation, one will discover that the installer failed to integrate the metal vent flashing with the self-adhered exterior water barrier.

All too often, contractors and subcontractors rely on caulk to seal penetrations like this. Caulk, no matter what the builder tells you, is not a substitute for the proper overlapping of waterproof materials on the outside of your new home.

Think about how roof shingles and feathers on birds keep houses and birds dry. These materials overlap one another so the water flowing down is shed to the next layer. If you overlap things the wrong direction, water can get behind and cause nightmares.

In a perfect world, the fireplace installer would have been working hand-in-hand with the contractor at the same time the exterior water barrier was being installed.

A second option would have the exterior vent at the job site early in the job. The water barrier installer could have attached it to the wall as he put up the barrier. The fireplace vent pipe could have been installed backward going toward the fireplace. You need to apply critical thinking skills to challenges like this.

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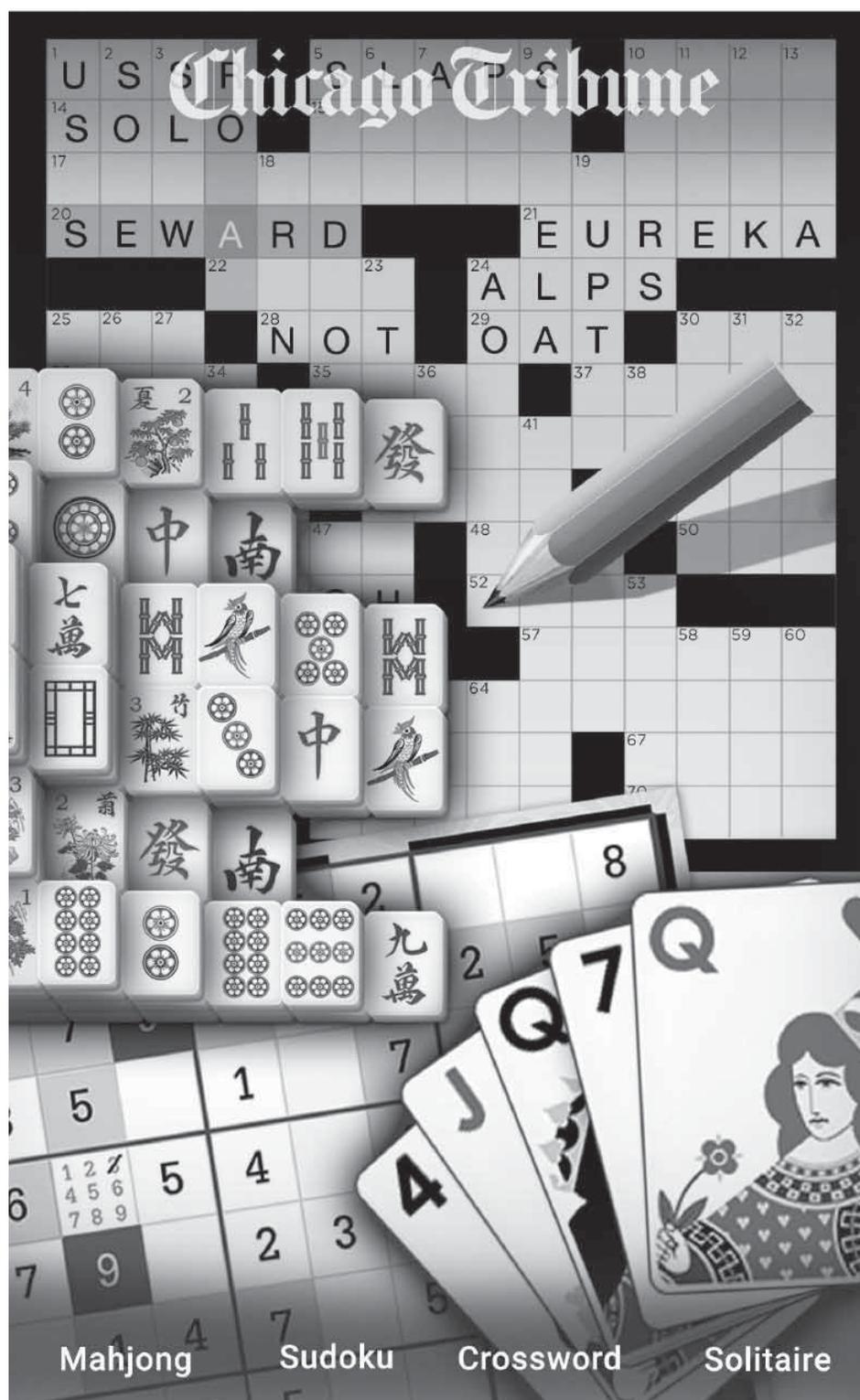
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## HOME REMEDIES

# Storm-proof your home before disaster strikes

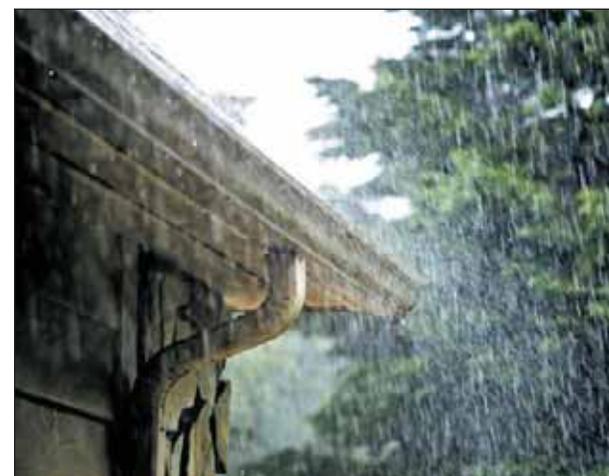
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If there's one thing homeowners know all too well, it's that storms can be destructive. Everything from rain and hail to strong winds can damage a house during a storm, especially if you're not prepared. Fortunately, there are several things you can do to prevent such damage.

Here are five ways to retrofit your home and save yourself from broken windows, ravaged roofs and water damage.

**Protect against lightning:** Lightning is a beautiful phenomenon to watch on a stormy night, but it can also be incredibly destructive to your home. If lightning strikes, it can tear through your roof, damage your attic, ruin shingles and even start electrical fires. Take steps to avert such a disaster by having a lightning rod and grounding system installed on your property. This should direct electrical pulses into the ground quickly, minimizing damage to your home. Also, consider hiring an electrician or home building inspector before the storm season hits to check for underlying issues that may make your home more vulnerable.

**Shield your roof:** If you're constantly replacing your shingles due to hail, it might be time to replace your roof with a more durable material. Asphalt shingles are common, but they're not the best at standing up to harsh weather. Metal, slate and composition shingles are all good alternatives that are more damage-resistant than asphalt. And for extra security, clean out your gutters and make sure your



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Clean out the gutters, and check your drainage system.

drainage system is intact before big storms. This will help keep water from pooling on your roof and allow your drainage system to do what it's meant to — direct water away from your home.

**Prevent broken windows:** Windows are some of the most vulnerable parts of your house during a storm. If your home isn't prepared, flying debris, hail and other airborne projectiles can shatter glass and lead to water damage. To reduce risk, replace single-pane glass with impact-resistant glass. And consider adding hurricane shutters in areas that face extreme weather. According to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, it costs about \$3,500 to install hurricane shutters. If shutters aren't in the budget, plastic hurricane film can help contain shattered glass in the event that a window breaks.

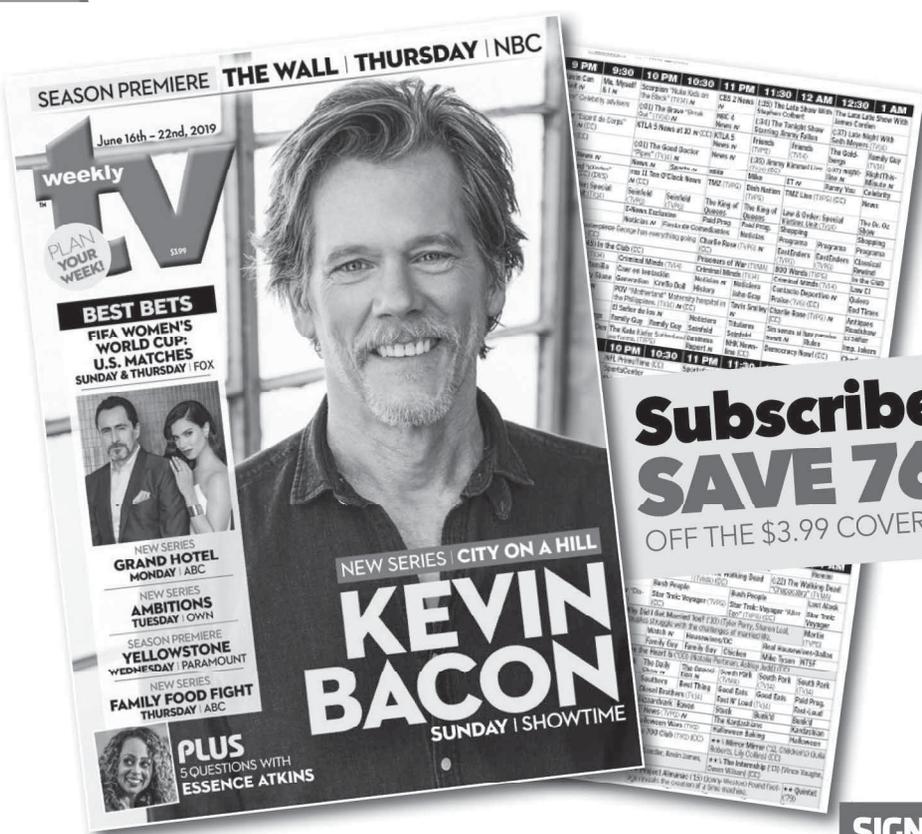
**Clear potential hazards:** High winds and rising water are hazardous in their own ways, but if you have a cluttered yard, these particular storm elements can be even more disastrous. Pleasant outdoor

furniture can turn into dangerous wreckage in severe conditions. When harsh weather is coming, put your patio furniture away so wind and flooding can't pick it up and move it. Also, get your trees trimmed regularly as part of your usual backyard maintenance. This will help keep broken branches from falling and damaging your home. And if you have dead trees in your yard, have them removed immediately.

**Shore up doors:** Unprotected doors can pose another problem during storms. Entry doors can rip off in high winds or get damaged by flying debris. Tighten your door hinges and secure the frames to make sure this vulnerable part of your home stays intact. Cover any glass with shutters if possible. You may even want to hire a professional to reinforce your garage door with wooden beams or steel rods. And though DIY door reinforcement kits are on the market, it's usually best to go with an experienced pro when it comes to defending your home against dangerous weather patterns.

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As a result of their profit status, banks tend to have higher fees and lower interest rates on savings. They may also charge more on loan and credit products. But their strong profit-making ability means they generally offer more products, branches, and ATMs, as well as better online and mobile options.

At a credit union, you may find better savings rates, lower fees, or lower-inter-

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