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Keith Flowers' son Demetrius was killed in Chicago over the weekend; 55 people were shot and 7 died.

'DEVASTATING LOSS' IS FELT

33-year-old among slain on Chicago's violent weekend

BY ALICE YIN, JEREMY GORNER AND ALEJANDRO SERRANO

Demetrius Flowers had just returned home from work Saturday night when a friend asked him to a small block party on the West Side.

Flowers, 33, due to be married later this month, was at the party a few hours when gunmen opened fire in the 1800 block of South Kildare Avenue. A ShotSpotter detector recorded close to a minute of nearly constant gunfire, according to audio released by Chicago police.

Flowers was killed and seven other people were wounded in the worst shooting of the most violent weekend in Chicago this year. "My son just happened to be one of them," his father Keith Flowers said. "Shots rang out. ... His shots were fatal."

Flowers said he was told by witnesses that his son, who friends and family called "Meeche," pushed people to safety as the gunfire ripped through the crowd. "That's just the type of person that he is," Flowers said. "Devastating loss."

Just two hours earlier, blocks away near Douglas Park, three women and four men were wounded when someone fired from a passing black Camaro

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Drumming circles seek to ease suffering

Jazz musician's aim: Heal trauma from violence

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

The rhythmic beats filled the park on a rainy summer afternoon, transforming the corner of 57th and Racine to Harmony and Healing for the moment.

The sound came from under the eaves of the field house at Moran Park, where Ernest Dawkins, a Chicago jazz musician who performs in clubs around the world, played along with two other drummers sheltered from the rain.

This marks the fourth summer that Dawkins has been leading drumming circles in Chicago parks — primarily in Englewood, the South Side neighborhood where he has lived for many years.

The effort is the latest in Dawkins' vision to restore the arts to Englewood, but

the circles are also this gifted musician's answer to the decades of violence his community has endured — a communal ritual that all are welcome to join, especially kids, he said.

There are plenty of drums to spare.

"Grab a drum," one of the elders said as two young boys scrambled over in shorts and T-shirts.

With broad smiles on their faces, the boys drummed away.

'The magic connection'

Dawkins, 65, is an internationally known jazz saxophonist and composer. He plays a regular gig at Norman's Bistro, a Hyde Park neighborhood restaurant, and also performs at Andy's Jazz Club & Restaurant downtown.

His full-time music career has taken him far, from Cuba to Cape Town.

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Sarah Knowlton, 26, volunteers at Whole Woman's Health of South Bend.

The center of abortion debate

Unlicensed Ind. clinic allowed to open via court injunction

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A young woman exited the back door of the clinic clutching a fistful of crumpled tissues in one hand and some paperwork in the other as she made her way to the parking lot.

A trio of volunteers in bright pink vests labeled Pro-Choice Clinic Escort walked beside her until

the patient reached her SUV. As she drove off the property, the escorts each deployed a rainbow-hued umbrella, hoisting them over their shoulders to form a colorful barrier between the vehicle and several protesters out front. Some were praying, others bore signs declaring "Abortion takes a human life" and "It's a child, not a choice."

With reproductive

rights increasingly under fire across the country, the clinic opened June 27 in a particularly curious state of limbo: A federal judge in May granted a preliminary injunction allowing Whole Woman's Health of South Bend to perform medication abortions even as the clinic remains unlicensed by the Indiana State Department of

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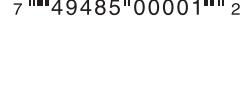
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Mourners visit a makeshift memorial outside Ned Peppers bar after a vigil on Sunday in Dayton, Ohio.

After massacres, US needs to look in mirror and be horrified



REX W. HUPPK

Good morning, America. Look in the mirror.

Stare hard. Think about what you're seeing.

You see the bodies, don't you? The bodies from the weekend. Thirty-one of them, bullet holes and bloody clothes and all. Maybe there are more by now. You look away from the mirror a moment or two and a couple of fresh bodies are bound to show up.

That's America right there. That's you, baby. Quite a reflection.

Does it make you mad? Or sad? Do you shed tears looking at the 22 people murdered in El Paso?

Do you want to lash out and smash that mirror when you see the human beings — nine of them dead, 27 wounded — mowed down in a 30-second burst of blood and bullets in Dayton, Ohio?

You've looked away from that mirror for so long it's a wonder you can find it, a wonder your neck hasn't bent arthritically from a head hung in shame.

What else do you see in that mirror now, America?

You see anger. Hatred. You see white men, faux-

threatened, fed baseless fears. You see a country that's a tinderbox led by a blowtorch.

Oh, and you see guns. So many guns. More guns than people. So many rifles and pistols and bullets and high-capacity magazines that the mirror's frame might just burst apart trying to hold it all in.

Don't you look away.

There are cowards in that mirror too, right-wing politicians. Opportunists. Pockets lined with money. Kneeling in church on Sunday to properly transmit prayers to the people who loved all those bloodied bodies, then walking to work Monday to do nothing.

Nothing. Not a blessed thing. They knelt for nothing but show, and they prayed for nothing but, perhaps, absolution for all the nothing they've done.

Worthless reflections. Talking-point peddlers. Liars.

You see their pretentious mouths move in the mirror.

"WHY, IT'S THE VI-

OLENT VIDEO GAMES! LORD HELP US!"

"IT'S NOT THE GUNS, IT'S MENTAL ILLNESS!"

"IF EVERYONE CARRIED A GUN THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN!"

Why do you take that nonsense, America? Why have you let them sputter while body upon body

upon body piles up in the mirror?

Why do you keep looking for one thing to blame, one solution? One-piece puzzles don't exist for a reason.

Why don't you knock some sense into the chattering nimrods in your reflection and say, "Hey, maybe there are a lot of problems, and maybe we should try addressing all of them."

If you looked in that mirror and saw a disease eating your face away, would you only consider one treatment or would you scream at the doctors, "Try everything before I'm unrecognizable or dead and gone!"

Look in that mirror, America. What have you let yourself become?

Fertile ground for home-grown killers. Unwelcoming. A place of rampages and walls.

Now you're dangerous, like those countries that once dreamed of being you, synonomous with safety. Now you reflect an image of people slaughtered shopping for school supplies or torn to pieces by bullets flying outside a nightclub. A place where massacres happen at festivals. And churches. And grade schools.

Your heroes are now the mothers who throw themselves over their children to stop a bullet. The stone-faced children watching parents lowered into the

ground. The police who "neutralize" a shooter after only 30 seconds, keeping him from shooting more than the 36 people he already shot.

Maybe you've become one of the "shithole countries" that President Donald Trump was talking about.

Too much? Look in that mirror and tell me what you're seeing. Tell me if your eyes are really open or if you're squeezing them shut and conjuring something more flattering. A time gone. Flown. Maybe not as good as you remember, but better to be sure.

Mirrors are dangerous. They don't hide your flaws and scars. They don't hide your mistakes, your failures. They throw them back at you.

They don't lie. They reflect.

Maybe it's time to take a long look.

Maybe it's time to see those lifeless bodies in your reflection, America. Maybe it's time to see the orphaned kids, and the bloody maimed, and the words poured like gasoline on sparking flints, and the weak-kneed rhetoric droned, chantlike, as white noise to dampen screams.

Maybe it's time to look in that mirror and be horrified.

Maybe it's past time.

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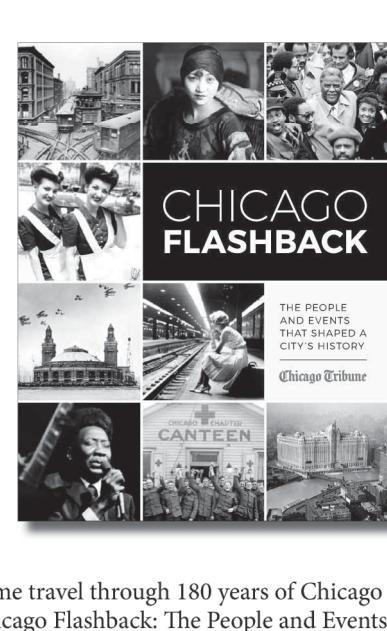
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DuPage indicts DNA profile of unknown person in 2016 death

By ROBERT MCCOPPIN

DuPage County prosecutors Monday announced the indictment of a DNA profile of a person suspected to be involved in the case of an infant known as Baby Hope, who was found dead in a backpack along a road near Wheaton three years ago.

The indictment alleges failure to report the death or disappearance of a child, a Class 4 felony. The person was identified in the complaint as a female named Jane Doe, but her true identity is unknown.

On Aug. 15, 2016, landscapers working along Plamondon Road in an unincorporated area near Wheaton found the dead, full-term newborn in a backpack along the road-



An unidentified newborn dubbed "Baby Hope" was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery in Wheaton in September 2016.

side. Since then, the DuPage County sheriff's office has been investigating to learn the identity of the baby and what happened to her.

Officials dubbed the child Baby Hope, but her

true identity and cause of death remain unknown.

The indictment was prompted in part by the three-year statute of limitations on filing charges in the case, which expires this

month, DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said.

Indicting a DNA profile is rare but not unprecedented. DuPage County has indicted DNA profiles previously in burglary and sex assault cases where investigators had a DNA sample but did not know the identity of the perpetrator, Berlin said. While he did not know of an appellate ruling on indicting DNA profiles in Illinois, he said that courts in several other states have upheld the practice.

Last year, Wisconsin prosecutors reportedly filed a felony charge against the DNA profile of an unidentified person accused of threatening a judge. The DNA profile in that case was taken from the stamp on the

letter which contained the alleged threat.

Illinois law provides that criminal charges must name the defendant, or state "any name or description by which he can be identified with reasonable certainty." In this case, the indictment identifies the defendant as a parent, legal guardian or caretaker.

"In looking at the law, we feel we're on solid ground," Berlin said.

The DNA profile will be entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, to try to match the genetic characteristics to known criminal offenders.

Berlin would not say from where exactly the DNA profile was obtained, whether from the child or from bodily residue where the baby was found.

Previously, authorities said the DNA of the newborn indicated that her parents were Hispanic, and further tests showed that her mother was taking a medication prescribed for epilepsy or bipolar disorders. Police also released sketches attempting to approximate what the parents may look like based on a process known as DNA phenotyping.

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers opposes the practice of charging DNA profiles, arguing that it may take years before DNA may lead to an identification, and that errors in handling DNA evidence can lead to matches with innocent people.

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Cook County inmates take on the world in chess

By JOHN KEILMAN

In the law library of the Cook County Jail, the chase was on. Detainee Emmanuel Garcia frantically moved his king around a virtual chessboard, losing one piece after another as his opponent closed in.

Just when it seemed all was lost, though, the timer hit zero, ending the game in a draw. A dozen other men dressed in tan jail scrubs applauded: The result helped the team of detainees defeat a band of Brazilian prisoners they were playing over the internet.

Garcia, though, thought he should have done better.

"I made a couple mistakes," said the 33-year-old from Cicero. "I tried to give him a sacrifice and get an advantage, but he predicted it, so it didn't work. Because of that, I had to change my whole game."

So it went in the first international chess tournament for inmates, pitting Cook County against prisoners in six countries, including Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Italy and England. The matches will continue

Tuesday until a champion is crowned.

The tournament is the latest development in the jail's chess program, founded seven years ago with the help of Russian grandmaster Anatoly Karpov. About 120 detainees take classes in the game, and 15 of the best were invited to take on the world in the two-day event conducted under the auspices of FIDE, the governing body of international chess competition.

The games were played on the Chess.com platform with a 15-minute time limit. Antoine Thorne, 29, of Chicago, was playing a close match against a Brazilian opponent when his rival gave him a golden opportunity, neglecting to move his queen out of danger.

Thorn immediately saw the mistake and pounced, capturing the queen and making checkmate an inevitability. "He didn't have no way out, man," Thorne said. "It was over with from there."

Mikhail Korenman, who teaches the jail's chess classes, said that's the kind of vision he's trying to instill

in his players.

"The winner of the chess game is not the one who calculates (his own moves) better — it's the one who calculates what his opponent will do," he said. "If I can figure that out, I can win. I will be one step ahead."

Developing that farsightedness, he said, is especially important for detainees. He noted that a study in Brazil found that chess-playing prisoners were less likely than others to return to incarceration, an advantage he said could be related to the game.

"It teaches them a different way of thinking," he said. "That's my guess. In a real-life situation, they can predict what will happen if they do something."

Some members of the jail's chess team are awaiting trial on charges, such as murder, that could keep them incarcerated for decades. But Sheriff Tom Dart said the game should help them too.

"Anybody will tell you that when you keep people busy, detainees are less likely to be engaged in bad behavior," he said. "This has

that effect of keeping people engaged. ... For the ones going (to prison), they now have a skill. There will be other people to play with, or they can play matches by themselves."

Gene Lewis, 41, said he has taught the game to his four sons in the hope they will absorb its lessons on thinking ahead and formulating plans for success. But in the heat of the moment, those lessons are not always easy to remember — Lewis said he became overconfident against a Russian opponent and gave away the game.

"I didn't see a move I should have made and it cost me," he said. "It was all downhill from there. But I'm gonna catch him next time. Best believe that."

Matt Luchins, 27, of Chicago, said while he studied chess formally when he was younger, the jail still offers plenty of tough competition. The day before the tournament began, he said, he played against the same opponent for four hours.

"A lot of people play pretty seriously," he said. "There's not a lot else to do,

to be honest. You play cards, you play chess, you watch TV. That's about the range of options."

The players sat at tables furnished with laptop computers and small American flags, making their moves electronically as Korenman coordinated with his counterparts over a balky Skype connection.

The detainees ended the first day in fourth place — Russia, unsurprisingly, was first, followed by Belarus and Armenia — a result Korenman described as a

dream."

Dart said he hoped the international nature of the tournament would expand the horizons of detainees who might not know much about the wider world.

"This is more than just their game against the detainee across the cell from them," he said. "It's someone from another country. I think that gives them a sense of pride."

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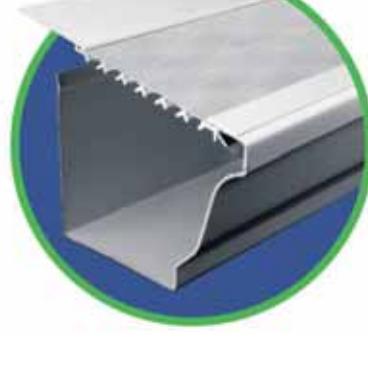


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Calls for national gun effort

Lightfoot also asks that the president set ‘a better, clearer moral tone’

BY GREGORY PRATT

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot reacted to the weekend's mass shootings in Texas and Ohio by calling for greater national gun control efforts including universal background checks while asking President Donald Trump to set "a better, clearer moral tone."

"What he's been doing is blowing every racist, xenophobic dog whistle and when you do that, when you blow that kind of dog whistle, animals come out," Lightfoot said Monday, referring indirectly to Trump's incendiary tweets and campaign speeches that have included calling Mexican immigrants "rapists."

Trump should use "his weight in Congress to move forward on common-sense gun reform," Lightfoot said.

"If the president weighs in, if he shows these Republicans that they can actually have courage, we can get this done," Lightfoot added. "But if he stands back and continues to do what he's been doing and he just tweets and he demonizes and he skims the surface, it matters not."

Lightfoot's comments followed a weekend mass shooting in El Paso, Texas, that left 21 dead and 26 wounded, and another just hours later in Dayton, Ohio, where nine people were killed and 27 injured.

Referring to those shootings, Lightfoot said, "There are no adequate words at this point."

Trump on Monday condemned the shootings and called for bipartisan action requiring "strong background checks," but also blamed video games and mental illness for violence. In his remarks on Monday, Trump also said, "Mental illness and hatred pulls the trigger, not the gun."

Lightfoot was asked about Trump's response, which included calling for red flag laws to allow the guns to be taken away from people deemed a public safety risk.

"These dismissals of, 'well that's just some crazy person,' which is what he's seemingly doing, I think completely undermines the realities of what's happening," Lightfoot said.

Asked how much emphasis there should be on spotting people's "red flags" to prevent shootings, Lightfoot said, "How do you have a red flag if you don't have universal background checks?"

"How do you have a red flag if



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, shown in July, said Monday the president should push "common-sense gun reform."

you have this patchwork of state regulations that are not uniform, that vary? We are very different in Illinois than we are in Indiana (and) we're neighbors. Same thing with Wisconsin and Michigan," Lightfoot said during a news conference at the Lawndale Christian Health Center near Douglas Park. "That's why we need the federal government to step up and do its job to fill these voids."

In one shooting this weekend, seven people were shot in Douglas Park when someone in a black Camaro fired at them about 1:20 a.m. in the 2900 block of West Roosevelt Road, according to police. Asked about that shooting, Lightfoot said, "Unfortunately it happens here almost every weekend."

The mayor then spoke broadly about the city's West Side, where

she spent time Saturday between the Eisenhower Expressway and Lake Street on Pulaski Road in a region known as a hotbed for the city's heroin market.

Though the West Side has areas that are "rich in texture and culture," Lightfoot said, there are also spots that are "just desperate."

"What it says to me, what I saw, is that as a city we have to stand up and do a hell of a lot more than we've done in a very long time," Lightfoot said.

There are "addicts literally stumbling in stupors on the street," people coming off the CTA looking for a dealer to "get their next fix," Lightfoot said, and an infrastructure "that's been set up for drug dealing and delivering potent, toxic deadly narcotics."

Children see "public spaces

taken over entirely by drug operations" and the trauma that people experience in the area.

"I left this area on Saturday night feeling devastated and heartbroken but also determined to make a difference in the lives of the people here on the West Side," Lightfoot said. "We have to do better."

She reiterated her frequent refrain that law enforcement alone can't solve the city's gun violence.

"We've spent over the years probably hundreds of millions of dollars policing on the West Side — CPD, federal and state law enforcement — and we have barely moved the needle," Lightfoot said.

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Violence

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about 1:20 a.m. Sunday. Officers were still by a playground when they heard more gunfire — about a dozen or so pops — and found two women wounded on the other side of the park.

A total of 17 people were hit in the three shootings — about a third of those shot over the weekend. Most were hit in the arm or leg. The attacks occurred in the Ogden Police District, where the department later deployed 50 extra officers on Sunday. Ambulances flooded Mount Sinai and Stroger hospitals on the West Side.

By Monday morning, 55 people had been shot across the city, seven of them fatally. The victims ranged from 5 to 56 years old, and the shootings stretched from Rogers Park on the North Side to West Pullman on the Far South Side. Nearly all the gun violence happened on the West and South sides.

The toll is slightly higher than the first weekend in June, when 52 people were shot, eight of them fatally. So far this year, at least 1,600 people have been shot in Chicago. There have been at least 300 homicides, according to data kept by the Chicago Tribune. Both numbers are below those of last year.

As it has done repeatedly, the department blamed the burst of weekend violence on the availability of guns and what it sees as inadequate punishment for people arrested on weapons charges. On Monday, Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson unveiled a streamlined way for the public to track felony gun cases through the court system.

At a news conference where he

lamented the violent weekend in Chicago along with the mass shootings in Texas and Ohio that killed more than 30 people, Johnson revealed the Gun Offender Dashboard, a new public portal highlighting weapons-related arrest data on adults.

The site provides the public with what Johnson called a "transparent snapshot" of people arrested on gun crimes in the city, the specific gun charge and if they posted a full cash bail, 10% of that amount or were released without posting any money.

"You've heard me stress many times the importance of keeping gun offenders accountable and not making it easy for them to return to the streets a mere days after being arrested for felony gun charges," Johnson told reporters. "This is just merely an attempt to be transparent of everything that we have going on in the judicial system. ... I think it's important for us as a city to have this information. If we're OK with how things are going, then don't look at it."

Jonathan Lewin, chief of the department's bureau of technical services, said it took a few months to create the portal on the department's website, culling publicly available data from Chicago police, the Cook County sheriff's department and the county Circuit Court. It will be updated weekly, he said.

In a demonstration, Lewin showed that for the little more than 1,100 people arrested by Chicago police on felony gun charges between May 1 through July 28, about two-thirds — 719 — had been released on bail, while 34% — 380 — remained in custody. Charges against six people had been dismissed.

Citing department data, Lewin said that nearly 13% of the adults arrested on felony weapons

charges from Jan. 1, 2018, through Monday were arrested again on another weapons-related charge or a violent crime. About 34% of the adults were arrested again for other crimes, he said.

Since becoming superintendent in 2016, Johnson has repeatedly criticized the criminal justice system for allowing too many gun offenders to be bailed out back to the streets within days of their arrests — a view disputed by Timothy Evans, Cook County's chief judge.

In answer to a question Monday, though, Johnson disputed he has been critical of judges. "You know, it's been characterized that I'm blaming judges. ... You all use that terminology," he said. "But what I do need their help on is sending that message of accountability. ... CPD can do better, our prosecutors can do better and certainly our judges can do better. We all can do better."

Flowers said his son's death was not the family's first experience with violence in Chicago. His son was with an aunt and uncle when they got into an altercation with strangers and the uncle was stabbed and shot. "These aren't gangbangers," Flowers said. "They're just hanging. ... When it happens, people are so numb."

Flowers remembered his son as a humble and dependable person who served as a role model for his younger two brothers and two sisters. "He took that role in every regard."

Flowers had recently started a new job that he was excited about and planned to move to Texas after getting married this month. He had three children: 9- and 11-year-old daughters and an 8-year-old son. Flowers said the boy has not stopped crying since the shooting.

"My son was a man of charac-

ter," Flowers said. "Great father, supportive ... always engaged."

Among the people shot with Flowers were a 14-year-old boy and 19-year-old girl, police said. The other victims were four men and a woman, all in their 20s or 30s, police said. They were all stabilized at hospitals.

The people who were shot earlier near Douglas Park were three women, ages 19, 22 and 25, and four men, ages 20, 21, 21 and 23. One of the 21-year-old men was taken to a hospital in critical condition with a gunshot wound to his groin, according to police.

About an hour later two women, 21 and 26, were shot a few blocks away in the 1300 block of South Troy Street, police said.

The weekend violence began Friday evening when a 5-year-old boy was shot in the leg while sitting in a car as adults around him argued.

About 7:20 p.m., Chicago police officers responded to gunshots in the 6700 block of South Parnell Avenue and found the boy shot and two adults stabbed. The 5-year-old had a gunshot wound to his thigh and was taken to Comer Children's Hospital, where he was stabilized. A 33-year-old woman and 34-year-old man were both stabbed in the arm, police said.

Chicago police said a 28-year-old woman and 29-year-old man stabbed the adults, and the 29-year-old fired at the 33-year-old's vehicle and struck the boy, who was sitting inside. The 28-year-old woman and 29-year-old man were arrested in connection with the attacks, police said.

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Defining a 'mass shooting'

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The term "mass shooting" is often invoked by the news media, elected officials and pundits following acts of gun violence that injure or kill multiple people. But there's no universal standard for how the term is used. Some groups look at the number of fatalities in a single incident while others point to the number of people who were hurt.

The weekend shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, where nine and at least 22 people were gunned down, respectively, clearly fits the term. But some readers wanted to know why two shootings on the West Side of Chicago over the weekend — one that injured seven people in Douglas Park and the other, just blocks away, that left one man dead and seven others injured — were not labeled mass shootings. Here's what some experts who study gun violence had to say about the issue:

Even researchers disagree about what standard to use

Different organizations use a variety of measures to determine whether an act of gun violence meets the criteria of a mass shooting. The Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit data collection group, employs a broad definition, characterizing every incident in which there are four people hurt or killed as a mass shooting, Executive Director Mark Bryant said. Yet other online databases that keep tabs on mass shootings use narrower criteria that differentiate injuries and deaths. The one maintained by the news organization Mother Jones defines a mass shooting as a single incident in which at least four people are killed in a public place.

How you define the term results in vastly different counts: The Gun Violence Archive has tallied 255 mass shootings in 2019 so far, while Mother Jones lists the number at seven.

Some databases also exclude gang-related or domestic shootings. Most counts also don't include the shooters when they're killed or injured.

The federal government does not offer much guidance

While the FBI has set guidelines for what it considers to be "mass murder," the agency has not established criteria for what amounts to a "mass shooting." Nevertheless, these terms are often conflated, said James Alan Fox, a criminologist at Northeastern University.

A report published in 2015 by the Congressional Research Service said the FBI has traditionally defined a mass murder "as a multiple homicide incident in which four or more victims are murdered, within one event, and in one or more locations in close geographical proximity." Following the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Congress changed the definition of mass killing to encompass single incidents in which three or more fatalities occurred, according to the report and Fox.

Few are refining the language

Sherry Towers, a statistician at Arizona State University who studies gun violence as a public health issue, said too few researchers are delving into the topic to reach consensus about what constitutes a mass shooting. Little federal money is available to support this research, Towers said, because of a 1996 measure known as the Dickey Amendment that dramatically curbed the amount of grants that could be awarded to such projects. As a result, Towers said, "there are not that many people who do firearms violence research in the U.S."

The terms can be politicized

Researchers on both sides of the spectrum say that data about mass shootings can be misleading if not presented with a clear methodology. Politicians who want to downplay the frequency of gun violence will rely on the narrow definition of mass shooting, Bryant said. Fox said that other violent acts, such as arson cases that claim multiple lives, do not garner the same international attention as shootings with fewer victims.

'El Chapo' godson testifies about 'hit'

BY JASON MEISNER

As Sinaloa boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's trusted godson, Damaso Lopez Serrano was considered to be the highest-ranking member of the notorious cartel to ever turn himself in when he walked across the Mexican border two years ago and began cooperating with U.S. authorities.

It was a move that also made him a marked man, according to federal prosecutors.

While he was locked up at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in the Loop in April, Serrano testified Monday in Chicago's federal court, he learned that gang members had been offered \$25,000 to severely beat him.

The alleged "hit" had been ordered by Serrano's former drug trafficking associate, Jesus Beltran Leon, who wanted someone to "split his head" as punishment for cooperating, according to federal prosecutors.

Serrano's testimony came in the first day of a sentencing hearing for Leon, who pleaded guilty in April to importing thousands of pounds of narcotics into the U.S. on behalf of

the cartel. The hearing was set to conclude Tuesday.

In asking for a sentence of at least 35 years in prison, prosecutors said in a recent court filing that Leon was secretly recorded by another inmate in May talking about the planned hit.

Security was tight for the hearing Monday in U.S. District Judge Ruben Castillo's courtroom, with metal detectors set up by the entrance and cellphones and other electronics forbidden.

Dressed in green prison garb, Serrano, 31, testified through a Spanish interpreter that he was drafted into the cartel by his father, Damaso "El Licenciado" Lopez Nunez, who at the time was one of El Chapo's most trusted associates.

Serrano said he'd personally ordered at least 15 killings and more than 20 kidnappings of rival *narcos* in his time with the cartel. He said he knew Leon mostly through drug trafficking networks run by Guzman's sons, known in Mexico as "Los Chapitos."

In 2001, Leon was with one of the sons when they went to pick up Guzman following his spectacular escape from prison, according to Serrano, who

testified that Leon told him the story personally.

"So they went and picked him up, and Chapo told (his son) not to worry, that he was going to get lost for a while, but that everything would be all right," Serrano testified. "And then they just dropped him off somewhere."

According to Serrano, Leon was known to be brash and undisciplined in his work. He would carry a gold-plated AK-47 onto the dance floor at parties, snort cocaine and go on dayslong drinking binges, Serrano testified.

Years ago, Leon was exiled from Sinaloa's capital of Culiacan after he fatally shot a politically powerful person during an argument at a party, Serrano said.

On cross-examination, Serrano acknowledged that he had no firsthand knowledge of the alleged killing and couldn't remember the victim's name.

In asking for the minimum possible sentence of 10 years in prison, Leon's attorneys say prosecutors have vastly overstated his role in the cartel and ignored compelling evidence that Leon was brutally tortured by Mexican marines after his arrest in 2014 — abuse that was allegedly

witnessed by U.S. federal drug agents.

"(Leon) was tortured physically, brutally, and repeatedly," Leon's lead attorney, Beau Brindley, wrote in a filing last month. "If one must choose between being tough on crime and tough on torture, one should choose the latter as the more insidious evil to root out. Unlike crime itself, this kind of torture erodes the very respect for our institutions."

Castillo had previously heard evidence about the alleged torture as part of a defense effort to dismiss the indictment.

While Castillo declined to toss the charges, he said in a ruling that the allegations painted a "disturbing picture" of tactics employed by law enforcement in Mexico.

The judge also said he was "deeply disturbed by the accusation that American law enforcement agents may be condoning or turning a blind eye to these tactics."

Leon, 35, also known as "El Trebol," which is Spanish for "The Clover," was added to an indictment in 2014 against the notorious Mexican cartel that has been described as the most significant drug case in

Chicago's history. He pleaded guilty to narcotics trafficking in April in a declaration that carries no agreement with prosecutors on a possible sentence that could be as much as life in prison.

The indictment, which also names El Chapo and several of his top henchmen, alleged that the cartel used jumbo jets, submarines and tunnels to smuggle massive amounts of drugs into the U.S., much of which was later distributed in wholesale quantities through a network built by Chicago twins Pedro and Margarito Flores.

The charges alleged that Leon acted as a lieutenant for El Chapo's son, Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar, and helped coordinate vast shipments of drugs into the U.S. for distribution.

The cartel members then laundered billions of dollars in proceeds back to Mexico, according to the charges.

Guzman was convicted in New York earlier this year of murder conspiracy and drug trafficking charges and sentenced in July to life in prison.

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Kelly hit with soliciting charge

Minn. encounter in 2001 involved autograph-seeker

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

R&B singer R. Kelly has been hit with prostitution charges in Minnesota alleging he solicited a teenager who asked him for his autograph 18 years ago.

The charges announced Monday by the Hennepin County attorney's office mark the fourth criminal prosecution in three states against the beleaguered singer since the beginning of the year.

At a news conference in Minneapolis, Hennepin County Attorney Michael Freeman said his office learned of the incident after the alleged victim called a Chicago-based tip line earlier this year.

A spokeswoman for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx confirmed that the office forwarded the tip to Minnesota authorities after the alleged victim called the phone number publicized by Foxx at a news conference in January when she encouraged Kelly's accusers to come forward.

Freeman told reporters Monday that the alleged victim was younger than 18 in July 2001 when she approached Kelly at an event in downtown Minneapolis and asked him to sign an autograph for her.

Kelly also gave her his phone number, and she later went to his hotel suite. He paid her \$200 to take off her clothes and dance for him, Freeman said. The two had some sexual contact but not intercourse, according to Freeman.

An office spokesman later said the alleged victim was 17 at the time.

Kelly was charged with one count of engaging in prostitution with someone underage and one count of hiring a person under 18 for sexual purposes.

On Twitter, Kelly's attorney, Steven Greenberg, called the Minnesota charges "beyond absurd."

Gloria Allred, an attorney for several of Kelly's accusers, said she also represents the alleged victim in Minnesota who come forward. She commended the woman "for the courage she displayed in speaking to law enforcement."

"As this new case demonstrates, it is not too late for there to be justice for even more victims of R. Kelly," Allred said in a statement.

It was unclear when Kelly could be in Minnesota to answer the new charges. He is currently being held without bail awaiting trial on two separate federal indictments, one in Chicago and the other in New York.

At his arraignment Friday in Brooklyn, he pleaded not guilty to a racketeering indictment alleging he used his fame to recruit young women and girls into illegal sexual activity. Prosecutors say he isolated them from friends and family and demanded they call him "Daddy."

After being denied bail in New York, Kelly was expected to return to custody in Chicago, where federal prosecutors brought a 13-count federal indictment alleging Kelly and his associates fixed his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories.

Kelly also faces four separate indictments in Cook County alleging he sexually assaulted one woman and sexually abused three others, all but one of whom was underage at the time.

At Monday's news conference in Minneapolis, Freeman brushed off the notion that the Minnesota charges were "piling on," given Kelly's extensive legal woes.

"Frankly, Minnesota victims deserve their day in court, and that's one of the reasons we're here," he said.

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But his heart never completely left Englewood, where he grew up and returned as an adult after moving into his grandmother's house nearly two decades ago.

The drumming circles were always part of Dawkins' broader, long-term plans to address the drain of economic and artistic resources from Englewood and make his neighborhood "more culturally viable," he said.

He first secured a national grant to launch the Englewood Jazz Fest, an annual music celebration that will mark its 20th anniversary in September. In a review last year, Chicago Tribune arts critic Howard Reich said the festival "deserves considerable respect" because of its lineup and long history.

Dawkins also created the Live the Spirit Residency, a nonprofit organization that runs the festival as well as a master's program for promising musicians at Englewood's Hamilton Park. A number of its graduates have gone on to become full-time performers, some of whom plan to play at next month's fest.

Year-round, Dawkins also offers free music lessons to seniors and at day camps at Hamilton Park.

In one of his most recent ventures, he is working with the Old Town School of Folk Music to create a hip-hop and jazz ensemble that pairs young musicians from Englewood and Soweto Township in Johannesburg. Under a partnership funded by the MacArthur Foundation, a Chicago-based private foundation that financially supports nonprofits, the four musicians will spend time in each country performing and recording music together.

The drumming circles, though, aim to affect Chicago residents in a more casual way in communities damaged by gun violence and its lingering trauma.

Dawkins planned seven circles for this summer, many in Englewood.

But he will also occasionally join community activists and police on blocks days after a homicide. While police and outreach teams mingle with residents to restore peace, he and other drummers play, inviting anyone to join in.

"The children are the ones you want to affect," he told the Chicago Tribune. "You have to show them there's other ways of dealing with their situation ... other ways of just managing discord or even chaos."

In June, Dawkins led a small circle at Columbus Park on the West Side. Amid truck traffic on the busy thoroughfare of Central Avenue, Joy Smith



Community members dance during a June drumming circle at Columbus Park in Chicago's South Austin neighborhood.

skipped her bare hands across a *djembe*, a goblet-shaped drum that originated in West Africa. She stared straight ahead, her gaze steady, almost meditative.

Smith, a professional percussionist, said it is an honor to play in a drumming circle.

"People think we just beat on (stuff). The truth is it's magic," said Smith, 45, who has been playing the *djembe* since 2006. "We bring the magic connection, the gel, the connection for oneness."

'Picking up the same vibe'

Drum circles have a long history in Chicago and across the country. While many use *djembe* drums, participants need only show up with their hands or voice, according to Michael Taylor, who has taught how to play the *djembe* for 22 years at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

"It involves people who want to make some music together," said Taylor, who has helped lead some of Dawkins' circles. "They may not know what they are doing. That doesn't mean they can't make music together."

Dawkins said the circles start with West African rhythm but often stray — in part to accommodate the varying skill levels. A controlled chaos, though, isn't a bad thing for kids growing up in uncertainty, he said.

The master drummers are the backbone, Dawkins explained. "Sometimes (the kids) are in limbo, so that is chaotic for them. But they find their way through the chaos. So that's kinda the metaphor for life. A lot of children are in limbo in terms of how they view where they are in life and what's going on."

That afternoon at Moran



Paige Brown attends a drumming circle, led by Chicago jazz musician Ernest Dawkins, in Hamilton Park in June.



This is the fourth summer that Ernest Dawkins has been leading drumming circles in Chicago parks.

Park, 17-year-old Darell Allen took a seat next to Dawkins.

The drummers kept the beat while Dawkins set up the teen, whispering to him to keep an eye on their hands. Soon enough, the teen's hands fell into the rhythmic pattern. After a few minutes, he thanked the men and moved on.

Allen, who lives just around the corner from the park, said that to him Englewood means "community," a place to play basketball and box. But he's all too aware how easily a conflict between people can flare in to a shooting.

In the circle that Saturday, though, he felt harmony.

"Once I started, I felt a little nervous," Allen said later. "I watched the motion. I felt like I was vibing ... We were all doing this together. It sounds better, picking up the same vibe.

We all communicating, and

we doing it by drums. ... It sounded better, all making one sound."

In a 2017 paper, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation recognized the impact such small, impromptu artistic and cultural gatherings can have in neighborhoods — encouraging healing, even catharsis.

"The value, I think, is everybody can come with their own artistic gifts," said Cate Fox, a senior program officer for MacArthur, which also funds Dawkins' drum circles. "... It's how each person contributes to a whole. You can go with whatever impulse you have, and it's accepted in the group. Not just accepted but embraced. What does it mean to have the freedom to do that?"

'A blessing'

A few weeks later, Dawkins set up a drum

and invited the community to join in.

"It's a blessing."

circle outside the entrance to Englewood's Hamilton Park field house beneath the shade of long tree branches and amid lush plants and blooms.

The Cuban straw hat usually worn by Dawkins sat at a tilt atop the extended arm of a small bag he uses to move the instruments.

Today, he instead wore a traditional kufi, the brimless cap popular with men in Africa, as a sign of his respect for the ritual.

The group gathered at the park ranged from youngsters who pounded away in uncontrolled delight to Sandra Benton, 70, a lifelong Englewood resident and fledgling drummer. At times, Benton paused her drumming, resting her *djembe* between her legs, to watch and learn.

Dawkins recalled attending these kind of jam sessions when he was growing up, often at the 63rd Street beach house or Promontory Point, the man-made peninsula jutting into Lake Michigan in the South Side's Burnham Park.

The live music, he said, opened his mind to the possibilities that life had to offer — and he wants to be sure that kids have a similar opportunity today.

The drum circle at Hamilton Park had lasted about two hours, a steady reverberation as children scooted down slides and pickup basketball games carried on nearby.

Now Benton's turn came to lead. As the retired school teacher started playing, the group fell in with her rhythm.

"Thank you, that's always a blessing," Chicago musician Paul Cotton said before the next participant took the lead.

"Yes," Benton replied.

"It's a blessing."

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Last year, Buttigieg ignited a local firestorm when he vetoed a zoning request by the Women's Care Center, an anti-abortion pregnancy center that attempted to open next door to Whole Woman's Health of South Bend. In a letter to other city leaders, he argued that the neighborhood wouldn't benefit from adjacent organizations with "deep and opposite commitments on the most divisive social issue of our time."

Clinic officials applauded the mayor's decision, thanking him in a written statement "for standing up for what is right and putting women and families of South Bend first."

Yet the veto was denounced by many abortion opponents as stymieing a group that helps local women and children in need.

"It's really disappointing to see him or any presidential candidate devalue the life of the unborn," said Jackie Appleman, executive director of St. Joseph County Right to Life.

The pregnancy center — a nonprofit with the mission of giving women who face unplanned pregnancies the option to "choose life" — ultimately found a different site that didn't require zoning changes.

It opened July 20, on the property of a former pet boarding business whose old owner learned of the charity's plight.

The new location is just across the street from the abortion clinic, the two facilities with clashing ideologies in sight of one another.

I felt so ashamed'

One clinic escort wiped beads of sweat from her brow and retreated to the shade of a large tree, awaiting the arrival of another patient. There was a weather advisory in effect that afternoon, with the heat index reaching more than 100 degrees.

Several anti-abortion demonstrators lingered just past a makeshift fence — a thin rope attached to a few wooden stakes separating the medical facility's property from the public right of way. Clinic staffers say protesters are present every day, regardless of the weather.

"No one should have to go through this," said 26-year-old Sarah Knowlton, a clinic escort who trains other volunteers. "We shield the patients. A lot of patients don't understand, they think they're just going to a doctor's appointment. I didn't understand when I was a patient."

She recounted her own medication abortion some five years ago at a now-defunct clinic a few miles away. Abortion wasn't a concept she ever thought of while growing up in a small Indiana town far from South Bend. As a 20-year-old college student still figuring out her life, Knowlton said she was grateful for a clinic close by.

The day of her appointment, mounds of snow filled the clinic parking lot after a winter storm, so she had to park on the street. She was shocked at the crowd of protesters that formed outside despite the icy roads and freezing temperatures.

The demonstrators kept calling her "mom," she recalled, which enraged her. There were no escorts to walk by her side.

"It was the worst part of my abortion experience, having to walk through them," she said. "I felt so shamed. They don't know who I am, they don't know me. Who are they? I thought Jesus said he who is without sin cast the first stone."

More than 50 volunteers have been trained as escorts at Whole Woman's Health and help in various ways, clinic staff say. When one protester began preaching with a megaphone, they raised money to buy a few sound machines to drown out the noise.

The scene was much quieter this afternoon. One woman out front, Janet Hernandez, alternated between prayer and attempting to pass out literature on alternatives to abortion.

"We're not here to beat them up, we're here to let them know they have a choice — but to help them



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Don Harty stands in protest in front of Whole Woman's Health of South Bend in July. The clinic opened June 27.



The clinic reportedly has served roughly three dozen patients so far in its first month.



Acting clinic manager Brenda Morgan shows a drug used at the clinic; it offers nonsurgical abortions up to 10 weeks.

make the right choice, the best choice," said Hernandez, 42, her cheeks reddened from the severe heat.

"I know women who have had abortions who still think about their abortion babies. This is not your only choice."

Without a license

Inside, the clinic walls are a soft shade of purple laced with various inspirational quotes.

"Liberation must come from within," by Chicago-born writer Sandra Cisneros, is etched above the front desk.

In the clinic waiting room, some women were alone, some couples embraced or held hands. Occasional soft sobs permeated from the clinic's counseling room.

Ten clients came to Whole Woman's Health that weekday, most for state-mandated counseling prior to their medication abortion. The clinic offers

only nonsurgical abortions, up to 10 weeks of gestation.

Indiana requires an 18-hour waiting period before terminating a pregnancy, so the patients would be returning on another day to take the first pill, which stops the fetus from growing; the second pill is taken at home 24 to 48 hours later, expelling the pregnancy.

Without a state license, the clinic has to send patients to an outside lab for any bloodwork or other testing, which also can delay the time-sensitive procedure, said Brenda Morgan, acting clinic manager.

Whole Woman's Health Alliance, a Texas-based nonprofit, also operates two other clinics in different states.

In Indiana, the medical provider first must go through an abortion informed consent brochure from the state health department, which includes color pictures of the embryo or fetus at the patient's particular point in gestation as well as information about the likelihood of the fetus's survival outside the womb.

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knee while reading a magazine. The cream-colored walls and plush couches are designed to feel warm and inviting, like the living room of a home. A dresser by the entrance offers baby clothing of all sizes for moms and dads to take on the way out.

Hunsberger estimates the mothers of roughly half of all babies born in the surrounding county annually are served by Women's Care Center facilities; in the city of South Bend, it's about two-thirds, she said, comparing state health department data to the organization's records. There are three Women's Care Centers in South Bend.

The average client will visit eight times a year, Hunsberger said, with centers offering parenting classes, book giveaways and a boutique with free strollers, cribs and car seats.

Reannin Soule went to a local Women's Care Center last year, certain she wanted an abortion. Divorced and with four kids already, the 35-year-old professional said she'd been on birth control and was shocked by the unplanned pregnancy.

Yet she described an emotional shift after viewing the ultrasound image.

"It made it real, there's your baby," she said, adding that she felt no judgment or pressure from staff at the pregnancy center.

Now she has a 10-month-old daughter, Agnes.

"I love that baby so much, our family loves her so much," she said. "I can't imagine not having her in my life."

While terminating wasn't the right choice for her, Soule said her beliefs on abortion are complicated.

"My thought has always been that every life is sacred," she said. "Every life, not just a baby in the uterus."

... Because every life is

sacred, we don't really have the right to tell another human being what they can and can't do with their body.

Your choice is your choice, that's not my business.

As a society, if we want to do away with things like abortion,

then maybe we shouldn't be so judgmental of women who are pregnant and not in the perfect society standard of when you should be having a kid."

The University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture this year recognized Women's Care Centers as the recipient of the nation's most important lifetime achievement award for heroes of the pro-life movement." Notre Dame President the Rev. John Jenkins also serves as a board member of the Women's Care Center Foundation.

Some city leaders expressed concern that the pregnancy center would fuel protests at the abortion clinic. Hunsberger stressed that the charity tries to promote an environment of peace for the women they serve, not engaging in politics or demonstrations.

"We exist to give women the opportunity to choose life," Hunsberger said. "For some women, it's a second option they don't know they have."

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Last year, Buttigieg ignited a local firestorm when he vetoed a zoning request by the Women's Care Center, an anti-abortion pregnancy center that attempted to open next door to Whole Woman's Health of South Bend. In a letter to other city leaders, he argued that the neighborhood wouldn't benefit from adjacent organizations with "deep and opposite commitments on the most divisive social issue of our time."

Clinic officials applauded the mayor's decision, thanking him in a written statement "for standing up for what is right and putting women and families of South Bend first."

Yet the veto was denounced by many abortion opponents as stymieing a group that helps local women and children in need.

"It's really disappointing to see him or any presidential candidate devalue the life of the unborn," said Jackie Appleman, executive director of St. Joseph County Right to Life.

The scene was much quieter this afternoon. One woman out front, Janet Hernandez, alternated between prayer and attempting to pass out literature on alternatives to abortion.

"We're not here to beat them up, we're here to let them know they have a choice — but to help them

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NATION & WORLD

Ohio questions: Was sister targeted?

Police search for gunman's motive in shooting rampage

By JOHN SEEWER

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Police worked Monday to pin down why a 24-year-old gunman killed nine people, including his sister, in a weekend shooting rampage in a popular nightlife area in Dayton, Ohio.

Connor Betts was wearing a mask and body armor when he opened fire with an AR-15-style rifle in the bustling Oregon District early Sunday before he was gunned down by police. If all of the magazines he had with him were full, which hasn't been confirmed, he would have had a maximum of 250 rounds, said Police Chief Richard Biehl.

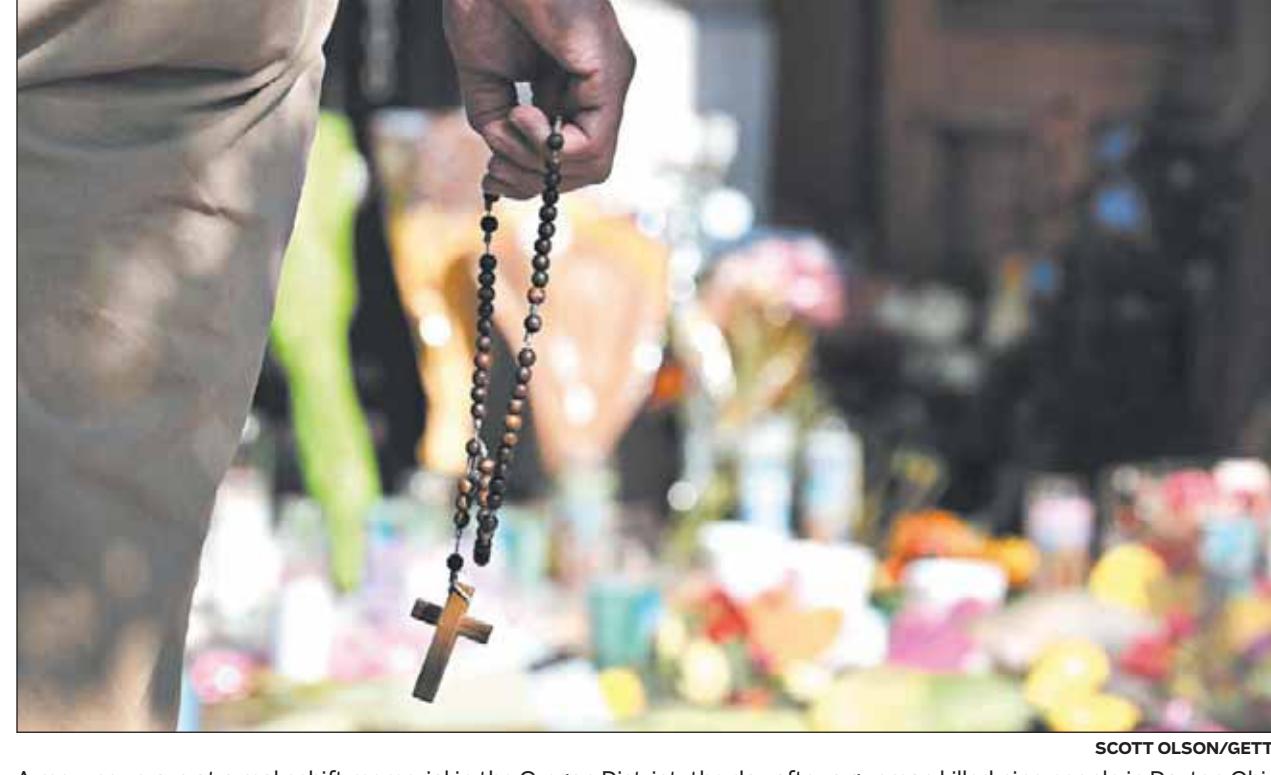
"It is fundamentally problematic. To have that level of weaponry in a civilian environment is problematic," Biehl added.

Betts' rampage was the second mass shooting in the U.S. over the weekend, both leaving a total of 31 people dead and more than 50 injured.

Of the more than 30 people injured in Ohio, at least 14 had gunshot wounds; others were hurt as people fled, city officials said. Eleven remained hospitalized Monday, Fire Chief Jeffrey Payne said.

Still unknown is whether Betts targeted any of the victims, including his 22-year-old sister, Megan, the youngest of the dead.

"It seems to just defy believability he would shoot his own sister, but it's also hard to believe that he didn't recognize it was his



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

A mourner prays at a makeshift memorial in the Oregon District, the day after a gunman killed nine people in Dayton, Ohio.

sister, so we just don't know," Biehl said.

While the gunman was white and six of the nine killed were black, police said the speed of the rampage made any discrimination in the shooting seem unlikely. It all happened within 30 seconds, before police officers stationed nearby fatally shot Betts.

Police have said there was nothing in Betts' background that would have prevented him from buying the rifle he modified and used in the shooting. They said they also found a shotgun in his car.

Authorities identified the other dead as Monica Brickhouse, 39; Nicholas Cumer, 25; Derrick Fudge, 57; Thomas McNichols, 25; Lois Oglesby, 27; Saeed

Saleh, 38; Logan Turner, 30; and Beatrice N. Warren-Curtis, 36.

Conflicting accounts of Betts have emerged, especially from his time at Bellbrook High School, southeast of Dayton.

High school classmates said he was suspended for compiling a "hit list" of those he wanted to kill and a "rape list" of girls he wanted to sexually assault.

Both former classmates told The Associated Press that Betts was suspended during their junior year at Bellbrook High School after a hit list was found scrawled in a school bathroom. That followed an earlier suspension after Betts came to school with a list of female students he wanted to sexually assault, according to the

two classmates, a man and a woman who are both now 24 and spoke on condition of anonymity out of concern they might face harassment.

A former cheerleader, the woman said she didn't really know Betts and was surprised when a police officer told her during her freshman year that her name was included on a list of potential targets.

"The officer said he wouldn't be at school for a while," she said. "But after some time passed, he was back, walking the halls. They didn't give us any warning that he was returning to school."

The male classmate, who was on the track team with Betts, said Betts routinely threatened violence toward other students.

"Most people avoided him," the man said. "He would say shocking things just to get a reaction. He enjoyed making people feel scared."

The discovery of the hit list early in 2012 sparked a police investigation and, according to a Dayton Daily News story at the time, roughly a third of 900 Bellbrook students skipped school one day out of fear of a planned attack.

Another former Bellbrook student, who also spoke on condition of anonymity due to concerns of harassment, recounted to AP that he was on a school bus when a uniformed police officer came on board, asked for Betts by name and then escorted him off.

It's not clear what be-

came of that investigation. Police Chief Michael Brown in Sugarcreek Township, which has jurisdiction over the Bellbrook school, wouldn't answer any questions about Betts from an AP reporter Monday. Asked about a hit list in high school, the chief said "I don't know anything about that."

Later, Brown's department emailed media outlets "everything we have on Connor Betts."

The file included a 2015 crash report from when Betts ran his car into a ditch and a copy of a 2012 Ohio state law that requires all sealed records of juvenile crimes to be expunged either after five years or on the offender's 23rd birthday. Department officials did not respond to questions about whether those records still exist.

Ohio law also bars anyone convicted of a felony as an adult, or convicted of a juvenile charge that would have been a felony if they were 18 or older, from buying firearms.

Though Betts, who was 17 in 2012, was not named publicly by authorities as the author of the hit list, the former classmates said it was common knowledge within the school he was the one suspended over the incident.

Drew Gainey was among those who went on social media Sunday to say red flags were raised about Betts' behavior years ago.

"There was an incident in high school with this shooter that should have prevented him from ever getting his hands on a weapon. This was a tragedy that was 100% avoidable," he tweeted.

Congress again weighs gun violence response

GOP senator vows to fight for expanding background checks

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newtown. Orlando. Parkland.

And now after mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, Congress again is confronted with the question of what — if anything — lawmakers should do to combat the scourge of gun violence afflicting the country.

While both parties are calling for action, the retreat to familiar political corners was swift.

Democrats demanded quick approval of gun-control legislation — some of it already passed by the House — while Republicans looked elsewhere for answers, focusing on mental health and violent video games. With Congress away from Washington for a five-week recess, and the parties intractably divided, the odds appear stacked in favor of gridlock.

But Democrats and some Republicans said this time can and should be different.

"While no law will end

mass shootings entirely, it's time for Congress to act to help keep our communities safer," said Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., as he vowed to again push bipartisan legislation to expand background checks to all commercial firearm sales.

Toomey said he talked separately with his co-sponsor, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and President Donald Trump about the background checks bill and a separate proposal making it easier to take guns away from people believed to be a danger.

Trump "showed a willingness to work with us" on background checks and other measures, Toomey told reporters in a conference call. "He was very constructive."

Toomey and Manchin have tried to pass a background check bill since 2013, in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shooting, and could not muster a Senate vote last year.

Manchin called mass shootings and other gun violence "tragic American problems," and said it was "past time for Congress to take action."

Other Democrats put the burden on Trump, saying he

should demand Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell put a House-passed bill strengthening background checks up for a vote.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said the Senate GOP leader is blocking gun safety reforms that more than 90% of Americans support. He and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said McConnell, R-Ky., should call the Senate into emergency session to take immediate action on the House-passed bill, which would require federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, including those sold online or at gun shows.

Another bill allows an expanded 10-day review for gun purchases.

The House approved the bills in February but they have not come up for consideration in the Republican-controlled Senate.

In a brief White House speech, Trump condemned the weekend shootings in Texas and Ohio that left 31 people dead as barbaric crimes "against all humanity" and called for bipartisan cooperation to respond to an epidemic of gun violence.

He signaled opposition to large-scale gun con-



White House remarks showed he was already backing away from his morning tweet, Democrats said.

"We vow to act with urgent resolve," Trump said.

Trump offered a slightly different message earlier in the day, tweeting that "Republicans and Democrats must come together and get strong background checks, perhaps marrying this legislation with desperately needed immigration reform. We must have something good, if not GREAT, come out of these two tragic events!"

It was not clear why he was connecting the issues.

Trump's omission of background checks in his

cause of resistance from Republicans, particularly in the GOP-controlled Senate. That political dynamic seems difficult to change.

Asked about prospects Monday, McConnell spokesman David Popp said he'd "be sure to forward" any additional statements from the GOP leader.

In a show of bipartisanship, Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., announced an agreement to create a federal grant program to help states that adopt "red flag" protection order laws to take guns away from people believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

8chan defiantly vowed to stay online, but was cut off by tech firm

By DREW HARWELL

The Washington Post

The battle over white-supremacist and extremist content online surged into the tangled pipelines of the Web on Monday as jockeying among rival tech firms knocked the 8chan message board and other hate sites offline.

It was unclear how long they'd stay unavailable to their followers as several players in the little-seen world of internet service firms dug in to prevent the

sites' reappearance.

Abandoned by its key partner Cloudflare for its "lawlessness" in the wake of the El Paso mass shooting, 8chan briefly disappeared from the Web early Monday before reappearing with the help of a sympathetic ally: BitMitigate, whose cybersecurity services also helped keep the neo-Nazi site Daily Stormer online after Cloudflare dropped it in 2017.

But by Monday afternoon, both 8chan and the Daily Stormer plunged into darkness when Voxility

tech firm that has leased servers to BitMitigate, announced that it would no longer provide those services. The site for BitMitigate, which is based in Vancouver, Washington, also dropped offline.

It's "totally against our policy," Maria Sirbu, a Voxility executive, told The Washington Post. "As soon as we were notified ... we proceeded with (completely) removing" the company from their network.

She said Voxility was

making a "firm stand" and urged that many other internet authorities should take more action in "keeping the internet a safer place."

Shortly after noon, Ron Watkins, 8chan's administrator, said that the site was down and that it looked like its content-delivery network, provided by BitMitigate, was "under attack." Minutes later, he said that BitMitigate had instead been "deplatformed for hosting 8chan."

The war drew attention

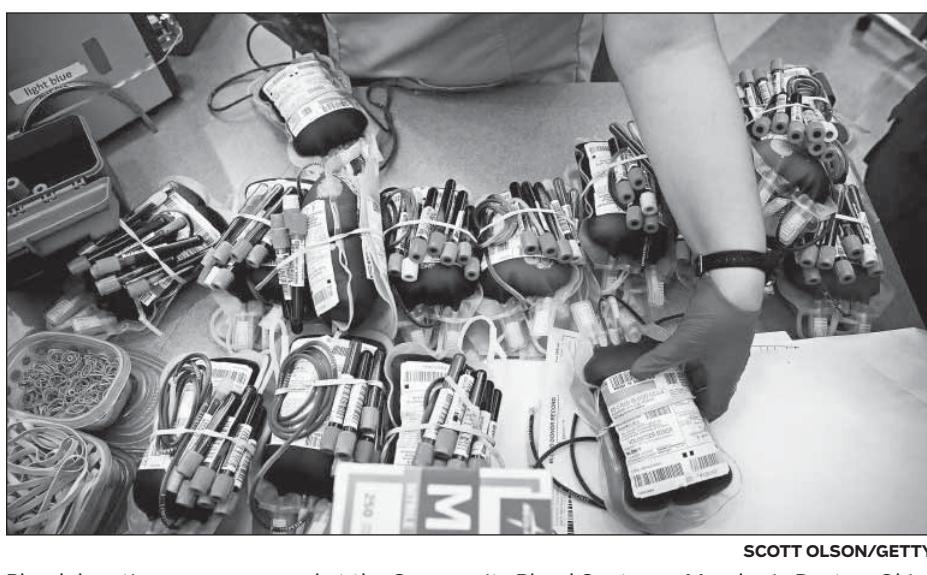
to the role played by the Internet's hidden infrastructure in deciding what ideas and content can circulate online.

Most of the key players in Monday's fight are unknown to consumers, but they run some of the critical elements supporting the modern web.

BitMitigate is owned by another company, Epik, a firm based outside Redmond, Washington, that bought the service earlier this year. Epik, a hosting and domain-name firm that

gained notoriety after backing the far-right site Gab, has loudly criticized what it calls "digital censorship" and "organized efforts to de-platform and incapacitate practitioners of lawful free speech."

Epik chief Rob Monster wrote Monday that the company had not solicited 8chan's business but was now helping manage some of the site's technical needs and was further evaluating whether to offer it other services, including a defense against cyberattacks.



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Blood donations are processed at the Community Blood Center on Monday in Dayton, Ohio.

Trump

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demographic changes.

Democrats reacted viscerally to Trump's handling of the shootings, renewing calls for his defeat.

Trump suggested earlier Monday on Twitter that a background check bill could be paired with his long-sought effort to toughen the nation's immigration system.

But he didn't say why he was connecting the issues. Both shooting suspects were U.S. citizens, and federal officials are investigating anti-immigrant bias as a potential motive for the El Paso, Texas, massacre.

He did not elaborate on that proposal during his 10-minute address from the Diplomatic Reception Room. But Trump has frequently sought to tie his immigration priorities — a border wall and transforming the legal immigration system to one that prioritizes merit over familial ties — to legislation around which he perceives momentum to be building.

Trump's proposed responses attempt to shift blame away from the heated rhetoric coming from the White House and his own campaign rallies and leave it to Congress, which is on recess, to sort out his solutions.

He signaled he would oppose large-scale gun control efforts pushed by

Democrats, saying, "hatred pulls the trigger, not the gun."

Trump called for law enforcement and social media companies to do more to combat extremism and spot warning signs of violence online. He also called for a reduction in the "glorification" of violence in American culture, laws to make it easier to commit those with mental illness and "red flag laws" to separate such individuals from firearms.

He directed the Department of Justice to seek and prioritize the enforcement of the death penalty in cases of hate crimes and mass shootings.

Congress has proven unable to pass substantial gun violence legislation this session, in large part because of resistance from Republicans, particularly in the GOP-controlled Senate.

Trump has reneged on previous pledges to strengthen gun laws.

After other mass shootings he called for strengthening the federal background check system, and in 2018 he signed legislation to increase federal agency data sharing. But he has resisted Democratic calls to toughen other gun control laws.

At a February meeting with survivors and family members of the 2018 Parkland, Florida, school shooting in which 17 people died, Trump promised to be "very strong on background checks."

Trump claimed he would stand up to the gun lobby and finally get results in quelling gun violence. But he later retreated, expressing support for modest changes to the federal background check system and for arming teachers.

With his Monday proposals, Trump is providing a response to the shootings with ideas that many Republicans in Congress can embrace — without confronting the gun lobby and tackling the problems with firearm accessibility that many view as a driver of gun violence.

In the El Paso attack, investigators are focusing on whether it was a hate crime after the emergence of an anti-immigrant screed that was posted online shortly beforehand. Detectives sought to determine if it was written by the man who was arrested.

On Twitter Monday, Trump seemed to deflect from scrutiny over the writings, which had language mirroring some of his own.

As Democrats have called on Trump to tone down his rhetoric, Trump blamed the news media for the nation's woes.

"Fake News has contributed greatly to the anger and rage that has built up over many years," he said.

As Trump weighs trips to the affected communities — the Federal Aviation Administration advised pilots of a presidential visit Wednesday to El Paso and Dayton, Ohio.

Obama calls on US to reject words that feed fear, hatred

BY FELICIA SONMEZ

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former president Barack Obama on Monday called on the country to reject words "coming out of the mouths of any of our leaders" that feed fear and hatred and normalize racist sentiments, a tacit rebuke of President Donald Trump in the wake of the Texas and Ohio shootings.

In a statement posted to his Twitter and Facebook accounts, Obama said such language has been at the root of most human tragedy, from slavery to the Holocaust to the Rwandan genocide.

"It has no place in our politics and our public life," he said. "And it's time for the overwhelming majority of Americans of goodwill, of every race and faith and political party, to say as much — clearly and unequivocally."

Obama's statement came hours after Trump delivered an address from the White House about the weekend of carnage in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, that left 31 people dead and scores wounded.

In his remarks, Trump urged Americans to denounce bigotry and white supremacy and emphasized combating mental illness over taking new gun-control measures.

"In one voice, our nation must condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy," Trump said. "Hatred warps the mind, ravages the heart and devours the soul."

Authorities believe the El Paso shooter posted an anti-immigrant screed on an online message board and are seriously considering charging the suspect with federal hate crimes.

Portions of the 2,300-word essay mirror Trump's rhetoric, as well as the language of white nationalists, including a warning about the "Hispanic invasion of Texas."



MICHAEL SOHN/AP

"We are not helpless here. And until all of us stand up and insist on holding public officials accountable for changing our gun laws, these tragedies will keep happening."

—Former President Barack Obama

Obama said.

He also compared white nationalist shooters to "followers of ISIS and other foreign terrorist organizations," noting that they "may act alone, but they've been radicalized by white nationalist websites that proliferate on the internet."

"There are indications that the El Paso shooting follows a dangerous trend: troubled individuals who embrace racist ideologies and see themselves obligated to act violently to preserve white supremacy," he said, calling on law enforcement and social media platforms to do more to reduce the influence of radical content online.

And he urged Americans to press lawmakers to tighten gun-control laws, although he did not point to any specific legislation.

"We are not helpless here," he said. "And until all of us stand up and insist on holding public officials accountable for changing our gun laws, these tragedies will keep happening."

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Protesters gather in Mong Kok during a general strike in Hong Kong on Monday.

Day of strikes sows chaos in Hong Kong, disrupts travel

BY YANAN WANG AND CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

HONG KONG — A general strike in Hong Kong descended into citywide mayhem Monday as defiant protesters started fires outside police stations and hurled bricks and eggs at officers. After disrupting traffic early in the day, they filled public parks and squares in several districts, refusing to disperse even as police repeatedly fired tear gas and rubber bullets from above.

While previous large rallies over the past two months of anti-government protests have generally been held on weekends, Monday's strike paralyzed city operations in an effort to draw more attention to the movement's demands.

Hong Kong is on "the verge of a very dangerous situation," said Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who insisted she has no plans to resign.

Lam said at a news conference that the protests had "ulterior motives" that threaten Hong Kong's prosperity and security. "I don't think at this point in time, resignation of myself or some of my colleagues would provide a better so-

lution," she said.

Protesters challenged law enforcement in at least eight districts, responding to continuous rounds of tear gas with practiced swiftness. They lobbed the canisters back at police and yelled invectives. When police arrived, the protesters clacked their umbrellas together and pounded on metal street signs, daring the officers to move closer.

"Gangsters!" they jeered at the riot police. "Reclaim Hong Kong, revolution of our time."

In one neighborhood after nightfall, a band of men wielding wooden poles charged protesters from behind a thin road lane divider. The demonstrators fought back by throwing traffic cones, metal barricades and rods. Hong Kong media also reported a brawl in a different district where men with knives slashed at protesters.

In another neighborhood, demonstrators besieged police headquarters in what they called a "flash mob." They threw bricks and flaming bottles at the building before rapidly retreating.

The violence followed a day of striking that sparked bedlam throughout the city. Protesters started early,

with the aim of hampering the morning rush hour. In the subway, they blocked train and platform doors, activated emergency alarms and threw objects onto the tracks.

A high number of strikers in the airline industry also led to more than 77 flight cancellations, according to the airport authority.

"Too much," said 52-year-old John Chan, whose flight to Singapore was canceled. "Why do they have to create trouble for people not involved in their cause? Hong Kong is sinking. The government, police and protest people have to stop fighting and give us a break."

The strike was the latest action in a summer of fiery demonstrations that began in response to proposed extradition legislation that would have allowed some suspects to be sent to mainland China for trials.

While the government has since suspended the bill, protesters have pressed on with broader calls for it to be scrapped entirely, along with demands for democratic reforms including the dissolution of the current legislature and an investigation into alleged police brutality.

Fla. man who sent bombs to Dems, media gets 20 years

BY PHILIP BUMP
AND DEVLIN BARRETT
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Cesar Sayoc, the Florida man who mailed explosive devices to prominent Democrats and media figures, was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison.

Prosecutors had called for a life sentence for Sayoc, a 57-year-old pizza delivery man and strip club worker who pleaded guilty to mailing 16 inoperative pipe bombs days before the midterm elections last fall.

"I am beyond so very sorry for what I did," Sayoc told U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff. "Now that I am a sober man, I know that I was a sick man. I should have listened to my mother, the love of my life."

Prosecutors and defense lawyers spent much of the hearing wrangling over how dangerous the packages truly were to those who handled them.

"What counts is what he did, and what he intended at the time that he did it," Rakoff said before imposing the sentence.

Sayoc's lawyers had pushed for a 10-year sentence, saying he was using large quantities of steroids when he became delusional in his support for President Donald Trump.

"He truly believed wild conspiracy theories he read on the internet, many of which vilified Democrats and spread rumors that Trump supporters were in danger because of them," Sayoc's lawyers wrote to the judge. "He heard it from the President of the United States, a man with whom he felt he had a deep personal connection."

Trump and his allies have repeatedly pushed back against the idea that his incendiary rhetoric could be linked to extremist violence.

MARK LENNIHAN/AP
Madeline Sayoc, center, mother of Cesar Sayoc, leaves court Monday after her son was sentenced to 20 years.

Pressed by the judge to explain further, Sayoc added, "I was aware of the risk that they would explode."

Federal officials called the wave of potential explosive devices sent in October a "domestic terror attack" and accused Sayoc of endangering numerous lives.

Prosecutors said Sayoc began searching for the homes of some targeted as early as last July 2018 and continued into the fall.

The first package was found Oct. 22, and the investigation and anxiety grew as more devices were identified in the days that followed. CNN's New York offices were evacuated when a package addressed to John Brennan, the former CIA director, was found in the mail room, a situation that played out on live television. Packages were soon found in Florida, Delaware and California.

Within days, authorities closed in on Sayoc outside an auto supply store in Plantation, Florida, after finding what Christopher Wray, the FBI director, said was a fingerprint on one of the envelopes containing a device. Wray also said there were potential DNA matches connecting Sayoc to some of the devices.

While none of the devices detonated, Wray said they were "not hoax devic-

UK joins US Strait of Hormuz effort; Iran slams sanctions

BY AMIR VAHDAT
AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Britain said Monday that it would join a U.S.-led naval security mission in the Strait of Hormuz, where Iran's seizure of merchant vessels has raised tensions with the West. Earlier, Iran's foreign minister lambasted recent U.S. financial sanctions against him, calling the move a "failure" for diplomacy.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters in Tehran that "imposing sanctions against a foreign minister means failure" for any efforts at negotiations, and means the side imposing the measures is "opposing talks."

The U.S. administration last week announced sanctions on Zarif, a month after President Donald Trump had imposed similar sanctions on Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The moves are seen as part of Washington's escalating campaign in what Trump calls "maximum pressure" on Iran.

The U.S. has increasingly deployed military reinforcements to the region amid unspecified threats from Iran in the wake of Trump's withdrawal last year from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

Britain's Ministry of Defense said it "will draw largely on assets already in the region." It said the Royal Navy will work alongside the U.S. Navy to escort vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, which sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, a shipping channel for one-fifth of all global crude exports.

Two Royal Navy warships are currently in the region, the frigate HMS Montrose and the destroyer HMS Duncan. The Montrose is due to leave for planned repairs later this month.



EBRAHIM NOROOZI/AP

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif called U.S. sanctions against him a "failure" for diplomacy.

U.K.-flagged vessels in the region a naval escort since the Revolutionary Guard seized a British-flagged tanker last month. Some Iranian officials suggested the seizure of the Stena Impero was retaliation for the seizure of an Iranian tanker off the British terri-

tory of Gibraltar.

European nations have been reluctant to take part in the U.S. naval mission, and Germany has said it will not be involved.

Britain's Ministry of Defense said the U.S. and the U.K. hoped other countries will join the new mission.

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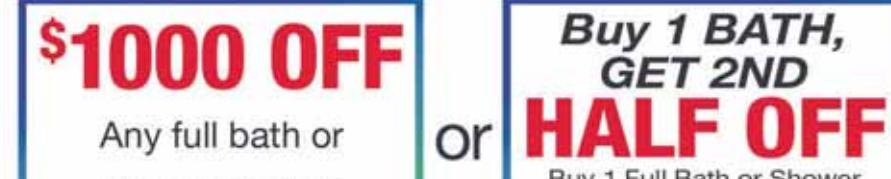
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India moves to revoke special status of Kashmir, unrest feared

NEW DELHI — India's Hindu nationalist-led government moved Monday to revoke the special status of Muslim-majority Kashmir, cutting off communications and deploying thousands of troops in the restive Himalayan region amid fears the action could lead to uprisings there.

The order, which still needs the approval of the ruling party-controlled Parliament, would eliminate the Indian-adminis-

tered state's right to its own constitution and decision-making process for all matters except defense, communications and foreign affairs. It would also allow Indians from outside the region to permanently settle, buy land and hold local government jobs.

Government critics see the move as an attempt to dilute the demographics of Kashmir, which is predominantly Muslim, with Hindu settlers.

Sen. Rand Paul undergoes lung surgery stemming from assault

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Sen. Rand Paul said he underwent lung surgery in a procedure stemming from injuries suffered when a neighbor tackled him outside his home in 2017.

The Republican lawmaker tweeted that part of his lung damaged in the assault was removed during the weekend surgery in Tennessee.

Both of Kentucky's senators are laid up with

health issues during Congress' August break.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell suffered a shoulder fracture Sunday in a fall and is recovering at home.

Paul was tackled by Rene Boucher in a dispute over lawn maintenance. Boucher pleaded guilty to assaulting a member of Congress. Paul sued and a jury awarded him more than \$580,000 in damages and medical expenses.

Texas Rep. Marchant becomes 12th House Republican to retire

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Kenny Marchant said Monday he will not seek reelection to represent his Dallas-area district, leaving open a third Texas House seat heavily targeted by Democrats in 2020.

Marchant's announcement comes days after Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, announced he would not seek reelection in a sprawling border district and less than a month

after Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas, declined to seek reelection in the Houston suburbs.

All three won reelection in 2018 by 5 percentage points or less — in Hurd's case, by only a few hundred votes.

Overall, 12 House Republicans who were sworn into the 116th Congress in January will not return in 2021, compared with three House Democrats.



Security forces and bystanders gather Monday near a charred vehicle that burned after a car bomb detonated in a collision with other vehicles late Sunday in Cairo.

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Car bomb collides with other vehicles in Cairo, killing 20

CAIRO — A car packed with explosives being driven to carry out an attack collided with other vehicles and exploded in central Cairo, killing at least 20 people, the Interior Ministry said Monday, the deadliest attack in the Egyptian capital in over two years.

The blast went off Sunday night on a busy boulevard along the Nile River, setting other cars on fire and injuring at least 47 people. It damaged Egypt's main cancer hospital nearby, shattering parts of the facade and some rooms inside, forcing the evacua-

tion of dozens of patients.

Authorities had initially said the explosion was caused by a multivehicle accident. But later Monday, the Interior Ministry acknowledged that a car bomb was involved.

It accused a militant group known as Hasm, which has links to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, saying it was moving the car to carry out an attack elsewhere. The ministry did not say what the intended target was. The car had been stolen months ago in the Nile Delta, it said.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi called it a "terrorist

incident" in a tweet, expressing condolences for the dead and vowed to "face and root out terrorism."

The attack is the deadliest in Cairo since a bombing at a chapel adjacent to Egypt's main Coptic Christian cathedral killed 30 people during Sunday Mass in December 2016. That attack was claimed by Egypt's affiliate of the Islamic State group.

Smaller bombings, usually by roadside devices, have taken place more often, targeting security forces and in two cases tourists near the Pyramids.

Putin urges talks with US after INF pact's demise

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Russia would only deploy new intermediate-range missiles if the United States does and called for urgent arms control talks to prevent a chaotic arms race following the demise of a key nuclear pact.

Putin made his statements after the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty ended Friday, with the U.S. announcing its intention to test and deploy weapons previously banned by the accord signed in 1987.

Washington said it withdrew because of Russia's

alleged violations of the pact; Russia denies breaching the terms of the treaty.

Putin condemned the U.S. exit from the treaty "in a unilateral way and under a far-fetched reason," saying that it "seriously exacerbated the situation in the world and raised fundamental risks for all."

N. Korea fires projectiles twice into sea, S. Korea says

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Tuesday continued to ramp up its weapons demonstrations by firing unidentified projectiles twice into the sea while lashing out at the United States and South Korea for continuing their joint military exercises that the North says could derail fragile nuclear diplomacy.

South Korea's military alerted reporters of the launches just minutes before an unidentified spokesperson of the North's Foreign Ministry released a statement denouncing Washington and Seoul over the start of their joint exercises Monday.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said an unidentified number of projectiles were launched from an area near the North's western coast and flew cross-country before landing in waters off the country's eastern coast.

In Syria: The Syrian army said Monday it will resume its offensive against the northwestern Idlib province, the last opposition-held stronghold, accusing insurgents there of repeatedly violating a recent cease-fire agreement that went into effect late Thursday.

Opposition activists reported airstrikes had resumed in the southern parts of the enclave, which is located on the Turkish border.

Meanwhile, Turkish and Pentagon officials began a two-day set of talks in the Turkish capital, Ankara, about establishing a safe zone in northeastern Syria — where American forces are stationed — to address Ankara's concerns about U.S.-allied Syrian Kurdish-led forces in that region.

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FOR EL PASO, DAYTON, CHICAGO AND THE NATION

Close the gun law loophole

America's bloody weekend — mass shootings in two cities — either becomes another moment to sigh and shrug, or it becomes the reason Washington takes action to prevent the next massacre. Which will it be?

There is a direct, sensible path forward in Congress to keep guns out of the hands of some potentially dangerous people. In February, the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would require a background check for all firearms purchases. The Republican-led Senate balked. Time for hearts and minds in that deliberative body to change.

Already, anyone buying a gun from a federally licensed dealer must submit to a screening, which is intended to flag a person forbidden to own firearms because he or she is a felon, fugitive from justice, illegal drug user or "mental defective." What's the problem? At the national level, unlicensed private sellers — including those doing business at gun shows or via the internet — can skip the background check (not in Illinois, though, which has stricter rules).

For years Congress was tied up in knots over the question of how to curb gun violence while respecting the Second Amendment guarantee that individuals can own guns. What changed in the House is what's reshaped the national conversation and energized gun control proponents: the horror of mass shootings.

The Feb. 14, 2018, massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida unleashed a wave of student-led activism that supported pro-gun control Democratic candidates and helped state legislatures pass gun laws.

After taking control in the U.S. House, Democrats coalesced around the universal background check bill. The House passed a second bill to extend the deadline on background checks, a reaction to circumstances that allowed the perpetrator of the church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, to buy a gun.

The hopeful conclusion is that the shock of El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, may resonate. After so many years and so many traged-

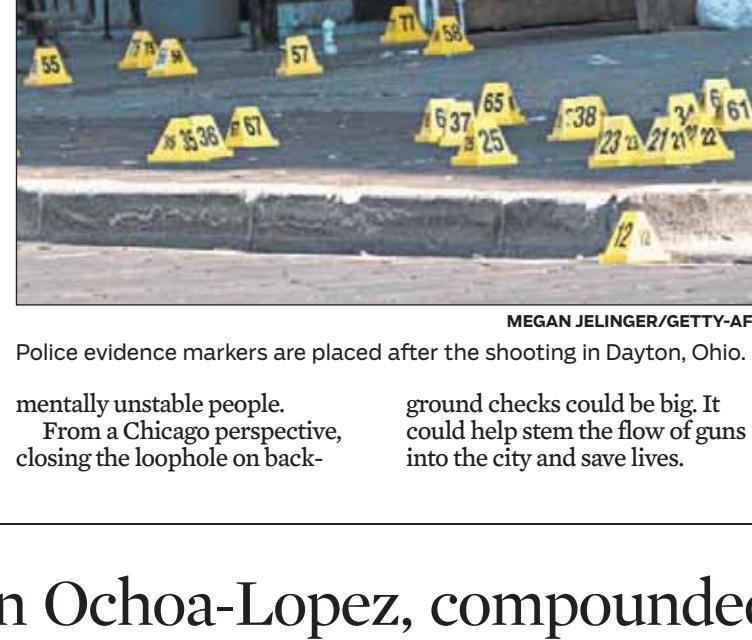


SCOTT STANTIS

dies, national disgust with mass shootings perhaps can change the politics of gun culture. Yet it's also true the country remains divided over gun ownership rights, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hasn't moved ahead on background check legislation.

On Monday, President Donald Trump sent mixed messages. He tweeted support for "strong background checks," though he suggested a convoluted path forward that would tie that legislation to immigration reform.

Then, in his national address, the reference to background check legislation disappeared. He did note the need for "red flag" laws, which would allow authorities to confiscate firearms from



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Action needed in shootings' wake

More mass shootings. When is this going to stop? When will our representatives put on their "big boy" pants and bring some legislation to the floor, which, with the "will" of the majority leader, can then be put up for a vote in the Senate? Why isn't the occupant of the White House pushing for a bill to get all guns registered and background checks for all? The concern over building a wall is far more important than the lives being lost through these acts of violence. Life is difficult enough without fear of going someplace where you might end up shot. Schools? Malls? Churches? Mosques? A concert? We need action now.

— Luella T. Pakieser, Chicago

Congress is accountable

Sadly, another mass shooting claims the lives of 22 people in Texas. I'm sure over the next few days, we will hear from members of the House and Senate about how their thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families. I think a new course of action is required. In Florida, former sheriff's Deputy Scot Peterson is being criminally prosecuted for allegedly failing to protect the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland in 2018. Peterson was faced with a life-or-death situation and made the wrong choice. Our elected officials don't face that same type of life-or-death decision, yet they continue to also fail to protect the American people. Why shouldn't they be held to the same standards as Peterson? After all, they don't have to put their lives at risk to develop sound gun control that would prevent another mass shooting in this country. Yet when they freeze in the face of the mighty National Rifle Association, that's considered politically smart.

Enough is enough, members of Congress. Keep in mind that just as Florida authorities held Peterson accountable, so, too, can the voters in this country hold you accountable for failure to protect us.

— Bill Kalnes, Burr Ridge

Don't blame President Trump

With the tragic mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, now the blame game begins. Democratic presidential candidates and others are pointing the finger at President Donald Trump. Ridiculous! When Barack Obama was president, was he blamed for any mass shootings under his watch? Was he blamed for the execution of five police officers in Dallas on July 7, 2016, and for the killing of three police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, later that year on July 17? Those shootings followed Obama's rhetoric against law enforcement.

There were many mass shootings under the watch of several other presidents, and they weren't blamed, either. So stop blaming President Trump and put the blame where it belongs, which is on the shooter.

— John Moravecek, Naperville

President Trump abets violence

On Sunday, I heard a senator from Ohio lament the shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, saying that he could not understand how a person could pull the trigger with another human being in his sights. I am sure the senator meant the question to be rhetorical, but the answer is well-known. You demonize the enemy. Then you are not shooting another human being, but rather you are exterminating a demon. We do it all the time when at war to enable our soldiers to kill the enemy; recall our propaganda about the "Huns" (Germans) and "Japs" (Japanese) in World War II. That is why some of us are so upset when our president demonizes immigrants and minorities. He is abetting domestic terrorism.

— Tom Moran, LaGrange Park

Grateful for the security at Lolla

As a parent who let her teenage daughter attend Lollapalooza this past weekend, I was extremely nervous the whole time given what was going on in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. But based on the news coverage, the security was at an all-time high! Thank you to all the police officers, security, etc., who worked hard at giving our city an amazing experience!

— Christine Minasian, Park Ridge

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker will need to work together to rein in city gun violence.

Now in charge, Pritzker, Lightfoot on the hot seat for Chicago violence



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

A year ago this week, then-candidate for governor J.B. Pritzker heaped blame on then-Gov. Bruce Rauner for an uptick in Chicago violence. Stalemate over the state budget had reduced funding for social service programs, resulting in increased violence across the city, Pritzker alleged.

If Pritzker were in charge, he would speed resources to violence interruption programs, he said at the time. It was August and more than 70 people had been shot with 12 killed over a single weekend. Rauner was ultimately in charge.

What about now? Is Rauner, or President Donald Trump for that matter, to blame for the city's chronic violence epidemic?

At least 55 people in Chicago were shot and seven died from their wounds over the weekend. According to the Chicago Police Department, nearly 1,000 people have been shot since the beginning of the year, with the homicide total 236 through June 30. The mayhem near Douglas Park early Sunday morning forced an overwhelmed Mount Sinai Hospital emergency room to stop accepting trauma patients for several hours.

In other cities, that development might trigger outrage and action. Here it's a minor detail. It's ordinary.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, after spending part of Saturday on Chicago's West Side, told reporters she left "devastated" and "heartbroken" at the unexpected normalcy of gang activity, addiction and despair embedded in an entire community of Chicago.

The victims are not just the ones on stretchers. They are also the senior citizens "seemingly

pinned down in their homes," she said.

Yes. Afraid to open windows or even sit near one lest a bullet charge through the wall.

"It's shameful," she said, moving on to a reporter's question about the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

As the nation on Sunday morning tried to grasp those tragedies, Chicago spun its wheels again. Violence. Death. Law enforcement reaction. Superintendent news conference. Mayor news conference. Blame guns. Move on.

Pritzker addressed the national violence on his Twitter page and invoked Trump, but he hasn't been as vocal about his own city. He, like many Chicagoans, isn't immersed in the day-to-day of gun violence. His gaze is from afar. He's not alone. It's frustrating to listen to Chicagoans voice strong opinions about social programs and criticize law enforcement, but who wouldn't dare travel to those neighborhoods of pain.

Spend more money, they say. Raise taxes, they say. Help.

But taxpayers are doing their part. In addition to millions spent annually in local, state and federal budgets on crime reduction, taxpayers in Illinois fronted more than \$50 million toward anti-violence programs in 2010, right before the gubernatorial election during a time when the state couldn't pay its existing bills. Gov. Pat Quinn scraped together millions in taxpayer resources, and repeatedly during the next four years, to combat violence in Chicago.

That effort resulted in no measurable reduction in violent crime — and a federal criminal probe — after an audit revealed the money went wildly unaccounted for. It was largely misspent and wasted. It went to political cronies and clouted organizations. Today, the state and the city of Chicago still spend millions on anti-violence efforts. How's it working out?

Without getting to the root causes of violence — poverty, abuse, family breakdowns, addiction, lack of personal responsibility and illegal use of guns — Chicago will continue to be a city thrashing. Lightfoot can't snap her fingers and solve it. But enough has been studied to point her in the right direction. She needs Pritzker's help. The state still has more heft to drive existing resources to some of these communities than the city can alone.

Through data-driven information-gathering, the experts know where the violence persists, where gang members loiter, where mental health services are nonexistent, where foreclosures abound, where schools are underperforming, where violence is life. If the city wants change, it could start by microtargeting those ZIP codes. Break down the silos of government that make it impossible for the most vulnerable to access existing programs. Get state and city resources under one roof or at least on the same block for mental health services, for job training, for trauma counseling, for help.

Pick a ward. Pick a five-block radius. Try.

Gary MacDougal is a mostly retired, successful businessman and onetime leader of the Illinois Republican Party who has spent years studying the causes of violence and trying to get government to be responsive and efficient. His advice is a full-throated effort with the mayor and the governor tasking it as a top priority, every day. Every. Single. Day.

I can't say I know a better idea.

I can't say we need more money or higher taxes or more cops or more marches.

What I can say, living on Chicago's South Side for nearly 20 years, is that what we're doing is not working. It's not even close.

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Nobody made a super-big deal about it on March 15 when the president of the United States — in his fancy baggy suit, over-long tie hanging down behind the Resolute Desk, veto pen in hand — sat in the Oval Office and described the surge of desperate asylum-seekers on America's southern border as an "invasion."

"People hate the word invasion, but that's what it is," Donald Trump told the White House press pool, as he vetoed the legislation from Congress aimed at blocking the president from his authoritarian maneuvers to divert at least \$2.5 billion for border wall — to keep these human beings out. Maybe no one made a big deal because we'd grown so numb to hate-inducements from inside our own White House. He'd already called the immigrant influx "an invasion" on more than a half-dozen occasions — tweeting just days earlier: "I am stopping an invasion as the Wall gets built: #MAGA."

A month before that, Trump had chosen the border city of El Paso, Texas, as the place to dramatize the alleged threat from Latino migrants. He rented out a big arena (stifling the owners, by the way) and rallied support for the xenophobic centerpiece of his reelection campaign, making sure to highlight any criminals among the thousands of migrants who've been arrested and detained. "Murders, murders, killing, murder," the president rambled at one point, as his frenzied crowd chanted, "Build that wall!" Trump went on: "We will. If we cut detention space, we are letting loose dangerous criminals into our country."

Five and a half months after that rally, a white 21-year-old community college student with a pro-Trump social media feed sat down in his family's McMansion in a posh Dallas suburb and picked out El Paso — more than 600 miles away — on a map. When he got to the border city, the man-child posted a so-called manifesto on the hate-laden website called 8chan that stated: "This attack is a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas." Hours later, in police custody, the gunman reportedly told investigators he entered a Walmart packed with back-to-school shoppers to kill as many Mexicans as possible.

Indeed, the 21-year-old did kill three Mexican nationals during the shooting spree that began at 10 a.m. on a sun-soaked Saturday in El Paso. Most of those he mowed down with his AK-47-style long gun were the ones least able to escape a killer's rapid gunfire. The 22 corpses — some face-down in a parking lot — included an 82-year-old woman and a 2-year-old. A 25-year-old woman was shot and killed while shielding her own 2-month-old baby (who lived), while witnesses described another infant with blood smeared across his belly. As always, the details of America's 249th mass shooting of 2019 were both shocking and painfully familiar at the same time.

But this weekend came a grim plot twist.

If you're like me and have the weird habit of falling asleep in front of the TV, you may have awakened, as I did at 5 a.m. Sunday, to the gut-wrenching sight of police sirens flashing in the dead of a Dayton night. In America, the nightmares come when you wake up. It was the aftershock, the second spasm of deadly American violence in just 13 hours, and the 250th of the year.

Nine dead in Ohio. We don't know why a man opened fire on the crowd outside the Ned Peppers nightclub, but we do know that just like in El Paso, he was a young white man dressed in black, with enough firepower to kill or maim a few dozen humans in less than a minute's time.

It was at that moment, in the predawn blackness of a hot August night, that you could see that the center of Trump's America is not holding. You had already watched the fear and loathing spiraling out of control — the immigrants afraid to leave their homes to take their kids out to a playground or an ice cream shop, the gulag of squalid concentration camps, the increasingly racist rants from a president desperate to cling to his job. And now these twin eruptions — body bags and hastily abandoned shoes stacked up on blood-stained American asphalt.

When things fall apart, they shatter into a million pieces. I can't tell you yet exactly how the bloodshed in El Paso is related to a mass murder in Dayton, or to the social dysfunction in Philadelphia that caused

Trump's America unravels in one bloody nightmare weekend

BY WILL BUNCH



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Above: President Donald Trump signs the first veto of his presidency on March 15, 2019. He issued the veto, overriding Congress, to protect his emergency declaration for border wall funding. Top: People hold up cellphones during a vigil Aug. 4 after a shooting left 22 people dead at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

someone to spray bullets into a crowd of people shooting a hip-hop video, or into a crowded block party in Brooklyn the night before that. I can't explain why people tweeting about El Paso couldn't use the hashtag #WalmartShooting because it was already in use for a man who'd just murdered two employees at an outlet in Mississippi.

All I know is that it's all starting to feel like the same event — a Great Unraveling of America. The feeling only grew worse when I read that the authorities in El Paso believe some of the wounded may not go to local hospitals because they're so afraid of our immigration cops. It seemed like one more sign that conditions in this country — the violence, the fear, the embrace of racism and xenophobia from the highest levels and the long slide into neo-fascism — have become intolerable. And yet — with the blood of El Paso and Dayton not yet dry — far too many are still tolerating this.

None more so than America's so-called Republican leaders — the Mitch McConnells, Mitt Romneys, the Greg Abbotts — who seemed to share the same pathetic and cowardly playbook of quickly taking to Twitter, praying for the victims and their families, praising the first responders and quickly logging off without one word about the scourge of white supremacy, a president who helps promote it or the gun culture that makes it all so lethal.

The few GOP bigwigs who were pressed for more fell back on familiar tropes. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy reached all the way back to the 1990s to blame violent video games, while Abbott, the governor of Texas who once famously lamented the fact that Texans weren't buying as many guns as Californians, said "the bottom line is that mental health is a large contributor."

No doubt, mental health — and the lack of care — is a crisis in this country. But linking it to the El Paso murders seems like an evasion. From what we know so far, the killer embraced a sick ideology but knew exactly what he was doing — driving 600 miles to a carefully selected kill zone and writing a hate-filled but consistent manifesto. His mass murder seemed less a statement about his own mental health and more a statement about the moral health of a nation where so many are opening embracing racist and xenophobic rhetoric. Including the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Interestingly, the El Paso gunman was media-savvy enough to drop a line into his manifesto that his racist views are independent of his president; that journalists were certain to blame Trump but that would be, in his words, "fake news." But what are good-and-thinking people to make of the fact that Saturday's killer — just like the Christchurch mass murderer before him and the Pittsburgh synagogue gunman before him — echoed Trump's "invasion" language on immigrants? What kind of America should citizens expect when the president attacks women of color in Congress by telling them to go back to where they came from and when his true believers chant, "Send her back!"?

Researchers went back and looked at the counties where Trump held his 2016 campaign rallies and found those jurisdictions posted a stunning 226% rise in hate crimes. That paper didn't include El Paso, which was targeted in 2019 by both the Trump campaign and a mass killer. Or Southern Ohio, where the president held a rally on Thursday. Just last week, an FBI memo said fringe conspiracy theories are becoming a domestic terrorism threat — a warning that came to life with a series of pops on Saturday morning. Now, what are we going to do about it?

Trump "is a racist, and he stokes racism in this country," said El Paso's Beto O'Rourke, the former congressman and current 2020 presidential candidate. "It fundamentally changes the character of this country, and it leads to violence." O'Rourke's words were a moment of moral clarity that America so desperately needs right now. We just need a lot more.

Our intolerable state of affairs screams out for a crisis footing. We need McConnell to stop tweeting platitudinous baloney and call the Senate back from its summer recess and act on legislation that prevents gunmen from hunting human beings with weapons of warfare — a ban on military-style weapons that can kill or maim a person every second and the high-capacity magazines that feed them. If McConnell and the GOP leadership won't hold that vote — and they won't — then Democrats need to shut down Capitol Hill until it happens. There cannot be business as usual.

Saturday night, a meeting of the remarkable activists from Moms Demand Action — the preeminent anti-gun-violence group right now — was taking place in Washington, D.C., and as news poured in from El Paso, they swarmed the White House for a candlelight (and iPhone-light) protest at the White House that was powerful and profound. We should join them. All of us. People in Puerto Rico, Hong Kong and elsewhere have taken greater risks to protest behavior that — while undeniably outrageous — arguably is nowhere near as bad as what the 45th president is perpetrating.

But the real moment of clarity as the sun rises over El Paso and Dayton is that President Trump urgently needs to resign or be impeached. Already, 120 House members have signed onto impeachment. But while the frequently cited Mueller report does lay out serious high crimes and misdemeanors, the real reason for impeachment should be Trump's incitements to violence — which experts call stochastic terrorism — and his appeals to racism.

A president choosing to use the bully pulpit of his office to embrace racism — with the naked political goal of his own reelection — and now inspire mass murderers is the greatest abuse of American power in my lifetime, worse than the crimes of Richard Nixon's Watergate. This is exactly why the founders baked impeachment into the Constitution, and it's why the 2020 election may be too long for us to wait. If things are intolerable now — and they are — take a moment to ponder how much worse things can get over the next 15 months if we continue to do nothing.

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S&P 500 plunges as trade battle escalates

US retaliates, labels China a currency manipulator

By STAN CHOE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks plunged to their worst loss of the year Monday and investors around the world scrambled to sell on worries about how much President Donald Trump's worsening trade war will damage the global economy.

China let its currency, the yuan, drop to its lowest level against the dollar in more than a decade.

In retaliation, the U.S. Treasury Department labeled China a currency manipulator Monday after



Stocks fell Monday on worries about how much the trade war will damage the economy.

Beijing pushed down the value of its yuan in a dramatic escalation of the trade conflict between the world's two biggest economies.

China also halted purchases of U.S. farm products. The moves follow Trump's tweets last week that threatened tariffs on \$300

billion of Chinese goods, which would extend tariffs across almost all Chinese imports.

The escalating dispute between the world's largest economies is rattling investors unnerved about a global economy that was already slowing and falling U.S. corporate profits.

The S&P 500 dropped 87.31 points, or 3%, to 2,844.74 for its worst loss since December, when the market was wrapped in the throes of recession fears. It was down as much as 3.7% in the afternoon.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 767.27 — or 2.9% — to 25,717.74, and the Nasdaq composite fell 278.03, or 3.5%, to 7,726.04.

"A 3% drop in a day is very significant, and you're seeing sizable moves in every major foreign

market," said Rich Weiss, chief investment officer of multiasset strategies at American Century Investments.

"I am surprised at the market's surprise at China's retaliation," he said. "We started a fight, and when the opponent punches back, I'm not sure why we're surprised."

The sell-off began Monday in Asia, where indexes lost more than 1%, and intensified as it swept westward through Europe to the Americas. Investors in search of safety headed into U.S. government bonds, which sent yields plunging.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which rises with expectations of stronger economic

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Blue Cross to bring 550 jobs to South Side

Health insurance provider to open new center in former Target

By LISA SCHENCKER

About six months after Target closed two South Side stores, spurring community outrage, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois announced Monday that it plans to take over one of those spots, bringing some 550 jobs with it.

Blue Cross has leased a nearly 130,000-square-foot space that formerly housed a Target at 119th Street and Marshfield Avenue in Morgan Park, the health insurance company announced Monday.

Part of the facility will be offices for Blue Cross workers, and part of it will be used to help people in the community — and not just those with Blue Cross health insurance — such as by offering free yoga or nutrition classes.

The new center is expected to open in the first half of next year.

"It makes us more accessible to our employees who live across Chicagoland and Cook County," said Jill Wolowitz, vice president of government relations and community affairs at the health insurer. "It makes us more visible and accessible to our members who live throughout Chicago, and we're looking forward to providing some economic stimulus in a significant South Side neighborhood."

Most of the 550 jobs will be new ones, but the company is still working out what type of jobs will be included, Wolowitz said.

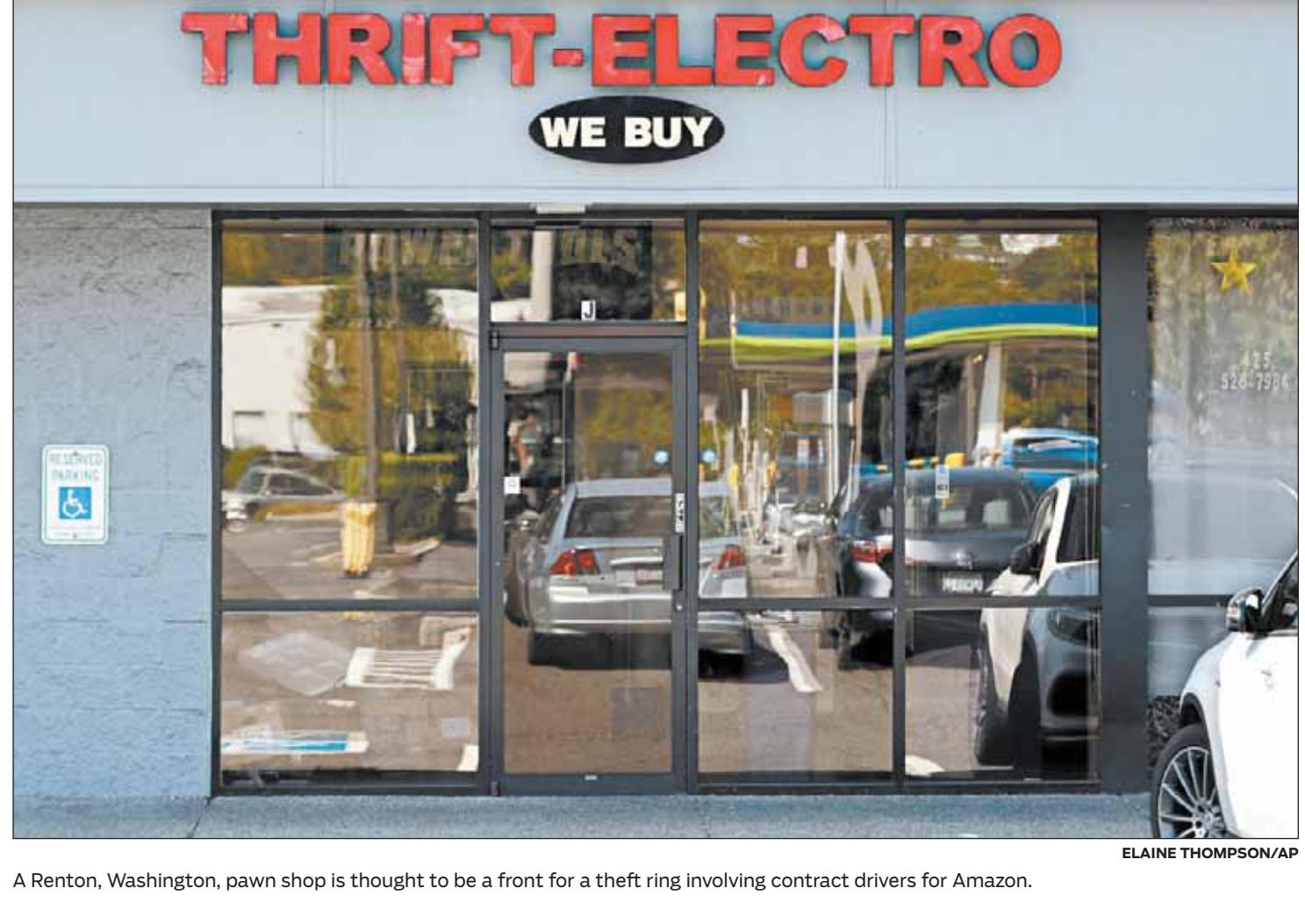
The company plans to recruit for many of those new jobs from the surrounding communities, through job fairs and other local opportunities, she said.

The deal came as welcome news to city and community leaders, who bemoaned the loss of the Target store in February at the shopping center, known as Marshfield Plaza.

The Target store was one of the few big-name, big-box retailers serving the area. Many residents took the closing personally and worried it would delay redevelopment in the area.

Their concerns rose to the highest levels of city hall, with then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel offering millions of dollars in tax assistance to Target to keep the Morgan Park and Chatham stores open. He also signed an executive

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A Renton, Washington, pawn shop is thought to be a front for a theft ring involving contract drivers for Amazon.

FBI: Amazon drivers in \$10M theft ring

Millions worth of goods allegedly stolen and sold at pawn shops

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The two contract delivery drivers working for Amazon had a clear-cut assignment: They were supposed to bring packages from a warehouse south of Seattle to a post office for shipping, or sometimes drive to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to pick up items that were being returned to the company.

Instead, the FBI said in a search warrant affidavit unsealed last month, they routinely stole the items and sold them at pawn shops.

A police detective last summer noticed that one of the drivers had dozens of pawn shop transactions, and thus began an investigation

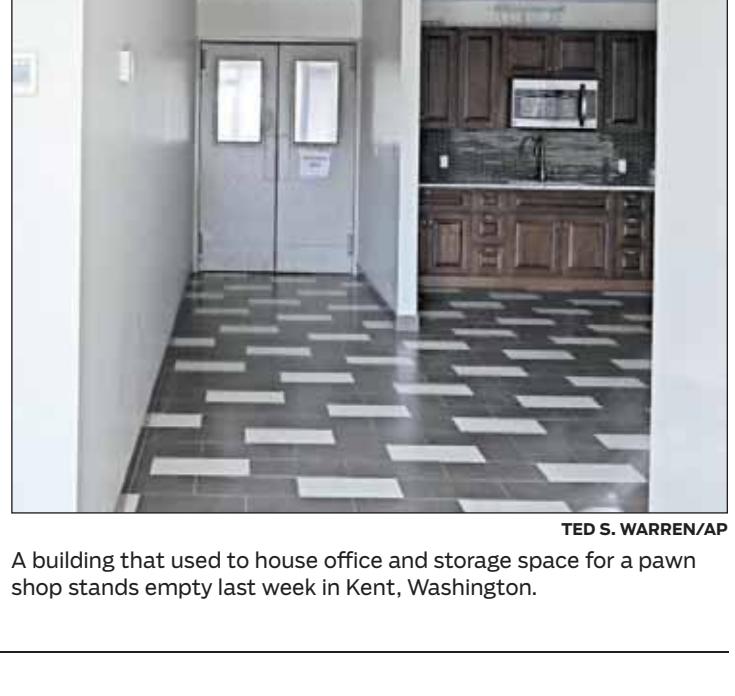
that uncovered a theft ring that sold millions of dollars' worth of stolen goods on Amazon.com in the past six years, the FBI said.

According to the search warrant affidavit, two storefront businesses posing as pawn shops bought the goods from shoplifters, then had the items shipped to Amazon warehouses, where they were stored until sold online.

Entities associated with the alleged ringleader did at least \$10 million in sales on Amazon since 2013, FBI agent Ariana Kroshinsky wrote in her affidavit. The agency said it was awaiting further records from Amazon to determine the full amount.

No charges have been filed as of

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A building that used to house office and storage space for a pawn shop stands empty last week in Kent, Washington.

Website used by El Paso gunman temporarily shut down

Cloudflare founder, who took down message board used by shooting suspect, has Chicago roots

By ROBERT CHANNICK

Matthew Prince, co-founder and CEO of network provider Cloudflare, terminated service for the controversial 8chan message board Monday used by the accused El Paso massacre suspect, temporarily shutting it down.

Prince, 44, who thrust himself into the national spotlight with the decision, has his entrepreneurial roots in Chicago, where he earned

a law degree, taught law school and launched his first tech company.

Cloudflare doesn't own 8chan and it isn't the administrator of the message board, but as a provider of security services against cyberattacks for more than 19 million internet properties, the California-based company has the power to disrupt a given platform — something it rarely does.

"We reluctantly tolerate content that we find reprehensible, but we draw the line at platforms that have demonstrated they directly inspire tragic events and are lawless by design," Prince said in a blog post early Monday. "8chan has crossed that line. It will therefore no longer be allowed to use our services."

The El Paso gunman allegedly posted an anti-immigration screed on 8chan before killing 22 people Saturday at a Walmart in El Paso,



on the Texas-Mexico border. A similar posting occurred on 8chan before previous mass shootings at a Poway, Calif., synagogue and at a mosque attack in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Here's what we know about Prince:

He went to law school in Chicago

Prince, who grew up in Park City, Utah, attended the University of Chicago Law School, earning

his degree in 2000. While he is a member of the Illinois bar, his resume on LinkedIn shows he has spent more time teaching law than practicing it.

In 2003, Prince joined the adjunct faculty at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where he taught cyberlaw and authored a scholarly paper on child registry laws to protect against internet spam.

On LinkedIn, Prince still lists himself as an adjunct faculty member at John Marshall, but hasn't taught there in a number of

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US adds 164,000 jobs as hiring slows in July

Unemployment rate remains at 3.7% for 2nd month in a row

BY JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers slowed their hiring in July but still added a solid 164,000 jobs to an economy that appears poised to extend its decade-long expansion.

The unemployment rate remained at 3.7% for a second straight month, the government said Friday. Average hourly earnings rose 3.2% from a year ago, up from a 3% year-over-year gain in June.

Though the pace of hiring has slowed this year, one reason is that a growing share of Americans already have jobs. Unemployment is near a half-century low. The overall U.S. economy remains on firm footing, and last month the expansion became the longest on record.



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"This report is a sigh of relief," said Daniel Zhao, a senior economist for the jobs site Glassdoor. "It had good solid numbers and was largely in line with expectations."

Still, the economy has faced some tumult as President Donald Trump has escalated his trade conflict with China.

On Thursday, Trump announced plans to impose tariffs on an additional \$300

billion of Chinese imports beginning in September. That move could slow U.S. economic growth if the tariffs remain in effect indefinitely, especially if Beijing retaliates as expected.

U.S. consumers will likely feel the pain. Trump's earlier tariffs had been designed to minimize the impact on ordinary Americans by focusing on industrial goods. But the new tariffs will hit a vast range of consumer

products.

The Fed on Wednesday cut its benchmark interest rate for the first time in a decade to try to counter the impact of Trump's trade wars, low inflation and global weakness.

As Trump's trade conflicts escalate, the economy and the job market could weaken. But for now, hiring appears solid.

"We're really at a sweet spot despite all the negatives swirling around us," said Robert Frick, corporate economist at Navy Federal Credit Union. Frick said the slowdown in monthly job gains was organic given the size of past gains and the length of expansion.

The trade frictions have been weighing on global financial markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down nearly 99 points Friday.

"The sometimes backward-looking nature" of the jobs data make it less relevant for the financial markets given the possibility of

additional tariffs against China that could raise prices for U.S. consumers, said Rick Rieder, BlackRock's chief investment officer of global fixed income.

In Friday's employment report for July, the government revised down its estimate of job growth for May and June by a combined 41,000. Over the past six months, the economy has added jobs at a monthly average of roughly 141,000. That is down from a monthly average of 236,000 during the same period last year.

One positive is that wage gains have been strongest for poorer workers. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said Wednesday that one reason to cut rates was to sustain the longest expansion in U.S. history because people living in distressed communities finally "are now getting opportunities to add new and better chapters to their lives."

Lower-wage industries reported that average

hourly earnings in those sectors jumped 4.6% from a year ago, considerably above the 2.5% pay gain for higher-wage industries, according to an analysis of the jobs report by Martha Gimbel, research director at the jobs site Indeed.

In July, several industry sectors posted solid gains. Health care added a robust 30,400 jobs. Restaurants and bars added 15,400 jobs. Local governments contributed 14,000 jobs, primarily in education. The finance and insurance industry added 13,900.

Manufacturers posted healthy gains of 16,000 jobs in July, though most of the growth was in the transportation sector that could soon be hit by auto plant layoffs.

Other areas showed some signs of weakness. Construction companies added just 4,000 workers. The transportation and warehousing sector added just 300 jobs. Retailers shed 3,600.

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last week, though investigators have raided the pawn shops and the home of the man identified as the ring-leader, Aleksandr Pavlovskiy, 44, of Auburn, Washington. Pavlovskiy's lawyer, Cristine Beckwith, did not return a message seeking comment.

A man who answered the door at one of the shops last week identified himself as Alex and told The Associated Press his business was legitimate, that he kept good records and he should not be in any trouble.

Among those who provided stolen items to the pawn shops were the two contract Amazon drivers, Kroshinsky said.

In a statement, Amazon said it does not tolerate fraud.

"When we learned there was an investigation into two contracted drivers, we cooperated with law enforcement by providing them the information they requested. Additionally, we strictly prohibit inauthentic or stolen goods from being offered in our store and take action when sellers do not comply," the statement said.

The investigation began last summer when a police detective in Auburn, a south Seattle suburb, was perusing

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— Amazon statement

excess of 100 mph, running red lights, driving across multiple lanes of travel and crashing into a field.

Detectives staked out the pawn shops, Innovation Best in Kent and Thrift-Electro in Renton, and observed that they appeared to be paying shoplifters cash for new items from Home Depot, Lowes and Fred Meyer department stores. Unlike typical pawn shops, they didn't make sales; instead, the products were moved to a warehouse and to Amazon "fulfillment centers," from where they were shipped when they were sold on Amazon's website by sellers using the handles "Bestforyouall" or "Freechipforyou," the affidavit said.

According to a database of pawnshop transactions reviewed by Auburn police, the suspect pawn shops paid more than \$41 million to sellers who brought them nearly 48,000 items in the past six years. The items included allergy medication, razors, electric toothbrushes

and tools in their original packaging. Detectives also conducted undercover operations in which they sold new items in their original packaging to the shops, which accepted them no questions asked, Kroshinsky wrote.

Amazon has several requirements for third-party sellers on its website: They must provide a business name, address, contact information, a valid credit card, and tax identity information.

Jon Reily, a vice president for the digital consultancy firm Publicis Sapient and previously the head of e-commerce user experience for Amazon Devices, said preventing the sale of stolen goods is a major challenge for the company, but retailers can be held liable if they don't do enough to ensure they're not selling stolen goods. Because it's impossible for Amazon to review "every Tide pod" that's sold on its site, the company will likely need to do more to vet sellers, Riley said.

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years, according to David Sorkin, the law school's associate dean for academic programs.

"He's a very bright guy," Sorkin said Monday. "He guest lectured in one class in addition to teaching one or two others. We've been in touch with him over the years, but he hasn't taught here probably for about 10 years."

He worked in the local tech sector

After graduating from law school, Prince worked as director of strategic communications for GroupWorks, a Chicago-based internet startup that provided insurance services to corporations. Prince said he

walked away with a "comfortable" amount of money when the company sold, according to a 2014 Forbes interview.

In 2001, Prince launched his own internet company, Unspam Technologies, in Chicago. The software and services company, now based in Utah, created anti-spam technology to help governments enforce laws, users maintain email privacy and marketers protect their proprietary contact lists. Unspam also helps monitor websites that send unsolicited and fraudulent email messages. Prince is still listed as chairman on the company's website.

"He understands both law and technology very well, and the interplay between them," Sorkin said. "On spam, he was looking at both technological and legal approaches to it. The idea is that neither law nor technolo-

ogy alone is very effective dealing with the problem, but the combination can work better."

Sorkin said Prince was not necessarily a high-profile tech figure in Chicago during the time he taught at John Marshall, but in the nascent world of anti-spam, he was an early force.

How he founded Cloudflare

Prince went back to school and earned an MBA from Harvard in 2009, where he and fellow classmate, Michelle Zatlyn, came up with the idea for Cloudflare — creating a service to stop internet threats. After graduation, they moved to California, raised startup funding and launched Cloudflare in 2010 with co-founder Lee Holloway.

"I can't say I'm surprised," Sorkin said of

Cloudflare's post-Chicago success with Cloudflare. "He's definitely an innovator and an entrepreneur."

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order requiring developers seeking TIF money for retail projects to get assurances from their large tenants that they are not planning to close stores in other parts of the city.

A Target spokeswoman said, at the time, that the company decided to shutter the two stores because of their performance, and the move was "not about a neighborhood or geography."

Abraham Lacy, president of the nonprofit Far South Community Development Corporation, said the Target closures were devastating for the largely African American, nearby neighborhoods. "It really did put a

hole into the economic fabric of the community," Lacy said.

He expects the new Blue Cross center to mean more professional jobs in the community and improved prospects for housing and other businesses. "This, to me, will be sort of a catalyst for new development happening on Chicago's Far South Side," he said.

The Blue Cross center's focus on wellness should also be a good fit for the area, which has many seniors, said Tina Sanders, CEO of Phalanx Family Services, a nonprofit workforce development organization about a mile away from the former Target store. Phalanx used to place interns and part-time workers at the store.

"That fills a void," she said. "That's excellent that they'll be recruiting from the

community."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration praised Blue Cross' plans in a Blue Cross news release Monday, saying it's the type of partnership the city needs to improve people's lives and boost economic development. The company is not getting any financial incentives from the city, county or state.

The center is the second to be opened by Blue Cross in Illinois. In April, the health insurance company opened a center in the Pullman neighborhood, though that location doesn't include offices. That center has served 2,000 people to date, according to the company.

The centers are part of a trend of health insurance companies trying to keep members healthier by working in and with commun-

ties. Other health insurers have opened similar centers across the country.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is the dominant health insurer in the state. The news Monday followed a recent shakeup at the top of Blue Cross' parent company Health Care Service Corporation, also based in Chicago. The company announced the departure of its president and CEO Paula Steinert last week.

Board member and former energy executive David J. Lesar is serving as interim CEO, and Maurice Smith, president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, was named the company's president.

Another Blue Cross executive, Steve Hamman, was named the new president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois last week.

Gatehouse-Gannett merger creates largest newspaper company in US

BY TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

expect the deal to close this year.

The combined company would take the Gannett name and keep its headquarters in Gannett's home of McLean, Virginia.

Consolidation is nothing new to either company. Gannett's last big U.S. print purchase was in 2016, when it bought papers in the Journal Media Group chain for \$280 million, including the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and The Commercial Appeal in Memphis. Gannett also owns dailies in major cities such as the Detroit Free Press and Arizona Republic.

Its more recent merger efforts have been unsuccessful. It failed in an unsolicited bid for newspaper chain Tribune. Gannett then fended off an unwanted bid by MNG Enterprises, better known as Digital First Media, a hedge fund-backed media group with a reputation for cutting jobs and letting papers wither.

GateHouse and Gannett are known as buyers of other papers. Bulking up lets companies cut costs — including layoffs in newsrooms — and centralize operations.

GateHouse's owner, New Media, is taking on new debt to get the deal done — a \$1.8 billion loan from private equity firm Apollo Global Management, which will have to be paid back.

Several experts said

they do not expect the Justice Department to have an issue with the deal, as the two companies have papers in different markets. The companies

showing that there is a severe lack of confidence that this is going to work out for us economically, at least in the short term," Weiss said.

The U.S. economy is still growing, the unemployment rate remains close to its healthiest level in nearly half a century and U.S. stock indexes set record highs just over a week ago.

But the escalating trade tensions and investors' disappointment that the Federal Reserve didn't commit to a lengthy series of interest-rate cuts at its meeting last week have since sent the S&P 500 on a six-day losing streak, its longest since October. The S&P 500 is 6% below its record.

The biggest threat coming out of the past week, he said, is that all the uncertainty about trade will scare CEOs and shoppers away from spending. That would threaten the expected ramp up in growth that economists have been expecting later this year.

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growth and inflation, fell to its lowest level since Trump's 2016 election energized markets, down to 1.72% from 1.85% late Friday.

The yield on the two-year note, which is more influenced by interest-rate moves from the Federal Reserve, sank to 1.58% from 1.71%. Both are unusually large moves.

A warning light of recession in the bond market also began shining more brightly, which traders said may have added to the selling pressure on stocks.

When short-term Treasury yields are higher than long-term rates, a rule of thumb says a recession may arrive in about a year. The three-month yield was at 2.00% Monday afternoon, 0.28 percentage points higher than the 10-year's yield. A month ago, it was 0.21 points higher.

"The market sell-off is

South Koreans shun Japanese goods

Boycott could worsen if curb on exports expanded

BY HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

BUNDANG, South Korea — When Lee Kyung Eon and her friend recently scrapped plans to go to Japan for summer vacation, they paid a \$135 penalty for canceling their plane tickets, joining a growing campaign in South Korea to boycott Japanese goods and services.

"We intended to do something that doesn't help Japan, even (it's) only a little thing," said Lee, a 26-year-old office worker in Bundang city, near Seoul. "Many people told us we did something really good."

A widespread anti-Japan boycott has gained ground in South Korea since Tokyo on July 1 tightened control of exports of three chemicals used to manufacture semiconductors and display screens — key export items for South Korea.

Japan's Cabinet on Friday approved the removal of South Korea from a list of countries with preferential trade status, prompting retaliation from Seoul where a senior official summoned the Japanese ambassador and told him that South Koreans may no longer consider Japan a friendly nation.

Waving banners and signs and chanting anti-Japan slogans, thousands of South Koreans marched in Seoul on Saturday to express their anger at Japan's decision. Huge crowds swarmed the streets in front of the Japanese Embassy, carrying signs that read "Boycott Japan" and "No Abe," referring to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. They shouted "We condemn the Abe government" and "Let's end humiliating South Korea-Japan relations."

South Korea accuses Japan of retaliating over



A sign campaigning for a boycott of Japanese-made products is displayed in a store in Seoul, South Korea, on July 12.

local court rulings last year that ordered two Japanese companies to pay compensation to former Korean employees for forced labor during Tokyo's 1910-45 colonization of the Korean Peninsula. Japan has denied that, saying its action was taken out of national security concerns.

Some question whether the boycott, mostly targeting consumer goods, can really hurt the Japanese economy as a majority of Japanese imports are parts and materials used in TVs, smartphones, semiconductors and other electronic products that South Korea exports. They worry the boycott could only aggravate the animosities as it may trigger a backlash from Japan.

But others say the campaign exposes the bitter resentments many South Koreans still harbor against Japanese beer and other products altogether.

A recent survey suggested 80% of South Koreans are reluctant to buy Japanese products.

Angry South Koreans have taken to Instagram and other social media, posting videos on their canceled Japan-bound plane tickets, sharing information on which Japanese companies operate in South Korea and expressing their support for the boycott.

At hypermarkets and 24-hour convenience stores, sales of Japanese beer have nose-dived. Beer is the most popular among Japanese products. For example, at E-mart, the largest retailer in South Korea, the sales of Japanese beer from July 1-24 declined by about 38% from the previous month. Tens of thousands of small supermarkets and convenience stores across South Korea have stopped selling Japanese beer and other products altogether.

Customs officials said the imports of Japanese cars from July 1-20 was estimated at about \$46 million — a 32% decrease from the same period last year. Fast Retailing Co., which operates Uniqlo, was forced to apologize recently after inviting criticism in South Korea over the remarks by one of its executives that the boycott won't last long.

"Even without Japanese products, there are still lots of things to sell, and customers aren't actually looking for Japanese products," said Dan Kil-su, owner of Seoul's Heemang supermarket who removed all Japanese products from shelves on July 5.

One of the store's regulars, Chon Jong Lee, supported Dan's action. "I think I originally had stronger anti-Japanese sentiments than other people. I have really bad feelings about them," Chon said.

Past anti-Japanese boy-

cotts didn't last long, but some say Japan's expected new exports limits could amplify the crisis.

"The boycott isn't helpful in resolving the conflict, though some may feel cool by venting their anger at (Japanese companies)," said analyst Lee Sangho at the Seoul-based private Korea Economic Research Institute. "If public sentiments (in both countries) get worse, we may see a situation that spirals out of control."

Lee Myon-woo at the private Sejong Institute near Seoul said the boycott likely will have a limited effect on the Japanese economy.

Some worry the boycott will eventually undermine the South Korean economy because a withdrawal of Japanese companies would lead to their South Korean employees losing their jobs, while fewer tourists would incur losses for South Kore-

an tour agencies.

Ahn Kyung-su, a researcher in Seoul who planned to visit Tokyo recently for his summer vacation, called the boycott "anachronistic" and illogical. "Our TV stations mostly use Japanese-made cameras. So do we have to stop watching their programs?" Ahn asked.

Japan hasn't yet reported a similar eruption of anti-South Korean sentiments. K-pop superstars BTS' four concerts in Japan last month reportedly drew a total of 210,000 spectators.

At Shin-Okubo, a major Korea Town in downtown Tokyo, business was as usual last week, with many Japanese looking for K-pop music, Korean food, cosmetics and other merchandise.

Misaki Toguchi, a 14-year-old student from Saitama, north of Tokyo, said her devotion to BTS and K-pop is unshakable despite the news of the disputes. "There is absolutely no change; I still really like Korea," Toguchi said.

The two countries are closely linked culturally. Many South Koreans like dining at Japanese restaurants, watching Japanese animation films and traveling to small towns in Japan.

Speaking before a large placard hung at his Heemang store that partly reads "We are not selling Japanese products," Dan said his family canceled plans to go to Mount Fuji this summer. "In fact, Japan has been a country that I've wanted to visit," he said.

Lee Kyung Eon, who decided to go to Taiwan with her friend this month instead of Japan, said she also used to enjoy Asahi beer, sushi, soba and other Japanese foods.

She admitted there have been ups and downs in her feelings toward Japan.

"The level of my hatred against Japan is now at one of the worst points in my life," Lee said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,259.23 Low: 25,523.38 Previous: 26,485.01



LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.16	-.26	Equity Commonwealth	N	33.43	-.56	Middleby Corp	O	124.16	-4.97
AbbVie Inc	N	65.23	-.12	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	124.74	-.17	Mondelez Intl	O	52.26	-1.54
Allstate Corp	N	101.78	-.27	Equity Residential	N	78.18	-.23	Morningstar Inc	O	149.16	-2.49
Aptargroup Inc	N	117.08	-.94	Exelon Corp	N	44.42	-.33	Motorola Solutions	N	168.73	-1.35
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.78	-.29	First Indl RT	N	36.77	-.76	NIsource Inc	N	28.11	-1.60
Baxter Intl	N	81.91	-.29	Gallagher AJ	N	86.45	-.36	Old Republic	N	21.83	-.74
Boeing Co	N	331.06	-.85	Grainger WW	N	268.83	-.756	Packaging Corp Am	N	99.60	-1.65
Brunswick Corp	N	45.46	-.17	GrubHub Inc	N	69.04	-.67	Paylocity Hldg	O	92.37	-7.31
CBOE Global Markets	N	114.77	-.17	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	100.06	-.386	RLI Corp	N	88.30	-2.03
CDK Global Inc	O	47.54	-.312	IDEX Corp	N	155.93	-.565	Stericycle Inc	O	43.86	-1.57
CDW Corp	O	107.53	-.81	ITW	N	146.68	-.499	TransUnion	N	79.49	-2.28
CF Industries	N	50.74	-.194	Ingredion Inc	N	76.64	-.189	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.55	...
CME Group	O	201.88	-.328	John Bean Technol	N	101.53	-.582	US Foods Holding	N	35.14	+.46
CNA Financial	N	46.31	-.77	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	135.18	-.806	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	330.14	-6.88
Cabot Microelect	O	110.31	-.578	Kemper Corp	N	76.81	-.949	United Airlines Hldg	O	85.59	-3.84
Caterpillar Inc	N	121.65	-.289	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.44	-.77	Ventas Inc	N	67.87	-.96
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.00	-.27	Deere Co	N	151.06	-.764	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	51.87	-1.81
Deere Co	N	151.06	-.764	Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.20	-.348	Wintrust Financial	O	66.21	-2.32
Dover Corp	N	89.90	-.285	Littelfuse Inc	O	155.50	-.363	Zebra Tech	O	199.67	+.74
				McDonalds Corp	N	210.45	-.403				

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	33.49	-.68
Chesaph Enrgy	1.56	-.08
Gen Electric	9.66	-.34
Ford Motor	9.23	-.05
Pfizer Inc	36.96	-.104
AT&T Inc	33.49	-.68
Yamana Gold Inc	3.41	+.25
Alibaba Group Hldg	153.67	-.733
Vale SA	11.56	-.72
Wells Fargo & Co	46.14	-.130
Transocean Ltd	4.95	-.33
Snap Inc A	16.46	-.57
Barrick Gold	17.59	+.68
Freepet McMoRan	10.07	-.23
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.73	-.15
Ambev S.A.	5.09	-.15
Cemex SAB de CV	3.10	-.21
Petrobras	14.18	-.77
Energy Transfer L.P.	13.30	-.53
Twitter Inc	40.37	-.248
Sprint Corp	6.66	-.19
Square Inc	64.85	-.475
Citigroup	65.18	-.243
Harmony Gold Min	2.85	+.19

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	33.49	-.68
Alibaba Group Hldg	153.67	-.733
Alphabet Inc C	115.23	-.4167
Alphabet Inc A	115.45	-.75
Amazon.com Inc	176.13	-.5811
Apple Inc	139.34	-.1068
Bank of America	28.08	-.130
Berkshire Hath B	197.73	-.494
Disney	138.30	-.341
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.28	-.147
Facebook Inc	181.73	-.729
HSBC Holdings prA	26.23	-.22
JPMorgan Chase	109.57	-.336
Johnson & Johnson	130.16	-.91
MasterCard Inc		

OBITUARIES

JOHN 'JACK' CONNELLY 1946-2019

Nonprofit director worked with youth who dropped out of school

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

John "Jack" Connelly was the former executive director of Jobs for Youth in Chicago, a nonprofit group formed in 1979 to work with young people who had dropped out of school.

"Jack's aim was to move young people into jobs that had a decent wage and that at the same time allowed them to get the kind of career experience that would motivate them to seek higher education," said Bob Wordlaw, a retired executive director of the Chicago Jobs Council. "And he went directly to the employers themselves and got them into buying into hiring and mentoring these young people."

Connelly, 72, died June 20 of heart failure at his home in Laguna Woods, California, said his husband, Bob Gaither. A former Lakeview resident, Connelly also had been battling lung cancer.

Born John Dooley Connally in Chicago, Connelly graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette in 1964 and received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1968. He went on to get a master's degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University in 1973 and a Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1976.

Early in his career, Connelly taught special education in Kentucky and also worked in theater in the Woodlawn neighborhood on the South Side, as a local theater director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Neighborhood Youth Corps street theater program. In that role, Connelly planned speech and drama pro-



JOSE OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jack Connelly, executive director for Jobs for Youth, talks about the job market for young teens in the Chicago area in May 1993.

grams for disadvantaged young men and women, ages 14 to 21, in Woodlawn.

Connelly later oversaw the city of Chicago's Health Systems Agency, which was a health planning agency that made health care recommendations to the state. In 1980, he was named executive director of Jobs for Youth in Chicago, a Loop-based nonprofit that had opened the previous year with the aim of serving inner-city high school dropouts ages 18 to 21.

"He was an uber-enthusiast when it came to advocating for employment for young people from ignored communities," said former Chicago Reporter editor Laura S. Washington. "He fiercely rejected the stereotypes that young people of color could not succeed in the business world. He was able to get top corporate execs on the phone and get them to commit to giving these kids a chance. And he kept them working."

"If you ask what makes us work, it's really simple. Jobs for Youth abhors involun-

tary poverty — that's the guiding direction for everything we do," Connelly told the Tribune in 1984. "We're not a missionary. We want to work with kids who have made a commitment to themselves to do something with their lives, and we're closely woven with some corporations that want to help."

Connelly said that while the program taught rudimentary job skills and gave job-seekers a nudge, ultimate success was in the hands of the applicants.

"The number one thing they have to learn is dependability. We have a rule that states if they're late twice, they're out of the program," he told the Tribune in 1987. "The second thing is expectations. Work is not a social situation. They have to learn they're there to do something."

Wordlaw noted that Connelly built a strong network of corporate supporters. At one point, he was working with more than 350 businesses in the Chicago area each year, making about 1,000 unsubsidized job placements.

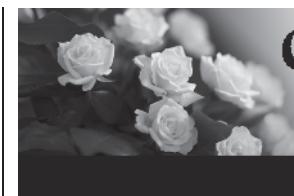
Connelly retired from Jobs for Youth in 2000, and after that, he and Gaither moved to Cuernavaca, Mexico. They returned to Chicago in 2006, and he later worked for a time for the Pegasus Theatre in Chicago and also consulted to nonprofits and business organizations.

Connelly and Gaither moved to Laguna Woods, California, in 2016.

There were no other immediate survivors.

Services will be private.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Bergstrom, Larry

Larry Bergstrom, age 88, suddenly, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, late of Oak Forest, formerly of Grand Crossing. Adoring husband for 65 years of Marie (née Rago); devoted father of Jim, Bob (Hui Cao), Linda (Howie Boone) Bergstrom, Cindy (Boguski), and Cathy (Michael) Losito; loving grandfather of Jimmy, Danielle, Marie, Bobby, Yuhang, Laura, Michelle, Erica, Anthony (Stephanie), Nicole, Giovanni, Vincent and many more; proud great-grandfather of Matt, Franki, John and Violet; dear brother of the late Alan (late Beatrice) Bergstrom; fond brother-in-law of the late Frank A. Rago; kind uncle of many nieces and nephews. Larry was a Chicago Cubs fan as well as an avid fisherman and bowler. Visitation Wednesday, 2 - 9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, 9:15 a.m. from Thorndige Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service) 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic, U-turn permitted at 143rd St.) to St. Julie Billiart Church Mass, 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. 708-460-2300 or thorndigefuneralhomes.com

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Berman, Muriel I.

Muriel I. Berman nee Isaacson, age 86. Beloved wife of the late Earl. Loving mother of Audrie Berman (Mark Mendelsohn), Cynthia (Randy) Brown and Janet Berman-Brooks. Proud grandmother of Sarah (Shimon) Birnbaum, Jason (fiancée Jamie Fishman) Brown, Emma Courtney, Alex Courtney, Spencer Brooks and Morgan Brooks. Adored great grandmother of Davida Birnbaum. Dear sister of the late Charles Isaacson. Retired teacher at Westmoor School in Northbrook, IL. Service Wednesday 12PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah Chicago-North Shore, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062 or Jewish National Fund, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 725, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.jnf.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfn.info

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Cartland, Paula Price

Paula Price Cartland, 82 passed away peacefully on 08/02/2019 after a long illness.

Paula loved her family, friends, acting, dancing, flowers, plays and most of all, she loved her devoted husband. She was a loving mother, stepmother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend.

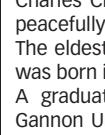
Paula was preceded in death by her daughter Bonni Smith, her sister Susan Fischman and her parents Maurie and Silvia Price.

Paula is survived by her husband John Cartland, her brother Paul Price, daughter Nancy Smith, son Benjamin Smith and stepchildren: Mary Wihlborg, Susan Cartland, Jenifer Cartland, Jack Cartland, Doug Cartland and her many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

She was loved by all and will be missed. The family will hold a memorial for Paula at a later date.

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Cooney, Charles Christopher "Chris"



Charles Christopher "Chris" Cooney passed away peacefully on August 2nd, 2019.

The eldest child of Charles and Ruth Cooney, Chris was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on October 12, 1941. A graduate of Cathedral Prep High School and Gannon University, Chris went on to proudly serve as a Marine in the Vietnam War where he earned two Bronze Stars. After the war, he went on to become a titan of industry as one of the founding members of Tellabs.

Accomplished in every sense of the word, Chris was most proud of his labor of love as a father to Sara (Michael) Schimmel, Brendan (Denise) Cooney, and Chris (Mara) Cooney. An adoring grandfather to 13 grandchildren- Mac, Sam, Emma, Matthew, Ben, Jack, Natalie, Audrey, Graham, Charlie, Patrick, Declan, Brendan, and a loyal brother to Dan Cooney, Karen (Tom) Breese, and Robin Cooney.

Chris will be remembered for his extensive philanthropic work. Among his most notable contributions were the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, The Scarlet and Gold Committee of the Marine Corps, Gannon University, and the Disabled Patriot Fund.

Chris's legacy will be carried on by his adoring family and friends, the many lives he influenced as a mentor, and by the countless communities he touched through his generosity and grace. As a founding member of Black Sheep Golf Club, he will be missed by his friends on the course and beyond. Chris led a full and interesting life and was one of the most humble and generous men anyone will ever know.

Semper Fi
Oorah!!

Family and Friends to meet at St. Joan of Arc Church 820 Division St., Lisle Saturday August 10, 2019 from 10-11:30 A.M. for Visitation. Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 11:30 A.M. Interment private.

Arrangements entrusted to West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Anthony P. Cappetta & Son Directors. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsurbanfh.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following:

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Marine Corp Scholarship Fund 909 North Washington St., Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314 www.mcsf.org

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Fleming, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Fleming nee O'Shea. Beloved wife of the late Frederick; loving mother of Robert (Kara), Fred (Marcie) and Mary; dearest step mother of Judy (Thomas) Rowan; dear grandmother of Mary Ann, Kathy, Michael, Jean, Brendan, Liam, Patrick and great grandmother of Greer and Rafter; also many fond nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 11 AM from the Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home 7710 W Addison St to St Francis Borgia Church for a 11:30 AM mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3 PM-9 PM 773-625-3444

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Gehopolos, Christine

Christine Gehopolos, nee, Stamos, 100, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2019. She is the beloved wife of the late Zach Gehopolos; loving daughter of James and Catherine Stamos; dear sister of John, Samuel, Zoe Rummel, Sophie Carres and Bessie Mashos; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. Family and friends will meet on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Rd., Glenview, for visitation at 10:00 am until the time of funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Greek American Nursing and Rehab, 220 N First St., Wheeling, IL 60090. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. 847-375-0095

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Himmel, Ivan

Ivan Himmel, 93, died Saturday, August 3, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Ivan was preceded by his beloved wife of 50 years, Lucille Himmel, his parents, Vera and Louis Himmel, brother Harold Himmel, sister-in-law Joyce Himmel, and sister Jeanne Friedman. He is survived by his devoted children, Jeffrey Himmel (Cindy), Joan Himmel Freeman (Rickey), Scott Himmel (Deborah), and Allyson Bass (the late Mark Bass), eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Born in Chicago on May 2, 1926, Ivan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1948. He served in the Navy for eight years, first on the USS Providence and later, in naval intelligence. Foregoing joining the family's fur business, he started his own real estate construction and development company, Maritime Construction Co., at age 27, attending DePaul Law School simultaneously. A committed scholar of Judaism and advocate of Jewish causes, he was named Honorary Director of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education and later honored as a Lifetime Director of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Ivan's devotion to his family was paramount. With fierce intelligence, a constant thirst for knowledge and an endless sense of adventure, Ivan set the highest bar for himself and his children. His life motto was "never be bored." He was loved and admired by all, the rarest of true gentlemen. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 6, 12 noon at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago, followed by the interment at Oak Woods Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Cognitive Alzheimer Disease Center (CNADC) at Northwestern Medicine, 420 E. Superior St., Chicago IL 60611. Funeral information available at (847) 256-5700.

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Hoffman, Gerald Morton

Gerald Morton Hoffman, PhD, passed away at his home in Chicago at the age of 92 on July 15th, 2019. Born October 31st, 1926, he completed a B.S. at Purdue University and obtained a private pilot's license. During World War II he served in the US Navy. After earning his PhD at Northwestern, he served as Executive Vice President for Computer Services at Amoco and President of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences. Dr. Hoffman enjoyed sailing, woodworking, and underwater photography. Predeceased by his first wife Pat Rosen, his second wife May Weber, and his brother Sinclair, he is survived by his brother Richard Hoffman and daughters, Melinda Hoffman and Soma Reese Getty Priddle. The family will hold a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to the Gwendolyn Farms Animal Fund, 17719 Lariat Avenue, Norwalk, WI 54648.

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Katz, Maxine L.

Maxine L. Katz, 79, beloved wife of Lewis for over 59 wonderful years; devoted mother of Robert, Michele and the late Susan Katz; cherished "Mommer" of Liam and Caleb; dear sister of Leslie (David) Kandel, Chelsea's "best friend", loving aunt and friend to many. Chapel service Wednesday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Chai (www.templechaj.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Kelly, Barbara R.

Barbara R. Kelly "Aunt Barbara". Beloved daughter of the late J. Frank Kelly, Sr. and Sarah, nee Brogan. Dear sister of Rev. William, S. J., Edward (Laurette) and Maureen (the late Jeremiah) Bransfield, and the late Frank "Bud" (the late Mary), Eugene (Mary Ellen), Catherine, Thomas and Sarah. Dear aunt of twenty seven nieces and nephews and great aunt to nineteen. Dear friend to so many. Barbara was a Rosary College graduate and worked as a head librarian for Commonwealth Edison Co. for over 40 years. Funeral Thursday, August 8th, 10:30 AM from Peterson-Bassi Chapels, 6938 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60707, to St. Giles Church for a Mass at 11 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, August 7th, 3 PM to 8 PM at Peterson-Bassi Chapels. Memorial contributions to Trinity High School or Dominican University.

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Kupfer, Harvey N.

Harvey N. Kupfer, age 82. Beloved husband of Elaine nee Marcus. Loving father of Marla (Bradley) Grabell, Joseph (Julie Smith) Kupfer, Michael (Christine) Kupfer and former father-in-law of Roxanne Kupfer. Proud grandfather of Zachary Kupfer, Brooke (Steven) Murovanny, Jaime Grabell, Paige Kupfer, Max Kupfer, Benjamin Kupfer and Alexander Kupfer. Brother of Marvin (Lynn) Kupfer. He was a friend of many. Service Wednesday 1PM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Cong. BJBE, www.bjbe.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by: Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfn.info

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ON AUGUST 6 ...

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began to debate the articles contained in a draft of the Constitution.

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis I abdicated.

In 1825, Bolivia declared its independence from Peru.

In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair as he was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia, and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first woman to swim the English Channel, completing the feat in 14 1/2 hours. **Also in 1926** Warner Bros. premiered its Vitaphone sound-on-disc movie system in New York.

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
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JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
ANTON J CHEEKS A MINOR

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01142

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, TOMMY RUCKER
(FATHER), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM
IT MAY CONCERN, that on July 24, 2019, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY
OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant
State's Attorney in this court and that in the
courtroom of Judge JUDY ROSADO in
the 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois on **08/20/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN
CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 2,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be
heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held
upon the petition to have the minor declared
to be a ward of the court and for other relief
under the Act. The court has authority in
this case to take from you the custody and
guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show
cause to the contrary, an order or judgment
by default may be entered against you for
the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
August 6, 2019

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
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IN THE INTEREST OF
Cayden Harris Keegan Heacock

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jade Harris
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00270 19JA00271

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dalton Heacock
(Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers
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petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff
in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON 08/26/2019, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR
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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
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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
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YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT
TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 6, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
RICHARD PALACIOS

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD00969

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, RICHARD PALACIOS
(FATHER), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM
IT MAY CONCERN, that on June 25, 2019, a
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Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY
OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant
State's Attorney in this court and that in the
courtroom of Judge STUART LUBIN in
the 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois on **08/20/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN
CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
August 6, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
RICHARD PALACIOS A MINOR

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD00969

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, LUCECITA RAMIREZ
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August 6, 2019

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TO: HECTOR SEGURA; Persons tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001372 FILED: May 29, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0006105 2015 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 4242 W. GEORGE ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 13-27-218-022-000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 27, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 27, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 18, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 27, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 31, 2019 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6393845

TO: KARENA YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK FIRST COMMUNITY BANK AND TRUST, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #2015-0482 DATED 11/16/2015 OCCUPANT MICHAEL COOMBS DAVID HUTSON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001399 FILED May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 22, 2017 Certificate No. 15-001123 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4525 S. AVENUE M, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 32-18-214-011-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 27, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 27, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 18, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 27, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 15, 2019. Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6383509

TO: KARENA YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK ELIZABETH KIBBEY OCCUPANT BETTY SCHREMENTI, TRUSTEE OF THE SCHREMENTI TRUST DATED 11/10/2008 VINCENT SCHREMENTI DIONICIO VEGA UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001406 FILED May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 22, 2017 Certificate No. 15-001139 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2013 2ND, 2014 2ND INCLUDED) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3325 FLORENCE AVE STEGER, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-33-329-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 27, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 27, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 27, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 8, 2019. Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6383513

TO: KARENA YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK 6202 CENTENNIAL DR PEOPLES BANK SB SUCCESSOR TO FIRST PERSONAL BANK MACA INVESTMENTS I, LLC, C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES MACA INVESTMENTS I, LLC, RA: JAMES PITACORA, MACA INVESTMENTS I, LLC, MANAGER: JAMES H MCCLELLAND, EQUITY TRUST COMPANY, CUSTODIAN FBO CHRISTIAN DELMAN, IR: OCCUPANT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001445 FILED June 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 22, 2017 Certificate No. 15-001144 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2243 PLUM CREEK DR, SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS 60411 Legal Description or. Property Index No. 33-31-119-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 27, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 27, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, 60602, Courtroom 1704, on December 13, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 27, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 15, 2019. Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6383543

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TO: LDJ PROPERTIES, INC., C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE DEFUNCT CORP DIVISION; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001413 FILED: May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0003245 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 14208 S. MICHIGAN AVE., DOWNTOWN LEGAL Description or Property Index No(s). 2009-204-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 29, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 29, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 2020, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 29, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: August 1, 2019 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6396003

TO: OCCUPANT, 830 ELDER RD, UNIT 315, HOMEDALE, ID 83640; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001454 FILED: May 31, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0007352 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 5530 S. WELLS ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 20-16-202-052-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 29, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 29, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 2020, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 29, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: August 1, 2019 Balin Law, PC Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6396024

TO: KARENA YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK KENNETH W HOUDEK, VICKIE M HOLLOW, OCCUPANT PATRICE MCEWEN UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001400 FILED May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 24, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0011144 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 429 W 16TH ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-19-411-044-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 13, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 15, 2019. Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6383404

TO: KARENA YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK MICHAEL DIVINEY OCCUPANT MICHAEL DIVINEY INC, PRESIDENT: MICHAEL DIVINEY UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001402 FILED May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 24, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0011144 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 270 W 16TH ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-315-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 29, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent foreclosures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 29, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on December 13, 2019 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 29, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 FNA 2018-1, LLC, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Purchaser or Assignee. Dated July 15, 2019. Pub: 8/5, 6, 7/2019 6383411

TO: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COOK COUNTY CLERK TAXPAYER OF ANGEL HERMAN BMO HARRIS BANK, NA BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC., RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC., KATHRYN MADISON, PRESIDENT UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERAL TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001404 FILED May 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 24, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0011299 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1953 LAKE SHORE DR, LYNWOOD, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 33-112-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 27, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at

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Victor Caratini, hitting in the third inning Monday night against the A's, will get the bulk of the playing time at catcher with Willson Contreras on the IL with a strained hamstring.

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Hurtin' for certain

IL stints for Contreras, Kimbrel could spell trouble for Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES

Cubs manager Joe Maddon didn't hesitate Monday when asked who would replace injured closer Craig Kimbrel.

"It's committee time," Maddon said after Kimbrel was placed on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to Sunday, because of right knee inflammation.

A deeper committee will be needed the next four weeks to replace Willson Contreras' arm and bat. An MRI revealed the All-Star catcher, who went on the IL on Sunday, suffered a Grade 2

strain of his right hamstring.

The Cubs learned the severity of Contreras' injury five days after they traded backup catcher Martin Maldonado to the Astros hours before the trade deadline. The location of the injury is slightly higher than the strain Contreras suffered nearly two years ago that sidelined him for a month.

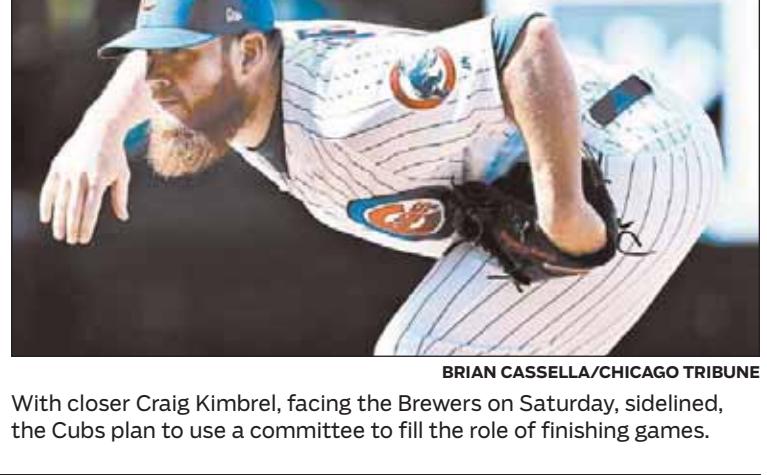
Maddon said he believes the Cubs possess enough depth to cover for the absence of Kimbrel, who felt discomfort while earning a save Saturday. Kimbrel thinks he can return when he's eligible Aug. 14.

However, "the catching part is the more difficult one to imagine right now," Maddon said.

That's especially true after trading Maldonado, whom the Cubs had acquired July 15 as insurance after Contreras went on the IL with a right foot bruise.

"A lot of it came down to player happiness," general manager Jed Hoyer said. "It's hard to keep three guys happy."

"No doubt keeping three and having that depth on the 25-man roster, in theory, it works. But in

Turn to **Cubs**, Page 3BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
With closer Craig Kimbrel, facing the Brewers on Saturday, sidelined, the Cubs plan to use a committee to fill the role of finishing games.

In a new position, Coward thinks big

After resisting move from DL, his goal is to be a Pro Bowl offensive lineman

DAVID HAUGH
*In the Wake
of the News*

BOURBONNAIS — An NFL player who grew up in New York with parents from Barbados, Rashaad Coward knows something about culture shock.

When it came to sports, Coward's family preferred cricket and soccer to football, which the wrestling fan didn't play until eighth grade. Size and strength helped Coward assimilate quickly.

But nothing prepared Coward, an undrafted defensive lineman from Old Dominion whom the Bears converted into an offensive tackle, for the eye-opening experience of blocking Khalil Mack.

One practice last year in particular introduced Coward to his brave new world.

"Oh, my goodness, one day I had Khalil across from me and punched him and he absorbed it and just kept running through me even though I did everything right," Coward recalled after a recent workout. "I work hard at my technique. I thought I was improving. So I asked him afterward, 'What did I do wrong?'

"He just laughed and said, 'Nothing, man. You were good. It's just, well, I'm Khalil Mack.' I got that."

And who is Rashaad Coward?

Besides being the guy lucky enough to regularly face

JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bears offensive tackle Rashaad Coward signs items for fans at training camp last week in Bourbonnais.**BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER****Lyman pioneered shifts, stunts**

Our pick at No. 31, **Link Lyman**, was a star tackle on both offense and defense and helped the Bears win the NFL title in 1933. **Back Page**

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BEARS

No timetable for Burton's return

Nagy 'trying to protect him a little bit' in recovery from sports hernia surgery

BY DAN WIEDERER

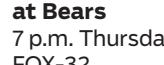
Tight end Trey Burton missed his third consecutive practice Monday as the Bears emphasize a cautious approach to his recovery from offseason sports hernia surgery.

Burton, who missed the team's play-off loss to the Eagles in January, sat out practice Friday as a scheduled day off. The sixth-year tight end also missed Saturday's Family Fest practice at Soldier Field and was held out again as the team returned to Olivet Nazarene University.

"It's not a setback," coach Matt Nagy said. "It's more of ... I'm trying to protect him a little bit. I need him and we need him 100 percent for Week 1."

Nagy stressed that the Bears are working to build Burton a proper bridge to the season opener against the Packers on Sept. 5 — four weeks from Thursday. That means being in tune with how Burton is feeling and also erring on the side of caution going forward.

It seems unlikely at this point that Burton would play in any of the four preseason games this month. A timetable for



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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Cubs drag feet on netting

The quaint signs around Wrigley Field's lower concourse show a cute stylized bear cub with a mitt in pursuit of a fly ball.

"Be Alert for Foul Balls!" the signs warn ticket holders on the way to their seats.

Thanks to amped-up exit velocities of modern-day baseball, however, the old signs are no substitute for protective netting.

Alert or not, that poor little bear is likely to be nailed by a scorching line drive one of these days — even if it's not distracted by the massive video boards, a mobile phone or any of the other prevalent 2019 ballpark distractions the way flesh-and-blood fans are.

Every few days around the majors, it seems, some fan gets taken away for observation after being struck by a foul ball.

Players such as the Cubs' Albert Almora Jr., who in May inadvertently sent a 4-year-old at a Cubs-Astros game in Houston to the emergency room with what her family lawyer reported was a cracked skull, have called for teams to extend the safety netting, which only last year was stretched to at least the end of dugouts to prevent exactly this sort of ugliness.

Yet even as some major-league teams have announced plans to extend the netting — and the White Sox across town were the first to install it from foul pole to foul pole — the Cubs say they aren't sure what they're going to do or when.

"We are currently exploring and researching expansion of protective netting," team spokesman Julian Green said by email. "No decision has been made to date."

"Given the pitch and slope of our field walls, which are not a straight line, there is a bit more complexity to installing and securing protective netting to the foul pole. We will review all available options to determine the safest and enjoyable environment for our fans."

It's true the Cubs' freshly refurbished and modernized 1914 ballpark — a relic of faster games, deader baseballs and more focused fans — isn't as easily retrofitted for safety netting as others. Plus, some of the paying customers in the line of fire have made clear they want no such barrier between them and the action.

But it's not as though the issue of fan safety is going away. Extended netting seems inevitable — if not to the foul poles, then at least farther down the line.

Even if a specific design and plan to



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
New safety netting like that at Guaranteed Rate Field has yet to come to Wrigley Field.

install it can't be finalized yet, surely it makes sense to commit to some extension of the netting, not just for the Cubs but for all of the teams that have yet to say they will increase the protection.

Green noted that when the Cubs in 2018 joined every other ballclub in extending their nets at least to the far end of the dugouts at Wrigley Field and their spring training home in Arizona, Sloan Park, it resulted in a 60% reduction in foul-ball injuries last year compared with 2017.

Why not reduce the number of injuries further? Why can't the confines of Wrigley be as safe as they are friendly?

"While there are some teams that have moved faster than others," Green explained, "we have to ensure any solution we explore at Wrigley Field can be installed and secured properly given the configuration of our field walls, which are unique given our landmark status."

The Cubs obviously don't want their fans at risk, and the club has made so many other changes to the ballpark to marry early 20th-century nostalgia with the realities of early 21st-century sports.

One more alteration can't possibly hurt, but foul balls rocketing off the bat at 100-plus mph can.

Fans throughout baseball are closer than ever to the action. Players are stronger and more powerful. Besides the balls, there are bats slipping out of players' hands or break-

ing apart.

An oft-cited 2014 analysis by Bloomberg News found 1,750 major-league fans are injured each year, primarily by foul balls and broken bats. That's more than the 1,536 batters hit by pitches in 2013, according to Bloomberg, and those guys wear helmets and other protective gear.

Not all fan injuries are serious, but some are absolutely gruesome, potentially fatal.

Little wonder ballplayers such as Almora are left distraught.

When netting finally is extended, some people will grumble. But in time they, too, will accept it as ordinary, like goalie masks in hockey and seat belts in cars.

Extended netting reduces the likelihood of a fan interfering with a ball in play.

Another bonus is the nets can facilitate some amazing plays, such as when Mets outfielder Jeff McNeil made an acrobatic catch of a foul ball hit by Eloy Jimenez of the White Sox the other day. McNeil flew into the net after making the grab, then bounced safely back to his feet rather than crash into the crowd.

High-arcing fouls will continue to sail over netting and land in the stands, enabling grownups to vie with kids for a free baseball while they're simultaneously shielded from the 100 mph cowhide-clad cannonballs.

That can't be all bad for men, women, children — or even cartoon bears.

LET'S PLAY 2

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	Tuesday @Tigers (2) 12:10, 6:10 NBCSCH	Wednesday @Tigers 12:10 p.m. WGN-9
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	Saturday Impact 8 p.m. ESPN+	Aug. 14 @Timbers 10 p.m. ESPN+
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TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

BASEBALL

12:10 p.m. White Sox at Tigers NBCSCH

WGN-AM 720

6:10 p.m. White Sox at Tigers NBCSCH

WGN-AM 720

7 p.m. Braves at Twins MLB

7:05 p.m. Athletics at Cubs NBCSCH+

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10 p.m. Cardinals at Dodgers (in progress) MLB

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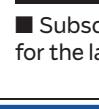
ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

Which wide receivers need a standout camp to make the team?

@wordsofshew

You're probably talking more about a standout preseason to make the team. I wrote about the depth at the position last week and suggested the possibility the Bears could consider keeping seven wide receivers. Five are a near lock to make the roster barring an injury: Allen Robinson, Anthony Miller, Taylor Gabriel, Cordarrelle Patterson and Riley Ridley. Javon Wims is in a very good spot. So who needs to step up to make the roster? The receivers I did not list.



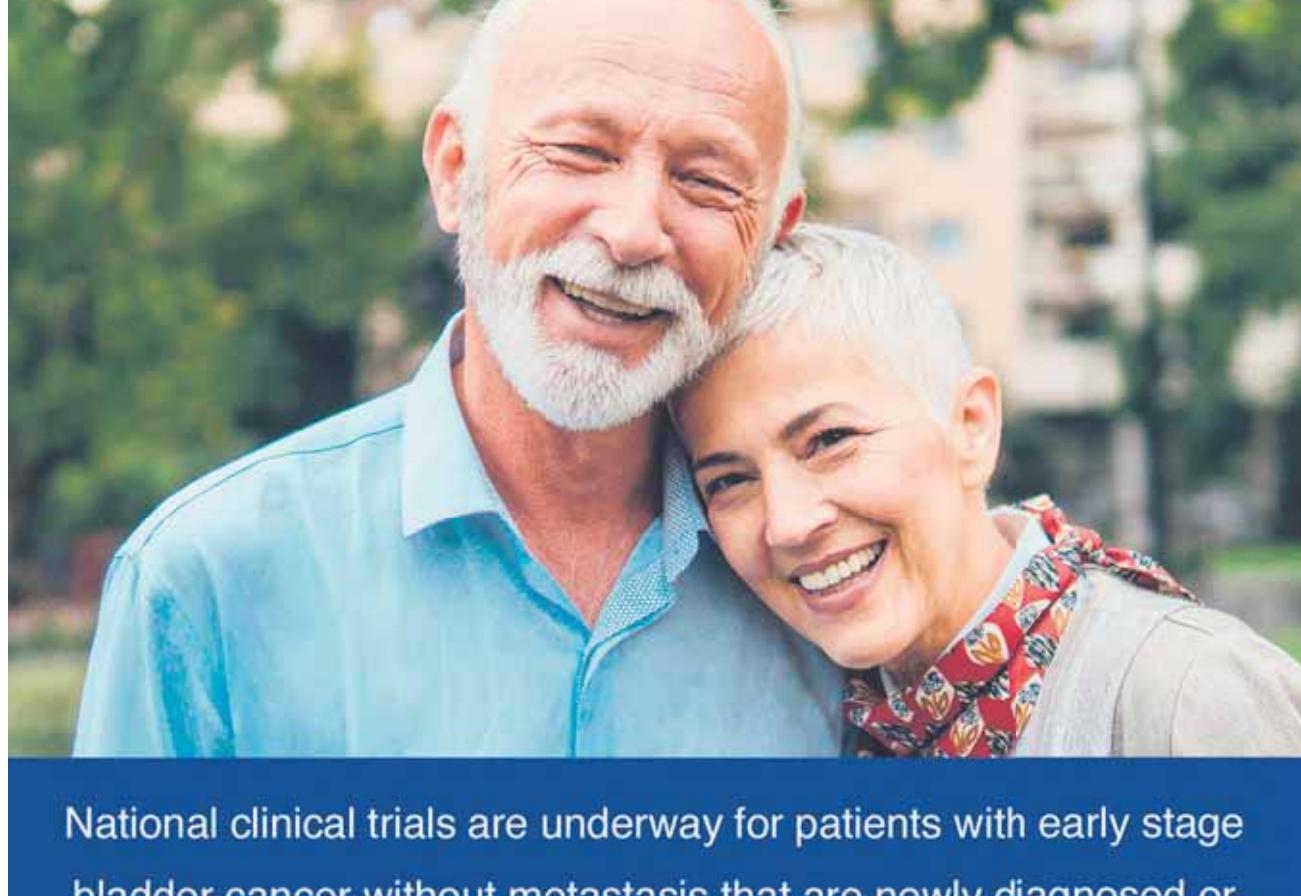
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Augusta, Georgia

Honolulu, Hawaii

Chicago, Illinois

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Detroit, Michigan

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CUBS

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CUBS RECAP

Javier Baez homered twice and the Cubs bullpen held on — barely — for a 6-5 win over the Athletics at Wrigley Field. On the fifth anniversary of his first major-league game, Baez (above) hit a game-tying home run in the sixth and added a two-run shot into the center-field basket to cap a four-run seventh. In the Cubs' first game without closer Craig Kimbrel, Steve Cishek allowed a two-run pinch home run by Nick Martini and Marcus Semien's second homer of the night in the eighth before Brandon Kintzler got Mark Canha to ground out to second with two on. Kyle Ryan came within one out of earning his first major-league save before allowing a walk and a single. David Phelps retired Semien on a deep fly to left to end the game. Kyle Hendricks allowed only one hit — Semien's two-run homer in the third — in 6½ innings. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](#)

Cubs

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practice, when all three guys are playing less than they want and all three guys are good major-league players who deserve to play, that was a big part of it."

For now, Victor Caratini will be paired with starting pitchers Jon Lester and Yu Darvish and could catch up to four consecutive games, with Taylor Davis spelling him.

"I'm 100 percent since I don't play much," Caratini quipped.

But the Cubs will continue to look for depth outside the organization.

"We've been talking," Maddon said. "There's always the potential to arrive at a different point if you get that opportunity, but the (front-office) guys are very active."

One possibility is Jonathan Lucroy, who cleared waivers and was released by the Angels.

The addition of outfielder Nicholas Castellanos at the trade deadline has bolstered the offense, "but then again, you'd like to have Castellanos and Willson in the same lineup," Maddon said.

In the meantime, Kyle Schwarber and Caratini will try to pick up the slack in Contreras' sixth spot in the batting order, with more contributions sought from Albert Almora and Ian Happ.

"Willson is a big loss," Maddon said. "I like Willson hitting in that six-hole with everything being perfect. It's about creativity daily and reading your guys as best you can. In spite of injury, we've got a nice group in here. That speaks to depth too."

Kimbrel, who joined the Cubs 5½ weeks ago, said he could have pitched through the discomfort if the injury had occurred later in the season.

"It's the smartest decision to let it rest," Kimbrel said. "I'll still be able to play catch and stay in

rhythm."

After agreeing to terms with the Cubs on June 5, Kimbrel believed he was close to getting his timing perfected until the injury. He converted save chances in his last two outings.

While he rests his knee, Maddon will opt for the most favorable matchups to finish games. Steve Cishek (132 career saves) and Brandon Kintzler (48) provide experience, and left-hander Kyle Ryan has held left-handed hitters to a .129 batting average and no extra-base hits since June 6.

"They get it," Maddon said. "They've all done it. Of course, you'd prefer not having to do it, but having the guys who have had the experience in doing this, I think we can make it work."

Maddon extended his circle of trust to Rowan Wick and added that Pedro Strop, sidelined since July 27 by a stiff neck, is close to pitching in games.

"It can be close to where it had been," Maddon said.

CUBS NOTES**Frustrated Contreras won't 'rush it'**

Strained hamstring likely to keep catcher out about 4 weeks

BY MARK GONZALES

Willson Contreras seemed more angry than ailing over a Grade 2 strain of his right hamstring that will sideline him for about four weeks.

"I'm disappointed with this injury because the way I take care of my body," the All-Star Cubs catcher said Monday, shortly after an MRI revealed the severity. "It shouldn't happen that way. But it happens. Everything happens for a reason."

"That was my main thing. Why did this happen to me because I take care of my body very well? But once again, I can't control that. I leave everything in God's hands and be smart about my recovery."

The Cubs have added personnel to their training staff since Contreras suffered a right hamstring strain two seasons ago against the Giants. Contreras was baffled by this latest injury and said he planned to "take it slow."

"I wish this would have hap-

pened a week before, to be honest," said Contreras, referring to the trade of backup Martin Maldonado three hours before Wednesday's deadline. "That's something I ask myself."

The location of Contreras' injury is slightly higher than his strain in 2017, and he didn't feel anything wrong until he took a few steps out of the batter's box in the seventh inning Saturday.

"Right now I just rest," Contreras said. "I can't do anything. I'll be resting and putting some ice on it, and I think week 1 or 2, I'll start jogging. But we've got to be smart about it. I'm not going to rush it. By the time I get back, I have to be 100 percent."

If he returns on schedule, Contreras would be ready for the final four weeks of the regular season that includes 20 games against National League Central foes.

Maddon said Kyle Schwarber, whose regular catching duties ended when he tore knee ligaments in an outfield collision three games into the 2016 season, asked to start a game behind the plate, but he will remain the emergency third catcher.

"He's ready to roll," Maddon

said. In other medical news, closer Brandon Morrow is throwing from 120 feet at the Cubs complex in Mesa, Ariz.

"It would be such a great shot in the arm if he can (return)," general manager Jed Hoyer said of Morrow, who hasn't pitched since July 2018 because of elbow surgery. "He wants nothing more than to come back and help this team. It has to be frustrating to not be here."

Zobrist update: The next step in Ben Zobrist's mission to rejoin the Cubs will be known in a few days.

"We're going to talk through it," said Hoyer, who indicated that Zobrist was returning to his Nashville, Tenn.-area home Monday. "We've said all along it's going to be very fluid."

Hoyer said there are scheduling issues due to "some recovery issues and family stuff."

"There's nothing to hide," Hoyer said. "We're not trying to be coy about anything."

Zobrist played three games for Class A South Bend over the weekend, going 2-for-9 with a walk, two strikeouts and an RBI.

WHITE SOX**WHITE SOX 7, TIGERS 4****Cease learning a lot, if not winning a lot**

He'll get chance to face Tigers, whom he beat for only MLB victory

BY LAMOND POPE

DETROIT — The Tigers will always have a significance to Dylan Cease.

The White Sox rookie made the much-anticipated first start of his big-league career July 3 in the first game of a split doubleheader against the Tigers at Guaranteed Rate Field, pitching five innings in a 7-5 victory.

Cease (1-4, 6.43 ERA) is scheduled to face the Tigers again Tuesday in the first game of a split doubleheader, this time at Comerica Park. He said he has taken something away from each of his first five starts.

"It's been a lot to take in, but in a good way," Cease said Monday. "It's something that's completely new and it's hard to prepare for until you go through it. I'm happy to be having this experience now so I can keep preparing for now and for the future."

The second inning gave Cease problems in back-to-back starts against the Rays (four runs) and Twins (five runs). He gave up a home run to the Mets' Robinson Cano in the second inning Thursday but avoided further damage.

"It wasn't necessarily something that was on my mind during the start, but I wanted to have a tighter focus on what I was doing," Cease said.

"Hopefully that keeps building and I don't have any more of those big innings."

Cease hasn't won since his debut, but he said Thursday's start featured the best command he has had all season. He allowed four runs and seven hits with six strikeouts and two walks in a career-high seven innings.

**WHITE SOX RECAP**

Lucas Giolito (12-5) allowed three runs on eight hits and struck out eight in six innings to win for the first time since June 30 as the White Sox beat the Tigers 7-4 in front of 16,942 at Comerica Park. Tim Anderson had three hits and scored twice, and the Sox finished with 14 hits to win for the third time in four games. Giolito entered with a 1-4 record and 5.56 ERA in his last eight starts since June 19. He had a lead before he threw his first pitch thanks to Matt Skole's two-out, two-run bloop double to center in the first. The Sox added two in the fourth and three in the eighth. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](#)

His teammates have helped with the learning process.

"I like to talk to the guys and see what they're working on, how their stuff is feeling," Cease said. "A lot of the time it's a little thing, like if you're in a tight situation, don't panic. Pick a spot, throw it there. Little things like that at this level."

Sox manager Rick Renteria said it's too early to determine whether Cease will get to make all of his scheduled starts the rest of the season as they continue to monitor his usage.

Cease pitched 6⅓ innings at Triple-A Charlotte before joining the Sox, for whom he has pitched 28 innings.

"They did limit his inning usage in the minor leagues to see if we could get him extended, more work here," Renteria said. "He's continuing to grow and get better, and depending on how we use him and how deep he gets in his outings, we'll continue to evaluate where he's at and determine how many more starts he'll get. We still have to be prudent. We have to be wise."



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Matt Skole lifts the ball for a bloop two-run double against the Tigers in the first inning of Monday night's game in Detroit.

Spring lessons taught Skole pinch-hit artistry

Recent call-up says subbing for Abreu good way to learn to be ready

BY LAMOND POPE

DETROIT — Matt Skole made a sandwich shortly after batting practice Thursday for Triple-A Charlotte.

Knights manager Mark Grudzielanek came up behind and tapped him on the side.

"(He) said, 'Hey, you're going up to the show, kid,'" Skole said Monday. "I was like, 'You're messing with me.' He was like, 'No, serious.' It was a pretty cool moment."

The memorable moments continued for Skole on Friday with a game-tying pinch-hit single in the ninth inning against the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. The hit set the stage for the White Sox's wild 4-3, 15-inning victory.

Skole, 30, said spring training prepared him for coming through as a pinch hitter.

"Just the last few years with the White Sox, I've gotten used to coming in after (Jose) Abreu gets five innings and playing for him," Skole said. "I've learned how to keep myself ready for an at-bat and only getting one or two at-bats a game and having to make an impact."

"That helps me a little bit, but also the guys here, the veterans talking to me and teaching me how to go about my business and

stay ready in case that situation did come up. You are not going to win every time, but it's been nice to get a good start."

Skole had two hits in three pinch-hit appearances against the Phillies. He was in the starting lineup Monday against the Tigers at Comerica Park, batting sixth and playing first base with Abreu serving as the designated hitter.

"One of the things you look at in pinch hitters — obviously you love the results when you can get them — but you're looking at guys to put together a good at-bat," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "You're also looking at guys who could potentially put the bat on the ball. He gave himself a chance in all three at-bats."

Skole went 3-for-11 (.273) with a home run in four games with the Sox last season. He homered in his major-league debut May 28, 2018, against the Indians.

He slashed .248/.384/.497 with 15 doubles, 21 home runs, 56 RBIs and 70 walks in 92 games this season with Charlotte.

"My approach is a lot better," Skole said. "Driving the ball the other way a little more, not just dead pull. Hitting the ball through the shift on the left side a little more. I'm getting better pitches to hit. I'm not swinging at balls."

"The power has always been there. I just think for consistency, you have to swing at strikes and get good pitches to hit. My approach has matured a little bit this year, and I've been able to get a few more strikes to hit."

BASEBALL**American League**

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	73	39	.652	—	—	7-3	W-6	43-18	30-21
Tampa Bay	65	49	.570	9	—	8-2	L-1	30-27	35-22
Boston	60	55	.522	14½	5½	2-8	W-1	28-29	32-26
Toronto	46	69	.400	28½	19½	7-3	W-1	20-34	26-35
Baltimore	38	74	.339	35	26	5-5	L-1	17-39	21-35
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	70	42	.625	—	—	8-2	W-4	35-21	35-21
Cleveland	66	46	.589	4	—	6-4	L-1	36-24	30-22
Chicago	49	61	.445	20	14	4-6	W-2	27-28	22-33
Kansas City	40	74	.351	31	25	1-9	L-7	23-35	17-39
Detroit	32	76	.296	36	30	2-8	L-4	13-37	19-39
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	73	40	.646	—	—	8-2	W-4	41-15	32-25
Oakland	64	48	.571	8½	—	6-4	W-3	37-23	27-25
Texas	58	54	.518	14½	6	7-3	W-5	35-22	23-32
Los Angeles	56	58	.491	17½	9	2-8	L-5	29-28	27-30
Seattle	47	67	.412	26½	18	6-4	L-4	26-32	21-35

Late games noted below

TUESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

TEAM	PITCHER	2019 TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS	W-L	IP	ERA	
MIL	Anderson (R)	5-2	3.73	8-9	1-0	15.0	3.60	0-0	16.2	2.70	
PIT	Brault (L)	6:05p	3-1	4.15	5-4	0-0	15.0	2.40	0-0	13.2	3.29
MIA	Yamamoto (R)	4-2	4.31	6-3	0-0	0.00	0-2	14.0	9.64		
NY	Wheeler (R)	6:10p	8-6	4.45	11-10	1-0	7.0	2.57	2-1	17.1	4.67
PHI	Arrieta (R)	8:40p	9-4	4.27	11-11	1-0	6.0	4.50	0-1	14.2	3.68
ARI	Leake (R)	8:40p	9-4	4.27	11-11	0-0	0.00	0-2	21.2	2.49	
WAS	Sanchez (R)	6-6	3.80	10-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	17.0	4.24		
SF	TBD	8:45p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
STL	Mikolas (R)	7-11	4.00	11-11	1-0	6.0	4.50	1-2	17.2	3.06	
LA	Kershaw (L)	9:10p	10-2	2.93	15-4	0-0	0.00	0-2	18.0	2.00	
SEA	Seattle	47	67	.412	26½	18	6-4	L-4	26-32	21-35	

RESULTS, SCHEDULE**AMERICAN LEAGUE****MONDAY'S RESULTS**

Boston 2, Kansas City 5

Texas 1, Cleveland 0

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 0

NY Yankees 9, Baltimore 6

Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 4

Chi. White Sox 7, Detroit 4

Minnesota 5, Atlanta 3

Chi. Cubs 6, Oakland 5

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.

Chi. White Sox at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.

Texas at Cleveland, 12:10 p.m.

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.

Colorado at Houston, 1:10 p.m.

Oakland at Chi. Cubs, 1:20 p.m.

St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 2:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at San Fran, 2:45 p.m.

San Diego at Seattle, 5:40 p.m.

NY Yankees at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Boston, 6:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE**MONDAY'S RESULTS**

G1: N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 2

Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 4

G2: N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4

Minnesota 5, Atlanta 3

Chi. Cubs 6, Oakland 5

Philadelphia at Arizona, late

Washington at San Fran, late

St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, late

Wednesday's Games

Miami at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.

Colorado at Houston, 1:10 p.m.

Oakland at Chi. Cubs, 1:20 p.m.

St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 2:10 p.m.

Washington at San Fran, 2:45 p.m.

San Diego at Seattle, 5:40 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Andrew Benintendi hits a two-run double during the Red Sox's victory Monday night.

RED SOX 7, ROYALS 5

Associated Press

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Bubba Starling, Meibrys Viloria and Cheslor Cuthbert each went deep for the Royals, with Viloria's his first homer in the majors and Starling's a three-run shot.

It was the seventh straight loss for the Royals, who had a 10-game skid in the season's first two weeks.

Porcello (10-8), who smashed a pair of

TV monitors in the Fenway dugout in frustration in his last start, gave up four hits, walked two and struck out five.

The only thing he broke this time was the defending World Series champions' losing streak. They hadn't won since beating the rival Yankees at home on July 27 and entered the day 6½ games out of the AL's second wild-card spot.

The longest skid for a defending champ is 11 games, done by both the 1998 Marlins (twice) and the 1986 Royals.

The Red Sox's starters had a 10.95 ERA over the eight-game skid.

Brandon Workman got the final three outs for his sixth save.

Making his fourth start since being acquired from the Cubs in July, Mike Montgomery (1-5) gave up four runs — two earned — over five innings and fell to 0-3 since joining the Royals.

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Yankees, Orioles:** The Yankees hit five more HRs at Camden Yards, including two by Mike Tauchman, to set a major league record and beat the Orioles 9-6 for their 13th straight victory in Baltimore. The Yankees' power surge and sixth straight win overshadowed a memorable night for Jonathan Villar, who became the fifth Orioles player to hit for the cycle and first since Felix Pie on Aug. 14, 2009. Villar tripled in the third inning, doubled in the fifth, homered in the sixth and dumped a single into right field off closer Aroldis Chapman in the ninth. The Yankees have hit 32 HRs at Camden Yards, a single-season record for most by a visiting team in one ballpark. The mark was previously held by the Milwaukee Braves, who hit 29 at the Reds' Crosley Field in 1957.

■ **Mets:** J.D. Davis, Michael Conforto and Pete Alonso homered in an electric seventh-inning rally, lifting the Mets over the visiting Marlins 5-4 for a doubleheader sweep that moved them above .500 for the first time since early May. The Mets won the opener 6-2 as Jeff McNeil welcomed Robert Dugger to the major leagues with a HR on his first pitch, Amed Rosario broke a 1-1 tie with a third-inning HR and Jacob deGrom gave himself a three-run cushion with a two-run single. ... Eight-time All-Star 2B Robinson Cano was placed on the IL, a day after straining his left hamstring. The Mets didn't have a prognosis for the 36-year-old, who's hitting .252 with 10 HRs and 32 RBIs.

■ **Brewers:** Christian Yelich hit two solo HRs and took over the major league lead with 39 HRs and finished with four hits, powering the Brewers to a 9-7 win over the host Pirates. It was Yelich's sixth career multi-HR game, and his fourth this season. Brewers starter Jordan Lyles (7-7) limited his former team to three runs (one earned) on two hits in five innings in his first start against the Pirates since being traded July 29.

■ **Blue Jays, Rays:** Rookie Bo Bichette homered and scored both runs, Jacob Waguespack pitched six impressive innings and the visiting Blue Jays ended the Rays' six-game winning streak with a 2-0 victory. He hit his third home run leading off the third. Waguespack (3-1) gave up four hits and a walk, striking out six in his fifth major league start. Freddy Galvis and Randal Grichuk also had two hits for the Jays, who have won six of eight.

... The Rays placed RHP Yonny Chirinos on the IL with right middle finger inflammation and is expected to miss at least a month. Chirinos (9-5, 3.62 ERA) is the third Rays starting pitcher on the IL.

■ **Braves:** RHP Mike Foltynewicz will return to the rotation for the NL East leaders Tuesday after getting demoted to the minors. He'll start against the AL Central-leading Twins in Minneapolis. A 13-game winner and an All-Star for the Braves in 2018, he struggled to regain that form after battling elbow trouble in spring training. He was sent to Triple A on June 22 after going 2-5 with a 6.37 ERA in 11 starts.

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BOSTON — Rick Porcello pitched six innings of one-run ball, Sam Travis hit a two-run homer and the Red Sox halted their eight-game losing streak with a 7-5 victory over the struggling Royals on Monday night.

Rafael Devers added a solo shot for the Red Sox. Travis' gave the Red Sox a homer in a club-record 18 straight games in Fenway Park. The old mark was set in 1969.

Bubba Starling, Meibrys Viloria and Cheslor Cuthbert each went deep for the Royals, with Viloria's his first homer in the majors and Starling's a three-run shot.

It was the seventh straight loss for the Royals, who had a 10-game skid in the season's first two weeks.

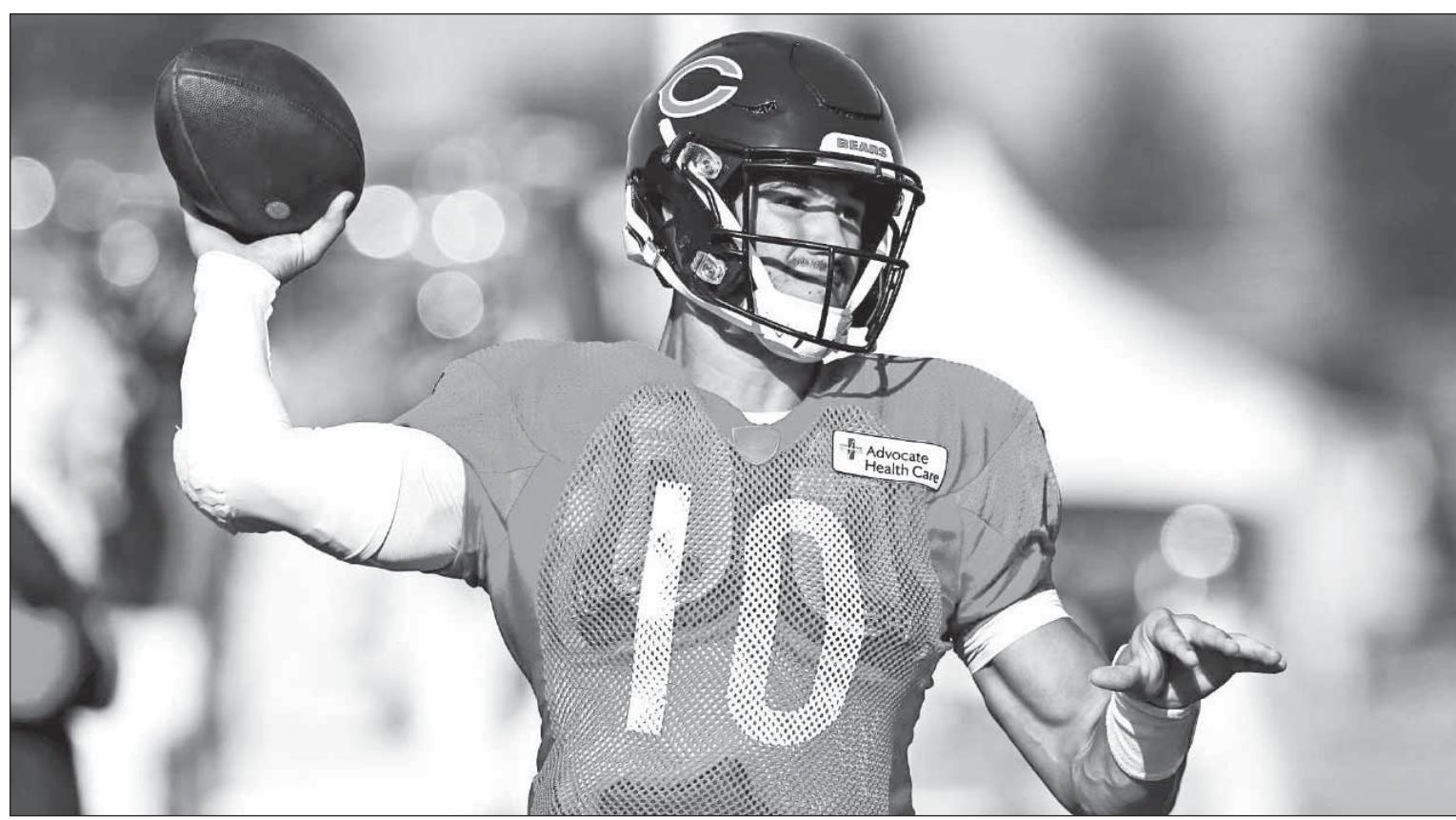
Porcello (10-8), who smashed a pair of

TV monitors in the Fenway dugout in frustration in his last start, gave up four hits, walked two and struck out five.

The only thing he broke this time was the defending World Series champions' losing streak. They hadn't won since beating the rival Yankees at home on July 27 and entered the day 6½ games out of the AL's second wild-card spot.

The longest skid for a defending champ is 11 games, done by both the 1998 Marlins (twice) and the 1986 Royals.

The Red Sox's starters had a 10.95 ERA over the eight-game skid.

BEARS

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Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, throwing during drills last week, finds it challenging to face the Bears defense every day in training camp.

Defense testing Trubisky

'Really smart' guys are making it tough on QB in practice

BY COLLEEN KANE

BOURBONNAIS — Bears coach Matt Nagy and quarterback Mitch Trubisky met with the media Monday as the Bears resumed training camp in Bourbonnais. Here's what they had to say as the Bears near their first preseason game Thursday against the Panthers at Soldier Field.

Trubisky pointed to the smarts of the Bears defense.

He noted how the unit is challenging him this summer.

"They're no dummies," Trubisky said. "They are a really smart defense. They pick up on a lot of our calls and our routes, especially the DBs, Kyle (Fuller) and Prince (Amukamara). They're really smart, and they know it's coming sometimes."

"So we just have to be that much better, and that's helped us stay on top of our game. Once they pick up on something, we have to change it so they can't keep jumping it or staying on top of it. So that helps us evolve and get better as an offense."

Amukamara picked off Trubisky in the end zone Monday on a ball meant for Allen Robinson during seven-on-seven drills. But Trubisky recovered to throw a laser shortly thereafter to a diving Robinson for a touchdown in front of Michael Joseph.

Trubisky said picking out areas of improvement on film helps put frustrating days into perspective.

"You get frustrated because you're so competitive and you want to win every drill," Trubisky said.

"It's not realistic to win every drill, but that's what you strive for, especially going against our defense. I mean, they're tough. They create a great challenge for us every day, but you've got to believe that's making us stronger and better."

"We go on film and we watch and it seems like we had a frustrating day, but you go watch the film and it's like, 'You got better here, here and here.' You've just got to keep making those plays and keep being competitive and not back down."

Trubisky said he'll use pre-season games for mental preparation when he's not playing in them.

Nagy has yet to reveal how he'll use his starters in preseason games. But it's a safe bet they'll see limited action the next four weeks, as they did during the 2018 preseason.

"I think you guys know where I stand a little bit big picture," Nagy said.

That means Trubisky will be spending a lot of time on the sideline this month. But he said he can use the games for growth.

"You can always learn from other people, especially (backups Chase Daniel and Tyler Bray)," Trubisky said. "They taught me a

lot over the span of last year going into this year, and we stick together."

"I'll continue to have my head in the game and take mental reps and go through the situational play and progressions and where I would go with the ball and what they're seeing."

Nagy called it a 'sluggish' day for his players, including kickers Eddy Pineiro and Elliott Fry.

The Bears had been alternating kickers for each practice in Bourbonnais, but they had both kick Monday as they prepare for the preseason game. Fry was 7-for-9 on field-goal attempts and Pineiro 6-for-9.

Nagy said the mid-camp grind was not an excuse for any players, including the kicking duo, who will both kick in Thursday's game.

"They know they've got to be better," Nagy said. "Today wasn't their day. But, again, how do they respond the next time they're out there? That's all."

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his return to practice remains unclear.

"I said it the other day: He didn't do a lot, with the surgery and everything, for five months," Nagy said. "It's hard to come back and just be thrust in and try to look like yourself. We're trying to slowly do it."

"We'll pick it up. We'll start getting him more reps as we go here. But I'm protecting him right now."

Depth at tight end remains a question. In addition to Burton's health issue, Adam Shaheen has dealt with a back injury during training camp. Shaheen was back in full-team action Monday.

Ben Braunecker has been inconsistent in taking advantage of his extra opportunities. Behind Burton, Shaheen and Braunecker, undrafted rookies Dax Raymond and Ian Bunting and converted offensive tackle Bradley Sowell have been fighting to earn roles in the offense.

The Bears will practice again Tuesday at ONU, then host the Panthers in the pre-season opener Thursday at Soldier Field.

Extra point: Rookie wide receiver Riley Ridley returned to practice for the first time since straining his right hamstring in the first practice of training camp July 26. Ridley was eased back into individual drills but did not participate in full-team work.



Tight end Trey Burton, working out last week, missed his third straight practice Tuesday.

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one of the NFL's fiercest pass rushers at every practice, Coward is one of the Bears' more intriguing players at training camp. He leads the team in learning — and is one of the promising but unproven prospects expected to get plenty of snaps this preseason, beginning Thursday night against the Panthers.

"My goal isn't just to make it to the NFL but become a starter and eventually a Pro Bowl player," Coward said.

Coward, who played in 47 games at defensive tackle for Old Dominion, signed with the Bears as an undrafted free agent in 2017 and played in one game on defense during coach John Fox's final season.

After Matt Nagy replaced Fox, the athletic, 6-foot-6, 320-pound Coward received word during organized team activities that he was switching lines of scrimmage. Instead of chasing quarterbacks, Coward would try protecting them — a move he resisted until realizing how it could prolong his career.

"At first I was mad because I felt they were giving up on me," said Coward, who spent the entire 2018 season on the 53-man roster. "Maybe it took me a while to adjust, but once I did, I was all in. Coach Vic (Fangio) told me about it. Coach Nagy asked me how I felt about it and said take a day to give him a decision. I said right away I'll do it. Whatever helps the team."

The Bears boast one of the league's most complete rosters, but depth at offensive tackle behind starters Charles Leno Jr. and Bobby Massie remains one of the few concerns.

In Coward, Nagy believes the Bears identified a player Old Dominion coach Bobby Wilder once said could have started four years at left tackle thanks to his nimble feet. Like many young tackles with raw talent, Coward run blocks better than he protects the passer, but the Bears expect increased opportunities will lead to improvement.

"Last year I felt like he was a project, but this year it's time to go," Nagy said of Coward, who's ideally suited for right tackle. "He made a big jump last year transi-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bears' Rashaad Coward (69), leaving the field last week with Khalil Mack, is switching from the defensive line to the offensive line this season.

tioning. Once he went all in, he was all in. He's very valuable to us as a guy who can play different positions along the offensive line."

Every position requires a different approach, every day a new question. Good thing for the Bears that Coward is as curious as he is confident.

"Older guys probably get annoyed I ask so many questions, but my game isn't bulletproof so I have to get as many tips as I can," Coward said. "It's still hard every day. Sometimes you make the same mistakes and get frustrated, but I learn from the veterans to just move on to the next play."

Conquering challenges comes naturally for someone who endured his share growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Coward admits he got into

fights as a kid and the violent nature of football appealed to him, so he finally tried the sport as an eighth-grader. His combative personality at Sheepshead High School led to a suspension as a sophomore that began his maturation process.

"I didn't really know what it took to get in shape or get mentally tough," Coward said. "My mom, Jackie Duke, was like, 'You need to toughen up.' I didn't want to run from my problems. I was like, I want to do this."

Forced to play on both sides of the ball for his undermanned team, Coward became well-rounded as a lineman — if not well-known. His only scholarship offer came via Facebook message from Old Dominion — hardly a professional football pipeline

with only a half-dozen NFL players in the program's history. After Coward accepted, interest came from bigger programs such as Syracuse and Connecticut, but he kept his commitment.

At ODU, the goal of graduating with a degree in criminology to pursue a career in the FBI motivated Coward as much as playing in the NFL. But he played with physicality and passion that distinguished him as a freshman and made him stand out all four seasons.

Along the way, Coward coped with his mother fighting breast cancer and his father, Hyland, dealing with a brain tumor.

"My family always has been very close," said Coward, who has an older sister and younger brother. "That's the way it is in

Barbados. I visit extended family there and it's like they knew you forever."

The newest family member helps Coward get the most out of every day. Her name is Zora, his daughter born seven months ago.

Since that profound day, Coward has discovered changing positions affected his life much less than changing perspectives.

"This isn't for me anymore, it's for her future," Coward said. "That pushes me every day. Some days if I don't feel like practicing or going hard, I remember I have somebody to feed. I'm doing this for her now. I have a purpose."

David Haugh is a special contributor to the Chicago Tribune and co-host of the "Mully and Haugh Show" weekdays from 5-9 a.m. on WSCR-AM-670.

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New York	-190	Miami	+175
at Arizona	-118	Philadelphia	+108
San Fran.	-195	Off Washington	Off
at LA Dodgers	-185	St. Louis	+170
AMERICAN LEAGUE	TUESDAY		
at Detroit	-112	Chicago	+102
Chicago WS	-112	at Detroit	+102
at Baltimore	Off	New York	Off
at Boston	-195	Kansas City	+180
at Tampa Bay	Off	Toronto	Off
at Cleveland	-195	Texas	+180
INTERLEAGUE	TUESDAY		
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at Houston	-200	Colorado	+180
at Seattle	Off	San Diego	Off

NFL PRESEASON

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at Buffalo	1	Indianapolis	
New England	1 1/2	at Detroit	
Washington	1	Cleveland	
at Miami	3 1/2	Atlanta	
at Philadelphia	3 1/2	Tennessee	
at Baltimore	4	Jacksonville	
at Green Bay	2	Houston	
at Chicago	3	Carolina	
at Arizona	2	LA Chargers	
at Seattle	1	Denver	
at Pittsburgh	2 1/2	Tampa Bay	
at New Orleans	2 1/2	Minnesota	
SATURDAY		Cincinnati	
at Kansas City	3 1/2	LA Rams	
at Oakland	5 1/2	Dallas	
at San Fran.	3 1/2		

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP POINTS LEADERS

1. Kyle Busch, 851
2. Joey Logano, 838
3. Kevin Harvick, 777
4. Denny Hamlin, 771
5. Martin Truex Jr., 753
6. Brad Keselowski, 728
7. Kurt Busch, 679
8. Chase Elliott, 676
9. Aric Almirola, 640
10. Ryan Blaney, 633
11. Alex Bowman, 623
12. William Byron, 604
13. Erik Jones, 598
14. Kyle Larson, 590
15. Clint Bowyer, 556
16. Jimmie Johnson, 544
17. Ryan Newman, 544
18. Daniel Suarez, 521
19. Paul Menard, 483
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 466

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NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Aug. 4: Go Bowling at The Glen
(Chase Elliott)
Sunday, Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Saturday, Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sunday, Sept. 1: Bogies' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sunday, Sept. 8: Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
Sunday, Sept. 15: South Point 400, Las Vegas
Saturday, Sept. 21: Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sunday, Sept. 29: Bank of America ROVAL 400, Concord, N.C.
Sunday, Oct. 6: MENCS race, Dover, Del.
Sunday, Oct. 13: 1000Bulbs.com 500, Talladega, Ala.
Sunday, Oct. 20: Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Sunday, Oct. 27: First Data 500, Martinsville, Va.
Sunday, Nov. 3: AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Sunday, Nov. 10: MENCS race, Avondale, Ariz.
Sunday, Nov. 17: Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

TENNIS

ATP TOUR RANKING

Singles
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 12415
2. Rafael Nadal, Spain, 7945
3. Roger Federer, Switzerland, 7460
4. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 4755
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 4045
6. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 4040
7. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 4005
8. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 2890
9. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 2745
10. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 2500
11. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 2420
12. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 2230
13. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 2215
14. Borna Coric, Croatia, 2195
15. John Isner, United States, 2085
16. Marin Cilic, Croatia, 2030
17. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, 1975
18. David Goffin, Belgium, 1815
19. Milos Raonic, Canada, 1810
20. Gael Monfils, France, 1770
21. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 1740
22. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, 1715
23. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 1690
24. Guido Pella, Argentina, 1640
25. Taylor Fritz, United States, 1580
Doubles
1. Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, 7330
2. Robert Farah, Colombia, 7330
3. Mike Bryan, United States, 6800
4. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6500
5. Marcelo Melo, Brazil, 6230
6. Nicolas Mahut, France, 5060
7. Raven Klaeser, South Africa, 4920
8. Michael Venus, New Zealand, 4740
9. Nikola Mektic, Croatia, 4590
10. Bruno Soares, Brazil, 4530

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THURSDAY'S MATCH

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

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Cincinnati at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando City at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at Chicago, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.

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RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#31 Link Lyman

A tackle on both sides of ball, star pioneered defensive shifts, stunts

BY WILL LARKIN

Even though Link Lyman played 90 years ago, his style of play wouldn't be out of place in the 21st century.

On offense, the 6-foot-2, 233-pound Lyman was a fit, athletic left tackle with a combination of strength and athleticism that made him nearly impossible to get around. On defense, he pioneered the use of shifting, slanting and stunting that all defensive tackles perform today.

Lyman was one of the league's best linemen when he joined the Bears and had won three consecutive championships as a two-way star for the Canton and Cleveland Bulldogs in the early days of the NFL.

Bears owner and coach George Halas received permission from Commissioner Joe Carr to add players from other teams for the team's postseason barnstorming tour after it signed Red Grange from Illinois in 1925. Lyman came on board from the Bulldogs, and Halas never let him go.

Lyman won everywhere he played. He was an early star at Nebraska, where the 1922 yearbook stated that "Lyman was, without a doubt, our fastest lineman. Roy is a big man, weighing 200 pounds, and could get down under punts almost as quickly as the ends." The Bulldogs won titles in 1922, '23 and '24, and the Bears had winning records in all seven of his seasons in Chicago.

He seemed to get better as he aged, earning first-team All-Pro honors in 1930 at 32 and 1934 at 36, and the Bears became one of the league's best teams in the early 1930s. They appeared in the NFL's first three championship games, winning the impromptu tiebreaker against the Portsmouth Spartans in 1932 at Chicago Stadium and the first scheduled title game over the Giants in 1933 at Wrigley Field before falling to the Giants at the frozen Polo Grounds in 1934, Lyman's final season.

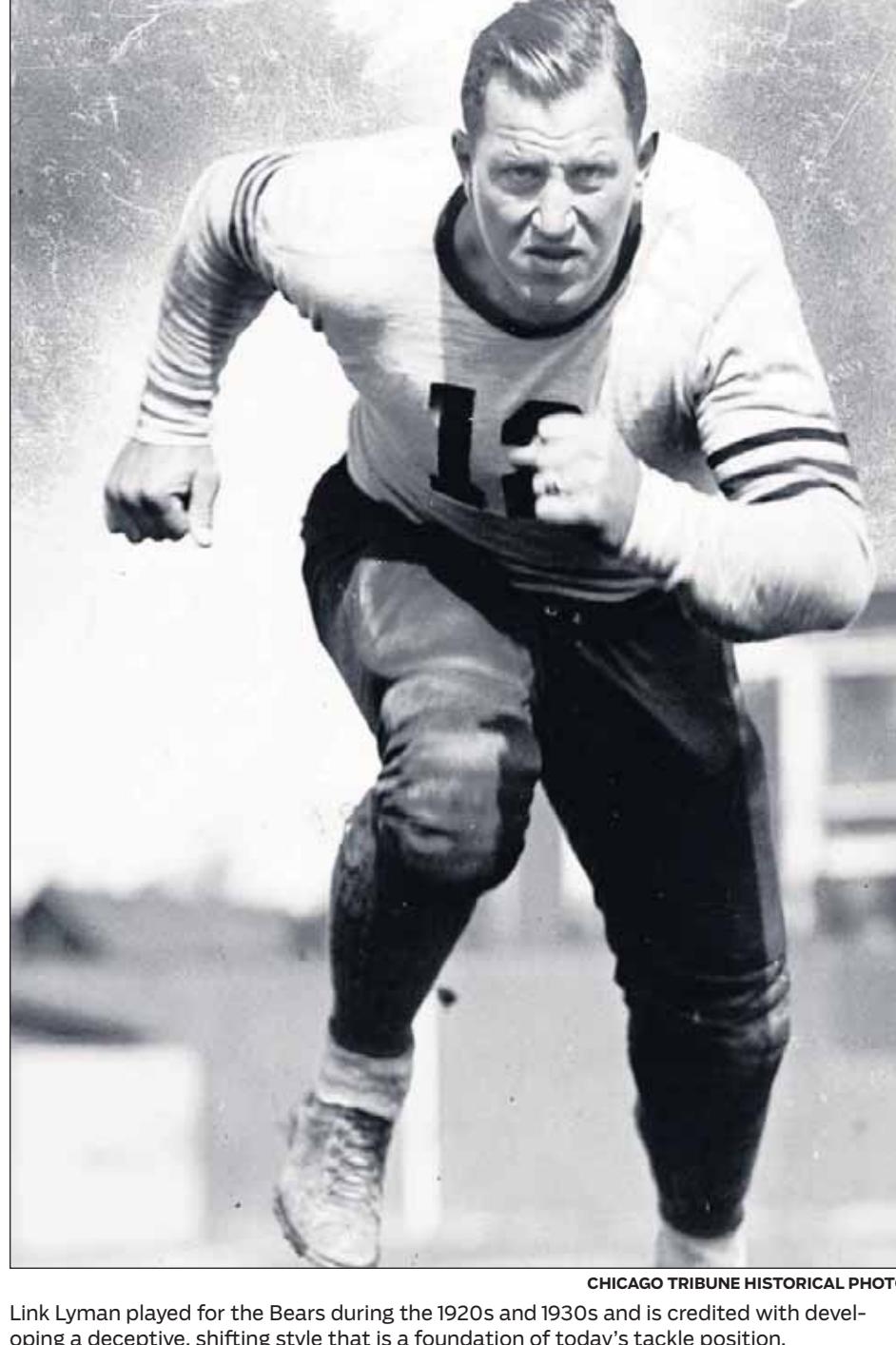
Lyman's Pro Football Hall of Fame bio reads: "Whether it was luck or a result of his outstanding play, Lyman experienced just one losing season during his 16 years of ... college and professional football. A contributor to the end, Bears coach George Halas insisted Lyman was stronger and tougher during his last two seasons than when he first joined the team eight years earlier."

He played until age 36, perhaps staying fresh because of a late start. Lyman grew up in western Nebraska and Kansas and did not play high school football.

"You see, I was born in a small town called Table Rock, Nebraska, and we only had about six or seven boys in the whole school, so I couldn't play in high school. I did know a little about the game, but it wasn't until I reached the University of Nebraska in 1917 that I was able to actually play in a real game," Lyman said in Chris Willis' 2005 book, "Old Leather: An Oral History of Early Pro Football in Ohio, 1920-35."

"From the first day, I just loved the game, and we had some pretty good teams too. My senior year, we only lost one game, to Notre Dame, and we outscored our opponents 283 points to 17. That was a fun year."

Lyman joined the Bears the same time Grange did, and both retired after the 1934 season. They spent five years as teammates and became close friends. When Grange left for the New York Yankees of the American Football League in 1926, Lyman wore Grange's No. 77 for the next three seasons. When Grange returned to the Bears in 1930, Lyman switched, and when they were teammates, Lyman wore Nos. 2, 11, 12 and 14.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Link Lyman played for the Bears during the 1920s and 1930s and is credited with developing a deceptive, shifting style that is a foundation of today's tackle position.

The Bears played the 1934 championship game in honor of Lyman and Grange, who were playing for the final time.

Halas wrote in the Tribune on July 15, 1935: "In the clubhouse before the contest, I asked Red Grange and Link Lyman, who were to play the last games of their careers, to say a word or two. Both of these hoary veterans spoke feelingly. Lyman, the gigantic, even shed a tear or two."

Another Hall of Famer, Bill Hewitt, played next to Lyman at offensive and defensive end. Hewitt was one of the first players to try to anticipate offensive snap counts, and he often freelanced on defense. Lyman encouraged him to do so because he was sure he could handle both men's assignments if Hewitt were to find himself out of position.

When the defending champion Bears played the College All-Stars in a 1934 exhibition, All-Stars coach Dick Hanley of Northwestern paid particular attention to Lyman.

"The marvel of the squad to my mind is Link Lyman," Hanley wrote in a preview story for the Tribune on Aug. 6, 1934. "Here is an athlete who finished his college football career at the University of Nebraska 12 years ago. Yet, I would believe George Halas would nominate this fellow as one of the most important cogs in the Bears' march to the championship. He is big, tremendously so; active, fast, smart and strong. I am inclined to agree with Halas."

At the time, it was popular to ponder whether the best college teams could

compete against professionals. Grange, in a 1932 essay in the Saturday Evening Post, argued that the notion was ridiculous. He pointed to Lyman as an example of why professionals were so much better than collegians.

"Link Lyman weighs 240 pounds including the towels. Very little of that poundage is blubber," Grange wrote. "Picture a fast, trimly built athlete, some lightweight prize fighter you've seen in action. Then magnify him proportionately until he weighs 240 pounds; that's Lyman."

In 1941, Halas picked an all-time Bears team covering the first 20 years of the franchise for the Tribune. Lyman was his left tackle.

"The best description of Link was that he was an enormous man who always was in the thick of things," Edward Prell wrote.

Halas added: "For all round tackle play, no one, in my judgment, ever held the edge over Link. He was also a great line leader."

Lyman took two years off from the Bears, in 1929 and 1932. He left first to play semipro ball in Texas and later to tend to his cattle ranch in Nebraska. When he reported to camp, he usually brought a cooler filled with steaks to share with his teammates.

The rough-and-tumble cowboy also entertained friends with his unexpected talent, a powerful singing voice.

An uncredited "In the Wake of the News" Tribune column from Nov. 20, 1934, said that after a game in New York, Lyman "stole the show at the night club which the Chicagoans attended before leaving for

LYMAN AS A BEAR

1926-28, 1930-31, 1933-34 | 7 seasons | 89 games

Bears record: 68-20-8 (.750).

Playoff appearances: 2; NFL champion in 1933.

Acquired: Signed in 1926.

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| 53. Otis Wilson | 88. Alshon Jeffery |
| 54. Wilber Marshall | 89. Beattie Feathers |
| 55. Dick Gordon | 90. Kevin Butler |
| 56. Jim McMahon | 91. Bill Karr |
| 57. Neal Anderson | 92. Matt Suhey |
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| 60. Willie Galimore | 95. Akiem Hicks |
| 61. Mark Carrier | 96. Joey Sternaman |
| 62. Mark Bortz | 97. Hugh Gallarneau |
| 63. Julius Peppers | 98. Tom Thayer |
| 64. J.C. Caroline | 99. William Perry |
| 65. Ed O'Bradovich | 100. Patrick Mannelly |

home last night. Requested to sing, Lyman went to the announcer and poured forth a baritone which brought encores until he was out of breath and knocked the mike over in a playful tackle."

After his retirement from the Bears, Lyman went into coaching, first as an assistant at Nebraska and then Creighton. He transitioned into the insurance industry in the 1950s and became a manager in San Antonio and an executive in Los Angeles.

He was so fond of his time in Canton that he lobbied for the Pro Football Hall of Fame to be based there. It was, and Lyman was elected to the Hall in 1964 in the second class with fellow Bears greats Ed Healey and George Trafton. Grange, Halas and Bronko Nagurski went in the year before; Paddy Driscoll, Danny Fortmann and Sid Luckman were enshrined the year after.

While all players played both ways in Lyman's era, few were equally regarded on offense and defense as he was. If one were to make an all-time Bears starting 11 of players from the two-way era who were equally effective on both sides of the ball, it might look like this: Lyman, Grange, Healey, Buffone, Nagurski, Fortmann, Joe Stydahar, George Musso and George McAfee.

In 2014, the Tribune's Don Pierson ranked Lyman the Bears' sixth-best defensive lineman of all time behind Doug Atkins, Dan Hampton, Richard Dent, Steve McMichael and Ed Sprinkle. Lyman died in an automobile crash at 74 in 1972.

In his 2008 book, "Chicago Bears: The Complete Illustrated History," Lew Freedman wrote: "He was an advance model of the modern lineman — big, strong, with quick feet ... Being athletic as well as large at a time when 200-pound linemen were common made him virtually unstoppable. Wherever Lyman went, his teams won championships."

POSITION PREVIEW SAFETIES

BY DAN WIEDERER

As the Bears grind through training camp in Bourbonnais, the Tribune is taking a look at each position group.

Jackson a star, Clinton-Dix motivated

What to like

With eight interceptions, three forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and five defensive touchdowns in his first two seasons, Eddie Jackson has established himself as an All-Pro ballhawk. And with Jackson a few months shy of his 26th birthday, it's easy to imagine the grandest possibilities for the rest of his Bears career.

Still, it was noteworthy to hear new defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano validate the comparisons of Jackson to Ed Reed, an eight-time All-Pro with the Ravens who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Pagano was Reed's defensive backs coach for three seasons (2008-10) and his coordinator for one (2011). He saw firsthand the intelligence and aggressiveness Reed played with and understands why the former Ravens star piled up 64 career interceptions and nine defensive touchdowns in his 12-year career. So how does Jackson compare?

"From a talent standpoint they're very, very similar," Pagano said. "Great instincts. Great range. Great ball skills. (Eddie's) only three years into it. Ed had a lot more time on task, obviously. But (Jackson) has a lot of the same traits. He loves football. He's a football junkie. And the sky's the limit for a guy like that."

"When you know the defense and you know what you're doing and then you can

spend all your time figuring out the offense and (focus on) being one step ahead, that's where he's got an edge on everybody."

Biggest question

How good is the depth on the back end of the defense?

The Bears feel comfortable with the pairing of Jackson and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, proven NFL playmakers with a combined 22 interceptions in their seven collective seasons. But what happens if Pagano is forced into a "next man up" situation?

Deon Bush is in the final year of his rookie contract and began training camp working with the starting defense as Clinton-Dix was sidelined with a sprained knee. Bush was needed in an emergency last year, starting the final two regular-season games and the playoff loss after Jackson went down with a right ankle injury.

If needed to fill a leading role in 2019, Bush must keep himself in the proper mindset.

"It's about not thinking too much," he said. "Like, 'Aw, what if I mess up? What's on the line? We're the top defense.' No, you can't really think about that. You've just got to play. Just believe in yourself."

Fresh face

If the Bears are able to squeeze the most out of Clinton-Dix, they should see significant

production from an established playmaker who has 14 career interceptions and made the Pro Bowl three years ago with the Packers. The Bears also love the overlap in skills Clinton-Dix has with Jackson, allowing them to be more flexible and unpredictable.

Shortly after signing Clinton-Dix, general manager Ryan Pace said the Bears assessed "the totality of his work," scouring through the veteran safety's first five NFL seasons as well as some of his college tape at Alabama.

But within that, Pace also found evidence for why Clinton-Dix was traded by the Packers in the middle of last season and then struggled some during his nine games with the Redskins — a flurry of missed tackles, taking poor angles and being out of position in coverage. Those are mistakes the Bears will have to help Clinton-Dix limit.

Quote of note

"You see so many guys get to the end of their successful careers, and now they're trying to chase a ring. I have the opportunity to do that in my prime. If you ask me, Chicago was an Eddie Jackson (playoff appearance) away from winning a Super Bowl last year. So if there was any way I could come on to this team and contribute and make plays and get my name back out there, I'm excited about that." — Clinton-Dix on his decision to sign with the Bears



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix signs autographs after practice at training camp late last month.

Currently on roster: 5.

Projected on final roster: 4.

Roster locks: Eddie Jackson, Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Deon Bush.

Good bets: Sherrick McManis.

On the bubble: DeAndre Houston-Carson.

Practice-squad candidate: Doyin Jibowu.

Biggest offseason developments: The Bears let Adrian Amos' contract expire, and he signed a four-year, \$36 million deal with the Packers with \$12 million guaranteed. ... The Bears signed Clinton-Dix to a one-year, prove-it deal that could be worth up to \$3 million.

Big number

5 Defensive touchdowns scored by

Charles Tillman is the Bears' all-time leader with nine, followed by Mike Brown with seven.

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THE STAR HANDLER

Doc Rivers' Magic lessons taught him how to work with elite players, and lure Kawhi Leonard to Clippers

BY ANDREW GREIF

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In the living room of Doc Rivers' Malibu home, Clippers representatives meeting with Kawhi Leonard presented the star free agent with a list of peers he might be interested in playing alongside.

Lawrence Frank, the team's president of basketball operations, recently recalled that Leonard pointed to the name of Paul George.

"That's the guy," Leonard said.

By week's end, George was acquired in a trade, Leonard agreed to sign, and a franchise that had struggled to attract top players since its move to Los Angeles 35 years ago had entered uncharted territory.

However, the host of Leonard's free agency meeting felt he was back on familiar ground.

Nineteen years after Rivers, as the Magic's coach and key pitchman, helped Orlando land Grant Hill and Tracy McGrady, he put to use the lessons learned from his first experience helping assemble a superteam during the Clippers' pursuit of Leonard and George.

"I can draw upon Orlando," Rivers said, "because we had so much success doing it."

It was not the first time the coach said he recognized striking parallels between those Magic and these Clippers — experiences he hopes will diverge in one critical way.

Both began their rebuilds through a painful trade of a popular, homegrown star — Penny Hardaway in Orlando, Blake Griffin in L.A. Both refused to tank, defying low expectations behind a gritty style and a roster devoid of an All-Star — teams Rivers called the "Heart and Hustle" Magic and "Blacktop" Clippers. Both closed the cycle by adding some of the NBA's most talented players, after their front offices went to great lengths to get superstars.

"Lawrence Frank did more research than any human being is possible to do," Rivers said. "And I thought (former Orlando general manager) John Gabriel did the same thing. That's why we were successful in Orlando getting Tracy and Grant, and that's why we've been successful today."

In Orlando, Rivers pushed the Magic to stay competitive rather than bottom out, believing top players wanted to join competitive teams they could win with immediately rather than rebuilding from scratch. It's also why each of the last two seasons, Rivers vowed the Clippers would remain in postseason contention following trades of the team's top scorer.

"You could just see their connection on the court," George said of the Clippers' past season, in which they won 48 games — 15 more than some Vegas oddsmakers expected — before earning a playoff berth. "Everybody pulling for one another, everybody elevating their games to be part of that camaraderie. That's what made it such an attractive spot."

In Orlando, Rivers also learned that free agency presentations are not one-size-fits-all.

With Leonard, the Clippers' research indicated he sought a substantive, basketball-focused conversation.

"All the other stuff that people think matters in the recruitment, I don't think Kawhi wanted to talk about that, and so I didn't," Rivers said. "I talked about winning, and basketball."

"Kawhi is a serious man and I think you felt that with him. I think he felt the seriousness of me and how serious I am about winning and how serious he is about winning and he felt good about that match."

The discussion in Rivers' living room was a far different scene than the grand tour the Magic took their targets, including Tim Duncan, on in 2000. At Isleworth, an exclusive, gated Orlando suburb, the free agents "just happened to run into Ken Griffey Jr. walking his dog," Gabriel said. Then everyone piled into golf

family could not fly on the Magic's plane is not true. A bigger factor, he believes, were the relationships Duncan shared with center David Robinson, who cut short a vacation to Hawaii to see Duncan, and the coach he'd won the 1999 title with, Gregg Popovich.

Gabriel said he was never worried by a pitch to entrust a chunk of the stars' primes to a coach with one year of experience. He believed Rivers' 13-year playing career carried the weight his coaching credentials lacked.

"He was in so many ways way ahead of the curve in what you would consider someone to be in a rookie coach," Gabriel said. "I saw him and he saw himself as an asset to getting this done, particularly in his ability to connect with players, having been one."

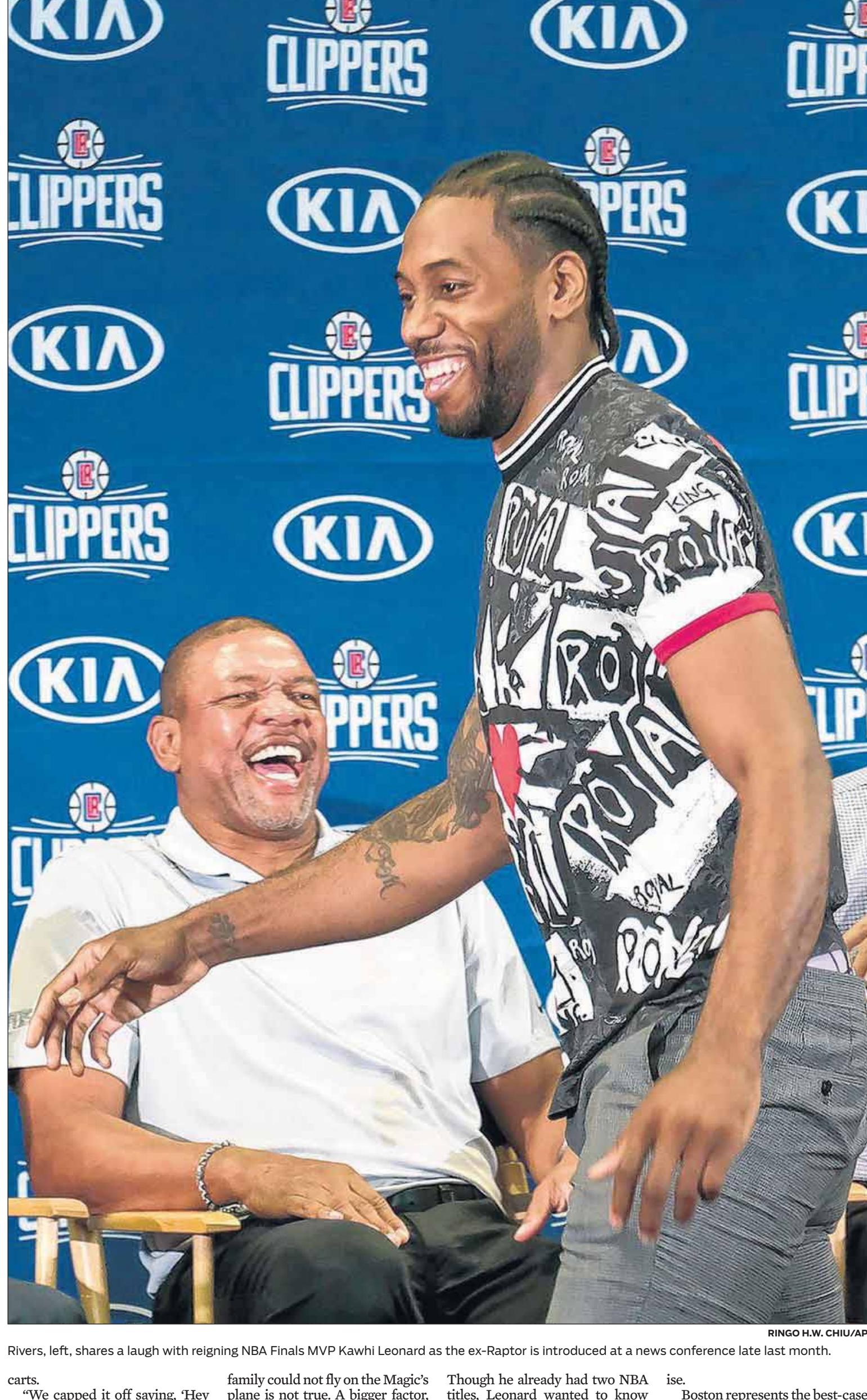
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That connection proved influential with Leonard, as well.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Doc Rivers, left, worked closely with Tracy McGrady during his time as head coach of the Magic in the early 2000s.



RINGO H.W. CHIU/AP

Rivers, left, shares a laugh with reigning NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard as the ex-Raptor is introduced at a news conference late last month.

cards.

"We capped it off saying, 'Hey look, there's a guy teeing off on the fourth hole.' We drove up and there's Tiger."

Tiger Woods hit a drive within inches to the pin before chatting with the free agents, Gabriel recalled. Later, when the players were given the run of Disney World after hours, they saw a ball at Epcot that was lit to read: "Grant Us This."

"We did a pretty decent job of painting Orlando as a field of dreams," Gabriel said. "I got a call from Lon Babby (Hill and Duncan's agent) saying, 'You did it.'

The visit with Duncan, with Grant and T-Mac, was just sort of a courtesy at the beginning, but (Duncan) wants to come."

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Though he already had two NBA titles, Leonard wanted to know how his time with the Clippers could be maximized. Rivers, who won the 2008 title in Boston while shepherding another so-called superteam of Ray Allen, Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett, showed how.

"With Doc being a championship head coach, that's something I wanted," Leonard said.

Said Rivers: "I guess the difference this time is I knew the league more. I knew me more. I had a body of work. The time with Tim and Grant and Tracy, I'd coached one year. I really didn't have a body of work, so I think my body of work played in my favor this time."

That experience underscored perhaps the most important lesson of all. If merely assembling a roster with such talent is supremely difficult, so too is fulfilling its championship-level prom-

ise.

Boston represents the best-case scenario: Eleven months after acquiring Garnett, the Celtics won a title.

In contrast, injuries, the rise of Golden State and, at times, infighting kept Rivers' Lob City-era Clippers from reaching their potential. Orlando had three first-round playoff exits and a 21-win season to show for Hill and McGrady's four seasons together. A recurring ankle injury forced Hill to effectively miss two of those seasons. Rivers was fired during the pair's fourth and final year together.

"The experience in Orlando made me appreciate the Boston thing more," Rivers said. "It taught me how hard it is to frickin' win. It's hard to win. You need a lot of things to go your way."

So far with the Clippers, as in Orlando, two things already have.

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COMMENTARY



ETHAN MILLER/GETTY PHOTOS

Kemba Walker looks to get around the defense of teammate De'Aaron Fox during a Team USA practice Monday in Las Vegas.

Just like NBA, Team USA must adjust to a new era

BY JERRY BREWER

The Washington Post

At the Rio Olympics three years ago, Jerry Colangelo beamed at the sight of gold medals dangling from the necks of players on a supposedly underwhelming United States men's basketball team. Then the USA Basketball managing director used the moment to admonish critics who had considered the squad too green in international competition and too full of secondary stars.

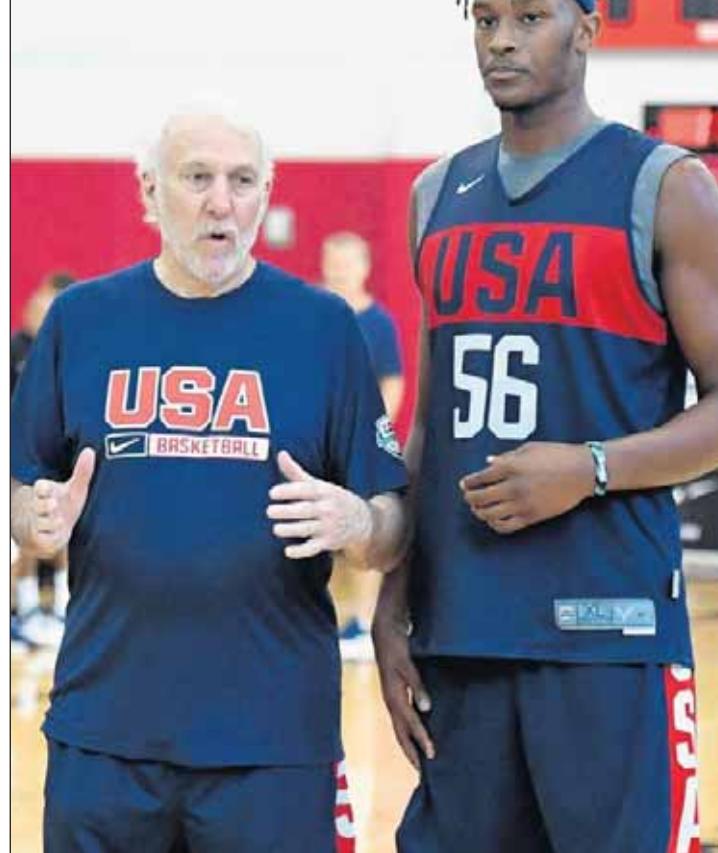
"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that might not otherwise have been there for them, so I'm happy for them," Colangelo said that day. "It bothers me when some of our players are called 'B' players or 'C' players. That's ludicrous. They're all great players."

Funny how time and circumstances distort perspective. Back then, these were some of the names on that "Is this the best we can do?" Team USA: Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, Paul George, Klay Thompson, Jimmy Butler. You know, the same guys who helped change the NBA during this landmark offseason.

If that was a B or C team, let's just skip assigning a letter grade for the current FIBA World Cup roster. This figures to be the least accomplished collection of NBA players that the U.S. has sent to a major international competition since 1992, when the Dream Team debuted.

The 2019 World Cup team has convened in Las Vegas this week to start preparing for the tournament later this month. For the casual basketball fan, it's a "Who's that?" list of emerging stars and role players. Kyle Lowry, Kemba Walker and Khris Middleton are the only reigning all-stars available. Harrison Barnes and Lowry (if he's cleared to play following thumb surgery) are the only holdovers from the 2016 Olympic team. It was once thought the team could include significant star power, but a long list of healthy stars seemingly in line to lead the team dropped out, including James Harden, Anthony Davis, Damian Lillard, Kevin Love, Bradley Beal and CJ McCollum.

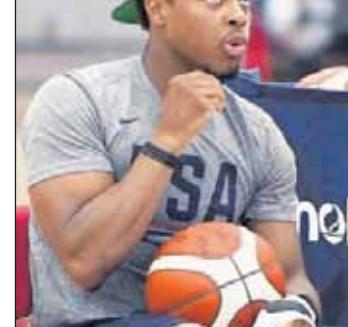
You have to be careful about characterizing both this roster and the overall state of USA Basketball. Since the back-to-back disappointments of a sixth-place finish in the 2002 world championships and a bronze-medal showing during the 2004 Olympics, the U.S. has a much



Team USA coach Gregg Popovich works with Myles Turner.



Team USA managing director Jerry Colangelo sports an Olympic championship ring.



Kyle Lowry is one of only three 2019 All-Stars currently on the Team USA roster.

But after having an easier time managing the roster for most of the past 13 years, the World Cup will be a test of American depth. But beyond that, there's the larger question of what motivates the overall talent pool.

You have to wonder if stars have it too good right now. With the introduction of the supermax contract, they're eligible to make ridiculous money, and even without a supermax deal, veteran franchise players make more than \$30 million a season. Unlike after the 2004 Olympics failure, the quality of American basketball isn't on trial anymore. The NBA style of play is entertaining again, and after the flurry of moves this offseason, parity may exist again, too.

There's a thought that many stars declined Team USA invitations to focus on what could be an epic 2019-20 season. It also didn't help that the World Cup was pushed back a year, meaning aspiring 2020 Olympians would have to commit consecutive summers to the team, and that's a huge problem in this era of load management. The tournament also ends in mid-September, just two weeks before the start of NBA training camp.

Colangelo and Coach K had done a good job of getting players to believe in the system and to understand that their commitment required more than interest in competing during an Olympic year. But if the U.S. goes to China and wins this World Cup, would it cut a high number of players on this year's team to accommodate bigger stars if they want in on the 2020 Tokyo Games?

When the U.S. had something to prove, participant wasn't a problem. But where does the urgency come from now?

It's not a big deal when Davis, during a summer in which he was traded, decides to save himself for his new team. When Julius Randle and Tobias Harris have better things to do, you grow concerned about both priorities and the effects of so much NBA player movement. As New Orleans guard JJ Redick cited in turning down the opportunity, he has to get his family settled in a new city.

No matter how Team USA fares in China, a solid system is being forced to adapt. If the NBA must adjust to the whims of its greatest, power-seeking players, so, too, must Team USA. It was inevitable. You can only hope the stars are motivated to find a greater purpose during such a privileged time.

better system for team selection and player engagement, and so while the 2019 roster lacks the superstars on top, it does possess a thoughtful collection of the kind of talent and versatility that suits international competition.

Gregg Popovich, a great team builder, is the right fit to coach this group because he will combine a clear and demanding standard with a clever and flexible style of play. We're not accustomed to a true team representing the U.S. Normally, the standard is for all-stars to come together and sacrifice just enough for their overwhelming talent to take over. But this time, the whole truly must be greater than the sum of its parts.

There are some valid larger concerns, however. Most importantly, where are the heads of the biggest American stars? Is this a coincidental one-year issue or the start of a trend?

From 2006-16, Team USA enjoyed a decade of mostly ideal commitment. Mike Krzyzewski went 88-1 as the coach during this span, with the lone loss coming to Greece in the semifinals of the 2006 world championships. Until the 2016 Olympics, the greatest players

wanted to participate as much as possible, and there was a considerable waiting list of stars who couldn't make the team but remained interested. Summer minicamps were highly attended events. The program was stronger than ever. The team was the hardest in the world to make.

While it's laughable now to look at the 2016 Olympic team and consider it lackluster, that reaction was a testament to the commitment. Remember that the 2008 Olympic squad was referred to as the Redeem Team after the U.S. had failed to win gold in three straight major events (2002 world championships, 2004 Olympics, 2006 world championships). That redemptive spirit continued for several years, and typical American dominance followed.

But three years ago, the momentum started to fade. Concerns about Zika virus kept some players away from the 2016 Olympics. Others were too tired or banged up. Others were getting too old. Four first team all-NBA selections didn't go to Rio: LeBron James, Stephen Curry, Russell Westbrook and Kawhi Leonard. In addition,

Olympic veteran Chris Paul didn't play. Carmelo Anthony was still around from the Redeem Team, and Durant was playing in his second Olympics. But there had been a shift, and it was an uneasy feeling.

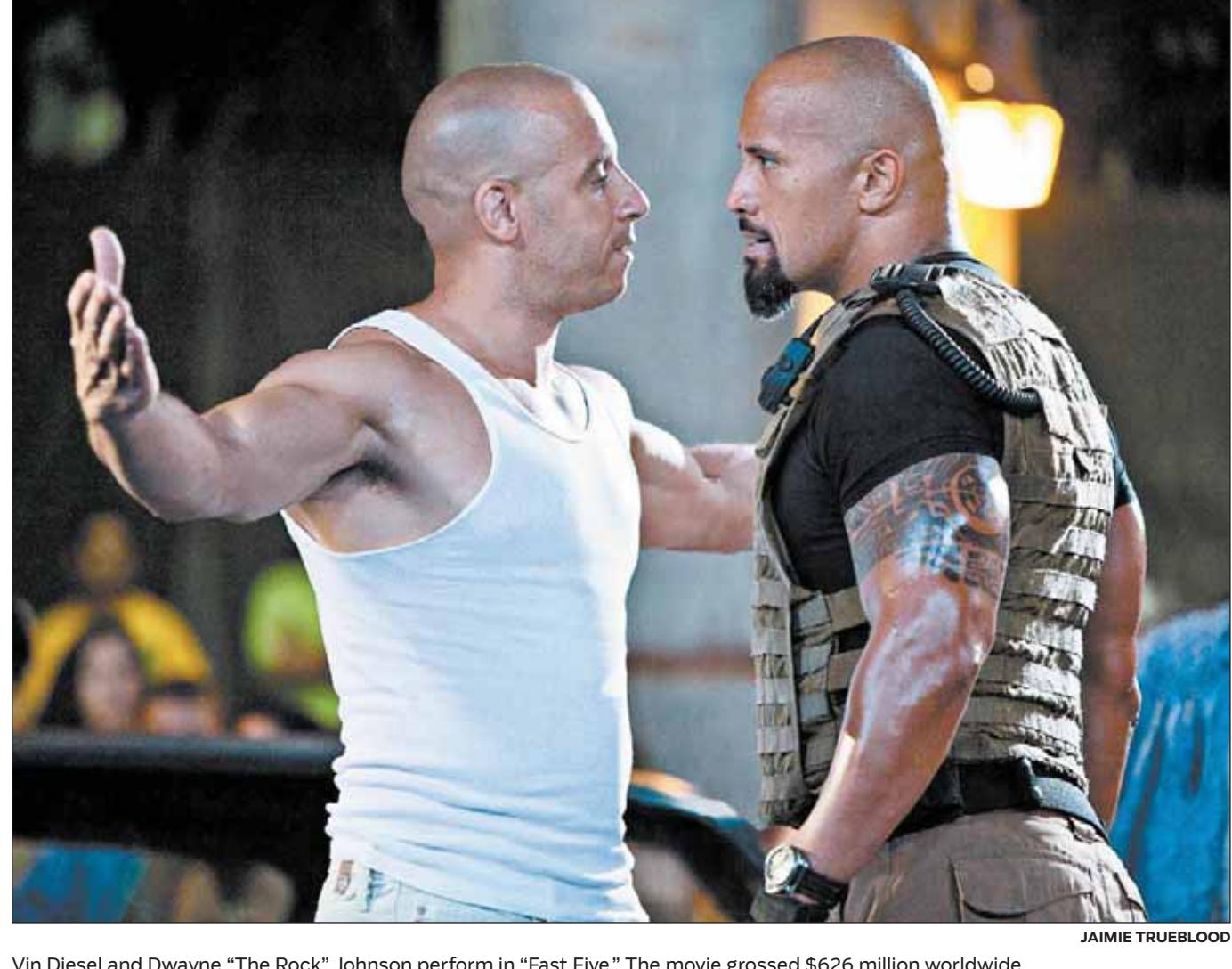
The U.S. went undefeated and beat Serbia by 30 in the gold medal game. However, with 10 new players, the tournament was a struggle until the team came together at the end. Three years ago, Colangelo noted the difficulty.

"With 10 new people, you only have them for a few weeks, it's not enough time," he said. "For me, I'm glad we're past this. It's vindication for all that we've done. But we need to continue with continuity. We can't go back again with 10 new players. That's not going to happen."

For this World Cup, they have 10 new players. And it took more than 40 invitations to put together this team.

"Honestly, I don't have any angst," Colangelo said as training camp for the World Cup began.

Colangelo knows not to focus on who's absent. It's unfair to the players who will compete.



JAIME TRUEBLOOD

Vin Diesel and Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson perform in 'Fast Five.' The movie grossed \$626 million worldwide.

Supercharged evolution

'Fast & Furious' films, from racing movies to global action flicks

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS
Washington Post

In "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw," Dwayne Johnson's Luke Hobbs needs to keep a hovering helicopter from escaping, so he throws a chain around it from the back of a moving car. While he holds said chain with one hand, with the other, he holds onto the car driven by Jason Statham's Deckard Shaw. Hobbs, of course, manages to keep the chopper from flying off with his brute strength.

Another scene involves a Russian scientist wielding a flamethrower, while a third includes a fight with a cyborg named Brixton (Idris Elba) on the side of a skyscraper.

This is a far cry from the street races of

Los Angeles that underground cop Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) and family-values-espousing criminal Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) had in 2001's "The Fast and the Furious." Yet they belong to the same world.

How exactly did we end up here? It's been a strange metamorphosis. So strap on in, hit the NOS and take a drive with us through the blazing evolution of the Fast and Furious franchise.

'The Fast and the Furious' (2001)

At this point, the first film seems so quaint. Basically a remake of "Point Break," but based on a Vibe article about real-life illegal street-racing gangs in California, the movie seemed like something of a one-off. It introduced us to NOS, nitrous oxide that makes the cars go fast (and furious, we guess) that also became a real-life energy drink that's still widely available to purchase.

What really stood out, and likely contributed to the franchise's eventual success, was the diversity of the movie's cast. While Paul Walker was the only white guy in the main billing with a few others filling out the crew, the film primarily featured black and brown actors — an anomaly, especially at the time.

It performed well enough, earning \$40 million in its opening weekend — not bad for a middling action flick that cost \$38 million to make. But it received mixed reviews and generally seemed like the kind of movie that might have a nice run on TBS before fading into obscurity. Then things got weird.

'2 Fast 2 Furious' (2003)

The less said about the sequel, the better. The movie wasn't just abjectly terrible, but it was a bizarre follow-up. Much of it felt like a remake of the first

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Lil Nas X came out, but has hip-hop?

A macho culture faces a crossroads

BY GERRICK D. KENNEDY
Los Angeles Times

On June 30, the final day of Pride Month, the young country-rap sensation Lil Nas X came out to his 2.2 million Twitter followers.

"Some of y'all already know, some of y'all don't care, some of y'all not gone fwom no more. but before this month ends i want y'all to listen closely to 'C7osure'" he wrote, referring to a track from his debut EP "7," then the No. 1 rap album in the country.

"Embracin' this news I behold unfolding ... I know it don't feel like it's time," he raps. "But I look back at this moment, I'll see that I'm fine."

Overnight, the 20-year-old Atlanta native - born Montero Lamar Hill - became the biggest gay pop star in the world. That he did so in the orbit of hip-hop and country, genres that have historically snubbed queer artists, was groundbreaking.

"Lil Nas X reimagined an im-



Lil Nas X, at JMBLYA at Fair Park in Dallas in May, came out as gay June 30.

age of the Wrangler-wearing, horseback riding man's man into a young black representative of youth culture, got the attention of two traditionally macho cultures and then came out on the last day of Pride," said Roy Kinsey, a Chi-

cago-based librarian and rapper at the forefront of Chicago's queer rap scene. "It was genius."

"It's hard to be out in genres where being gay, or expressing your sexuality, is frowned upon," added platinum rapper and singer

iLoveMakonnen, born Makonnen Sheran, who rose to fame as a protege of Drake and came out as gay in 2017. "We are finally starting to see queer black men celebrated in the genre. But this is still a genre that has never been sup-

portive of change."

Before the viral sensation of "Old Town Road" turned Hill into a pop star and gay icon, hip-hop was already reaching a turning point in its inclusivity, as more young black men exploring sexuality and interrogating masculinity in their work are getting mainstream attention.

"I feel like I'm opening the doors for more people," Hill told the BBC recently. "That they feel more comfortable [being out]. Especially in the ... hip-hop community. It's still not accepted ..." (Hill declined to offer further comment for this piece.)

Hip-hop's refusal to embrace anything queer has been a blemish on the genre for as long as it's been around. Rap culture has always been powered by unbridled machismo, and one would be hard pressed to not find a gay slur embedded in the lyrics of any of the genre's most famous architects. In fact, an entire lexicon dedicated to pointing out discomfort with gay men has permeated rap lyrics. Slang such as "sus" and "No homo" and "Pause" that use queerness as a punchline have

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RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Kennedy McMann and Scott Wolf play daughter and father in the CW reboot of "Nancy Drew."

Original 'Nancy Drew' passes torch

Pamela Sue Martin, TV's original Nancy Drew, has passed the torch to the actress playing the latest incarnation of the teenage sleuth.

Martin will appear on The CW's remake that blends mystery, suspense, a supernatural element and a bit of horror. She got her big break on "The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries" with Shaun Cassidy and Parker Stevenson in the late 1970s.

Martin wrote a letter to Kennedy McMann, who at 22 is getting her big break on the remake a year after graduating from college.

"It's like, tear-stained. I cried when I read it," McMann told a TV critics gathering Sunday. "It had a lot to do just with the industry and standing up for oneself and making your own decisions and how to kind of transition into a role like this and the repercussions of that in Hollywood. It was very thoughtful."

Martin quit the original after one season when her role was reduced with the merger of the two shows. But she was thrilled to be asked to appear in the remake, which debuts Oct. 9.

"She came so prepared," director Larry Teng said. "She was a real huge contributor."

While some of the characters and mystery theme resemble the original, McMann's Nancy Drew has sex.

Scott Wolf, who plays the sleuth's father, joked, "I was just hearing about this sex thing for the first time. We'll talk later."

McMann, the daughter of young adult author Lisa McMann, grew up reading the Nancy Drew books, but she didn't reread them in preparation for the role.

"I wanted to just be true and dedicate myself to the Nancy that we were creating," she said, "with all the knowledge that I already had to back up the historical relevance of her traits."

— Associated Press



R. SHOTWELL/INVISION

Theme singer: Mariah Carey has recorded a new song that will debut as the theme of ABC's "black-ish" spinoff, "mixed-ish." Carey said in a statement that she loves the show's pilot, which focuses on the 1980s upbringing of Tracee Ellis Ross' character, Rainbow, and that providing music for a show focused on a biracial woman like herself is a natural fit. The show premieres Sept. 24.

It's a boy for "Today" co-host Jenna Bush Hager and husband Henry Hager. "Welcome to the world my darling Henry Harold 'Hal' Hager!" she wrote in an Instagram post Monday, announcing his Friday birth. It's the couple's third child. The daughter of former president George W. Bush also posted a picture of daughters Mila and Poppy: "And our world made even sweeter when our girls met their baby brother."

Batwoman out: Ruby Rose, the 33-year-old gender-fluid actress — who came out at 12 in her native Australia — hopes her title role on The CW's "Batwoman" lets viewers know they're not alone. It's the first TV series headlined by an out LGBTQ superhero. Rose said there's "a lot of pressure" on kids today and she wants young people to be able identify and relate to characters they're watching.

Aug. 6 birthdays: Actress Catherine Hicks is 68. Singer Randy DeBarge is 61. Actress Michelle Yeoh is 57. Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 49. Singer Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell is 47. Actor Jason O'Mara is 47. Actress Vera Farmiga is 46. Actress Melissa George is 43. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 38.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Survivor of bad childhood eyes closure

Dear Amy: I am a man in my 60s, happily married for 31 years. We have two wonderful young-adult sons. I am also estranged from my elderly parents and my one younger sibling, a brother.

I grew up with an alcoholic, physically abusive father, and a cold, distant and critical mother.

My father whipped me with his belt. Something as simple as spilling milk at the dinner table would get me a swift and painful slap on the side of the head.

My mother had no sympathy, and didn't protect us.

I left home as soon as I graduated high school and have always lived at least 2,000 miles away.

My brother became an alcoholic. I, too, had issues with substance abuse, and made poor relationship choices as a young man.

Through counseling, some difficult interior work (and a lot of grace), I found a better way to live than how I was raised.

I married an amazing woman, and we created a family and home that is a place of joy and healing for me to this day.

It has been 15 years since I have seen my parents. I do not miss them. I have gotten random letters from them over the years, questioning my mental health, accusing me of being an elder abuser, and of being ungrateful and unforgiving. I mostly ignore their letters.

I don't know what I should do when one of them dies. I wish them no harm, but when it does happen, I imagine it will be more of a relief for me than a time of grief.

Part of me would want

to see them buried just to have some kind of closure, but when I think about attending the funeral, I imagine it being very unpleasant. Any advice?

— Estranged Son

Dear Estranged: You deserve huge credit for creating a life for yourself and your children that was the opposite of your childhood. Hard work meets grace, indeed!

I think that many of us imagine closure as an open line that is finally stitched shut into a circle, completing a difficult journey. But my own experience with family dysfunction, loss and grief was more like a spiral: As you make your orbit through life, you pass the same points over and over again, even as you create more distance from the events and people that caused you pain. Each orbit brings you more useful perspective.

I also believe in showing up, even when the experience might be painful. That's where grace comes in. If you show up with humility (and minimal expectations for how others will behave), you will say goodbye, and perhaps also find the grace to move toward forgiveness for both the dead and the surviving parent.

Your beautiful and healthy life is a triumph. Carry that with you as you go.

Dear Amy: My husband and I celebrated our 40th anniversary with an invitation-only party.

My friend of 23 years showed up with her sister (whom I know, but did not invite).

Neither my husband nor

I said anything about the

extra guest.

My friend had a Tiffany gift bag, which she placed on the gift table.

Later that evening, I opened the gifts.

Inside the Tiffany bag were two anniversary cards and a small salt and pepper shaker set shaped like pigs, which my friend purchased while on vacation (I used to collect pigs, but told everyone years ago that I no longer do).

I returned the gift and Tiffany bag to her, telling her I had no use for this.

Is it OK to bring a \$2 gift to a special occasion in a Tiffany's gift bag?

— Upset

Dear Upset: This Tiffany gift bag has really been a trigger for you.

Yes, it's OK to use a Tiffany bag to house other gifts, but your (presumably now ex-) friend created an obvious fiction by using the bag, and then insulted you with what was inside. That is not cool.

It was rude of you to return the gift, but in this case, the disrespect may be proportional.

Dear Amy: This phrase in your reply to "Lost Woman in the West" brought tears to my eyes: "Spend time with friends, and in nature. Books, movies, art and music will touch that part of you that is dormant — your sense of wonder and joy."

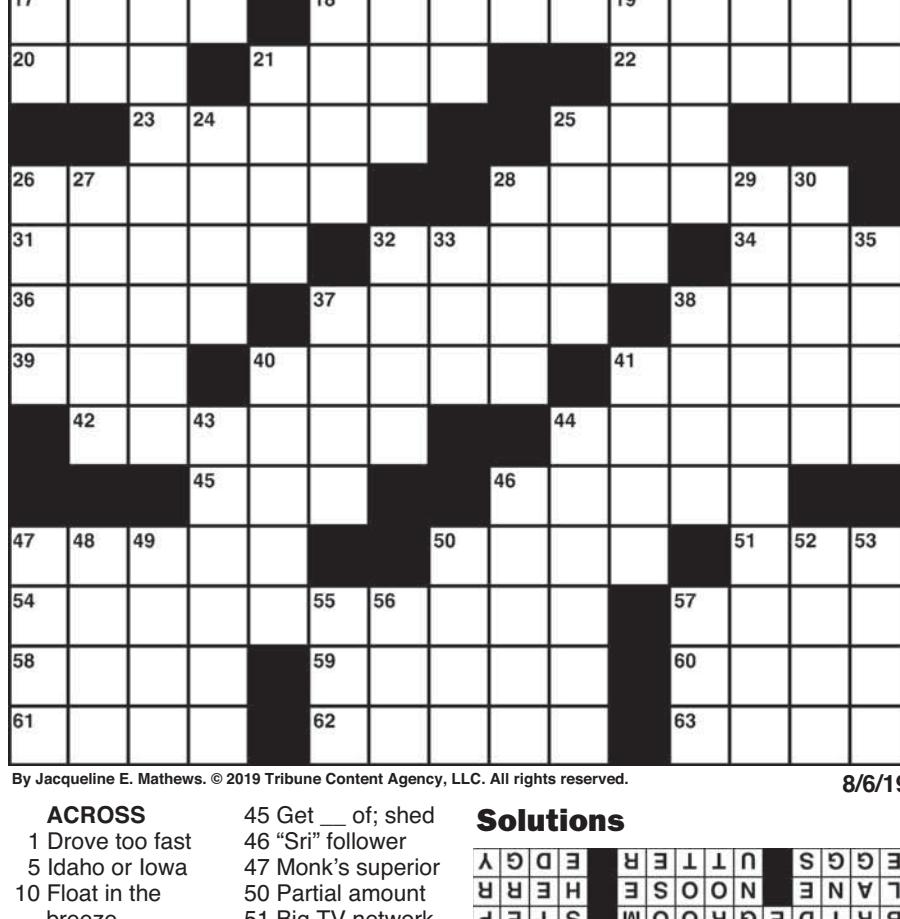
— Grateful

Dear Grateful: It works for me.

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Hip-hop

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been thrown around casually for years.

But as the old guard has been replaced with a younger generation unconcerned with rigid labels and unbothered by genre, today's rap and R&B scene isn't as exclusively heteronormative as it once was.

"We know folks in our community have always been religiously conservative, and being gay is still seen as taboo," said Ebro Darden, the global editorial head of hip-hop and R&B for Apple Music and host of "Ebro in the Morning" on New York's Hot 97 radio station. "But with entertainment becoming more accepting, music is going to be right there. This moment isn't some blip, because it's not a blip in society."

'I don't have any secrets I need to keep anymore'

In 2012, avant-garde R&B-hip-hop singer Frank Ocean broke ground by boldly writing about falling in love with a man on the eve of releasing his breathlessly hyped debut album "Channel Orange." "I don't know what happens now, and that's alrite. I don't have any secrets I need kept anymore," he wrote.

Ocean, who sprung from the rowdy, L.A.-based hip-hop collective Odd Future, went on to become a Grammy-winning star and in-demand collaborator for Jay-Z, ASAP Rocky and Travis Scott.

"Frank Ocean was the beginning of the revolution. But people had to warm up to it and sometimes the collective warm-up can take more time than we think," said singer-songwriter Iman Jordan (Rihanna, "Empire"). "We've gotten used to seeing white queer men become megastars. I'm looking forward to the day when [more] black queer men are seen."

Over the past couple of years, Ocean's former Odd Future collaborator, Tyler, the Creator, has transitioned from a bratty provocateur who hurled gay slurs with reckless abandon into a thoughtful confessionalist, one who surprisingly and rather matter-of-factly raps about his own attraction to men. His latest effort, "Igor," is ostensibly a funky soap opera about a boy who loves a boy who loves a girl. "Take your mask off, I need her out the picture... Stop lyin' to yourself, I know the real you," he raps. "Igor" became the first Billboard No. 1 album of his career, and his most acclaimed.

A diverse array of talents such as Brockhampton frontman Kevin Abstract, Steve Lacy (also formerly affiliated with Odd Future) and Skype Williams have all presented works this year that are freely crafted through a black queer lens.

On his "Arizona Baby" album, co-produced by Jack Antonoff (Taylor Swift), Abstract reflects on growing up gay and in Corpus Christi at the turn of the millennium. "My ... back home ain't even proud of me," he raps on album opener "Big Wheels." "They think I'm a bitch, just queerbaiting."

And on his introspective new album, "Apollo XXI," Lacy confronts his struggles to accept his bisexuality over groovy guitar riffs. "Coming into my



Kevin Abstract is the founder of Brockhampton — a hip-hop collective from San Marcos, Texas.

understanding of my sexuality helped shaped the record to be carefree, human, fun and honest. I didn't care to say I'm anything because straight artists don't. This album represents sexual freedom and liberation for me," Lacy told The Times earlier this year.

Big Freedia — the vibrant, gender non-confirming talent who put New Orleans bounce music on the map — has been called on by Drake and Beyoncé for hits. And a young black gay man has the No. 1 song in America and just eclipsed a chart record that Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men set 23 years ago with "One Sweet Day," a song inspired by the AIDS crisis and the tragic peril it brought to so many black gay men in this country. ("Despacito" by Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber had shared the record.)

While queer female performers such as Janelle Monae, Halsey, Young M.A. and Kehlani have been accepted with little fuss, there's now a growing surge of queer black male voices that are cutting through a genre built on heteronormative ideals.

"[Black] queer women are having a better time than men right now, creatively," says New York-based DJ, producer and rapper Skype Williams. "But male representation is moving in the right direction," he continued. "The catalyst for this shift though? I think when people in political power are threatening our basic rights, art and music gets more interesting."

It helps that the streaming era has disrupted how stars are created. Artists are no longer beholden to an ecosystem ruled by gatekeepers and pop music has gotten far less homogenized.

No genre of music offers better proof of this than hip-hop, where Generation Z rap stars are born on Soundcloud and TikTok and not radio. "Old Town Road" was a meme on TikTok — a popular lip-sync social media app well before it was the inescapable radio earworm that reignited old debates about race and genre.

Furthermore, artists are playing to a generation far more open-minded and permissive when it comes to gender and sexuality than their older millennial counterparts. A report by trend forecasting agency J. Walter Thompson Innovation Group back in 2016 found that only 48% of 13-20 year-olds identified as exclusively heterosexual, compared to 65% of the generation before them.

This is an audience that



Frank Ocean arrives at the 55th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on Feb. 10, 2013.

shrugs when Tyler, the Creator does an about-face the way he did on 2017's stellar "Flower Boy" where he casually rapped about being attracted to men after years of using gay slurs — a topic he still refuses to address outside of the music (he declined to be interviewed for this piece). "Truth is, since a youth kid, thought it was a phase / thought it'd be like the phrase, 'poof,' gone / But, it's still goin' on," he rapped.

And that's not to say the rest of the music industry is that much further ahead.

Pop music had lacked an openly gay superstar before Adam Lambert and Sam Smith made history with their chart debuts and Grammy victories, respectively. And despite their statuses as legendary rock hitmakers and gay icons, there was much handwringing over how biopics for Queen and Elton John would handle the queerness of its subjects.

The evolution in hip-hop is significant, albeit more gradual and less pronounced than the larger shift in pop culture over representations of black male queerness.

There was Fox's hip-hop drama "Empire," which made a powerful statement by making one of its leads a gay black R&B singer (for a time, the records released by the character — played by Jussie Smollett — were the only music by an out gay black man getting mainstream radio play.)

"Moonlight," a coming of age tale about a gay black boy, won best picture at the Academy Awards in 2017 and for the first time queer people of color outnumbered their white counterparts on TV, according to GLAAD's annual TV diversity report. Series such as "Queen Sugar," "Dear White People" and "This Is Us" feature storylines abound nuanced black LGBTQ characters; meanwhile, Ryan Murphy's

"Pose," which has exposed the world to a part of black queer culture that has inspired pop divas for decades, is up for two Emmys, including one for Billy Porter, the first openly gay black man to receive a lead actor nod. And a quarter-century after "you better work," RuPaul has turned drag into a multi-million-dollar empire.

But is all this enough to swing the pendulum toward permanent change in R&B and hip-hop?

A long history of homophobia

Since the genre's dawning, nearly five decades ago, homophobic attitudes in hip-hop have been the norm. N.W.A and the Beastie Boys boasted about their disdain for gay people in lyrics. 50 Cent once said it wasn't OK for men to be gay, but women who like women? "That's cool."

Nicki Minaj incited her sizable queer fanbase by using a gay slur on her latest album. The late XXXTentacion was as famous for his contemplative music as the violent mythology he constructed to sell it — including gleefully boasting about beating a man within an inch of life because he looked at him too long. Just last year, Migos' Offset notoriously rapped, "I cannot vibe with queers." And Eminem has yet to retire his usage of "f---" in the 18 years since he famously performed with Elton John at the Grammys as a PR-orchestrated act of good will against his viciously homophobic lyrics.

"The sport of hip-hop is very masculine and macho," says iLoveMakonnen. "The industry is full of queer black men and yet some of hip-hop loudest voices won't speak up and support us because they don't want a target on their back. How can we get the acceptance of people who

haven't even accepted themselves? So much of gay culture is influencing the world, including hip-hop, and yet the culture is ashamed of us."

Despite being on the cutting edge of setting trends, queer black folks are still last in line when it comes to representation across a mainstream pop culture zeitgeist heavily informed by black queer creatives. From fashion to the English lexicon, black queer people have set the pace even if they don't always, in turn, see themselves embraced.

A wave of black queer rap artists, including Lefi, Zebra Katz, Cakes Da Killa, Mykki Blanco and House of LaDoshia, broke out of New York at the start of the decade with music and visuals that upended the very same gender constructs that have been weaponized against gay men for the last century by pairing hyper-feminine aesthetics — high fashion looks, weave, manicured fingernails — with braggadocios' rhymes. They proved that men in baggy jeans and fitted caps weren't the only ones with biting flows and, yes, queens could do it better.

But the wave of New York queer rap and the coming out of Ocean and iLoveMakonnen, for many, felt like false starts. Queer rappers hardly got the attention needed to break into mainstream consciousness and if they did, they most certainly were never men — a reminder that a divide still remains on acceptance. There's limits on how queer black men can be seen, and the line is sex.

"Black male images are often connected to the sex he has — how many women he can acquire, his virility," said Roy Kinsey. "And rap caters to that image. As a queer man, I have to constantly wonder if people will be more or less likely to

buy my record if they knew how [I had sex]."

Just a few weeks ago, New Orleans rapper Young KSB went viral with a gloriously raunchy ode to anilings that's as sexually explicit as anything dominating Spotify playlists — but it's impossible to imagine that viralness transitioning to the mainstream.

Even as Hill was celebrated for breaking rap's gay glass ceiling, the jokes about his sex life also made it into the news coverage. When asked about Hill's coming out, Young Thug — a rapper who jumped on an "Old Town Road" remix and has toyed with gender norms by dressing in couture gowns — said that Hill "probably shouldn't have told the world" he was gay.

"It ain't even about the music no more. Soon as the song comes on, everybody's like, 'This gay a— ... [Dudes] don't even care to listen to the song no more,'" Thug said during an interview with hip-hop influencer Adam 22. "Just to certain people. He's young and backlash can come behind anything."

Thug isn't entirely off-base.

While queer representation has improved, there's still a calculation being made by artists. How many acts who get mainstream attention are as sexually explicit as their straight counterparts? And how many approach discussing their sexuality in the media with the same transparency as their personalities suggest?

"I wasn't ready to test the waters back then, even with the support of my label," said Jordan, who is releasing his first EP since coming out in 2016 and exiting his former label Interscope. "I felt constant pressure to be more macho and fit in by not being too feminine or differently dressed. The optimist in me sees Lil Nas X as an example of mainstream acceptance. But on the other hand, he came out after already having a No. 1, and I do wonder if coming out before he was famous would've changed his trajectory."

"Artists don't want to become a spokesperson, or be seen as a gimmick," says Darden. "Especially when it relates to their sexuality. It's still their life."

Williams' debut EP, "Sorry I'm Out," a sizzling collection of boom-bap rap, syrupy pop and soulful funk released independently last month, is a bright mediation on living and dating in New York City. It's just one in a string of recent releases from young black men rapping and singing about love, and sex, between two men with straightforward transparency.

Describing the inspiration behind "Sorry I'm Out," he declared that "work made by gay people doesn't necessarily need to be like Troye-Sivan-twinkily-white-lit-le-pastel-pink-pop .. but it doesn't have to be turbo-homo-DL-thug [stuff], either," a snipe at the realities that face black queer artists when trying to get their music heard.

"It's easy to digest non-threatening, flaming, skinny gay men. It's as simple as that," said Williams. "Some people have a hard time imagining anyone 'other' being complex."

Hip-hop is at its queerest right now.

Whether or not that moves beyond this moment is yet to be seen.

Lolla

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the EDM-centric Perry's stage and was found unresponsive at the festival Aug. 5, 2018.

Overall, numbers of emergency medical service were down compared to last year's event — which topped at 160 transports. Wrapping up Sunday night, the OEMC reported nine arrests, two citations for criminal trespassing, and 27 EMS transports that were mostly alcohol-related.

Advocate Medical reported receiving five patients over the Lolla weekend — four of which were

for minor injuries, while one was alcohol-related. Rush University Medical Center saw three alcohol-related visits from concertgoers on Sunday, though none were admitted, and Lurie Children's Hospital served five minors for alcohol or substance-related issues — according to numbers obtained by the Tribune through hospital representatives.

Arrests did see a spike,

jumping from 12 in 2018 to

31 in 2019. Despite fence jumping plaguing the each day of Lollapalooza, with approximately 50 people

rushing the barriers on Michigan Avenue and Balbo Drive Friday and

dozens of videos of various

occurrences over the weekend traveling across social media, citations decreased from 34 to 12. Twenty-seven arrests, 29 citations and 234 medical transports were logged during the 2017 festival, which was cut short for bad weather.

The Tribune also reported a West Virginia man was arrested on Thursday night for assaulting a paramedic outside of the festival in the 600 block of South Michigan Avenue, and destroyed more than \$500 of equipment. Another man was arrested Friday night after a citizen's report of seeing a handgun thrown into the bushes at the 1000 block of South Michigan Avenue, near the one of the

festival's strips of food stands.

Ahead of the festival's kickoff, city officials and organizers revisited security plans after the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in California just four days before gates were supposed to open. Last year, security measures and the number of first responders — including Chicago Police — were increased after it was discovered that Stephen Paddock, who opened fire at the Life is Beautiful music festival in Las Vegas — fatally shooting 58 people and wounding nearly 500 others in 2017, had booked rooms at the Blackstone Hotel overlooking Lollapalooza.

In an interview with the Tribune's Greg Kot on the eve of the festival, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said, "We take safety very seriously. I participated in a very detailed briefing (with city officials and festival executives Tuesday) and a tabletop exercise about potential different scenarios. I feel we have a very robust safety plan in place. But it all depends on being diligent."

Lightfoot added that festivalgoers also play a major role in safety over the course of the festivities.

"If you see something, say something," she said. "It's what we've been talking about in this country since 9/11. If you see someone acting in an erratic

fashion or if someone looks like they need help, there will be plenty of security personnel throughout the space and kiosks where you can get assistance or ask questions. There is no reason that anyone who sees something potentially dangerous can't share that information in a confidential way."

Despite initially slow ticket sales, Lollapalooza did sell-out of four day, general admission wristbands as well as Saturday general admission and GA+ tickets. The festival's contract to remain in Grant Park expires in 2021.

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Evolution

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film, without most of the main characters. Walker returned, but Diesel was notably absent. Tyrese Gibson filled in as Walker's foil, but since so much of the first film was built around Diesel and Walker's bond, it just felt lazy.

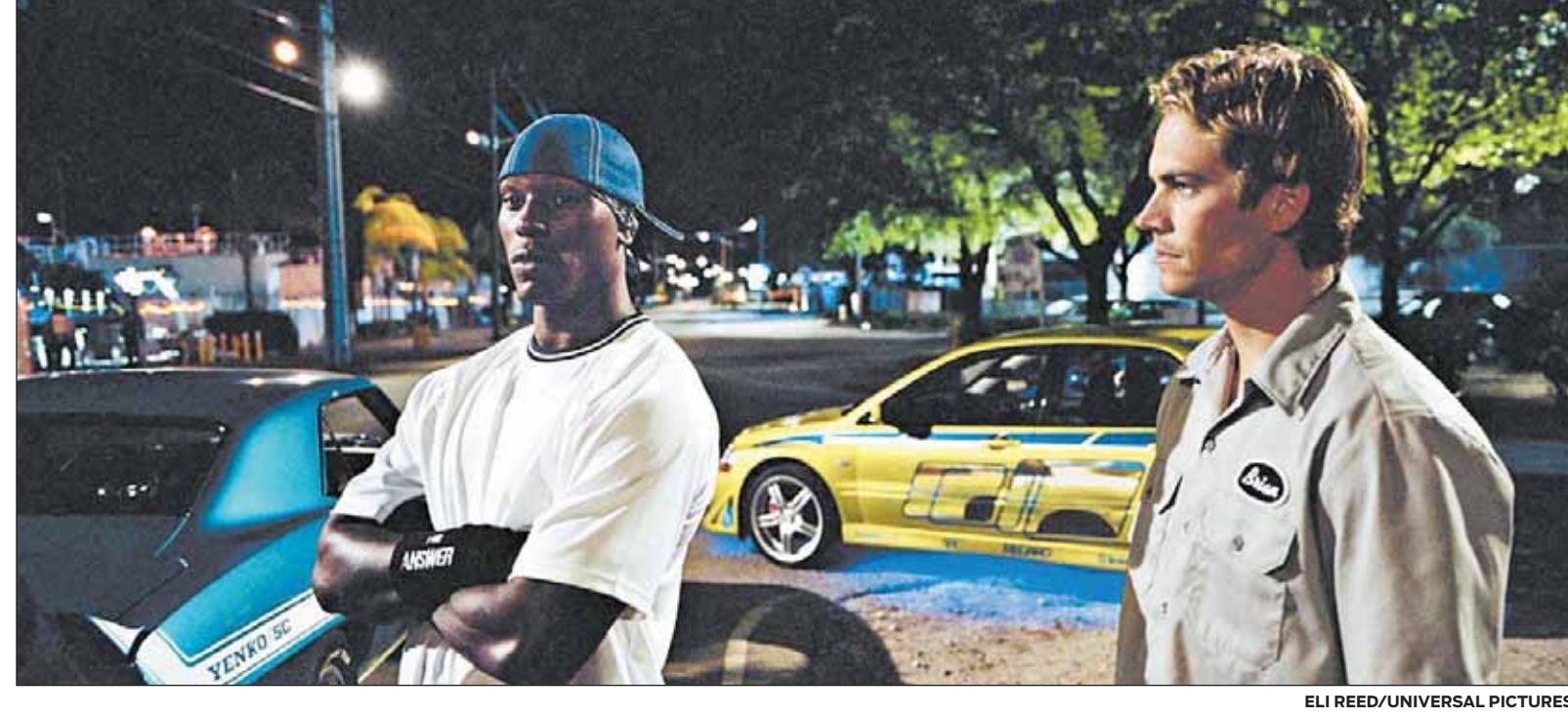
It contained hints at the franchise's future, however. The action became more cartoonish, as evidenced by the duo jumping a car off a dock, flying what looks like 50 feet through the air (at least!) and crashing into a yacht.

At this point, it seemed like the franchise would follow Walker's character in a series of buddy action movies (always with a different buddy). But things somehow got weirder.

'The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift' (2006)

We have no proof of this, but there just had to be some confused moviegoers who walked into the third installment of the series only to find that basically no one from the earlier movies was in it. Instead, we're randomly in Tokyo, following a military brat who learns about drift-racing in a movie that suddenly re-centered on the actual racing part of the franchise.

It would eventually become an outlier due to its setting and most of its cast not appearing in the rest of the films. It was also something of a flop — it made \$158 million worldwide, which is nothing to sneeze at, but remains the lowest-grossing film in the series — but introduced director Justin Lin and screenwriter Chris Morgan into the Furious world. Lin would go on to direct every other entry (save for "Hobbs and Shaw," and including the upcoming ninth and 10th films), while Morgan wrote the rest of them (including "Hobbs and Shaw," though no writer is currently billed



Ex-con Roman Pearce (Tyrese Gibson), left, joins forces with his friend and former cop Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), right to nail a crooked businessman in "2 Fast 2 Furious." The movie wasn't just abjectly terrible, but it was a bizarre follow-up.



Undercover cop Brian (Paul Walker), right, investigates rival street teams including leader Dominic (Vin Diesel), left, in "The Fast and the Furious."

for the untitled 10th movie in the franchise).

'Fast & Furious' (2009)

Sometimes things must get worse before they get better, as the fourth entry proved. Suddenly, we were back to Walker and Diesel and much of the original cast in a film set before the third movie. Sure, why not?

"Fast & Furious" may have received a 29% on Rotten Tomatoes, but it was the last "rotten" film in the series — though it grossed \$363 million worldwide. The action was bigger than before, with people jumping between buildings and

cars doing things cars shouldn't be able to do. But the point of the movie was clear: "New Model, Old Parts," declared the trailer. "Just like old times," Diesel said.

The crew was back, and things were only going to amp up from there.

'Fast Five' (2011)

The first favorably reviewed film in the franchise, "Fast Five" is when everything changed. For one, it introduced Dwayne Johnson's Hobbs, who provided a much-needed, semi-comedic antagonist to the gang — a role (kind of) played by Walker in the



Underdog street racer Sean Boswell (Lucas Black), left, and his buddy Twinkie (Bow Wow), right, in "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift."

first movie. Secondly, it threw any pretense of reality out the window and fully embraced the ludicrousness of it all. The movie only features one actual race while the rest of it is dedicated to over-the-top action.

Vehicles drive in and out of train cars. In the climax of the movie, a bus-sized safe being towed behind two cars is used as a weapon against others during a chase, all while ripping up the streets of Rio de Janeiro.

The gambit worked. It grossed \$626 million worldwide, a number that would only increase with future installments.

'Fast & Furious 6' (2013), 'Furious 7' (2015), 'The Fate of the Furious' (2017)

The formula of "bigger and bigger action set pieces with cars above all else" continued with each successive Fast and Furious entry. The world expanded to include actors like Statham, Helen Mirren, Kurt Russell and Charlize Theron, and shrunk a bit with Walker's untimely death in 2013. The action got wilder and wilder to include cars being driven out of planes, or between

skyscrapers (but, like, between the top floors). The movies continued to be set in worldwide locales such as Azerbaijan, Abu Dhabi, Toyko, Berlin and Athens. And they continued to rake in money, with "Furious 7" earning \$1.5 billion globally, a record for the series.

Now, with the spinoff that just hit theaters and two more installments on the way, the Fast and Furious series has become arguably the most modern, one of the most lucrative and certainly the most diverse franchise we have today — even if it seems to have nothing to do with where it began.



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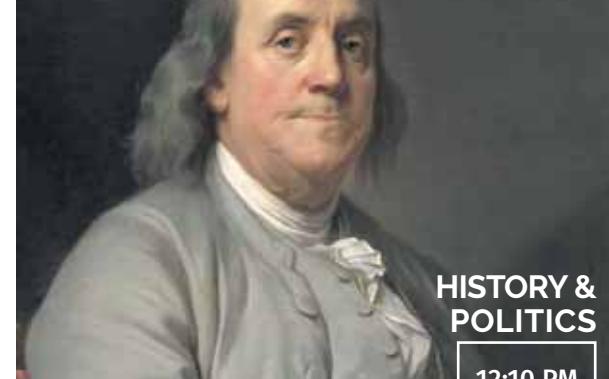


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"The 100" (8 p.m., CW): As the mystery of the anomaly continues to deepen, Sanctum is turned into a violent battleground between the devout and the non-believers in "The Blood of Sanctum," the Season 6 finale. The CW has renewed this sci-fi drama, which has emerged as a cult hit for the network, for another season. Eliza Taylor, Bob Morley, Paige Turco, Marie Avgeropoulos, Lindsey Morgan and Richard Harmon star.

"Good Trouble" (7 p.m., FREE): Exhausted by multiple confrontations in her life, Callie (Maia Mitchell) resolves to make a change in the Season 2 finale, "Disruptions." The group commissioning a new art project from Gael (Tommy Martinez) inadvertently reveals something unexpected to him about Elijah (Denim Richards). Elsewhere, Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) learns the truth about what happened with the previous female engineer. Zuri Adele and Sherry Cola also star.

"The Real Housewives of Orange County" (8 p.m., 10:31 p.m., Bravo): Original cast member Vicki Gunvalson appears throughout the season as the 14th edition of this long-running reality series opens, with Tamra Judge, Shannon Storms Beador, Kelly Dodd, Gina Kirschenheiter and Emily Simpson likewise back for more eye-rolling drama. Joining them this season is new housewife Braunwyn Windham-Burke.

"Blood & Treasure" (9 p.m., CBS): Long-held secrets come to light, several fates are sealed and the lives of partners-in-adventure Danny and Lexi (Matt Barr, Sofia Pernas) will never be the same after Karim Farouk's (Oded Fehr) master plan is put into action in the Season 1 finale, "The Revenge of Farouk." CBS has renewed this action-packed drama for a second season.

"Code of the Wild" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): Extreme adventurers turned wilderness private eyes Chris and Casey Keefer venture into rugged terrain to solve some baffling mysteries in this new eight-part docu-series. The premiere, "The Curse of El Dorado," takes the Keefer brothers on the road to El Dorado, which they hope will lead them to the fabled lost City of Gold.

"Growing Up Chrisley" (9:31 p.m., 12:34 a.m., USA): Chrisley scions Savannah and Chase open Season 2 of their spinoff series with a premiere called "Going for Gold," which finds Savannah still in Los Angeles and pursuing some promising business opportunities. Her absence causes her brother's sibling rivalry to kick into overdrive.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kevin Bacon.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Dakota Johnson; musician Post Malone; actor Jon Lovitz; Tyler Childers performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Amanda Seyfried; actors Jacob Tremblay, Brady Noon and Keith L. Williams ("Good Boys").*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl		Seinfeld ©
MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "The Man Trap."	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Swordfish (R, '01) ★★ John Travolta. ©				Enemy ♦
FOX	32	Spin the Wheel: "Stenzel Family." (N) ©		First Responders Live: "Ep- isode 108." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
Ion	38	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©			Private Eyes HD		Private ♦
TeleM	44	Un poquito tuyo (N) ©	Betty en NY (N) ©		Preso No. 1 (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
CW	50	Pandora (N) © HD	The 100 (Season Finale) (N) © HD	Chicago P.D. ©				Chicago ♦
UniMas	60	★ Inseparables	Jesús HD	Noticiero Uni Vecinos				Morir ♦
WJYS	62	Israel	Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Ab. Life	Monument
Univ	66	La reina soy yo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)
AE		The First 48 (N)		Intervention (Season Premiere) (N) ©		60 Days In: Narcoland		First 48 ♦
AMC		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		Ghost II ♦
ANIM		Jeremy Wade		Jeremy Wade		Wild Africa: Rivers of Life ©		
BBCA		The Shawshank Redemption (R, '94) ★★★ Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. ©				Shaw ♦		
BET		♦ (6) Kicks (R, '16) ★★★	Tales: "XO Tour Life." (N)		The Next Big Thing (N)	Tales ♦		
BIGTEN		Ohio State	The BIG Show ©	Ohio State				BIG Show ♦
BRAVO		Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC (Season Premiere) (N)	Flipping Exes (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Watch (N)		
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
CNN		Shark Tank ©	The Profit (N) ©	Cash Pad (N) ©		The Profit ♦		
COM		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦		
DISC		Deadliest Catch (N) ©	Deadliest Catch (N) ©	Drunk (Sea- Alternat. (N) ©		Catch ♦		
DISN		Descendants 3 (NR, '19) Dove Cameron. ©	Raven	Coop	Coop	Raven		
E!		Bridesmaids (R, '11) ★★★ Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. ©				Dating		
ESPN		♦ Little League Baseball (N)	The Basketball Tournament (N)					SportCtr (N)
ESPN2		♦ (6) NFL Live Football Live	UFC 238: Cejudo vs. Moraes (N) ©					
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News		
FOOD		Chopped: "Dollar Dishes."	Chopped (N) ©	Chopped: "Epic Eats." ©		Chopped ♦		
FREE		Good Trouble (N) ©	(8:01) Can't Hardly Wait (PG-13, '98) ★★ (SAP)			700 Club ♦		
FX		♦ (6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13, '17) ★★ ©	Pose: "Revelations." (N) ©			Pose © ♦		
HALL		Love and Sunshine (NR, '19) Danica McKellar. ©		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
HGTV		Fixer Upper ©	Good Bones (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)		
HIST		American Pickers (N) ©	(8:02) To be announced ♦					
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC		Tropic Thunder (R, '08) ★★★ Ben Stiller, Jack Black. ©				Tropic Thunder ('08) ★★★ ♦		
LIFE		Dance Moms (N) ©	Dance Moms (N) ©	(9:03) A Walk to Remember ("02) ★★★				
MSNBC		All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
MTV		Ex on the Beach (N) ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
NBCSCH		♦ MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. (N)	Postgame	Baseball (N)	Postgame			
NICK		Epic (PG, '13) ★★ Voices of Colin Farrell, Josh Hutcherson. ©		Friends ©		Friends ♦		
Ovation		♦ (6) The Time Machine ★★	The Witches of Eastwick (R, '87) ★★★ Jack Nicholson, Cher.					
OWN		Ambitions ©	Ambitions ©	Ambitions (N)	Ambitions			
OXY		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago			
PARMT		♦ (6:30) Major League (R, '89) ★★ Tom Berenger. ©	Ink Master (N) ©			Major Lea. ♦		
SFY		♦ (6:15) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10) ★★★				Harry Potter ♦		
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour (N)		Conan ©
TCM		Stormy Weather (NR, '43) ★★★ ©	The Duke Is Tops (NR, '38) ★★					Cabin Sky ♦
TLC		The Little Couple (N) ©	The Little Couple (Season Premiere) (N) ©			Outdaugh. ♦		
TLN		Let Think Z. Levitt	Focus on Know Cause	Life Today Insights		Convoc. ♦		
TNT		♦ Pirates of the Caribbean	Animal Kingdom (N)	(9:01) Animal Kingdom		Generals ♦		
TOON		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy		Rick, Morty
TRAV		Expedition Unknown: "America's Lost History." (N) ©		Code of the Wild (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Locations ♦		
TVL		Raymond Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA		WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©		Miz & Mrs	Chrisley	Mod Fam ♦		
VH1		Black Ink: Chicago (N)	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Love & Hip Hop		Ink ♦		
WE		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal		
WGN America		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
HBO		Deadpool 2 (R, '18) ★★★ Ryan Reynolds. ©		Hard Knocks (N)		Euphoria ♦		
HBO2		Black Lady Divorce ©	Succession ©	(9:02) Succession ©		Hard ♦		
MAX		Due Date (R, '10) ★★ Robert Downey Jr. (8:35) Overnight Delivery ('96) ★★		Jett © ♦				
SHO		♦ (6:15) Black '47 (R, '18)	City on a Hill ©	The Loudest Voice ©		City On		
STARZ		♦ (6:09) Smokin' Aces ★★	The Rook: "Chapter 6."	(8:55) Cinderella Man ('05) ★★★ ♦				
STZENC		♦ (6:08) Sex Drive ('08) ★★	Back to the Future (PG, '85) ★★★ Michael J. Fox.			Fighting ♦		


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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Aug. 6): You can realize romantic dreams this year. Maintain your energy with steady health and fitness practices. Summer changes around health or work lead to a winter vitality surge, before a quiet cool-down phase. Resolve a change of heart next summer. Choose love, light and joy.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Take care with a shared account to handle unforeseen circumstances. Talk about what you love, and forgive miscommunications.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Collaborate to work out an unexpected twist with your partner. Ignore false rumors and gossip. Intuition dictates timing. Listen, learn and share your view.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Physical action gets results. Keep practicing your skills. Slow to avoid technical error. Communication helps with surprises. A disagreement can inspire imagination. Nurture your health.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Love blossoms. Expect the unexpected with regard to romance. Keep a flexible outlook. You're developing a new perspective. Learn a new trick from someone sweet.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Allow extra time with a domestic matter. Unplanned complications could slow a home improvement project. More study is required. Talk with respected experts.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Notice opportunity hiding in the news. You're especially clever and creative. Clarify misunderstandings as soon as possible. Study developments. Present your argument tactfully.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Focus on profitable pursuits. Provide excellent service, and keep your patience with unforeseen circumstances. Look for the silver lining. Harvest a nice windfall.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Make a personal upgrade. You're growing stronger. Self-discovery enlightens your view. Use your power responsibly. Dress for the role you want to play.

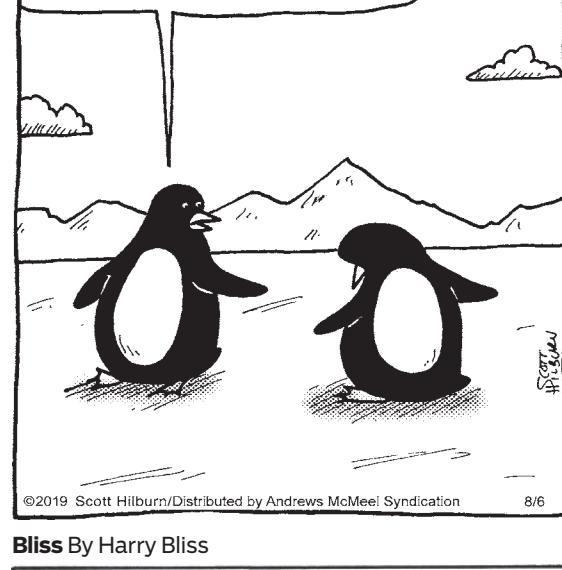
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. You may feel especially sensitive. Find a quiet, private place to recharge. Avoid controversy or trouble. Lay low to consider what has passed and what is ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Confer with friends and allies to manage changing circumstances on the fly. Keep a team effort in coordinated action with steady communication.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Consider new career opportunities. Begin a testing phase. Avoid risky business. Pursue the best options. Compete for an exciting possibility.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Travel conditions change. Monitor them in real time. Investigate for answers to your questions and for valuable solutions.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"Ross, get in here! Mittens is coughing up hair-tetrahedrons again!"

Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 10 8
♦ K 4
♣ 10 8 7 5 4

East
♠ Void
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 3 2
♣ A J 2

West

♠ J 10 8 6 5 4

♥ A 7 5

♦ 6

♣ K 9 6

South

♠ A 9 3

♥ K Q 3 2

♦ A Q J 7

♣ Q 3

Today's deal is from a tournament in India, where bridge is very popular. East-West were Ajay Khare and Raju Tolani.

Believing it to be senseless to lead a spade when partner was known to have a singleton or void, Khare led a low club. Tolani won with his ace and returned a club to Khare's king. Had Tolani shifted to a heart instead, declarer could have made his contract by playing low from his hand.

The bidding:

South Pass **West** Pass **North** 1♠ Pass **East** Pass

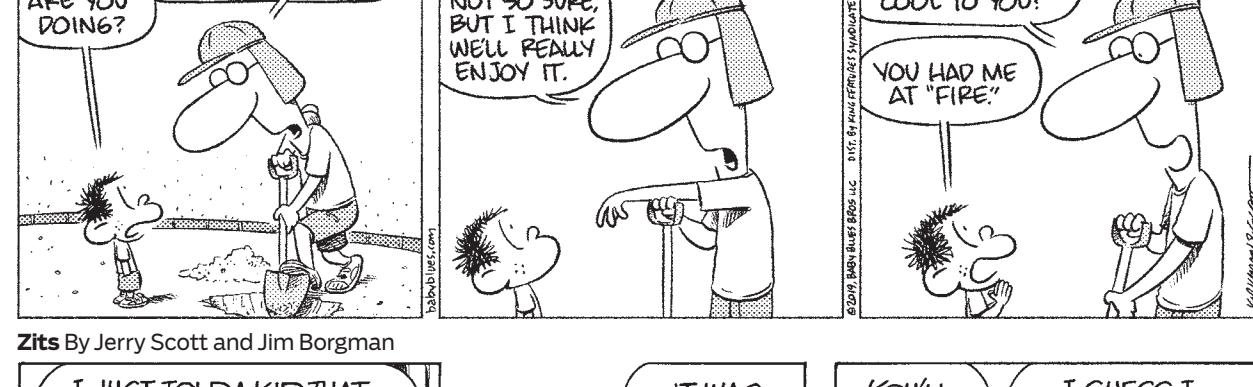
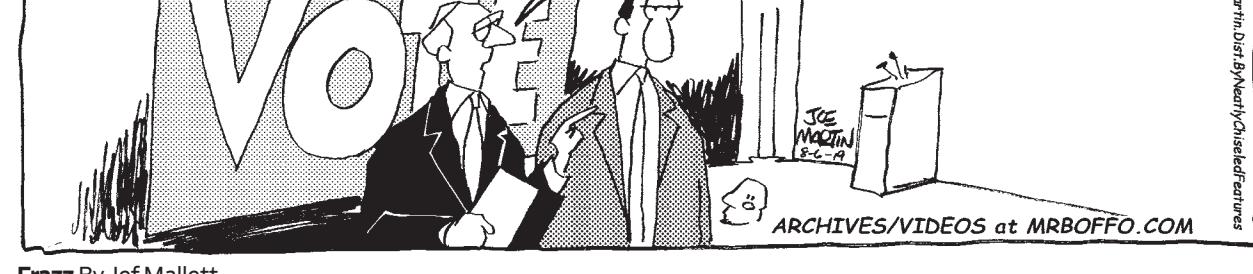
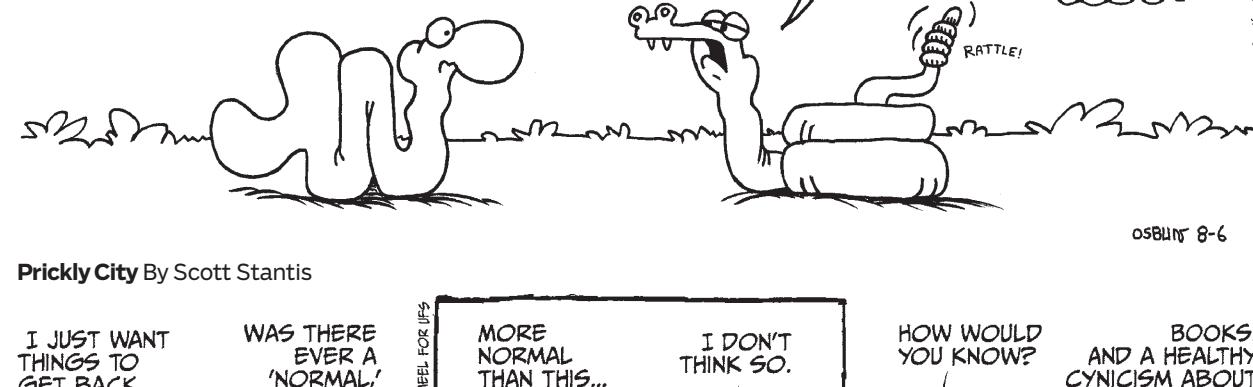
2NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠

When East showed out, South went after clubs for his ninth trick. He crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and led a club. Tolani won with the jack and led the jack of hearts, pinning dummy's 10. South could have saved a trick by ducking, but he tried to make his contract by playing the queen. Khare won with his ace, and thanks to his lead of the seven earlier, he was able to lead the five of hearts to partner's six. Tolani cashed the four of hearts for down two. Nice defense!

This was a great result for East-West, as many declarers made the contract after a spade lead. South could manage four spade tricks even if West leads the jack.

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