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Emotions run high in Trump visits

Amid protests in Dayton and El Paso, president meets shooting survivors, berates Democratic politicians

BY ZEKE MILLER AND JILL COLVIN
 Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Aiming to play the traditional role of healer during national tragedy, President Donald Trump paid visits Wednesday to cities reeling from mass shootings that left 31 dead and dozens more wounded. But his divisive words preceded him, large protests greeted him and biting political attacks soon followed.

The president and first lady Melania Trump flew to El Paso, Texas, late in the day after visiting

the Dayton, Ohio, hospital where many of the victims of Sunday's attack in that city were treated. For most of the day, the president was kept out of view of the reporters traveling with him, but the White House said the couple met with hospital staff and first responders and spent time with wounded survivors and their families.

Trump told them he was "with them," said press secretary Stephanie Grisham. "Everybody received him very warmly. Everybody was very, very excited to see him."

But outside Dayton's Miami

Valley Hospital, at least 200 protesters gathered, blaming Trump's incendiary rhetoric for inflaming political and racial tensions in the country and demanding action on gun control. Some said Trump was not welcome in their city.

There were Trump supporters, as well.

In El Paso, former Rep. Beto O'Rourke spoke to several hundred people at a separate gathering. O'Rourke, a potential Democratic 2020 presidential rival, has blistered Trump as a racist instigator but also told those in his

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President Donald Trump greets first responders Wednesday in El Paso, Texas. Earlier, the president and first lady also visited Dayton, Ohio.



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Talib Garner, center, sits on the steps with other residents and guests at an Inner-City Muslim Action Network transitional housing residence.

'I'm going to kill someone, or someone will kill me'

How a Southwest Side bungalow became a refuge from violent street life

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

Mustafa Hawthorne tosses a spare house key into the air. "Please don't lose it. You need to get it on a keychain."

Talib Garner snatches it and stuffs it into one of the socks he wears with sandals. "It won't get lost."

The men have an easy rapport, despite the difference in their ages. Hawthorne, born Steven Hawthorne, is 52, and Garner is 25. Both lived intensely hard lives before winding up at this red brick bungalow on a quiet Southwest Side street that serves as a unique refuge for those seeking shelter from street violence.

Their housemates include a young man from Englewood whose mentor was shot and killed and a 24-year-old man from Roseland whose former principal found him this place after his best friend was slain in 2017.

"This is a safe house," explains Hawthorne, who manages the

home. "The house is designed to give them time to breathe."

And maybe the break they need, something Hawthorne didn't get when he was young. At 16, Hawthorne shot and killed two men and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. He

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A break in case reopens her pain

Grieving mom thanks cops as suspect arrested in son's 2018 slaying

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL AND ALEJANDRO SERRANO

The call from Chicago detectives jolted Tonya Colombo back to the agonizing day a year ago when her youngest child was shot to death hours after arriving in the city to study at Northwestern University.

This time the detectives had good news: Someone had been arrested for the shooting last Labor Day weekend in Rogers Park that took the life of 25-year-old Shane Colombo.

"But it's like doing it all over again," Tonya Colombo said, choking up. "It doesn't change after one year. The wind blows the wrong way and you start crying. It should be easier."

But then she had another thought, one more comforting. "All that really matters is that it's done," she said. "It needed to take a year so that he can't destroy another family."

Police say Diante Speed, a 20-year-old with a violent criminal record, fired at a man at a bus stop in the 7500 block of North Clark Street just as Colombo was passing by, carrying groceries and heading to a condo he and his fiancée had just bought.

Speed missed his target and hit Colombo in the chest and back and wrist. As he collapsed, Speed chased the other man and kept firing until losing him along a railroad embankment, police say.

The shooting on Sept. 2 remained unsolved until this week, when investigators finally traced the gun to Speed and charged him with first-degree murder. Speed admitted he had the gun and held his arm in a firing stance, but claimed he did not pull the trigger, a prosecutor said during a hearing Wednesday.

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Shane Colombo

She faced MS. And now 'I want to talk about it'

Riverside student tells of radical treatment — and the fight to get it

BY NARA SCHOENBERG

In the past, she had been able to explain away the occasional strange symptom — numbness on one side of her body, or an electric shock sensation in her spine. Maybe she had a pinched nerve, maybe her backpack was too heavy.

But now Ivy Marcucci couldn't ignore what was happening to her eyes.

The 20-year-old college student from Riverside said her vision blurred and doubled last December as she tried to watch the movie "Mary Poppins Returns" with her parents and younger sister. Her father, an emergency room doctor, saw her squinting and observed that her

eyes weren't moving in tandem; it almost looked as if she had a lazy eye.

He took her to the emergency room, where she quickly received a diagnosis: Ivy had multiple sclerosis, a disease of the central nervous system with widely varying but often disabling outcomes. Within 25 years of being diagnosed, half of patients can't work, require assistance to walk or can't walk, according to a 2015 article in the journal JAMA.

"It felt like the air had been sucked out of the room," Ivy said of her diagnosis. She recalls thinking, "Am I going to be in a wheelchair tomorrow?"

Her head freshly shaved, her dark eyes sparkling, her red dress bright and stylish, Ivy has come a long way since then. Last week she was discharged from Northwestern Memorial Hospital after

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Ivy Marcucci, 20, with her sister Mazzy, left, and parents Jared and Matia Marcucci on Monday at their Riverside home.

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Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill last September.



JOHN KASS

In her book on Kavanaugh, Mollie Hemingway warns of things to come

There was a secret meeting at a sidewalk cafe near the National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden, a meeting that seemed coincidental, almost an accident, just two old friends running into each other on a warm summer day.

One of the men was Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, the other was an emissary from the White House. Kennedy, 82, was determined to personally carry a message to the president without it being leaked. A day or two later, an armored car took him to the White House, where he told President Donald Trump that he was retiring.

Ultimately, all hell broke loose. If the highly readable bestseller "Justice on Trial: The Kavanaugh Confirmation and the Future of the Supreme Court" starts out like a thriller — with the fate of the republic in the balance — well, that's because that's what happened.

It was written by Mollie Hemingway, columnist for The Federalist and Fox News contributor; and Carrie Severino, former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and policy director for the conservative Judicial Crisis Network.

And I loved it. The other day Hemingway talked about it with me on my podcast, "The Chicago Way."

"Carrie and I wanted to write this book because we knew that what happened last year was extremely important, the Kavanaugh confirmation and what happened to him but also what was happening to the very notion of justice itself," Hemingway said. "And so, we tied it to what has been going on with the Supreme Court in recent decades."

Only a child, or a useful idiot, could look at our political life today and see the anger and constant emotional outrage and think it all began less than three years ago. It didn't.

"Justice on Trial" takes us back to where much of it started for real, to the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Robert Bork, and the later

nomination of Justice Thomas, and how they were shamed, mercilessly, by Democrats and media allies who viewed conservatives on the Supreme Court as threats to their power and influence.

The late Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and his infamous, incendiary speech was one thing. They also lined up actor Gregory Peck, as if he were the real Atticus Finch, to trash Bork. Actor Clint Eastwood volunteered to cut a pro-Bork commercial in response, but the Reagan White House thought this would be unseemly.

"Robert Bork's own son tried to go on air to defend his father and was told no, that this would be out of the question," Hemingway said. "But after Bork's nomination is defeated there is a huge change in the conservative political movement, because they realized that if they don't fight, they're going to lose."

Kavanaugh decided to fight the left and its media handmaidens. Have you forgotten?

There were allegations that he sexually assaulted a girl in high school, that he was a notorious drunk, a leader of gang rapes, some allegations courtesy of now notorious lawyer Michael Avenatti, who was then treated as a font of wisdom. Avenatti was everywhere on TV, spitting on Kavanaugh nightly, and the media loved him for it.

And those who dared defend Kavanaugh? And what of those who dared say that belief wasn't evidence? They were characterized as ogres defending rape and the patriarchy.

Ultimately, the stories fell apart. At the time, though, you could say anything about Kavanaugh and have it reported as fact, or at least as "plausible" by journalists of the Washington media establishment.

Kavanaugh's nomination was finally approved, though his reputation was in ruins. He and his wife and daughters will never forget what happened. It was positively shameful. "The media gave each other awards

for their coverage," Hemingway said on "The Chicago Way." "You know their coverage was reprehensible. And so, if no one is held accountable there's no incentive to keep from doing this type of game plan in the future so it's important that people know their history."

Because it will happen all over again, the next time a president has a Supreme Court appointment to make, and it will be worse.

But what happened to all those allegations against Kavanaugh, breathlessly reported as fact, repeated maliciously in jokes by late-night TV comics and know-it-all pundits on the Sunday talk shows?

"What I think is most telling is that the moment that he was confirmed all these stories just kind of evaporated," Hemingway said. "And if you were a real journalist who really believed that these were credible allegations against a man who might become a Supreme Court Justice, it would be even more newsworthy to pursue these allegations if the man was a Supreme Court justice."

"But the stories all kind of disappeared," Hemingway told me. "Yes, you have some of the reporters who were involved in the anti-Kavanaugh battle putting out books. And maybe they'll put some new stuff in there. But that frenzy that you saw last fall? If it were genuine there would have been no reason for it to abate even slightly."

Yet it did abate. But happily, there is the book, "Justice on Trial."

Reading it, you can hear today's echoes in what happened last year, and you can hear how it will sound in the future, loud and desperate and angry, with reason drowned by emotion in the pursuit of power.

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A plan to end gun violence

Sean Hannity's militias guard schools and gun-toting Ivanka Trump tackles Chicago



REX W. HUPPKE

Despairing over another outbreak of people saying mean things about guns, I tuned into Fox News to hear people say nice things about guns and reaffirm the obvious fact that everything liberal gun-grabbers think is wrong.

Like a welcoming, pre-digested pot of stew, there was Sean Hannity, the patron saint of excellent ideas. He was speaking with a former police and Secret Service officer named Dan Bongino. The libs say Bongino is a conspiracy theorist who peddles nonsense, but I believe what he says because I want what he says to be true.

In the wake of the deadly mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, Hannity presented Bongino with a plan to make our country more safe.

This is what Hannity said: "Let's stop school shootings, we'll start there. Let's stop mall shootings, we'll start there. I'd like to see the perimeter of every school in America surrounded, secured by retired police — which you are — retired Secret Service — which you are — military, and I want guys to donate 15 hours. I think we could cover every school, every hour, every day.

"Add a metal detector, and I think we're going to have safer schools. Have one armed guard on every floor of every school, all over every mall, the perimeter, and inside every hall of every mall. Now, that gives us an instant response opportunity that we normally wouldn't have."

Sometimes the best ideas are right in front of your eyes or, in this case, right in front of Sean Hannity's eyes. How have we not thought to put armed law enforcement or military retirees in every hall of every mall and school in America? It's so simple, yet so, so obviously a fantastic idea. I see no way in which this could turn out terribly wrong.



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Fox News host Sean Hannity meets with the audience before a campaign rally last November in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, with President Trump.

In fact, I think we should take what I'll call "The Hannity Plan" and expand it to include all places. What greater honor for a retired police officer than to volunteer for Dairy-Queen-perimeter duty. Imagine the Secret Service retirees who will be lining up to patriotically serve as "guard of Walmart aisle 23."

Also, President Donald Trump's daughter and White House adviser, Ivanka Trump, showed us Tuesday that she's deeply concerned about American gun violence, tweeting: "As we grieve over the evil mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, let us not overlook that Chicago experienced its deadliest week-end of the year. With 7 dead and 52 wounded near a playground in the Windy City — and little national outrage or media coverage — we mustn't become numb to the violence faced by inner city communities every day."

Her facts in that tweet are wrong, which makes sense, since

facts are stupid. But her point is clear. She's volunteering to embrace her father's devotion to guns and the National Rifle Association, strap on a fashionable shoulder holster and help stand guard around a school, business or playground here in Chicago!

I feel safer already knowing Ivanka Trump will be in Englewood by Monday, armed and ready to unleash hot lead on any possible rogue Chicago shooters.

The DemoCRANKS will undoubtedly poo-poo this whole idea, snowflakes that they are. They'll whine, "Ewwwww, we don't want to see gun-toting patriot-retirees or Ivanka Trumps stationed every 20 yards no matter where we go. I won't be able to enjoy my frozen yogurt!"

Well guess what, you hippie losers? You'll be happy those armed guards and/or Trump offspring are there when a gunman shows up at the frozen yogurt shop and is taken down in 30 seconds, only having time to

shoot 42 people. Assuming you're not one of the victims and you weren't killed by friendly fire from a retiree with glaucoma or an Ivanka Trump distracted by an Instagram post, that fro-yo will taste pretty darn good. Maybe you'll offer some to the volunteer hero who saved your good-for-nothin' hide.

With our retired Secret Service, police, military and Ivanka Trumps armed and at the ready at all public places across America, we will need to take the next logical step toward eradicating gun violence: prayer.

Texas Lt. Gov. Texas Dan Patrick said on Fox News: "As long as we continue to only praise God and look at God on a Sunday morning and kick him out of the town square and our schools the other six days of the week, what do we expect?"

So as you're weaving between the armed retirees surrounding the grocery store or standing between chairs at the hair salon,

please make sure you're constantly praying that nobody shoots you. If you're not Christian, you need to make sure you're saying Christian prayers, because those are the only ones that work.

Also, to make The Hannity Plan fully operational, you'll need to buy bulletproof backpacks for your children, your spouse and, if you can afford it, your pets. You'll also want to buy bulletproof front packs, side packs, fanny packs and head packs. A cheaper option for some will be to just walk around in a cylindrical steel container, careful not to bump into any of the armed perimeter or hallway guards or Ivanka Trump.

The beauty of this plan is that no guns will be hurt, and gun enthusiasts won't have to do a single thing to accommodate other people's foolish desire to not be shot and killed while going about their daily lives.

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U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, right, arrives Wednesday at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office on Taylor Street.

Duckworth: Improving education would lead to a stronger military

Senator calls for a 'holistic' approach to national security at Chicago event

BY RICK PEARSON

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth on Wednesday called for a “holistic” approach to national security, saying that dealing with domestic issues to improve education, health care and infrastructure will help the nation’s military preparedness.

“We can’t just keep throwing together huge defense budgets every year and thinking that’s enough,” the Democratic senator told an audience at the City Club of Chicago.

“Instead, we need to balance investing in our weaponry with investing in our citizenry, rejecting the false choice between looking out for our troops overseas and caring for our families at home. It’s not an either-or. It’s both-and,” Duckworth said.

Duckworth said only 29% of Americans between age 17 and 24 were deemed fit to serve, according to a Pentagon study. The remaining 71% lacked a basic education, could not pass a physical or are barred from

enlisting because of drugs or other issues.

“So I’m not pushing for better health care or more funding for our schools just because it’s the right thing to do or because I’m some left progressive,” Duckworth said.

The Iraq War veteran said the nation is using an outdated assumption that measures the might of the military by the “size of our arsenal.”

“And in doing so, we’ve made the flawed assumption that our decades of dominance on the global stage can predict our future place in the world,” she said. “But ISIS doesn’t care that we stormed the beaches of Normandy. Russia isn’t giving us points because once upon a time we outraced them to the moon. China doesn’t give a damn what we did during Desert Storm.”

Duckworth, the state’s junior senator, said rebuilding the nation’s infrastructure “is critical to our national success” and an issue that Republicans and Democrats can

agree upon despite partisan divides.

“I’ll keep working across the aisle to hold (President Donald) Trump to his still unkept campaign promise to push forward a comprehensive infrastructure plan,” she said.

Duckworth, however, said Congress should no longer shirk its duty of deciding when to authorize putting troops into combat through an authorization for the use of military force resolution.

Duckworth cited troops who have gone through as many as nine deployments and “wake up every morning knowing that by week’s end, they could be sent back to Iraq — or even Iran, as the Trump administration continues to manufacture a crisis that’s led us to the brink of disaster.”

“Enough,” she said. “Enough of Congress being so worried about political consequences that we don’t do our jobs — even as we expect our troops to do theirs every damn day.”

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“... We need to balance investing in our weaponry with investing in our citizenry, rejecting the false choice between looking out for our troops overseas and caring for our families at home. It’s not an either-or. It’s both-and.”

— U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth

Pritzker signs kennel safety bill, prompted by deadly fire

Measure requires more staff, sprinklers and alarm systems to ring at firehouse

BY JOHN KEILMAN

Illinois kennels are now required to be staffed at all times, or have sprinkler systems or alarms that ring at the local firehouse, a response to the DuPage County kennel fire earlier this year that claimed the lives of 29 dogs.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the bill into law Tuesday. It took effect immediately.

“This just turned into some very commonsense legislation that will give pet owners a much higher degree of comfort when they have to leave their pets behind,” said one of the bill’s sponsors, Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles.

The law combines ideas put forth by DeWitte and Rep. Diane Pappas, D-Itasca, who introduced separate kennel fire safety bills weeks after the Jan. 14 blaze at Bully Life Animal Services, just outside of West Chicago. The fire started several hours after owner Garrett Mercado left to hang out with a friend, investigators said. The cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Mercado arrived soon after the fire began and injured himself trying to get some of the dogs out of the small structure where they were being housed in cages. DuPage County prosecutors last month charged Mercado with animal cruelty, saying he kept dogs in inhumane conditions and “failed miserably” in his duties as a kennel owner.

The kennel property had working fire alarms but no one there to hear them, officials said. The bill is meant to ensure that situation doesn’t recur.

“This commonsense law will protect pets from senseless tragedies and further our state’s commitment to animal welfare,” Pritzker said in a statement. “We’re putting safety first and making sure the tragedy that West Chicago experienced in January will never happen again.”

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will now ask about staffing and fire safety systems during kennel inspections. Local fire inspectors who find no sprinklers or alarms are encouraged to notify the department, which can take further action.

Kennel owners told the Tribune when the bills were proposed that requiring better alarms systems was a good idea, though some worried about the expense. Pappas said one compromise was to allow residential-grade fire alarms instead of the expensive commercial systems.

“As long as the alarm automatically triggers when there’s a detection of a problem, that’s all we need,” she said.

She added that the new law should also protect firefighters and other first responders. Several were injured during the kennel fire when dogs they were trying to free attacked them in a panic.

“The sooner we can get first responders there, the better off we’ll be,” she said.

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Five things to know about video games and mass shootings

BY JOHN KEILMAN

One day after a young man with a military-style rifle gunned down 22 people in an El Paso Walmart, Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick summoned a familiar boogeyman.

Noting that the killer had mentioned the violent video game “Call of Duty” in a manifesto posted online before the massacre, Patrick suggested such games play a role in the mass shootings plaguing the country.

“I look at the common denominators as a 60-some-year-old father and grandfather myself — what’s changed in this country?” he told the “Fox and Friends” cable news show. “We’ve always had guns, we’ve always had evil, but what’s changed when we see this rash of shootings? I see a video game industry that teaches young people to kill.”

His hypothesis was soon echoed by other politicians, including President Donald Trump, who said in a White House address Monday that “gruesome and grisly video games” contribute to a culture of violence that ensnare troubled young people.

The theory has been around for more than 20 years, but is there anything to it? Here are five things to know about violent video games and mass shootings.

Video games have been blamed for violence, even before Columbine

One of the first widely publicized school shootings happened in Paducah, Kentucky, in 1997, when a 14-year-old freshman shot three students to death and wounded five others. Parents of the slain teens filed a \$130 million lawsuit against several entertainment companies, including the makers of the violent “Doom,” “Quake” and “Mortal Combat” video games.

The parents said the games had influenced the deadly crime, but a federal judge

disagreed, throwing out the lawsuit after finding no proof of the allegation.

“This was a tragic situation, but tragedies such as this simply defy rational explanation, and the courts should not pretend otherwise,” he wrote.

The shooters who struck at Columbine High School in 1999 were also connoisseurs of violent games, and the parents of the victims sued game makers as well. Again, they were unsuccessful.

The Sandy Hook killer was obsessed with a video game — but not a violent one

Not long after a gunman killed 26 children and staffers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in late 2012, investigators found numerous violent video games at his home, including “Grand Theft Auto,” “Left for Dead” and “Half-Life.”

National Rifle Association head Wayne LaPierre seized on that during a news conference held after the shooting, calling video games “a callous, corrupt and corrupting shadow industry that sells and sows violence against its own people.”

But in a report on the massacre, prosecutor Stephen Sedensky said the games the killer played most were nonviolent titles. His favorite appeared to be “Dance Dance Revolution,” a game of footwork and coordination offered in the lobby of a nearby movie theater.

“In 2011 and up until a month before December 14, 2012, the shooter went to the theater and played (“Dance Dance Revolution”),” he wrote. “He went most every Friday through Sunday and played the game for four to ten hours.”

Violent games might provoke aggression but not murder

Academics have done hundreds of stud-

ies on violent video games since the 1980s, and some have found that the games are indeed associated with an increase in hostility. The title of one recent study says it all: “Violent video games stress people out and make them more aggressive.”

Another paper took a novel approach to measuring that aggression. Researchers had subjects play “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2,” a game that requires players to gun down their enemies. After playing, they were told to select an amount of hot sauce for a recipe taste tester who, they were told, couldn’t stand the condiment.

Those who played “Call of Duty” ladled out significantly more hot sauce than those who played “LittleBigPlanet 2,” a whimsical puzzle game. The researchers concluded that the violent game produced an elevated level of aggression.

Over-spicing a recipe is far different than murder, of course, and numerous other researchers have found there’s little reason to believe the games cause that kind of violence.

In a paper published in June, two scientists looked at data from multiple studies and concluded that “in the vast majority of settings, violent video games do increase aggressive behavior but ... these effects are almost always quite small.”

Video games are even more popular in countries where gun violence is rare

After the weekend’s shootings put a focus on gaming, the website Vox published a chart that compared video game consumption with gun violence. It showed that in countries where the games are most popular — Japan and South Korea — violent gun deaths are almost nonexistent.

“(The) story isn’t that Republicans are blaming video games,” the website wrote. “Rather, it’s that they’re blaming anything other than lax guns laws and the huge

number of firearms in this country.”

Some evidence, though, suggests other countries might favor less violent games. Of the best-selling games in Japan last year, only one, “Call of Duty: Black Ops 4,” features realistic bloodshed.

In the U.S., by contrast, five of the top 10 titles — “Red Dead Redemption 2,” “Call of Duty,” “Far Cry 5,” “God of War 2018” and “Assassin’s Creed: Odyssey” — include such violence.

Video games can improve social cohesion

Not long after Patrick singled out video games as a contributor to the El Paso shootings, hundreds of gamers took to Twitter to document how gaming had improved their lives. The hashtag they used, #VideoGamesAreNotToBlame, became the No. 1 topic on the platform.

Appearing Monday on Fox News, gaming consultant Rod Breslau argued that modern video games played via the internet don’t lead to social isolation — quite the opposite.

“It really is a misconception: People thinking that people are sitting in their basement or whatever playing games, when in reality ... people are communicating with other people from around the world every day, and it really is a community of people meeting each other, talking to each other, and really (establishing) friend groups,” he said.

“For a lot of kids out there ... being able to sit there and play games with other people is what uplifted them. It’s what brought them into a new light when maybe they were in a dark place.”

Breslau put the clip on Twitter. By Wednesday morning, it had attracted more than 86,000 likes.

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Mother ruled insane awaits decision from judge

Second try at release from state custody in 2010 death of daughter

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A woman who was declared legally insane when she killed her daughter will find out in September whether she can be released from the custody of a state mental hospital.

The hearing for Marci Webber, 52, concluded Wednesday afternoon in the DuPage County courtroom of Judge George Bakalis. The judge said he would issue his ruling on Sept. 18 on Webber's petition to be released from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

In her petition, Webber said she no longer suffers from the mental illnesses that caused the psychotic break in 2010 that led her to kill her 4-year-old daughter, Maggie. Webber was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2012 and committed to a state hospital. She is being held at the Elgin Mental Health Center.

She retook the witness stand Wednesday, a month after she initially testified, though her testimony to close the hearing was legally limited to only rebut testimony provided by prosecution witnesses.

"I want to be treated equally," she said in response to a question about whether she needed or merited special treatment over what other patients receive at EMHC.

Earlier, a psychologist, Dr. Lesley Kane, testified that she believes Webber still requires in-patient treatment.

"I believe she does suffer from a major mental illness," Kane said.

Webber, she said, needs to acquire better coping skills before she can be released.

Tuesday, Webber's psychiatrist, Dr. Richard Malis, testified that he too believes Webber should not be released. However, he admitted that he and Webber have little rapport because Webber does not trust him.

Webber has been in custody since 2010, when police discovered the daughter's body at the Bloomingdale residence of Webber's mother. Webber told authorities that she killed her daughter to keep her out of the hands of sex traffickers.

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BUTTER COW UNVEILED

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, center, and Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, left, unveil the 2019 Illinois State Fair Butter Cow during a ceremony inside the Dairy Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Wednesday in Springfield. The theme of this year's butter cow, made of 800 pounds of recycled butter by artist Sarah Pratt, is "Building Our Future" and contains nine hearts hidden within the sculpture that represent the essential nutrients found in dairy products.

Father of slain scholar says her body may never be found

Associated Press

The father of a slain scholar who begged his daughter's killer to reveal what he did with her remains so that they could be returned to China for burial says his family now understands that recovering her body may be impossible.

Ronggao Zhang spoke at a news conference Wednesday in Urbana about his fading hopes of finding the remains of his daughter, Yingying Zhang.

He says one of his lawyers, Steve Beckett, explained that Brendt Christensen told his defense team he had divided Zhang's remains into three garbage bags that he threw into a dumpster before the dumpster's contents were compacted and buried in a landfill.



ROBIN SCHOLZ/AP

Yingying Zhang's mother, Lifeng Ye, is comforted by Yingying's brother, Zhengyang Zhang, during a news conference Wednesday.

Beckett says prosecutors provided the information relayed to them by Christensen's attorneys after the former University of Illinois doctoral student was convicted in the 2017 slaying and sentenced last month to life in prison.

Woman, 24, charged in Near North hit-and-run

Faces drunken driving charge after collision critically injured cyclist

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

A Romeoville woman turned herself in to Chicago police Tuesday in connection with a hit-and-run collision six weeks ago in the River North neighborhood that left a bicyclist so badly injured he remained in critical condition Wednesday, with long-term brain damage, authorities said.

Kristen Levasseur, 24, of the 700 block of Pine Trail Drive, arrived at Chicago police's Central District station about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a news release from Chicago police. She faces a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident causing injury and a felony charge of aggravated DUI causing an accident, the release states.

In a hearing Wednesday before Cook County Judge Susana Ortiz, Levasseur was ordered held in lieu of \$100,000 bail, according to court records. She was due back in court next week.

Police said Levasseur was identified during an investigation into the crash that happened about 1:15 a.m. June 25 in the 400 block of West Grand Avenue. A black 2012 Scion tC struck a 32-year-old bicyclist as both the car and the bike rider were traveling west on Grand, police said. Levasseur was identified as the driver of the Scion, according to police and her arrest report.

"After striking the bicyclist, Levasseur left the scene without stopping and did not notify emergency services," the release states.

The male cyclist was with a woman who also was riding a bicycle, and she was not injured, police said at the time of the crash.

The crash damaged the car's windshield and passenger-side mirror, according to Levasseur's arrest report. After the crash, she had the windshield and mirror replaced the same day, according to the report.

The Northwest Side man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital and authorities said he remained there in critical condition Wednesday. He suffered "severe injury to the head and brain," including "long-term brain damage," according to Levasseur's arrest report.

Chicago Tribune's Megan Crepeau contributed.

Deputy nearly did 80 mph in fatal crash

Cook County officer charged with reckless homicide in sisters' death

BY BRIAN L. COX AND ROBERT MCCOPPIN

A Cook County sheriff's deputy was driving erratically at nearly 80 miles per hour when his squad car crashed into another car, killing two sisters, prosecutors said Tuesday.

But Thomas Nortman was not responding to an emergency, he was simply on his way to work, the prosecutors said.

Nortman, 48, was charged with two counts of reckless homicide and two counts of aggravated reckless driving for the crash in Niles that killed Helena Lukasik, 64, of Chicago, and her sister, Ludwika Moskal, 69, of Norridge. Defense attorney Brian Sexton countered that the sisters' car turned in front of Nortman and the crash wasn't a crime, but a tragic accident.

Nortman appeared in Cook County court in Skokie where his bail was set at \$200,000, and he later posted 10% to get out of jail. The officer stood with his eyes cast down, as his mother appeared to weep in the gallery. He turned himself in to Niles police Monday after hearing that he was about to be charged.

Just before 6 a.m. on Sept. 6, 2018, with roadways dark and slick from recent rain, Nortman was driving a sheriff's marked squad car on his way to work at the Skokie courthouse. He was heading east on Dempster Street, and was seen on video surveillance cameras "erratically" changing lanes to get around other vehicles, at one point crossing the center line, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Michelle Corda said in court.



Nortman



NETWORK VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

Investigators look over the scene after two women were killed in a car crash last September in Niles.

A witness described the defendant as appearing to have "road rage" and being in a hurry, Corda said.

Nortman eventually got around the other vehicles and rapidly accelerated in the right lane past a semitruck in the center lane, just before entering the intersection at Harlem Avenue at more than 40 miles per hour over the posted speed limit of 35 mph.

The sisters were in a Honda Accord heading in the opposite direction, waiting in the left turn lane, when Moskal turned left, passing in front of the truck safely, but Nortman's car hit the Honda on the right passenger side with such force that it caused their car to spin around suddenly, Corda said.

Nortman got out of his car and turned on his body camera, showing that his emergency siren and lights were not on. He tried to revive the sisters, but they were unresponsive and were taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, where they were pronounced dead.

Nortman, of Homewood, was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released the next day. He has worked at the sheriff's office since 1996 and became an officer in 2015, with a current salary of \$96,726. His duties at the time of the crash included checking on people who were on electronic home monitoring. He was not responding to an emergency call at the time of the crash, officials said.

"The officer was de-deputized and placed on desk duty following the incident and remains in that status. An internal investigation is ongoing," according to a statement Tuesday from the sheriff's office.

Defense attorney Sexton told the court that Nortman was not running late and was not on his phone, but the incident happened very quickly.

"He said the light was green, and the victims turned in front of him," Sexton said. "The truck was on one side of him, he had no place to go. What this is, is a tragic accident. It's not a criminal case."

"We all know the reason he's being charged, because he's a police officer," Sexton added. "A civilian would not have been

charged. ... Tom feels awful about this."

State law defines reckless homicide as unintentionally killing someone while driving recklessly in a way that is likely to cause death or great bodily harm. Potential penalties upon conviction include probation or two to five years in prison, prosecutors said.

At the time of the crash, the sisters were heading home after working overnight cleaning at Evanston Hospital. Moskal's son, Robert Moskal, said the family was relieved to see the charges and had feared they might not get justice because the other driver was a police officer.

"We've been waiting for this day for almost a year without any information," he said. "We are absolutely satisfied and thrilled it's moving forward."

The crash was investigated by the North Regional Crimes Task Force - Major Crash Assistance Team in conjunction with the Cook County state's attorney's office. Nortman is scheduled to return to court Aug. 20.

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Wicker Park graffiti sparks hate crime investigation

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicago police are treating three acts of vandalism as a hate crime after finding graffiti targeting ethnic and religious groups was spray-painted on property in Wicker Park, officials said.

Three residents of the 1900 block of West Evergreen Avenue alerted police Thursday that their property had been vandalized, according to police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli. Police are investigating the vandalism as a hate crime, police Sgt. Rocco Alioto said.

One of the reports came from a 35-year-old man who found a swastika spray-painted on his garage in gray paint, along with a message using a racial epithet about African Americans as well as anti-Semitic language, officials said.

A 38-year-old in the same block, about the same time, said his garage also had been vandalized with gray spray paint, Bartoli said.

"Officers (are) still trying to determine the message behind the defacement," she wrote in an email.

In the third instance, a vehicle belonging to a 32-year-old was vandalized, also with gray spray paint, Bartoli said.

In all three cases, a witness told investigators they noticed two males between the ages of 14 and 25, but police did not have additional physical or clothing descriptions.

A gray spray paint can was found nearby, and evidence technicians collected it, Bartoli said.

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House

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was released in 2017, after serving 33 years, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled such sentences for juveniles were unconstitutional.

Hawthorne's job at the house is to enforce curfews, generally keep the peace and offer any advice he can to people like Garner.

Garner was born and raised in Little Village. He says he saw two people shot dead outside his house when he was 4, could load a gun by the time he was 6 and was pulled into gang activity when he was around 14. He joined the Latin Kings street gang after losing his brother to gang violence.

"If I stay in the 'hood, I'm going to kill someone," Garner says. "Or someone will kill me."

The men live together through a pilot program that houses young men in need of emergency lodging, a safe place to land, somewhere they can plan a future and maybe line up a job.

In other circumstances, they would have little to do with one another. But together under one roof, there is some sense of stability. Some slip back to their old lives but return after an arrest.

The house is furnished with leather couches, a dark wood dining table and a coffee table adorned with a vase of flowers. The men watch Hulu and Netflix on a large flat-screen television. They play "Call of Duty" on an Xbox console in the basement. They sometimes squabble about small messes around the house.

The young men are referred by outreach and caseworkers. They fill out an application and undergo an interview to see if they are a good fit. A bed or two is kept open for emergencies.

There is a constant waitlist.

'You're up next'

The idea for this safe house took hold with a chance encounter at a funeral.

Early in 2017, Jason Barrett was gunned down on the Far South Side by someone who stepped out of a silver SUV. The 24-year-old had been featured in the CNN series "Chicagoland" a few years earlier as someone who was hoping for a second chance and got help from his former principal at Fenger High School, Liz Dozier.

At Barrett's wake, Dozier saw a young man lingering by the door of the funeral home. He was a former student and one of Barrett's best friends. He had not yet made it inside the room where his friend's body lay.

He was there when Barrett was killed. He knew he might be next. Dozier reconnected with him that day and they exchanged numbers.

"There were a couple of other people that had gotten killed up to Jason," Dozier said. "You're up next, let's just keep this real," she told him.

Dozier said she had helped other teenagers and young men escape the streets. Sometimes it meant helping parents send them out of town to stay with family members.

But in this case, the young man needed to get out of Roseland but had nowhere to go.

After leaving Fenger, Dozier had founded Chicago Beyond, a nonprofit that invests in organizations that "are fighting for all youth to achieve their fullest human potential," according to its website.

Searching for housing opportunities for men like Barrett's friend, the nonprofit teamed up with the Inner-City Muslim Action Network that works on the South and Southwest sides.

IMAN already provided housing for men reentering society after serving a prison term, but it did not supply shelter for high-risk youth. Together, the two groups bought a small bungalow on the Southwest Side. It opened two years ago.

The house is funded by Chicago CRED, an organization founded by former Education



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Mustafa Hawthorne, second from right, talks with residents and guests at the Inner-City Muslim Action Network transitional housing residence.



Liz Dozier, founder and managing director of Chicago Beyond, stands at an Inner-City Muslim Action Network transitional housing residence.

Secretary and Chicago Public Schools CEO Arne Duncan, and Chicago Beyond, which uses funding from private backers.

The groups are now working on the next phase of the pilot program: a safe home for a whole family so the men don't have to leave children and other loved ones behind.

'Certain things stick with you'

Rami Nashashibi, executive director of IMAN, remembers one of the first young men who lived in the home. He had barely survived a shooting on the West Side.

"For the first two to three months in the house, he was literally recovering his health," Nashashibi said.

Earlier this year, the organization took on a young man after a man he looked up to as a mentor was killed. The young man had been a high-ranking gang member in Englewood but was a recent graduate of IMAN's job program and was working to broker peace in the neighborhood, Nashashibi said.

The young man's father pleaded with him to get him away from the block. "It was only a matter of time that he was drawn into the retaliatory circle," Nashashibi said.

Now, living in the house, the man is working toward his GRE and participating in a weekend program that offers credits at City Colleges of Chicago.

One of his housemates is the man Dozier spotted at the funeral. He has lived in the house on and off since it was established. He recently returned after spending time in Cook County Jail for a misdemeanor domestic battery conviction.

On a recent evening at the house, the man tossed a basketball at a hoop as the sun sank in the sky. He still struggles with memories of the day Barrett died.

"Certain things stick with you," he said.

He has goals, like learning a trade. But mostly he is thinking in the short term, like saving some money so he can live on his own. He hopes to build a life away from the streets.

"I kind of feel like I ain't going to give up on that," he said. He still worries about his safety and did not want to be named.

'I was tired of watching people die'

Garner was born with the name Gregory but changed it to Talib when he converted to Islam. He is using his time at the house to plot his way forward.

The Cook County state's attor-

ney's office recently dropped a felony cocaine possession charge against him, giving him a fresh start. He visits his 4-year-old son and hopes to someday have shared custody.

His life now is markedly different than three years ago when he was at his lowest. He had spent the Memorial Day weekend in jail and had sunk into a depression after years of trauma.

When he was 4, his son's age, he saw two men get shot and killed outside of his house. The men had been at a gang meeting at his father's house. They were friendly with him, sometimes watching television with him. He remembers his uncle grabbing him from the window and his father dragging the bodies out of his view.

"It plays in my head," he said. "Sometimes I dream about it."

He recalls learning how to cook crack cocaine and load a gun at 6 years old and remembers spending days only eating small caramel candies. "I had four rotted teeth after that."

He has good memories from school. He loved social studies, especially the story of Paul Revere's ride. He gravitates toward learning about civil rights and leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Thurgood Marshall.

Garner's aunt eventually gained custody of him and moved him and a sister to Aurora. But as a

teen, he would tell his aunt he was going to a party in the suburbs, and instead drive back to the Little Village neighborhood where he was comfortable.

After his brother was shot and killed by his own gang, Garner joined the rival Latin Kings. He attended what seemed like a long string of funerals.

Then one day, it was too much. He was sitting on a swing at a Southwest Side park after being released from jail and saw a man with a kufi, a cap worn by some Muslim men. He asked where the nearest mosque was and encountered IMAN.

Eventually, he secured a spot in the house. "I was tired of watching people die," he said.

Now, he is focused on building a better life for his son, who lives in Villa Park. He's glad his son lives outside the city, though he wants the boy to someday know how he is privileged to be raised differently than he was.

He has rough patches, days when the old neighborhood seems to call him back, and days when pent-up anger builds. He feels he wasn't protected as a child.

But he feels hopeful, too, finding peace in his relationship with his son. "I always wanted a family!"

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Slaying

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The shooting began with a quick glance on the street, according to a timeline pieced together by investigators from surveillance video and witnesses.

Speed had been walking with three other people in the area about 8:25 p.m. when they passed someone they believed had a gun, according to Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy. The group did not talk to the man, who walked to a bus stop and waited there.

Speed and the others kept walking. Seconds later, Speed is seen in surveillance video heading back toward the man, quickly looking in his direction, then joining the group again, Murphy

said. About a minute later, Speed again walks toward the man, holding a gun in his hand.

Speed "got the gun ready to fire and he used the Chase Bank building to hide behind," Murphy said. He then ran toward the man at the bus stop and fired.

The video does not show Colombo getting hit but does show him collapsing. Witnesses told police Speed then chased the man at the bus stop through another bank parking lot and fired several more times, Murphy said.

Speed claimed the man had a gun too, but Murphy said there is no evidence of that. Investigators recovered several 9mm shell casings and determined they were fired from one gun, Murphy said.

Police tracked down some of the witnesses and seized a 9mm handgun in South Holland. Investigators traced the gun to Speed,

who confirmed he was the person with the gun in the video, Murphy said. Speed "said that he didn't actually shoot the gun, he only raised his arm in a shooting motion," the prosecutor said. He told authorities during a video recorded interview that he gave the gun to his friend to sell.

Speed appeared in court wearing a tan and green jail jumpsuit. He calmly looked at the judge as Murphy spoke. He was already in custody on unrelated charges when he was taken early this week to the Area North police station, where detectives questioned him and took him into custody for the fatal shooting, according to police.

Tonya Colombo said she was "extremely grateful" to detectives for closing the case.

"I cannot thank Chicago police enough," she said. "The fact that

there's all these murder cases. It's such a violent place. Not even just Chicago, but the fact that there's so many cases. The fact that they got a suspect to be charged. I don't know if it will give people hope or closure or justice. If somebody takes a life, however it happened, it's still irresponsible."

Colombo, a Southern California native, had recently been accepted into a psychology doctorate program at Northwestern. He was in the process of moving from New York City, where he had conducted research at the Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab at Columbia University. He had just bought a condo with his fiancée, Vincent Perez.

His mother, who still lives in California, said Colombo had survived cancer during high school, and even took an extra lab class at a community college while under-

going chemotherapy and radiation so he could graduate on time. "He was a kid who was always smiling, even when he was in the hospital fighting cancer. So brave. He was always there for others."

She recalled the day he called to let her know he was accepted to Northwestern. "I was working out with a trainer. I asked if I could put him on speaker so she could hear. He was kinda yelling. He was just joy. Just pure joy."

Losing him broke her down. "It's just devastating," she said. "It's heartbreaking."

"I was proud of him," she added. "It's just life he lived. His accomplishments. His love and his beautiful heart. He was like a beautiful bright light."

Chicago Tribune's William Lee contributed.

County public defender: Police website on gun offenders is inaccurate

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Cook County's top public defense attorney called for the immediate removal of a new Chicago Police Department website that broadcasts adult gun-related criminal charges, citing what she described as inaccurate data and a "blatant intrusion" of defendants' privacy.

"This is another example of police using a list of people who are presumed innocent as a red herring to distract from the real issue of the day: the CPD's failure to arrest the individuals who are shooters and who continue to wreak havoc in Chicago," county public defender Amy Campanelli said in a statement on Wednesday.

The latest escalation of a political fight between Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle centers on how the county's justice system treats defendants accused of gun crimes.

Preckwinkle and county Chief Judge Timothy Evans have touted changes to the area's bond court system that are said to keep poor defendants from languishing in jail on minor charges if they cannot afford bail. But Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, has joined Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's public campaign arguing that the criminal justice system allows too many alleged gun offenders to stay out of jail while awaiting trial.

Lightfoot reiterated that criticism this week after mass shootings in Texas and Ohio — and tweets from President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump spurred by the city's most violent weekend of the year. Police unveiled the gun crime website after a summer weekend that saw 55 people shot, seven fatally, in Chicago.

Campanelli said she was "deeply troubled" by the department's so-called "Gun Offender Dashboard," which aims to document who is arrested on suspicion of gun crimes, the specific charge and whether they posted a full cash bond, 10% of that amount or

were released without posting any money. Campanelli argued the department's site misstates the various types of bonds available to defendants.

Preckwinkle nominated Campanelli to the public defender post in 2015, and the county board president has pressed Lightfoot, her political rival in this year's mayoral election, on the merits of a system that has sparked debate over the value of a defendant's presumption of innocence when it comes to gun violence.

In a letter to Lightfoot last month, Preckwinkle said the police superintendent "must stop misleading the public about why gun violence remains a challenging problem in Chicago." Campanelli offered a similar attack on Wednesday.

"This website uses the vague term 'gun offenders' to create a false narrative of what's truly occurring," Campanelli said of the police database. "Let's set the record straight — the term 'gun offender' also includes anyone who illegally possesses — and doesn't shoot — a gun for his or her own protection. This is the unfortunate reality for too many residents who live in a city that continues to be plagued by gun violence."

Campanelli noted the term "gun offender" also can be placed on someone who doesn't possess a gun at all but may be sitting in a car where a gun is found, or someone who was arrested without a gun but a gun was found near them.

"But the most troubling and legally questionable aspect of this website is the blatant intrusion into my clients' privacy," Campanelli said. "The people on this list have not been convicted of the crimes for which they were charged. Yet, CPD is flaunting bond court stats as if they have already been convicted."

"This website skews the facts, invades the privacy rights of my clients and must be taken down," she said.

Lightfoot's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.



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3,700 students from Naperville had their personal information exposed in a data breach.

Security breach exposes personal info of Naperville-area students

Cyber security expert advises families to use free credit monitoring

BY SUZANNE BAKER

The personal information of nearly 53,000 students and 3,100 educators in Naperville District 203 and Indian Prairie District 204 was exposed following a data breach at a company that handles the districts' K-8 academic assessments.

Pearson Clinical Assessments notified District 203 and District 204 in July, along with roughly 13,000 other schools and universities with AIMSweb 1.0 accounts, of an unauthorized access by a third party that occurred in November 2018.

The company said the exposed data was isolated to first and last names, and in some instances date of birth and/or email address.

"Protecting our customers' information is of critical importance to us. We have strict data protections in place and have reviewed this incident, found and fixed the vulnerability," the company said in a statement issued July 31. "While we have no evidence that this information has been misused, we have notified the affected customers as a precaution. We apologize to those affected and are offering complimentary credit monitoring

services as a precautionary measure."

Both school districts notified parents of the breach Tuesday morning and provided families information on how to acquire the free credit monitoring.

Naperville 203 and Indian Prairie 204 used AIMSweb 1.0 to track student academic progress of students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The company indicated no test scores, performance data or any other personally identifying student information was part of the data incident.

The hacked data included the first and last names and in rare cases date of birth of 3,700 Naperville 203 students and 49,000 District 204 students who were enrolled from the school years 2001-2016. The data also included the first and last names and school email addresses of about 800 District 203 and 2,300 Indian Prairie staff members.

Although Pearson provided no evidence any data was misused, the company is providing free Experian credit monitoring to any student who was enrolled between 2001-2016, the districts said.

Cyber security expert Mike Khattab, CEO of CMIT Solutions of Naperville and Orland Park, said breach likely occurred without anyone's knowledge because most intrusions occur when a worker inadvertently opens a

curious email with a funny video or link attached. What the worker doesn't know, he said, is the attachment contains a hidden virus that exposes the whole network.

Khattab said other than preventing future attacks, little can be done because the data already has been downloaded and put up for sale on the dark web. "The damage already has been done. That data has been exposed," he said.

Even if only a child's name and birth date was acquired, he suggests families take up the Pearson's offer for free credit monitoring. "It very well is used for applying for credit," he said.

Hackers can do far more harm if they have Social Security or other financial information, and that does not appear to be the case here, Khattab said. "A name and birthday is information that's not as critical. With financial information, they can do a lot more damage," he said.

In their messages to families, both districts said they take the security of all student, family and staff data very seriously and that only the most limited data is provided to vendors for any required services. They also said contracts with outside vendors are closely vetted to ensure measures are in place at all times to safeguard that data.

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Ivy

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completing a hematopoietic stem cell transplant, the same procedure that actress Selma Blair, who also has multiple sclerosis, recently announced she had received. The treatment, which is not widely available, got a big boost in January when a study in the journal JAMA reported it outperformed conventional therapies, with 79% of patients experiencing no symptoms after five years.

Ivy is grateful, hopeful and determined to get the word out, particularly after having been denied coverage for the procedure from her insurer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois.

"I want to talk about it because this works, people need this, and it should be accessible for more people," she said.

Her parents, Jared, 46, and Matia, 44, were able to raise \$125,000 for the procedure by refinancing their house.

"We were so fortunate to get funds," Ivy said, "but not everyone can do that."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois issue a written statement saying, "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois does not disclose our members' personal or benefit information as a matter of privacy. We are committed to providing our members access to quality, cost-effective health care within the benefits outlined in their plan and in keeping with our medical policies."

In January, a JAMA study of 110 patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, the most common kind of MS, found that 98% of patients who received hematopoietic stem cell transplants showed no evidence of disease activity at year 1, compared with 21% of patients who took standard medications for MS. After five years, 79% of the transplant patients showed no evidence of disease activity, compared with 3% of patients on standard medications.

"It was so much better than the drug therapy," study co-author Dr. Richard Burt said of stem cell trans-



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Ivy Marcucci, 20, of Riverside, recently received a hematopoietic stem cell transplant at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

plant approach, which he's been working on for 30 years. "It kind of blew it out of the park."

Burt, the chief of the division of immunotherapy at Northwestern University, said the transplant procedure usually is covered by insurance.

Stem cell transplants for multiple sclerosis have serious potential side effects, including death, with a recent study showing a transplant-related mortality rate of 2 in 1,000. But MS medications can also come with sobering warnings, including increased risks of death, cancers and brain infections.

In the earlier stages of MS, immune cells attack the nervous system, causing damage that can lead to disability. Burt uses a non-cancer regimen of immunospecific chemotherapy and antibodies to eliminate many of the malfunctioning immune cells, then he reintroduces stem cells from the patient's own body. The idea is to reboot or reset the immune system, so it will function normally.

While formal cost analysis needs to be done, hema-

topoietic stem cell transplantation is potentially less expensive than existing medication-based therapies, Burt said. Transplantation has a one-time cost of about \$125,000, while medications cost about \$70,000 a year but can range up to \$200,000.

When Ivy was diagnosed with MS, her doctors found evidence of more than a dozen MS lesions, or areas of damage, in her brain and upper spinal cord. Her doctor put her on steroids in an effort to stop a flare-up of the illness, but her double vision continued, a sign that the steroids weren't working well enough.

Ivy's father, Jared, did some research and found Burt's study in JAMA.

"This is really awesome," he told Ivy. But Ivy's MS was quite active, and it appeared, in hindsight, that she had been having symptoms on and off since age 17. Her parents wanted to prevent more damage to her nervous system and get her a transplant while she was still well enough to be eligible, so the clock was ticking.

Contacted by email, Burt

at first didn't think Ivy was the right candidate for a transplant, Jared said. But then Burt — who declined to discuss Ivy's case with the Tribune, citing privacy concerns — looked at images of the damage to her brain and spinal cord, which was more severe than her symptoms suggested, Jared said. This was in February; Ivy was still having vision problems; she had to wear an eye patch for her double vision, and she was experiencing another symptom, "cognitive fog," which for her meant forgetting words and names and repeating the same story multiple times.

A Northwestern neurologist examined her and reviewed her MRIs, writing in a report that the burden of the disease on her brain was "moderate-to-severe" and that her need for more aggressive treatment was "fairly urgent."

"It was one of those things where you look at the MRI, and you say, 'Why isn't she in a wheelchair?'" Matia said.

Burt approved her for a transplant, Jared said, but their insurance company

balked. The Marcuccis submitted appeal after appeal, and each time they were met with the argument that a transplant was an experimental therapy or wasn't medically necessary, according to records they showed the Tribune.

It was particularly frustrating, they said, to discover that Blue Cross actually does cover the transplants for Illinois residents who belong to a plan for federal employees. The Marcuccis delayed the transplant while they tried to work out the funding, eventually refinancing their house. Financially it was very hard, Jared said.

"Nobody has \$125,000 sitting around," said Matia, who runs a medical billing business. "He's a doctor. We make good money. We're not poor, but \$125,000 is \$125,000." And for other families, she added, the cost could be prohibitive: "Why do you have to be rich to get good treatment? It just seems unfair."

Ivy found it stressful to see her parents sacrifice financially, and she too was frustrated with Blue Cross. "You look at their little

motto: something about standing by their patients in health," she said of Blue Cross. "Well, what about this? What about me? You're not standing by me."

Last month she had her 17-year-old sister, Mazzy, shave her head in preparation for a 15-day hospital stay that would include four days of punishing chemotherapy.

Her father volunteered to shave his head in solidarity, but Ivy turned him down: "Stop trying to take my spotlight!" she said with a laugh. "I want to own this."

In the hospital, chemotherapy made her vomit repeatedly. She was on steroids so it was very hard to sleep, and she suffered through a high fever, which is not unusual after a stem cell transplant.

There were high points, too, she said. She was still in the hospital when Blair posted on Instagram that she was completing the same procedure, with a photo of a hospital room that looked strikingly like Ivy's.

And now she's home in Riverside, still tired and recovering from chemotherapy, but feeling a little better every day. Always a go-getter — in high school she was captain of the soccer team, prom queen and president of the honor society — she's learning to pace herself more, she said. A junior at Brigham Young University, she's taking a break from college until January, doing yoga and trying to support others who are going through stem cell transplants for MS.

When she's better, she's hoping to volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and get certified to teach yoga, with the goal of leading a class for people with chronic illnesses.

"It's been cool, just being on Instagram," she said. "People see Selma Blair, and they're like, 'OK, I can relate to her,' but then me being just a plain, regular person, people can reach out, and I can answer their DMs and be like, 'Here's my experience.' I can write about it. I can talk about it and just be more accessible."

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New Puerto Rico governor sworn in

Vazquez takes oath after island's high court rules against Pierluisi to settle political strife

BY DANICA COTO
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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Justice Secretary Wanda Vazquez became Puerto Rico's new governor Wednesday, just the second woman to hold the office, after weeks of political turmoil and hours after the island's Supreme Court declared Pedro Pierluisi's swearing-in a week ago unconstitutional.

Accompanied by her husband, Judge Jorge Diaz, and her daughter, Vazquez took the oath of office in the early evening at the Supreme Court before leaving without making any public comment.

"Puerto Rico needs assurance and stability," she said earlier in a statement. "Our actions will be aimed toward that end and it will always come first."

The high court's unanimous decision, which could not be appealed, settled the dispute over who will lead the U.S. territory after its political establishment was knocked off balance by big street protests spawned by anger over corruption, mismanagement of funds and a leaked obscenity-laced chat that forced the previous governor and several top aides to resign.

But it was also expected to unleash a new wave of demonstrations because many Puerto Ricans have said they don't want Vazquez as governor.

"It is concluded that the

swearing in as governor by Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi Urrutia, named secretary of state in recess, is unconstitutional," the court said in a brief statement.

Pierluisi said that he had stepped forward to help islanders "in the best good faith and desire to contribute to the future of our homeland," but that he would respect the court's ruling.

"I must step aside and support the Justice Secretary of Puerto Rico, the Honorable Wanda Vazquez Garced," he said in a statement before she was sworn in.

People began cheering in some parts of San Juan after the ruling was announced, and Puerto Ricans were expected to gather later outside the governor's seaside mansion in the capital's colonial district — some to celebrate the court's decision and others to protest the incoming governor.

In the early afternoon, someone yelled through a loudspeaker near the residence: "Pierluisi out! The constitution of Puerto Rico should be respected!"

"It was the correct decision," said Xiomary Morales, a waitress and student who works a block away, adding that those in power "are used to doing what they want."

Puerto Ricans are physically and emotionally exhausted and want an end to the political turmoil, she said. "They should just hold fresh elections, hit restart



Justice Secretary Wanda Vazquez is sworn in Wednesday in San Juan as governor of Puerto Rico by the island's Supreme Court Justice Maite Oronoz.

like a PlayStation game."

But Tita Caraballo, a retired nurse from the inland eastern city of Gurabo, disagreed with the court.

"I think they are playing with the people and, I don't know, maybe they have someone they want and that is why they are doing this," Caraballo said.

Pierluisi was appointed secretary of state by then-Gov. Ricardo Rossello while legislators were in recess, and only the House approved his nomination. Pierluisi was then sworn in as governor Friday after Rossello formally resigned in response to the protests.

Puerto Rico's Senate sued to challenge Pierluisi's legitimacy as governor, arguing that its approval was also necessary, and the Supreme Court decided in favor of the Senate.

On Monday, the Senate decided not to hold a confirmation vote on Pierluisi.

The body's president, Thomas Rivera Schatz, said Pierluisi had only five of 15 required votes. The same day the Supreme Court announced it would hear the case.

The Senate had also asked the court to declare unconstitutional a portion of a 2005 law saying a secretary of state need not be approved by both House and Senate if they have to step in as governor. Puerto Rico's constitution says a secretary of state has to be approved by both chambers.

The court agreed that the law's clause was unconstitutional.

"Today this Tribunal speaks with a single voice, loud and clear," Justice Roberto Feliberti Cintron said in his written opinion. "The constitutional norms do not allow for absurdities and legal technicalities to contravene our Democratic

System of Government."

In a separate opinion, Justice Erick Kolthoff Caraballo said Puerto Rico has suffered upheaval "like never in its modern history" and "the People need calm and security that things will soon return to order."

Rivera Schatz praised the court ruling in a triumphant statement.

"With absolute LEGITIMACY, we will seek TRUE PEACE and STABILITY," he said.

Six of the court's nine judges were appointed by governors from the pro-statehood New Progressive Party, to which both Pierluisi and Rivera Schatz belong.

Vazquez, a 59-year-old former prosecutor, is to serve out the remainder of Rossello's term, with the next election scheduled for next year.

Vazquez became justice secretary in January 2017

and has limited experience leading government agencies. She previously worked as a district attorney for two decades at Puerto Rico's justice department, handling domestic and sexual abuse cases. In 2010 was appointed director of the Office for Women's Rights.

Some critics say that as justice secretary she was not aggressive enough in pursuing corruption investigations involving members of her New Progressive Party and that she did not prioritize gender violence cases.

William Gonzalez Roman, a retiree also from Gurabo, wasn't bullish on Vazquez as governor.

"We will see. You have to give everyone a chance, right?" Gonzalez said. "Let's see what decisions (she makes), but I tell you that job is big with a lot of responsibility."

Last November, the Office of Government Ethics said it had received a complaint about possible ethical violations involving Vazquez, who was accused of intervening in a case involving a suspect charged with stealing government property at a home where Vazquez's daughter lived.

Vazquez appeared in court to face charges including two violations of a government ethics law. In December a judge found there was no evidence to arrest her.

Rossello's resignation followed nearly two weeks of protests after the public emergence of the chat in which he and 11 other men including government officials mocked women, gay people and victims of Hurricane Maria, among others.

McGahn is 'most important witness'

House Judiciary Committee sues to compel testimony

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WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee asked a federal judge on Wednesday to compel testimony from former White House counsel Don McGahn, whom lawmakers consider their "most important" witness in any potential impeachment proceeding against President Donald Trump.

McGahn figured prominently in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of whether Trump obstructed justice during the Justice Department's probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election. The committee subpoenaed him in April but the White House blocked his testimony, claiming McGahn had "absolute" immunity.

Lawyers for the committee's Democrats call the assertion "spurious" and say it has no grounding in case law.

The complaint, filed in

the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, escalates the months-long feud between congressional Democrats and the president. It marks the first lawsuit Democrats have filed to force a witness to testify since they regained control of the House in the fall and subsequently launched a series of investigations into the president's conduct and finances.

The House has not formally voted to launch impeachment proceedings, but Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., has said the panel is pursuing an impeachment investigation.

"Given McGahn's central role as a witness to the president's wide-ranging potentially obstructive conduct, the Judiciary Committee cannot fulfill its constitutional investigative, oversight and legislative responsibilities — including its consideration of whether to recommend articles of impeachment — without hearing from him," the lawsuit says.

McGahn's lawyer, William Burck, said that McGahn will abide by the president's instructions ab-

sent a contrary decision from the court.

McGahn, now a partner at Jones Day, "has an ethical obligation to protect client confidences," Burck said. "Don does not believe he witnessed any violation of law. And the president instructed Don to cooperate fully with the special counsel but directed him not to testify to Congress unless the White House and the committee reached an accommodation."

McGahn left the Trump administration in October.

The lawsuit says McGahn witnessed "nearly all of the most egregious episodes of possible presidential obstruction," and his statements are mentioned in the special counsel's 448-page report more than 160 times.

For instance, on June 17, 2017, three days after The Washington Post reported that the special counsel was investigating whether the president had obstructed justice and a month after Mueller was appointed, Trump called McGahn at home twice and directed him to fire Mueller over alleged conflicts of interest, the complaint says, citing



Former White House counsel Don McGahn is at the center of Democrats' potential impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

the report.

McGahn declined, advising the president that this "would be another fact used to claim obstruction of justice," the lawsuit says.

McGahn again resisted when the president sought to have him issue a public statement and a "letter" refuting media reports, published in January 2018, indicating that Trump had ordered McGahn to have Mueller fired the previous summer, according to the suit.

And he rebuffed the president's effort in March 2017 to get him to pressure then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions not to recuse himself from the Russia probe, the lawsuit says. When Mc-

Gahn declined, Trump "expressed anger at McGahn about the recusal," the complaint says.

McGahn also was a "key witness" to the events leading up to Trump's decisions to fire his first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and then-FBI director James Comey in apparent attempts to end the Justice Department probe into Russia's election interference and possible coordination with Trump associates, the complaint stated.

"McGahn is uniquely positioned to explain those events, bring additional misconduct to light, and provide evidence regarding the president's intent," the complaint says, noting that

Trump has disputed significant portions of these events and accused McGahn of fabricating facts. "Live testimony from McGahn is essential" to resolving any conflicting accounts, it says.

House Democrats are sharply divided on the question of impeachment, with just over half, including Nadler, favoring proceedings. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has argued that Democrats ought to use the courts to make their case against the president, and she has repeatedly pointed out that voters are less interested in impeachment than they are in issues such as health care and the economy.

Clemency recipient released from prison after celebrity support

BY JONATHAN MATTISE
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cyntoia Brown, championed by celebrities as a symbol of unfair sentencing, was released Wednesday from the Tennessee Prison for Women, where she had been serving a life sentence for killing a man who had picked her up for sex when she was 16.

Kim Kardashian West, Rihanna, Snoop Dogg and LeBron James had lobbied for Brown's release, calling

her a sex trafficking victim. She was granted clemency in January by outgoing Gov. Bill Haslam.

"Cyntoia Brown welcome home!!" James tweeted Wednesday.

Now 31, Brown will remain on parole for 10 years, on condition that she does not violate state or federal laws, holds a job and participates in regular counseling sessions, Haslam's commutation says.



Brown

Brown released a statement Monday saying she wants to help other women and girls suffering sexual abuse and exploitation.

She also has a memoir coming out in mid-October and has gotten married, according to her publisher, Atria Books. A news release about the book lists her name as Cyntoia Brown-Long and mentions an "unlikely romance." The publisher and one of her attorneys de-

clined to discuss further details of her marriage.

"I thank Governor and First Lady Haslam for their vote of confidence in me and with the Lord's help I will make them as well as the rest of my supporters proud," she wrote.

Her attorneys said she's requesting privacy and transition time before she makes herself available to the public.

Brown was convicted in 2006 of murdering 43-year-old Nashville real estate agent Johnny Allen. Police

said she shot Allen in the back of the head at close range with a gun she brought to rob him after he picked her up at a drive-in restaurant in Nashville to have sex with her.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled against life-without-parole sentences for juveniles. But the state of Tennessee argued successfully in lower courts that Brown's sentence was not in violation of federal law because she would be eligible for parole after serving at least 51 years.

Haslam said that was too harsh a condition for a crime Brown admitted to committing as a teen, especially given the steps she has taken to rebuild her life. She earned her GED and completed university studies as an inmate.

Brown ran away from her adoptive family in Nashville in 2004 and began living in a hotel with a man known as "Cut Throat" who forced her into prostitution and verbally, physically and sexually assaulted her, according to court documents.

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audience that the open way the people of his hometown treat each other could be “the example to the United States of America.”

Emotions are still raw in both cities in the aftermath of the weekend shootings. Critics contend Trump’s own words have contributed to a combustible climate that has spawned death and other violence.

The vitriol continued Wednesday.

Trump’s motorcade passed El Paso protesters holding “Racist Go Home” signs. And Trump spent part of his flight between Ohio and Texas airing his grievances on Twitter, berating Democratic Ohio politicians, O’Rourke and the media.

It was a remarkable split-screen appearance for TV viewers, with White House images of handshakes and selfies juxtaposed with angry tweets.

Trump and the White House have forcefully disputed the idea that he bears some responsibility for the nation’s divisions. And he continued to do so Wednesday.

“My critics are political people,” Trump said as he left the White House, noting the apparent political leanings of the shooter in the Dayton killings. He also defended his rhetoric on



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Protesters line the street Wednesday and one mocks President Trump in Dayton, Ohio. He misspoke earlier in the week.

issues including immigration, claiming instead that he “brings people together.”

Some 85% of U.S. adults believe the tone and nature of political debate has become more negative, with a majority saying Trump has changed things for the worse, according to recent Pew Research Center polling. And more than three quarters, 78%, say that elected officials who use heated or aggressive language to talk about cer-

tain people or groups make violence against those people more likely.

In Dayton, anger and pain were on display as protesters chanted “Ban those guns” and “Do something!” during Trump’s visit.

Holding a sign that read “Not Welcome Here,” Lynnell Graham said she thinks Trump’s response to the shootings has been insincere.

“To me he comes off as

fake,” she said.

But in El Paso, where more protests awaited, Raul Melendez, whose father-in-law, David Johnson, was killed in Saturday’s shooting, said the most appropriate thing Trump could do was to meet with relatives of the victims.

“It shows that he actually cares, if he talks to individual families,” said Melendez, who credits Johnson with helping his 9-year-old daughter survive the attack

by pushing her under a counter. Melendez, an Army veteran and the son of Mexican immigrants, said he holds only the shooter responsible for the attack.

“That person had the intent to hurt people, he already had it,” he said. “No one’s words would have triggered that.”

Local Democratic lawmakers who’d expressed concern about the visit said Trump had nonetheless hit

the right notes Wednesday.

“He was comforting. He did the right things and Melania did the right things. It’s his job to comfort people,” said Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, who nonetheless said he was “very concerned about a president that divides in his rhetoric and plays to race in his rhetoric.”

“I think the victims and the first responders were grateful that the president of the United States came to Dayton,” added Mayor Nan Whaley, who said she was glad Trump had not stopped at the site of the shooting.

“A lot of the time his talk can be very divisive, and that’s the last thing we need in Dayton,” she said.

Despite protests in both cities, the White House insisted Trump had received positive receptions. One aide tweeted that Trump was a “rock star” at the Dayton hospital.

The White House did not allow reporters and photographers to watch as he talked with wounded victims, medical staff and law enforcement officers there, but then quickly published its own photos on social media and released a video of his visit.

There was discord in El Paso too.

Rep. Veronica Escobar, the Democratic congresswoman who represents the city, declined to meet with Trump. “I refuse to be a prop,” she told CNN.



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Activists demonstrate outside Mitch McConnell’s office this week in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pressure rises on McConnell, GOP Senate to ‘do something’

BY LISA MASCARO AND MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is resisting pressure to bring senators back from recess to address gun violence, despite wrenching calls to “do something” in the aftermath of back-to-back mass shootings.

Instead, the Republican leader is taking a more measured approach, as GOP senators are talking frequently among themselves, and with the White House, in the face of mounting criticism that Congress is failing to act.

President Donald Trump is privately calling up senators — and publicly pushing for an expansion of background checks for firearms purchases — but McConnell knows those ideas have little Republican support. The White House threatened to veto a House-passed background checks bill earlier this year. Yet, as the nation reels from the frequency of shootings and their grave toll, McConnell’s unwillingness to confront the gun lobby or move more swiftly is coming under scrutiny.

“I can only do what I can do,” Trump told reporters as he departed Washington for visits to Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, where 31 people were killed in two mass shootings over the weekend.

On Wednesday, Ohio Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown made a personal plea to Trump during his visit to “call on Sen. McConnell to bring the Senate back in session this week, to tell the Senate he wants the background checks bill that has already passed the House.”

House Democrats signed onto a letter urging McConnell to act immediately on the House-passed legislation, which would require federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, including online and at gun shows. In Kentucky, where McConnell is recuperating from a weekend fall that left his shoulder fractured, activists have been demonstrating at his home and protesting at his downtown Louisville office.

“House Democrats are moving prayerfully and purposefully to advance action,” wrote Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a letter Wednesday to Democratic col-

leagues.

The Judiciary Committee, led by Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., may take action during the recess on “red flag” legislation to allow removal of guns from those deemed a threat to themselves or others.

But none of it has moved the Republican Senate to act more urgently.

McConnell’s office declined comment, referring back to a short statement he issued late Monday saying he was tasking three GOP committee chairmen “to engage in bipartisan discussions of potential solutions.”

Meanwhile, Twitter locked McConnell’s campaign account from further activity Wednesday as punishment for its sharing of a video of protesters screaming obscenities outside his home in Louisville.

The social media company said it will not unlock @TeamMitch unless it agrees to remove the video.

McConnell’s campaign confirmed to The Washington Post that its account was suspended. The Courier-Journal in Louisville first reported the story.

Washington Post contributed.

Trump ‘fanning the flames of white supremacy,’ Biden says

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BURLINGTON, Iowa — Former Vice President Joe Biden on Wednesday accused President Donald Trump of “fanning the flames of white supremacy” in his most aggressive attack yet on the character of the man he would like to defeat in 2020.

“Trump offers no moral leadership,” Biden declared in Burlington. The president “seems to have no interest in unifying the nation.”

Biden’s remarks, which have been echoed in some form by most of the Democratic presidential candidates, signaled how sharp and bitter the nation’s cultural and political divides will be on the road to Election Day 2020.

They also marked a moment of unity for Biden and his presidential rivals, who have turned on each other in recent weeks. But on Wednesday, they were nearly unanimous in their support of an aggressive plan to confront gun violence just days after another series of mass shootings elevated the issue to the forefront of the party’s presidential primary.

Virtually all of them vowed to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, while some, like Cory Booker, called for requiring all gun owners to obtain licenses.

Hours before Biden lashed out against Trump in Iowa, Booker spoke in a Charleston, South Carolina’s Mother Emanuel Church, where a white supremacist shot nine black parishioners to death four years ago. The New Jersey senator demanded bold action to stop gun violence.

“We must act to get weapons of war off our streets, out of our grocery stores, out of our bars, out of our churches by



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden talks to residents during an event Wednesday in Burlington, Iowa.

banning assault weapons once and for all,” Booker said.

While many Democrats have yet to take a firm position on licensing, their willingness to lean in on gun control marks a definite shift for the party. Democrats with national ambitions have traditionally feared alienating millions of gun owners by embracing plans to enact dramatic changes to the nation’s gun control laws.

As recently as 2013, President Barack Obama’s White House released a photo of the Democrat shooting a rifle. Former Democratic Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter were also eager to be photographed holding firearms.

But on Wednesday, even red-state Democrat Steve Bullock, the Montana governor, backed gun control measures, insisting in a Washington speech that gun owners are worried about their families’ safety just like everyone else. He called for universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons and “red flag” laws aimed at restricting gun ownership from high-risk individuals.

“I am a hunter and a gun owner,” Bullock said. “And let me say as a hunter, no real hunter needs a 30-

round clip. No real hunter needs a weapon of war.”

Such positions may not be so politically risky.

Even before mass shootings over the weekend in Ohio and Texas left at least 31 dead, national polls found strong majorities of voters favor stricter gun laws.

More than 90% of voters supported mandatory background checks for all gun purchases, according to a May poll conducted by Quinnipiac University; another 77% favored mandatory licenses for all gun purchasers and 63% support a nationwide ban on assault weapons.

“The 2020 aspirants on the Democratic side are all out muscling each other to see who can have the most aggressive program on the issue of gun safety. That’s a seismic shift from past presidential cycles,” said John Feinblatt, president of Mayor’s Against Illegal Guns, which is hosting a presidential forum on gun control in Iowa this weekend.

John Anzalone, a veteran Democratic pollster who is advising Biden, acknowledged the party’s sudden willingness to embrace gun control.

“It’s no longer radical,” he said. “No one’s afraid of the NRA anymore.”



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Fox News host Tucker Carlson drew criticism for his claim Tuesday that white supremacy is “a hoax.”

Fox News host Carlson calls white supremacy ‘a hoax’

BY DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel host Tucker Carlson faced criticism Wednesday for declaring white supremacy “a hoax,” the same day President Donald Trump visited El Paso, Texas, after a white gunman who had written an anti-Latino rant killed 22 people.

Carlson has faced criticism before for his commentary, including a statement that immigration has

made America dirtier. His remarks Tuesday came with the nation rubbed raw by two weekend mass shootings and increased concerns by law enforcement officials about violent white nationalism.

“He has used his platform to push out prejudice,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League. “I think it’s disgusting and I don’t think it deserves a place on a major news network.”

Fox News Channel representatives did not im-

mediately return messages seeking comment Wednesday.

On Tuesday, he dismissed the concept of white supremacy as a serious problem for the country.

“The combined membership of every white supremacist organization — would they be able to fit into a college football stadium?” Carlson said. “I mean, seriously. This is a country where the average person is getting poorer, where the suicide rate is spiking.”

Adopting a low, mocking

voice, he said, “White supremacy, that’s the problem. This is a hoax, just like the Russia hoax.”

The ADL’s Greenblatt said that it was “incredibly irresponsible to even make such a statement while we are still burying people who were gunned down by a white supremacist.”

In congressional testimony recently, Michael McGarrity, the FBI’s top counterterrorism official, said that his organization was conducting roughly 850 domestic terrorism investiga-

tions. White supremacists and other domestic terrorists were being arrested more often, and causing more deaths, than international terrorists, he said.

On Sunday, after the shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, a group of former National Security Council counterterrorism directors issued a statement calling on the government to address domestic terrorism with the same dedication it used to attack international risks following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mexico City's haven image is shaken

Turf wars, drugs make capital look like rest of Mexico

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At the nightclub door, a security guard checks every bag, pocket and makeup pouch with a mini flashlight.

In the bathroom, another stands watch as drug dealers sell cocaine in bags marked with skulls. That guard escorts revelers into a stall where they can snort in private.

Drug gangs are ever more powerful in Mexico City, leaving even the most exclusive nightspots with little choice but to let them sell their wares. It's better than the alternative: Outside the club — near the Cibeles Fountain in a neighborhood popular with American tourists — the owner of another bar was shot dead. More recently, two men with narcotics in their car were gunned down eight blocks away in broad daylight and shooters at an exclusive mall left two more dead.

Mexico City had always been a haven from the beheadings and mass graves that beset the country. But as homicides have risen year after year, it began to look more like the rest of Mexico. Since leftist President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador took power in December, crime has become topic No. 1 in conversations in cafes and bars and offices.

Despite her promises to lower violence by addressing poverty and youth disaffection, killings have soared 15% this year under the leadership of Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum, a close ally to the president known as AMLO. After gunfights hit chic neighborhoods and two young men from middle-class families were kidnapped and murdered, Sheinbaum sent in the newly created National Guard, a measure meant for



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Members of the National Guard, a force created for only Mexico's worst narco spots, have been sent into Mexico City.

only the worst narco spots. Now, the perception that crime is spinning out of control in one of the world's largest capitals is unnerving investors in an economy that is poised to grow this year the least in a decade.

"Our clients are far more concerned," said Gonzalo Nadal, who runs Mexico City-based risk consultancy ON Partners, whose clients include the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico. "Some have expressed serious uncertainty" about whether to expand in the capital.

Sheinbaum says crime had actually been worsening for years but the previous administration altered data to cover it up. She published new statistics for last year that showed homicides were higher than previously thought before she took power. That makes the comparison with this year's numbers less dramatic. Some crimes, like theft, have actually fallen. Muggings are down 23%.

But homicides are still on the rise — 898 victims in January through June — and critics blame her and the president.

Mexico City needs more and better-trained detectives and prosecutors, but steep budget cuts instated by AMLO make their jobs harder, said Francisco Rivas, who heads the National Citizens' Observatory, a group that seeks to improve security policy. "Instead, the city opted to change the color of patrol cars," he said.

AMLO said this week that his social programs are addressing the causes of the violence and the National Guard is providing personnel to beef up crime fighting. "I don't delegate this matter to anyone. I'm dealing with it directly," he said.

Ever since then-President Felipe Calderon declared war on traffickers in 2006, violent crime has gotten worse. The strategy of hunting down capos

merely splintered cartels into smaller, more belligerent gangs.

Their new dominance in the capital is most evident in nightclubs and bars. Some proprietors have been forced to hire security and waitstaff chosen by the narcos. Others take precautions, such as allowing guards to oversee narcotics purchases to keep order. At the club near Cibeles Fountain, a DJ spins old-school cumbia to a young crowd that spends the equivalent of about \$10 on mixed drinks. The bathroom where cocaine and Ecstasy are sold for \$25 to \$50 is dimly lit, but its entrance is wide open.

"Organized crime groups force bars to sell or permit the sale of drugs," Ernestina Godoy, the city's chief prosecutor, said in an interview.

The latest daylight shootout took place last week at the Plaza Artz mall. A woman shot and killed two Israeli men who local media

reported distributed drugs to bars in the wealthy Polanco neighborhood.

A turf war between two gangs, Union Tepito and Anti-Union Force, is often cited as the source of the bloodshed, and authorities say they're operating with the help of the most powerful and violent cartels, Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation. The mall shooting may have even been a showdown between the two cartels, says Mexican risk-consultancy Empra.

Newly freed prisoners provide foot soldiers, some Mexico City authorities say. People have been released from prison in droves thanks to a 2008 criminal-justice overhaul that improved due process but failed to train and vet law enforcement officials before taking full effect in 2016. Many have been let out on technicalities, while some suspects in violent crimes are eligible for bail. The city's prison population

has plunged to about 25,000 this year from more than 41,000 in 2012.

Homicides in the city have climbed so high that killings per 100,000 people are now only 23% below the national average. They were 33% below last year and 41% less in 2017, according to the newly corrected federal data.

Godoy, the prosecutor, says the former administration doctored files so extensively last year that bodies found in Mexico City were registered outside the capital in final reports. Former Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera, now a senator, hasn't responded to requests for comment. He's previously denied the allegations.

Reports of altered data are raising questions about whether any government security statistics can be trusted. "States, depending on how they're conveyed in the news, will often change or doctor their numbers," said Jack Harary, managing director of Mexico City-based security firm Harary Security Inc.

This week, Sheinbaum pushed through laws requiring harsher sentencing for recidivism and petty crimes like mobile phone theft. She plans to expand the police force this year by 66%.

The government's actions aren't sufficient, said Rafael Guarneros, who sits on a neighborhood watch in upscale Condesa. A member of his association, Cristina Vazquez, was murdered in June after reporting crime on her block. Hours after she was found, a man tried to force his way into her apartment for unknown reasons and was arrested. He'd been in and out of prison four times, local media reports.

"Prosecutors don't know how to send a criminal to prison and keep them there, or they just don't want to," Guarneros said. "This is Mexico City's biggest failure."

France drafts law to extend IVF

Single women and lesbians would get access to procedure

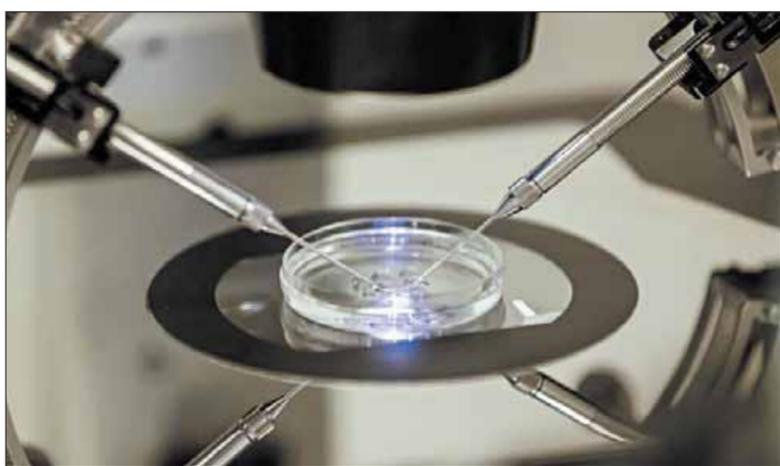
BY SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

PARIS — Single women and lesbians in France no longer would have to go abroad to get pregnant with a doctor's help under a proposed law that would give them access to medically assisted reproduction at home for the first time.

A bioethics law drafted by French President Emmanuel Macron's government includes language to expand who is eligible for procedures such as artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization, or IVF. French law currently limits assisted reproduction to infertile heterosexual couples only.

While the French government says it is responding to changes in society, its bill is sure to generate debate when it comes up next month in parliament. After France in May 2013 made it legal for same-sex couples to marry and adopt children together, hundreds of thousands of protesters marched in Paris.

The draft calls for France's national health care system to cover the cost of



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An in vitro fertilization embryologist works on a petri dish at a fertility clinic in London.

four rounds of assisted reproduction per pregnancy for all women up to an age limit yet to be set.

The bill also allows children conceived with donated sperm to find out the donor's identity upon demand when they reach age 18, a change from the strict donor anonymity protections France has now.

However, it would not remove France's ban on surrogacy arrangements in which a woman carries and delivers a baby for another.

French LGBT rights groups lobbied for the proposed provisions after France legalized same-sex marriage in 2013. They said allowing lesbians and single women to have IVF and other procedures would keep mothers and their babies from running afoul of the French legal system and give them access to the country's generous health care system.

"This simply is a measure of equality for French female citizens, whatever their sexual orientation is," the Association of Gay and Lesbian Parents and Future Parents said in a statement.

Twenty conservative groups are already organizing a protest for October to denounce the bill, alleging it will lead to more children raised without fathers. The groups also worry the ex-

panded access to pregnancy procedures would eventually lead to the legalization of surrogate pregnancies.

"Saying that you're creating new rights while ignoring the consequences for children on purpose is a revolting and despicable process," said Alberic Dumont, vice president of Demonstration for Everyone, a group that is among the bill's critics.

Lesbian couples, single women or both already have legal access to medically assisted reproduction in 18 of the European Union's 28 countries.

French women who can't get procedures at home and can afford it often go to neighboring Spain or Belgium, where a single round of IVF round costs several thousand euros.

Virginie, 36, who lives in the southern city of Marseille, married her wife, Cecile, in June. The two decided not to wait for the passage of the proposed law to try to become parents, fearing the parliament debate could last months.

Instead, they chose to use donor sperm mailed from Denmark for \$1,112. That process is illegal in France, which is why Virginie, who plans to give birth, did not want to be identified by her last name.

"If that first try doesn't

work, we are considering using the new French law," she told a reporter.

Virginie said it's difficult doing something that is illegal and she thinks the proposed law would help many French women. But she also fears it might trigger an anti-gay backlash and encountering medical professionals who balk at serving same-sex couples.

Amandine Zevolino, 35, and her wife, Camille live in Montpellier in southern France and have been married for a year and a half. Zevolino went to Spain to try to get pregnant, but didn't feel comfortable with the anonymity and commercial aspect of using a sperm donor.

She finally decided to perform at-home insemination with the help of a friend who agreed to donate the sperm.

She is still hesitating about telling French medical workers the truth. The situation "forces us to lie," she lamented.

Zevolino thinks the parliament debate will ignite political tensions but she hopes the new law will help French society become more accepting of lesbian and single mothers.

"Usually in France on that kind of issue, once the law is passed, it's definitive," she said.

Climate change creams coconuts

Ice cream makers in search of other nondairy options

BY OLIVIA ROCKEMAN
Bloomberg News

Vegan ice cream is a hot commodity these days. But violent storms that have devastated farms in Southeast Asia are threatening to take away one of its best ingredients — coconuts.

Much of the world's supply comes from the region, which is grappling with an increase in storms' frequency and intensity because of warming seas. Coconuts' natural creaminess is seen by some as the best way to imitate dairy, and nondairy ice cream makers are scrambling to find alternatives.

So far, the solutions range from tofu to lab-produced milk imitations.

"We're going to continue to support coconut farmers and those communities for as long as we can, but we realize that there's absolutely a climate threat to those areas," said Kim Gibson Clark, chief executive officer of Coconut Bliss, a U.S. vegan ice cream producer. She said her company, which sells frozen treats in grocery stores throughout the U.S. and Canada, gets its supply from Thailand and the Philippines.

Nondairy ice cream represents a growing opportunity as consumers increasingly seek out plant-based foods. The global market is expected to reach \$1 billion a year by 2024, compared with about \$400 million in 2017, according to Global Market Insights. Its rise in popularity coincides with consumers' heightened interest in food op-

tions like faux meat and nut-based milks that are often seen as healthier and better for the environment.

Coconut cream is often the base of choice for vegan ice cream because it has less air, making it more dense than other dairy alternatives, said Tyler Malek, co-founder of Portland, Oregon-based ice cream chain Salt & Straw, which operates 19 store locations across the West Coast. The company, which started using coconut cream for its vegan products about six years ago, has begun to "diversify to steer clear of coconut risks," Malek said.

The majority of the world's coconuts come from Southeast Asia. In 2018, 29 tropical storms made landfall in the Northwest Pacific Region, above the yearly average of 26, according to the U.S. Hurricane Research Division.

Coconut Bliss has used coconut milk as a base for all of its products since 2005. To avoid a possible loss of supply, the company is developing a plant-based milk source out of Oregon's Willamette Valley, Gibson Clark said. The new vegan ice cream will launch within the next two years without the word "coconut" in its name, she said.

At Salt & Straw, 20% of ice cream sold is vegan, and it wants to "own the category for nondairy options," Malek said. The company's ice cream makers are experimenting with ingredients including aquafaba — the liquid from a can of chickpeas — white beans and allergen-free milk.

"There's an inherent challenge with coconut," Malek said. "But maybe it's a gateway to fun new experiments in the future."

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Saudi males no longer guardians at the gate

Eased restrictions coming soon let women travel alone

BY AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia has published new laws that loosen restrictions on women by allowing all citizens — women and men alike — to apply for a passport and travel freely, ending a long-standing guardianship policy that had controlled women's freedom of movement.

The new laws, a potential game-changer for Saudi women's rights, are to go into effect by the end of the month.

The kingdom's legal system has long been criticized because it treated adult women as minors, requiring they have a man's consent to obtain a passport or travel abroad. Often a woman's male guardian is her father or husband, and in some cases a woman's son.

The changes were widely celebrated by Saudis on Twitter, with many posting memes showing people dashing to the airport with luggage and others hailing

the 33-year-old crown prince believed to be the force behind these moves.

But the changes also drew backlash from conservatives, who posted clips of senior Saudi clerics in past years arguing in favor of guardianship laws.

Other changes issued in the decrees allow women to register a marriage, divorce or a child's birth, and obtain official family documents, which could ease hurdles women faced in obtaining a national identity card and enrolling their children in school.

Women are now also allowed to be legal guardians of their children, a right previously held only by men.

Still in place are rules that require male consent for a woman to leave prison, exit a domestic abuse shelter or marry. Women still cannot pass on citizenship to their children and cannot provide consent for their children to marry.

Under the kingdom's guardianship system, women essentially relied on the "good will" and whims of male relatives to determine the course of their lives.

There were cases, for example, of young Saudi women



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Saudi Arabia says by September, women will be able to get passports and won't need to travel with a male "guardian."

whose parents are divorced, but whose father is the legal guardian, being unable to accept scholarships to study abroad because they did not have permission to travel.

Amnesty International said a lot remains to be done for women's rights in Saudi Arabia but that the new laws could ease the guardianship system. Guardianship laws have "been a stifling system in the daily lives of women in Saudi Arabia," said Lynn Malouf, Mideast's research director

at Amnesty.

"These reforms really are a testament to the work of the brave activism and the suffering and the ordeals" Saudi women and men fought for in their calls for reform, she added.

Saudi women fleeing domestic abuse and the guardianship system occasionally drew international attention to their plight, as 18-year-old Rahaf al-Qununi did before Canada granted her asylum. The stories of runaway women have cre-

ated a flurry of negative headlines for the kingdom.

To leave the country, some Saudi women say they had to hack into their father's phone and change the settings on a government app to allow themselves permission to leave the country. There were calls in Washington for Google and Apple to block access to the app entirely.

In a lengthy study of Saudi male guardianship laws in 2016, Human Rights Watch criticized it as "system that was ripe for abuse." The new rules, approved by King Salman and his Cabinet, allow any person 21 and older to travel abroad without prior consent and any citizen to apply for a Saudi passport on their own.

The decrees were made public this month in the kingdom's official weekly Um al-Qura gazette.

A number of sweeping changes have been promoted by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as he drives an ambitious economic reform plan that encourages more women to enter the workforce. He was behind lifting the ban on women driving last year, loosening rules on gender

segregation and bringing concerts and movie theaters to the country.

He has also led a simultaneous crackdown on activists, including detaining the country's leading women's rights activists who had demanded an end to the very male guardianship rules now being curtailed. The women are facing trial and allege they were tortured in prison.

The crown prince continues to face widespread international criticism over the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul last year. Saudi Arabia has denied any involvement by the prince but its own investigation acknowledged the operation was planned by two of the prince's top aides.

Saudi newspaper Arab News noted that in the segment on travel, the new decree were written in gender-neutral language rather than outright stating that women no longer need male consent.

News of the changes had been teased in state-linked Saudi media for weeks, possibly to ready the public and gauge reaction.

As Africa booms, few toilets are available

BY RODNEY MUHUMUZA
Associated Press

MAKINDYE-LUKULI, Uganda — The darkening clouds are ominous for many in this urban neighborhood, promising rushing rainwaters stinking of human waste from overflowing septic tanks.

As Africa faces a population boom unmatched anywhere in the world, millions of people are moving to fast-growing cities while decades-old public facilities crumble under the pressure.

Sewage is a scourge for residents of this community on the outskirts of Uganda's capital, Kampala. There are no public toilets for some

1,200 people. Mud tinged with feces washes into homes during heavy rains.

The sanitation crisis echoes that of cities across the developing world. Some 2.5 billion people, most of them in Africa or Asia, lack access to an adequate toilet, United Nations figures show.

One of the fastest-growing cities in the world, Kampala is home to at least 1.5 million people but authorities say over 3 million pass through daily, usually for work. Yet there are fewer than 800 pay toilets and only 14 free ones, many of them dilapidated with walls often smeared with feces.

Kampala's urban sewer system covers less than 10%

of the population, authorities say. When pit latrines and septic tanks are not safely built, they pose a serious health risk. They leak fecal waste that contaminates swamps and Lake Victoria, the city's main water source, especially during the rainy season.

"Less than 50% of the fecal sludge generated in Kampala safely reaches a waste treatment plant," said Angelo Kwitonda, a sewage engineer with the government. "The rest of the volume is kept in our homes."

Outbreaks of cholera and other waterborne diseases are common.

Poor sanitation costs Uganda \$177 million annu-

ally in economic losses linked to disease treatment and lost productivity as people search for places to relieve themselves, according to a World Bank report in 2012. Some 650,000 toilets need to be built to avoid open defecation, it said.

It could get worse. Africa's urban areas contain 472 million people, a number that is expected to double over the next 25 years, according to a 2017 World Bank report.

"The problem of sanitation is very big, so we have had to prioritize," said Najib Bateganya, a Kampala sanitation official who said authorities have been focusing first on improving sanitation in public schools.



RONALD KABUUBI/AP

Workers in Uganda remove garbage under a campaign to encourage people to keep their streets clean.



CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

A Polish man works on a laptop Thursday in a cafe in Warsaw. Poland last week scrapped its personal income tax of 18% for young workers earning less than \$22,000 a year.

Poland waives tax for young workers to reverse brain drain

BY MONIKA SCISLOWSKA AND RAFAL NIEDZIELSKI
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland scrapped its personal income tax for young employees earning less than \$22,000 a year, as part of a drive to reverse a brain drain and demographic decline that's dimming the prospects of a country that is otherwise experiencing strong economic growth.

A new law by the right-wing government took effect last week, slashing the personal income tax from 18% to zero for workers under the age of 26 below the income threshold. It is expected to boost the earnings of nearly 2 million Poles at home, and the government hopes it will also persuade young Poles working abroad to return home.

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki recently said he hoped it would "prevent a further loss, a bleeding of the population that is especially painful for a nation, a society, when it concerns the young generation."

But there were doubts if the tax relief would stop the drain of talented young Poles to London, Berlin and other cities that offer

higher wages and other opportunities.

"I do not think it would stop me and my peers from leaving," said Paulina Rokicka, 19, who works part-time at a TV station in Warsaw. "It seems to me that we will want to leave (anyway) because there are better perspectives abroad than in Poland."

Introduced before fall parliamentary elections, the exemption is part of a larger package of social benefits that has earned the government strong voter support but raised worries about strains on state finances. They include cash bonuses to families with children and a one-off payment to retirees.

Morawiecki said that around 1.5 million Poles, a number comparable to the population of Warsaw, have emigrated since the nation of 38 million joined the European Union in 2004. Some other estimates have put that total at 2 million, but it is hard to pin down because of the large number of those who go back and forth.

While wages are far lower than in the West, Poland's economy is growing at around 4.5% and unemployment had dipped below 6%. In order to fill

labor shortages, companies have turned to hiring migrants, mostly Ukrainians, about 2 million of whom are estimated to be working in Poland.

Morawiecki recently urged a gathering of young people to "stay here, to take your future in your own hands and be enterprising."

The government estimates the program will cost the budget around \$519 million a year.

Finance Ministry spokesman Pawel Jurek said young Poles will now have more money left in their bank accounts to allow them to start families earlier. But he said the most important aim is to keep professionals in the country.

Maciej Biernacki, a public relations manager in Warsaw, also voiced doubts that the tax relief would sway many people, calling it only "one small" element that would be considered in people's life decisions. More important, he said, are issues like business predictability and how the country is run.

"I doubt that this kind of exemption would make anyone stay here in the country if he hesitates about whether to leave or stay," Biernacki, 25, said.

Taliban car bombing kills 14, injures 145 in Afghan capital

BY RAHIM FAIEZ AND CARA ANNA
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A Taliban car bomb aimed at Afghan security forces ripped through a busy Kabul neighborhood Wednesday, killing 14 people and wounding 145 shortly after the extremist group and the United States reported progress on negotiating an end to Afghanistan's nearly 18-year war.

The bombing during morning rush hour was one of the worst attacks in Kabul this year, and it again raised fears among Afghans about what will happen once the estimated 20,000 U.S. and NATO troops in their country go home.

The explosives-packed car detonated at a security checkpoint outside police headquarters in a minority Shiite neighborhood in western Kabul, police spokesman Firdaus Farmanz said. The Taliban said they had targeted a recruitment center for security forces.

Ninety-two of the wounded were civilians, Deputy Interior Minister Khoshal Sadat told reporters. Four police officers were among those killed,

he said.

The attack took place as many Kabul residents were preparing for the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha, which begins Sunday. A large plume of smoke rose over the city. Some nearby buildings were left in rubble. Shopkeepers later swept up broken glass.

"I was having breakfast in a restaurant when the explosion happened," said Mohammad Qasem. As windows shattered, he and others rushed into the busy street.

Even as the U.S.-Taliban peace talks continue and the Taliban say they will do more to protect civilians, a growing number of them are being killed. July saw the highest number of civilian casualties in a single month since 2017, with more than 1,500 killed or wounded as insurgent attacks spiked, the United Nations said earlier this month.

Any Taliban attack is a barrier to the peace process, presidential spokesman Sediq Sediqi told reporters, vowing that "Afghan security forces are strong and can protect the Afghan population."

President Ashraf Ghani's government said such attacks apparently are meant

to strengthen the Taliban position at the negotiating table but would not succeed.

On Tuesday, the Taliban warned Afghans to boycott the Sept. 28 presidential election and avoid campaign rallies that "could become potential targets."

The vote already has been delayed for months over security and organizational concerns.

The Taliban have been staging near-daily attacks against Afghan forces across the country, saying the war will continue as long as U.S. and NATO forces are still in Afghanistan.

The Taliban now control roughly half of the country and are at their strongest since 2001, when the U.S.-led invasion toppled their government after it harbored al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Another round of U.S.-Taliban talks continues this week in the Gulf Arab state of Qatar, where the insurgents maintain an office.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. envoy tasked with finding a resolution to America's longest war, this week reported "excellent progress" in the talks. Khalilzad has said he is hoping for a final deal by Sept. 1.



RAFIQ MAQBOL/AP

Shattered glass from a bus frames Afghans gathering at the site of a car bombing Wednesday in a Kabul neighborhood. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast.

Despite vaccine, Ebola is spreading

Stockpile called 'insufficient' for widening outbreak

BY EMILY BAUMGAERTNER
Los Angeles Times

When Ebola broke out in Congo a year ago, the global stockpile of a long-anticipated vaccine was 300,000 doses.

At the time, that seemed like plenty.

But as the virus spreads from the epicenter and threatens to explode across the region, the supply of Merck's newly developed vaccine — once expected to function as a silver bullet — is dwindling, and likely to burn out before the outbreak does.

Officials have gone head-to-head in a bitter clash over the next line of attack. The country's health minister stepped down last month rather than bow to international pressure to also start using another vaccine that is much more experimental.

He had banned its use over doubts about its effectiveness. The manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson, says it has 1.5 million doses on hand and is ready to start sending them to the region.

Even if there were enough lifesaving vaccines to go around, the region's violent conflict has made it virtually impossible for health workers to deliver the shots to every relative and neighbor of each Ebola victim.

"There's a level of panic lurking just below the surface — or maybe it's above the surface now," said J. Stephen Morrison, senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"No one imagined the level of violence in Ituri and North Kivu" — two eastern provinces — "would be so extensive that they wouldn't be able to contain this. Now, vaccines have



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An Ebola vaccine is tested in 2018 in Beni, North Kivu, Congo. Though stockpiles for a vaccine by Merck are dwindling, the country's health officials are resisting a second, more experimental vaccine recommended by WHO.

become that much more important in containing the outbreak," he said.

The Ebola virus causes leaky blood vessels and circulatory failure, which starves the body's organs of oxygen, leading to shock and multiple organ failure. It spreads directly from person to person through infected blood, sweat and vomit.

For people who are already infected with the virus, a vaccine can't help.

During the last Ebola outbreak, in West Africa in 2014 and 2015, there was no vaccine immediately available, a reality that left every person susceptible. By the end, 28,600 people were infected and more than 11,000 died.

But that epidemic eventually became a testing ground for the Merck vaccine, which had been under development for more than a decade and was deployed

to Guinea, where it showed positive results.

The vaccine, called V920, remains unlicensed but appears to be 97.5% effective, according to early data from the current outbreak.

"These vaccines were the silver lining of the 2014-2015 epidemic, and now they're tangled up in the internal chaos. It's a bit of a mess," Morrison said.

Health workers have administered more than 150,000 doses of the vaccine using a technique called ring vaccination, which prioritizes people who have had exposure to an Ebola victim, followed by expanding circles of their other contacts.

Ideally, the technique barricades the virus and snips each strand of the outbreak's expanding web. But in a region marked by mass migration, less than a third of all confirmed cases have been linked back to

known contacts, according to Doctors Without Borders.

Merck, which has 245,000 doses currently available for shipment from temperature-controlled U.S. warehouses, hopes to triple the cumulative supply to about 900,000 doses over the next 18 months.

But as the outbreak spreads, some models predict the current stockpile could be depleted by the fall.

Production of the vaccine takes about one year — which means the region could see a several-month gap before a new vaccine lot is ready.

"We do project that we are going to run out of vaccine," Dr. Robert Redfield, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told lawmakers in testimony last month.

A World Health Organi-

zation emergency committee directly acknowledged the shortage of the Merck vaccine supply in a sharply worded statement, calling the current stockpile "insufficient" and asking countries and manufacturers to "immediately take all measures to increase supplies."

Merck says it is moving production of the vaccine from the U.S. to a new plant in Germany that has not yet gained regulatory approval to ramp up manufacturing.

For now, production will be split between the two small-scale locations, limiting output.

In response to the shortage, WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, or SAGE, recommended in May that health officials divide each of the remaining doses by at least half in order to immunize more people.

Merck officials are displeased with the dose-split-

ting approach, according to two health experts with ties to the company.

Pamela Eisele, a spokeswoman for Merck, said the data showing the vaccine is effective are based on a dose of 1 milliliter. "However, we fully recognize the public health need and the exceptional circumstances that led to the interim recommendation SAGE has made, and we respect that decision," she said.

In May, WHO also recommended use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Scientists at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine designed a protocol for getting them to those in need, according to Dr. Peter Piot, the director of the school.

But health officials in Congo resisted using the vaccine.

Their biggest concern is whether it works. Tests in about 6,000 people have shown that it is safe and that it stimulates production of antibodies against the virus. But there is too little data to know its efficacy.

Oly Ilunga Kalenga, the health minister who banned it, was also concerned that the vaccine is administered in two doses, more than six weeks apart.

Keeping track of everybody who has been vaccinated — let alone persuading them to return for second shots — is all but impossible in war-torn Congo.

Kalenga also sided with health workers who worry that introducing a second vaccine could undermine public awareness campaigns that are already contending with deep-rooted distrust of authority.

More than a quarter of residents don't believe the outbreak is real, and many people see vaccines as a plot to spread a virus, not eradicate it.

International health experts acknowledge that using unproven vaccines is less than ideal but say there may be no other choice.

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Ex-MSU dean with oversight of Larry Nassar is given jail term

LANSING, Mich. — A former Michigan State University dean with oversight of now-imprisoned sports doctor Larry Nassar was ordered Wednesday to serve up to a year in jail after being convicted of neglect of duty and misconduct in office that stemmed from claims he sexually harassed students.

William Strampel learned his fate during a court hearing nearly two months after the College

of Osteopathic Medicine's ex-dean was convicted of those charges. He was acquitted of the more serious criminal sexual conduct charge.

Strampel, 71, was also convicted of willfully neglecting a duty to monitor Nassar under protocols requiring that a third person be present in the exam room for sensitive procedures and limiting skin-to-skin contact — misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in prison.

Pakistan reduces diplomatic ties with India over Kashmir

ISLAMABAD — The political crisis over the disputed territory of Kashmir escalated Wednesday when Pakistan said it would downgrade its diplomatic ties with India, expel the Indian ambassador and suspend bilateral trade with its regional rival.

Indian authorities have clamped a complete shutdown on Muslim-majority Kashmir as the Hindu-led nationalist government in

New Delhi scrapped the region's statehood and special status, including the right to its own constitution.

As the security lockdown by Indian troops continued in Kashmir for a third day, hundreds of migrant workers began the long trek back to their villages in northern and eastern India.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, and is claimed by both.

Canadian police: 2 bodies found believed to be teen fugitives

TORONTO — Police say they believe the two fugitives suspected of killing a North Carolina woman and her Australian boyfriend as well as another man have been found dead in Manitoba.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLachy said Wednesday authorities located two male bodies in dense bush and they believe they are Kam McLeod, 19, and

Bryan Schmegelsky, 18. She says she is confident it is them but an autopsy will confirm the identities.

Police said Tuesday that items belonging to the pair were found less than a mile from the bodies.

McLeod and Schmegelsky were charged with second-degree murder in the death of Leonard Dyck and were suspects in the deaths of Australian Lucas Fowler and American Chynna Deese.



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Tourists pose legally this week for a photograph on the Spanish Steps in Rome. Sitting on the landmark has been made forbidden.

On Spanish Steps in Rome, police enforce ban on sitting

ROME — Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn perched there without a care in the 1953 film "Roman Holiday." But the Spanish Steps in Rome are no longer a place for sitting.

Enforcing an ordinance that took effect last month, police officers patrolled the famed stone staircase Wednesday to tell locals and visitors "Please, no sitting" on one of the Eternal City's most recognizable landmarks.

The 137 steps built in the 1720s have long been a popular spot to people watch, hangout and pause for a breath. Rome's official

tourism website describes the steps as a passageway "but even more so a place for meeting and a pleasant rest."

But as of July 8, sitting, eating and drinking on them is illegal and can result in a fine of up to \$450.

The ordinance also applies to other photogenic sites in Rome, such as the Trevi Fountain.

The city government said the law has been applied in full since its effective date, it wasn't until this week that police officers in yellow vests were deployed to the Spanish Steps to

visibly enforce it.

Watching officers motion for seated visitors to get up, Italian tourist Tommaso Galletta said he disagreed with the sitting ban.

"This monument is so beautiful. There was a child sitting who was tired, sitting down with his father a few minutes ago, and the traffic officer asked them to stand up," Galletta said.

Others took no issue with the ban.

"If we have to follow the regulation, we have to follow it. We do not have a problem with that," said Jurgen Meier, a German tourist.

White House to seek UK trade deal after Brexit

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will pursue a free-trade agreement with Britain as soon as possible after it leaves the European Union, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Wednesday as the country's new foreign secretary made his first official visit to the United States.

Speaking at a news conference with visiting British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab, Pompeo said the Trump administration remains committed to respecting whatever Britain's final decision on Brexit is and is eager to conclude a trade deal.

Raab said Johnson and

his Cabinet are "absolutely resolved, determined" to leave the EU at the end of October with or without a deal to soften its effects.

The foreign secretary said that he also hoped to conclude a new trade deal with the U.S. "as soon as possible after we leave the EU on Oct. 31."

Turkey, US agree to establish 'safe zone' in Syria

ISTANBUL — A Turkish military offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters appeared to be averted as the United States and Turkey announced Wednesday that they had agreed to "address Turkish security concerns" and work together on the establishment of a safe zone in northern Syria.

But statements released by the two governments contained little detail about what exactly had been agreed upon.

The Trump administration worked furiously in recent weeks to head off a Turkish offensive against a U.S.-backed force in Syria that had led the ground offensive against the Islamic State group.

The force controls large swathes of territory along the Syrian-Turkish border and is dominated by Syrian Kurdish fighters, whom Turkey considers a threat to its own security.

In San Francisco: Federal prosecutors said Wednesday that they charged nearly three dozen people, mostly Honduran nationals, after investigators uncovered twin international trafficking operations that poured heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine into a notorious San Francisco neighborhood crawling with rampant drug use.

The drug charges are the first step in a yearlong crackdown in the Tenderloin neighborhood, a roughly 50-block area long plagued by poverty, U.S. Attorney David Anderson said.

He said the initiative would not affect "innocent" homeless people or drug users but would tackle high-level drug dealing and gun crimes.

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EDITORIALS

Trump's failure to heal and unify the nation

When the president of the United States speaks, Americans listen. That's especially true in moments of crisis when strength and succor are required. Think: Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the Depression ("The only thing we have to fear is fear itself"). Or Ronald Reagan after the Challenger disaster (They "slipped the surly bonds of earth" to 'touch the face of God').

Contrast those stirring examples with the mean-spirited leadership style of President Donald Trump, whose record of public statements is pocked with coarse insults, disparaging rhetoric and bizarre equivocations. Mexican migrants, he said as a candidate, are "bringing crime. They're rapists." About Central Americans: "We cannot allow all of these people to invade our country." And after a neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Virginia, led to rioting, Trump failed to forcefully denounce white supremacy, claiming he saw "hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides, on many sides."

You likely recognize those quotations because the presidential bully pulpit reverberates, whether the sentiment is healing or toxic. A smattering of Trump's name-calling vocabulary: *Sad joke, loser, crazed lunatics, extraordinarily low-IQ person, complete and total fraud*. ... On he rants, especially via Twitter and at political events, unloading his negative energy at perceived enemies and anyone else against whom he thinks he can score points by vilifying. Last month he told four congressional Democrats, all women of color, to "go back" to their homelands. These are not



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Miguel de Anda was among the protesters in El Paso, Texas, on Wednesday.

presidential words to be carved in marble.

Then came violence in the border city of El Paso, Texas, where a gunman killed 22 people and injured dozens. Authorities believe the suspect posted a hate-filled, anti-immigrant screed on the internet before opening fire. El Paso

had been in the news because it's the location of a federal immigration facility housing Central American migrants seeking asylum — the very kind of people Trump demonized as an invading force.

The president is not directly to blame for the shooting in El Paso. Perpetrators

of violence are responsible for their actions. But two things are true about the impact of Trump's bullying and belittling: He is doing damage to the culture of civility and tolerance in America by promoting nastiness as his personal political brand. And he's failing in the traditional presidential role of providing moral leadership to the country.

Trump spoke Monday from the White House about El Paso, and condemned racism, bigotry and white supremacy. On Wednesday he visited hospitals in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, the site of a second mass shooting. But he doesn't have the credibility to meaningfully contribute to the healing that's necessary. That's because what he reads from a teleprompter or says to family members of victims is contradicted by his crazed, off-the-cuff language.

All the words of a leader matter. They can provide comfort and wisdom amid uncertainty, or spread mistrust and hate. Trump's divisive rhetoric generates electricity among supporters at partisan events where the theme is: Vanquish political foes. It also spreads toxins. It's beneath the dignity of high office. As the insults mount, Trump contributes to a national climate of intolerance. Because of him, the body politic is debased.

And as a result, when a terrible event occurs and Americans need inspirational words to guide them, the president is incapable of delivering an effective message of unity. His track record gets in the way. His voice rings hollow.

This is its own small national tragedy.

The Chicago River's other jewel: The South Branch

It's a sun-splashed afternoon in the city. You're trying to think of something to do. For many Chicagoans and tourists alike, one of the first notions that comes to mind is the downtown riverwalk. People-watching on a long stroll, renting a kayak, sipping a pinot at City Winery — the options abound along an esplanade that has become an urban jewel.

Credit former Mayor Rahm Emanuel for the downtown riverwalk's success. Before leaving office, he also oversaw the makeover of a Chicago River segment between Michigan Avenue east to the Lakefront Trail. And the former mayor was a driving force behind the planned Lincoln Yards mega-development on the North Side, which when finished will include its own riverwalk along the Chicago River's North Branch.

The Chicago River has a second branch, however, the South Branch. May-

be you knew that, maybe you didn't. If you didn't, perhaps it's because the South Branch hasn't gotten the same spotlight as the North Branch or downtown stretch of the river.

That needs to change.

There's no reason why it shouldn't. Riverside stretches along the South Branch could become economic sparks for the neighborhoods it courses through — including Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Pilsen and Brighton Park — if developed with the same energy and planning that went into the downtown riverwalk, and likely will go into the Lincoln Yards riverfront.

Parts of the South Branch already have been transformed. There's Ping Tom Memorial Park in Chinatown and Bridgeport's Park 571, which features a boathouse designed by famed Chicago architect Jeanne Gang. Ping Tom also has its

own boathouse. South of the confluence of the South and North branches, a quarter-mile stretch of riverwalk is taking shape between Harrison Street and the River City Apartments. And penciled into plans for the planned "78" mega-development is a proposed riverwalk stretching between the South Loop and Chinatown.

Yet so much of the South Branch from Chinatown to Western Avenue lies fallow. Creating space for riverside promenades, picnicking areas and other recreational uses is part of the payoff. But there's an added benefit to sprucing up riverfront land.

There's a cachet now to living, working and playing along the river. Riverfront beautification can spur economic growth — something that has eluded neighborhoods on the South and West sides for far too long. The Chicago River as an asset?

Yes, we remember when the river was justly maligned as the city's waste bin for industrial muck, when Chicago was the only major American city to dump partially treated sewage into a major waterway.

The river's much cleaner now. We wouldn't swim in it, but we like that we can enjoy a riverside margarita without getting knocked over by wafts of putrefaction. The Chicago River is indeed on its way toward becoming the city's second marquee waterfront.

Now it's Mayor Lori Lightfoot's turn. She campaigned on a pledge of equity. She promised that the South and West sides would be just as much of a priority as the downtown and North Side. That can apply to everything from education to development to transit. It should also apply to riverside recreation — and the South Branch.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The first book of Toni Morrison's that I read was "Sula." It was a gift from my brother the summer before I started college, his reasoning being that I could not become a literate adult, let alone a black woman in America, without being initiated into Ms. Morrison's work.

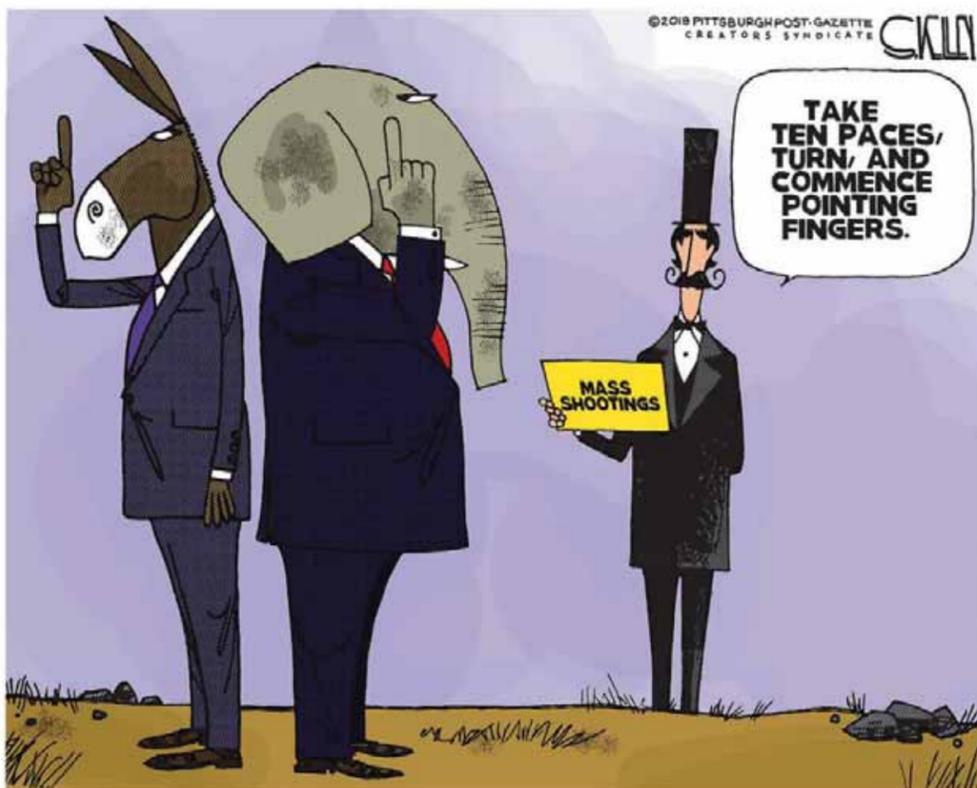
The first time I read the novel, I read with a sense of rapt gratitude. Despite all the pleasure that reading had offered me, up to that point in my life I honestly had never encountered black characters depicted with such rich and troubling complexity. I lurched toward the lives of Nel and Sula, the young black girls Ms. Morrison chronicles into adulthood. I recognized them in their girlhood and their dawning sense of selfhood. And I recognized the wishes and the fears and judgments of the community they grew up in...

In her essay collection "The Origin of Others," Ms. Morrison writes, "The resources available to us for benign access to each other, for vaulting the mere blue air that separates us, are few but powerful: language, image and experience." When we encounter the world through Ms. Morrison's fiction, we are urged to submit to and invest in the feelings and plights of others separated from us by time and circumstance. There is very little else in the world that can so easily afford us such an opportunity. Friendship can do it, and so can love, yet there are limits to the people we befriend and those we allow ourselves to love; we must be willing to see them as worthy of our attention, and we must muster the courage to approach them. But in a novel, we vault "the mere blue air that separates us" instantly...

I don't believe there is a writer who understood America better and loved it with more ferocity than Toni Morrison. Her genius and her humanity invite us to imagine a different sense of who we are, even now, and where, together, we might decide we are going.

Tracy K. Smith, *The New York Times*

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Players are seen on a TV screen during competition at the Fortnite World Cup last month in New York. The super-violent game became an overnight sensation.

Violent video games don't cause shootings, but they do have social costs

BY ESTHER J. CEPEDA

As I type, my 17-year-old son is online with his friends playing a game called "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege." It's your standard shoot-'em-up game with tough military types in black tactical gear with powerful guns. Quiet, hyper-realistic situations ratchet up the tension, my son tells me. I hear the occasional screams emanating from the basement as he or his teammates suffer onscreen deaths.

I wish my son had more wholesome pastimes. But the camaraderie, teamwork skills and relationship-building that go on in his virtual playscapes spill out into his real life, to his benefit. Let's face it, not every kid is into physical team sports, but the problem-solving skills and the friendships that are forged during online game play can be very powerful.

As so many have said: Violent video games alone do not cause people to go off the rails, arm themselves and open fire on innocent people in public places.

But there's also no question that there is something wrong with a multibillion-dollar video game industry that sells to young men the ability to virtually assassinate a foe as an escape from real life. And parents often find themselves wishing that the skills of perseverance and tedious hard work that video game players exert over hours and hours of game-play would replicate themselves out in the real world. We worry over how invested our kids are in these games.

Typically, after a shooting tragedy, some elected officials on the right make it a practice to criticize and implicate video games. Doing so is easier and less of a political risk than admitting that some types of gun control measures can both uphold the spirit



EPIC GAMES

"Fortnite" glorifies violence that horrifies in real life.

of the Second Amendment and simultaneously make it harder for disaffected individuals with serious mental health issues to abuse the privilege of owning a firearm.

Some cynical folks on the left rush to the defense of video games and argue that the Republican Party is never going to acknowledge the value in common-sense gun reform — particularly as long as they remain beholden to the NRA's lobbying. In a way, the knee-jerk reaction of defending video games after a mass shooting ignores how the mega-rich corporations peddle games to very young men. It takes some of the heat off of game creators who ship out titles featuring graphic violence, explicit sexual references and detestable behavior toward women and people of color.

And these games — with their immersive, addictive qualities and experiences of empowerment — are especially appealing to young boys.

When I taught fourth and fifth grade in 2018, "Fortnite" — a super-violent game rated as not suitable for kids under 13 — became an overnight obses-

sion for my 8-, 9- and 10-year-old students.

Business is business, and video game makers give the people what they want, often with little push-back from those who complain about potential effects. Everyone involved, from parents who buy these titles for their kids to gamers who don't want their pastime infringing upon, cop out by merely citing research that absolves video games of a role in the development of violent people.

I banned explicit and violent video games from my kids' home lives until it became pointless: They'd just go to other friends' houses to play or use their school-issued Chromebooks.

When "Grand Theft Auto V," and its characters' deplorable treatment of women, especially sex workers, became popular among my son's circle of friends a few years ago, I recall several uncomfortable dinner-time conversations about the importance of treating all women with respect.

While no specific study has found a direct and causal link between the most deplorable video game behavior and violent crime, some researchers have observed a correlation between violent video games and physical aggression, such as hitting.

But even if violent video games can't be tied to real-life mass shootings, ask yourself: Should teens or preteens have easy access to a "game" that graphically depicts domestic violence against women, children and infants? Or encourages the perpetuation of racist stereotypes?

Next time there's a tragedy and a politician blames video games, recognize that he or she has a self-serving agenda to avoid gun reform. And admit that too many kids are virtually playing out some of the behaviors we're horrified to witness when young men take their shooting fantasies into our real lives.

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WHAT IS A RED FLAG?

BY JOE "SEEING RED" FOURNIER

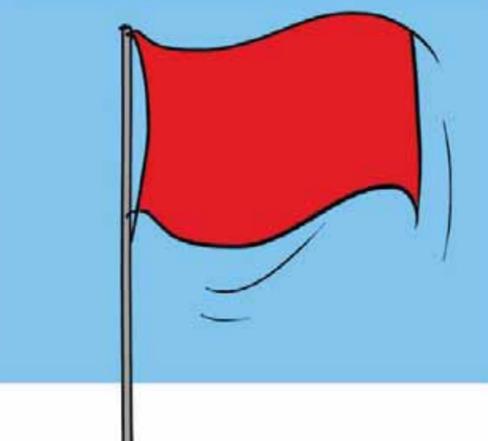
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TERM "RED FLAG LAWS" AND THE MORE COMMONLY USED TERM "RED FLAG"?

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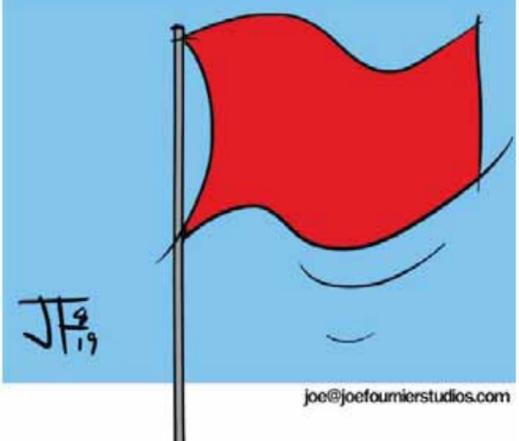
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PERSPECTIVE



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Guns seized off the streets are displayed last year at the Chicago Police Department's Gresham District headquarters.

Data alone won't stop Chicago gun violence

Cook County needs a public 'Violence Reduction Dashboard'

By PAULA WOLFF

Regardless of critiques, the launch Monday of the Chicago Police Department's data portal is a good start to understanding police work and how CPD sees some of the drivers of violence in Chicago.

The so-called Gun Offender Dashboard, which is really an *Alleged* Gun Offender Dashboard, measures arrests, charges and court decisions about release as well as rearrests of those released. The very principle underlying the disclosure of this data is as important as the data itself — that members of the public have a right to know and can be effective partners in solving the problem once they understand the data.

The new police portal adds another layer of information to bond court data regularly released by Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans and the greatly expanded information from State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office.

Now we need a real Violence Reduction Dashboard for Cook County.

To complement CPD's raw data, we need to know much more about each of these cases.

- Why did the arrest not lead to charges or convictions?
- Was the arrest done in a way that collected enough evidence to permit prosecution?
- Was there something unconstitutional about the way the arrest was executed?
- Was the defendant charged with actu-

ally using a gun or was he or she simply among a group of people found in a car where there was a gun?

- Are some specific prosecution teams or judges making decisions that are inconsistent with most other prosecutors and judges?
- Are the prosecutors arguing and losing weak cases?

We also need to track the resolution of gun cases that stretch out over several years. We need to know why some investigations succeeded and some did not. Are there certain areas where CPD is more likely to close a murder case? Are there certain detectives who are more successful than others? Do successful closures lead to more successful closures?

The Gun Offender Dashboard does not answer any of those questions, but prosecutors, the courts and police working together could provide answers.

We should also remember that these so-called data points are actually human beings. So, we need to look at the bigger picture and track what else reduces violence:

- When someone is released for possession of a gun, is that person referred to violence prevention programs, and does the person participate in the program?
- Is the program successful in helping the person get a job and deal with the issues that underlie violent actions — such as trauma, behavioral health problems or substance abuse?
- Or is the person enrolled or reenrolled

in a supportive school or educational program?

- Is the family involved in supporting behavior change? Or is the family homeless or imprisoned? Who is the responsible adult, and what resources does he or she have to support changed behavior?

All of this data can be recorded or is already in some government database. Taxpayers and philanthropists have spent millions of dollars on these kinds of issues and will spend millions more.

Simply put: Do we know whether programs are working to increase public safety?

The release of the police data has opened the door to a collective discussion about the design of a Violence Reduction Dashboard. All responsible parties need to participate in its design, creation and success. There is already a group of elected officials in Cook County that should be supported and expanded to include any of the necessary participants who are now not in the room. This group should be responsible for the project.

Chicago's philanthropic community has stepped up over the past three years in a dramatic way to address the issues of violence. Investing in a Violence Reduction Dashboard would accelerate their search for answers to the questions about what violence prevention strategies work and which of them merit more private and public funding.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

We are all our brother's keeper

Whenever mass shootings happen, I am struck by the knee-jerk reaction to put more gun laws in place. Do gun laws keep gang members from killing each other or innocent victims who were not the intended target? Shootings happen in Chicago daily, and the same people horrified by events in El Paso, Texas, or Dayton, Ohio, don't blink an eye. Why is that? Could it be that there is no political gain by being concerned with violence in inner-city neighborhoods? Mothers in Baltimore or Chicago love their children just as much as those living in the suburbs. The difference is, their plight is not considered tragic because of where they live. You may not like him, but President Donald Trump called out the deplorable hypocrisy in Baltimore. He has been calling out the dangers of illegal immigration and open borders. That is not racist or xenophobic. We have enough laws on the books. Instead, what we need is a society that wakes up to the fact that we, as individuals, are our brother's keeper, not the government.

— Erin Geary, Tinley Park

Chicago's own dog whistle history

Donald Trump is not the only political leader who has used racially insensitive and provocative rhetoric that has inspired violence. Chicago has a dark past of leaders using and even acting upon racist dog whistles. When Richard J. Daley was mayor of Chicago, he famously directed the Chicago police to "shoot to kill" anyone breaking the law during the 1968 riots on the West Side. As a teenager, Daley was a member of one of the marauding white gangs, the Hamburg Athletic Club, that perpetrated violence against the growing black community in the 1919 race riots. Our tendency, in this social media-infused news cycle, is to forget the ways our own local leaders have stoked the flames of racial hatred and violence. If we mean it when we say, "Never again," there is a great deal of reckoning that is needed right here, right now.

— Jackson Potter, Chicago

Worried over assault rifles

As a parent and a teacher, I do worry about video games, but not as much as I worry about assault weapons.

— Patty Wolfe, Mount Prospect

When did the dark thoughts start

The ages of the male shooters at the Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California, the Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and the Oregon District in Dayton, Ohio, were 19, 21 and 24, respectively.

Once upon a time, they were adorable babies, cuddled in soft blankets, smiling up at the camera in family photos. Once upon a time, they were quite possibly wiggly youngsters in grade school proudly turning in a school project to a pleased teacher. Once upon a time, they were high schoolers grappling with new teachers, a new school and new friendships, or lack thereof.

What happened to these young men whose lives were still ahead of them, who probably had ambitions, but somewhere along the way moved to end their own dreams and the dreams of perfect strangers? When did the dark thoughts begin and why?

The formative years of young people are so critical, especially in these turbulent times. Parents, teachers, clergy, coaches, tutors and even doctors must work together to keep vigilance, and yes, say something and do something if warning signs are presented, no matter the age of the child.

— Kathleen Melia, Niles

Mayor Lightfoot's deflection

So Mayor Lori Lightfoot is livid over Ivanka Trump's tweet regarding gun violence in Chicago. Mass media frequently combine those shot dead with those wounded. It is clear to me that Lightfoot is grasping at straws and rightfully should be rebuking her own performance as a mayor who has sworn to reduce crime. Nice deflection, Mayor Lightfoot.

— Mike Koskiewicz, Chicago

Proper response to tragedies

If the Second Amendment protected air travel, would post-9/11 changes have been made for travel concerning cockpit doors, restrictions for what is carried onboard, air marshals, security screening, no-fly lists, etc? Or would such an amendment have deterred us from preventing the hijacking of planes despite horrific outcomes?

Effective action was taken to prevent planes from being used as weapons. We need effective action for other weapons of mass destruction regularly used in our country to carry out hate crimes.

— Thomas Nance, Prophetstown, Illinois

Cancer center directors shouldn't take money from drug companies

By H. GILBERT WELCH AND DAVID CARR

Academic cancer centers are exalted for producing cutting-edge research and providing superior cancer care. Doctors and the public look to them for unbiased evidence on which cancer treatments lead to meaningful improvements in survival and quality of life — and which do not. Cancer center patients expect treatment recommendations that are driven solely by this science.

But there's a lot of money in cancer, and that means other influences can come into play. Cancer therapeutics is now the pharmaceutical industry's largest market and its primary focus for new drug development. Not surprisingly, industry money has infiltrated academic institutions. Last fall, the chief medical officer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center resigned following the revelation that he had failed to disclose nearly \$3.5 million in industry payments over four years.

On Monday, we published a research letter in *JAMA Internal Medicine* summarizing industry payments to the 53 physicians who direct major cancer centers across the United States. These are the nation's most prominent cancer centers, those designated by the National Cancer Institute in recognition of their scientific leadership.

We were surprised by what we found: Slightly over half of the physician cancer center directors received no industry payments in 2017. That's good news.

Of course, that means slightly under half did receive industry payments. To be fair, payments to many directors fell under the category of chump change — a

meal, a night in a hotel, an airline ticket — well under the \$5,000 threshold the NCI uses to define a significant financial interest. About a third of all directors, however, were above this threshold — typically receiving payments for research and consulting. A few were well above it (one had payments exceeding \$2 million).

Industry payment data is available because of the Sunshine Act — a part of the Affordable Care Act that mandates that drug and device manufacturers report all payments made to any American physician. The data is public and available to anyone with an internet connection.

Go ahead and look up your oncologist — or your orthopedic surgeon. Let the sun shine in.

There is an inherent tension between the interests of industry and those of the public in medical care. Industry has an interest in developing new products and promoting them — in an effort to maximize price and volume. The public has an interest in the unbiased evaluation of new products — in an effort to determine their potential benefits and their associated harms.

Drug and device manufacturers should innovate, not evaluate their "innovations." Yet most clinical trials evaluating new products are funded by industry, giving them considerable input in the design and conduct of research. That's a problem.

The reason is simple: Industry-funded evaluations are more likely to reach pro-industry conclusions. There is a considerable body of research attesting to this fact. Industry funding has been shown to distort medical research through a variety of mechanisms that all work in the same direction: overstating the value of new products. One study of studies showed

that the odds of a pro-industry conclusion were more than three times higher in industry-funded evaluations. Another concluded, "Systematic bias favors products which are made by the company funding the research."

Well, duh. But sometimes it's important to document the obvious.

If industry funding can skew academic physicians' research, imagine the problems with consulting fees, stock options and corporate board compensation. The conflicting interests of product promotion vs. unbiased evaluation will always persist. That's why it is important to separate the two.

NCI-designated cancer centers have a central role in shaping cancer care in the United States. They receive more than \$300 million in federal funding to support their core infrastructure — plus millions more in public dollars for specific research projects. Their directors should be free of industry payments in order to serve the public interest in unbiased evaluation of cancer therapies — and to be in a position to make disinterested judgments about the conflicts of researchers on their faculties.

The good news is that half of all NCI physician cancer center directors appear to have already come to this conclusion. Let's hope the others follow.

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Union Station to build new food hall



AMTRAK

Amtrak plans to build a food hall inside the former Fred Harvey Lunch Room, which has been shuttered for almost 40 years.

Amtrak to use space in long-vacant area destroyed by fire

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Amtrak plans to open a food hall in a section of Union Station that has been vacant since a fatal fire swept through it nearly 40 years ago.

The railroad, which owns the train station, this week issued a “request for interest” from food operators that might want to set up shop in the soon-to-be redeveloped space between the Great Hall and Clinton Street, currently blocked off from the public by a

black curtain.

Whether the food hall assumes the higher-end vibe of a slew of new food halls that focus on local purveyors, such as the nearby Revival Food Hall, or a distinct personality like the European-inspired French Market, remains to be seen. But it is meant to offer a different experience from the food court on Union Station’s mezzanine above the track level, which consists largely of national chains.

“It depends on what response we get from the industry,” said Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari. “We are approaching this with a very open mind.”

The \$10 million project includes the addition of a new entrance into

the building from Clinton Street, allowing for greater access from the west side for the 41.4 million Amtrak and Metra passengers who pass through the building annually. The work will include two new interior elevators and the reinstallation of the original windows along the station’s western façade.

The food hall will include nearly 16,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and mezzanine levels of the 1920s beaux arts building, plus an additional 5,000 square feet for storage, back-of-the-house and loading functions.

It will occupy space that has been vacant since 1980, when an

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The number of new homeowners in the second quarter was the lowest since 2006, the Census Bureau reported.

Hurting for housing inside the heartland

Economy solid, but fewer find homes that are affordable

BY PRASHANT GOPAL, READE PICKERT AND NOAH BUHAYAR
Bloomberg News

Low mortgage rates and thriving employment should be the recipe for a strong housing market. Instead, they’re deepening America’s affordability crisis.

What began on the coasts, in areas like New York and San Francisco, is now radiating into the nation’s heartland, as well as to cities from Las Vegas to Charleston, South Carolina. En-

try-level buyers are scrambling to purchase homes that are in short supply, sending values soaring.

The Federal Reserve interest rate cut last week will do little to change the sober reality: For many, prices have risen much faster than incomes, pushing homeownership out of reach for a new generation of hopeful buyers. That’s cooling the market, with the 2019 spring season shaping up as the slowest for sales in five years, according to CoreLogic.

“All signs point to a housing market that should be doing really well, and it’s not,” said Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com. “The No. 1 constraint, despite low mortgage rates, is that people can’t find

housing that they feel is affordable.”

Many buyers in expensive West Coast cities have already retreated after a surge in prices squeezed them out. But in other areas, demand is still robust, fueled by a strong economy and this year’s rapid decline in borrowing costs. There’s too little to buy, and too much competition.

Dean Rusch, a 29-year-old chemical-plant worker, has been trying to buy a starter home for less than \$200,000 in Louisville, Kentucky, since April. On three occasions, houses he planned to tour were snapped up before he could get there. He was outbid on another. He finally had an above-asking offer accepted Sunday on a house listed for about \$199,000,

but only after his agent locked the door during a showing, keeping another buyer out. For much of his hunt, it was slim pickings.

“I’ve looked at some crappy ones,” Rusch said. “I used to be in the fire department, and smelled some crazy stuff. But one smelled so horrible that it gave me a headache.”

Recent months have shown a growing divergence between the high and low ends of the U.S. market. Prices in the bottom third jumped about 9% in June from a year earlier, compared with 1.1% growth for the top third, data from Redfin shows. Meanwhile, sales for lower-priced homes plunged almost 20% as buyers

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Sears and Kmart to close 26 stores

Retailer to shutter locations in October, not ruling out more

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Two Sears stores in the Chicago area — in west suburban Bloomingdale and Merrillville, Indiana, — will close in October, part of a list of 26 Sears and Kmart stores slated to shut down this fall.

The Bloomingdale store is at Stratford Square Mall and the Merrillville store is part of Southlake Mall.

Transform Holdco, an entity controlled by Sears’ former CEO and largest shareholder, Edward Lampert, and his hedge fund, bought the bulk of the Hoffman Estates-based retailer’s remaining assets, including 425 stores, in a bankruptcy auction in February. Nearly half of those stores are in California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Puerto Rico, according to bankruptcy court filings.

The Bloomingdale store’s closure will leave Sears with just five department stores in Illinois. Those stores are in Chicago Ridge, North Riverside, Schaumburg, West Dundee and Peoria. There are two remaining Illinois Kmart stores, in Bridgeview and Des Plaines, as well as a handful of

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The Sears store at Southlake Mall in Merrillville, Indiana, pictured on May 31, 2018, will close in October.

Scabby, the protest rat, may be banned from picket lines

National labor board weighing whether to crack down on use

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

For nearly 30 years, Scabby the Rat, a giant inflatable balloon with sharp claws, a perpetual snarl and a menacing demeanor, has loomed over construction sites across Chicago and beyond to protest the hiring of nonunion labor.

Like deep dish pizza, skyscrapers and the Ferris Wheel, the giant inflatable rat is a Chicago creation that has found its way into the broader culture. Scabby had a memorable star turn on a “Sopranos” TV episode centered around a construction work stoppage.

But soon, Scabby the Rat — who comes in a variety of sizes and designs — may be out of work.

The National Labor Relations

Board previously gave the giant rats a wide berth but it’s shifted its stance under the Trump administration. The board is weighing whether to crack down on their use, on the grounds that the rats may be scaring away customers from “neutral” businesses not involved in the labor dispute.

“Their use is unlawful under the (National Labor Relations) Act and not protected under the First Amendment because they are being used specifically to menace, intimidate and coerce in aid of an unlawful purpose,” Peter Robb, the NLRB’s general counsel, said in a brief filed last month in a case in Philadelphia.

Banning the rats not only would eliminate what has become the go-to protest symbol for many local unions, but it would also be a blow to Big Sky Balloons, a southwest suburban Plainfield company that created and manu-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

People walk past inflatable rats on a sidewalk of a building on the 100 block of West Washington Street in Chicago’s Loop on Wednesday.

factures Scabby.

Scabby was commissioned in 1990 by the bricklayers union in Chicago, which was looking for an eye-catching way to make its case

against alleged unfair hiring practices. A protest icon was born, and rats as tall as 25 feet have been inflated at construction sites on behalf of a variety of trade unions

ever since.

“Everybody in Chicago knows what the rat is and that somebody is on strike,” said James Allen, president of District Council 1 of the International Union of Bricklayers in Elmhurst. “Before, you could drive by and see six guys with picket signs and probably never notice them.”

Use of the rat over three days last summer by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Philadelphia is facing a stiff test before the National Labor Relations Board.

Protesting the hiring of nonunion labor during the renovation of a downtown Fairfield Inn, the local union brought in two 8- to 12-foot rats, positioning them between the entrances to the hotel and restaurant and scaring away customers, according to a com-

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Immigration raids net 680 arrests in Miss.

Workplace sting at food plants may be largest in a decade

BY ROGELIO SOLIS AND JEFF AMY
Associated Press

MORTON, Miss. — U.S. immigration officials raided numerous Mississippi food processing plants Wednesday, arresting 680 mostly Latino workers in what marked the largest workplace sting in at least a decade.

The raids, planned months ago, happened just hours before President Donald Trump visited El Paso, Texas, the majority-Latino city where a man linked to an online screed about a “Hispanic invasion” was charged in a shooting that left 22 people dead in the border city.

Workers filled three buses — two for men and one for women — at a Koch Foods Inc. plant in Morton, 40 miles east of Jackson.



ROGELIO SOLIS/AP

A registered immigrant shows federal agents his identification as he leaves the Koch Foods Inc. plant in Morton, Miss.

They were taken to a military hangar to be processed for immigration violations.

About 70 family, friends and residents waved goodbye and shouted, “Let them go! Let them go!”

Later, two more buses arrived.

A tearful 13-year-old boy whose parents are from Guatemala waved goodbye to his mother, a Koch

worker, as he stood beside his father. Some employees tried to flee on foot but were captured in the parking lot.

Workers who were confirmed to have legal status were allowed to leave the plant after having their vehicles searched.

“It was a sad situation inside,” said Domingo Candelaria, a legal resident and Koch worker who said au-

thorities checked employees’ identification documents.

The company did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

Koch Foods, based in Park Ridge, Illinois, is one of the largest poultry producers in the country and employs about 13,000 people, with operations in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee.

The Morton plant produces more than 700,000 tons of poultry feed a year, company officials said in February.

About 600 agents fanned out across the Mississippi plants involving several companies, surrounding the perimeters to prevent workers from fleeing. They occurred in small towns near Jackson with a workforce made up largely of Latino immigrants, including Bay Springs, Carthage, Canton, Morton, Pelahatchie and Sebastopol.

Matthew Albence, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s acting director, said the raids could be the largest such operation thus far in any single state.

Asked to comment on the fact that the raid was happening on the same day as Trump’s El Paso visit, Albence responded, “This is a long-term operation that’s been going on. Our enforcement operations are being done on a racially neutral basis. Investigations are based on evidence.”

The sting was another demonstration of Trump’s signature domestic priority to crack down on illegal immigration.

While planned months ago, it coincided with the day that Trump visited El Paso to offer his condolences to the majority-Latino city after a gunman linked with an anti-Hispanic post online fatally shot 22 people on Saturday.

Such large shows of force were common under President George W. Bush, most

notably at a kosher meat-packing plant in Postville, Iowa, in 2008.

President Barack Obama avoided them, limiting his workplace immigration efforts to low-profile audits that were done outside of public view.

Trump resumed workplace raids.

Last year, the administration hit a landscaping company near Toledo, Ohio, and a meatpacking plant in eastern Tennessee. The former owner of the Tennessee plant was sentenced to 18 months in prison last month.

A hangar at the Mississippi National Guard in Flowood, near Jackson, was set up with 2,000 meals to process employees for immigration violations Wednesday.

“I’ve never done anything like this,” said Chris Heck, resident agent in charge of ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations unit in Jackson. “This is a very large worksite operation.”

Power plants’ bailout jolts some in Ohio GOP, environmentalists

BY JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A financial rescue for Ohio’s nuclear plants and two coal-fired plants that will force the state’s residents and businesses to fork over roughly \$1.5 billion is galvanizing environmentalists and some conservatives.

Advocacy groups and investors, incensed by what they call a bailout and how it will diminish the state’s natural gas and green energy options, are looking at mounting a campaign to overturn it and targeting Republicans who backed it. Organizations representing the state’s seniors and manufacturing plants are upset, too.

The upheaval comes as the Trump administration continues with its pledge to boost the nuclear and coal industries by easing regulations and guaranteeing

loans for two new commercial reactors. But the fallout in Ohio shows how attempting to influence the market can be risky and alienate a swath of voters.

“We’re getting involved in an area where the government has no business sticking their nose,” said state Rep. Craig Riedel, a conservative from northwestern Ohio. “What we did with this bill is we absolutely tipped the scales to the nuclear plants.”

Five states, including New York, Illinois and New Jersey, within the past three years have approved nuclear bailouts totaling at least \$13 billion, funded by new charges on electricity customers. But Ohio is the first under Republican control to do so. Unlike the other states, its plan also cuts away at incentives for wind and solar projects.

That’s why so many groups came away upset.

The plan signed into law last week by Republican Gov. Mike DeWine calls for giving the state’s two nuclear plants \$150 million a year through 2026.

The money will come from monthly surcharges of 85 cents for residential customers and up to \$2,400 for major industrial plants. Another statewide fee will be added for the two coal plants.

Those behind it say it will save several thousand jobs and protect the nuclear plants that account for nearly all of Ohio’s clean energy.

“From an environmental point of view, we need to keep them; from an economic point of view and a jobs point of view, we need to keep them,” DeWine said this week.

Although a majority of the Republican-controlled Legislature backed the proposal, plenty of conserva-

tives felt it went too far, picking winners and losers in the free market.

The monthslong debate divided Republicans to where it’s likely to be a significant campaign issue in the primary elections next year, Riedel said.

Akron-based FirstEnergy Solutions, which is going through bankruptcy reorganization, spent millions on lobbying and campaign contributions while it was trying to persuade federal and state officials to give the nuclear plants a lifeline.

Its team of lobbyists includes a well-connected GOP fundraiser who dined with Trump last year as the company sought a bailout worth billions of dollars. Although it’s not clear how much influence that meeting carried, the president later directed his administration to take steps to help coal and nuclear plants.

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struggled to find properties in their range, according to Zillow.

“We have a lot more buyers preapproved for mortgages than people closing on homes,” said Jeff Davis, Rusch’s agent. “What that means is the struggle is not in the financing. The struggle is in the inventory.”

There are some signs of a pickup in the market. Contracts to buy previously owned homes rose 2.8% in June from the previous month, exceeding economists’ forecasts, the National Association of Realtors reported.

Still, the outlook is particularly bleak for first-time buyers. The number of new homeowners created in the second quarter was the lowest since 2006, and just a third as many as a year earlier, the Census Bureau reported last month. Black homeownership fell to the lowest level since at least 1970.

The housing recovery that began in 2012 has been unequal from the start. About 6 million Americans lost homes in last decade’s crash and needed time to rebuild their credit. Private equity firms such as Blackstone Group swept in to buy foreclosed properties at deep discounts and rented them back to many of those displaced former homeowners.

Now those people are back in the market, along with the bulging population of millennials eager for their first crack at homeownership. But many of the properties they want have already been picked over. Builders have focused on wealthier buyers willing to pay bigger price tags, and now some areas have too many expensive homes, and not enough where they’re needed.

Affordable homes disappeared first in technology and financial hubs like Silicon Valley and New York, where buyers with big paychecks pushed up prices. Now values are flattening after many would-be homeowners have been forced to the sidelines. In some areas, demand has also been hit by a pullback in foreign buyers and new federal limits on property-tax deductions — as well as fears that a recession may

be around the corner.

But even in traditionally affordable parts of the country, renters worry that if they don’t act, their piece of the American Dream will go to the higher bidder.

“People do at this point in the cycle start getting a little panicked that they need to get into the market,” said Jenny Schuetz, a fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution.

In Louisville, fewer than one-fifth of listings were affordable to buyers in the bottom 30% of incomes in April, according to Realtor.com. That’s down from 23% a year earlier and 38% in 2015. The trends are similar in other low-cost cities from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Charleston, where 6% of listings meet that affordability threshold.

Las Vegas, which was hit hard by the last crash and then sharply rebounded, now is seeing a rapid decline in sales because there’s little on the low end worth buying. Many single-family houses were purchased by investors, and now are rentals. The result is that there aren’t enough owners of entry-level homes to move up to the next rung of the ladder, said Thomas Blanchard, president elect of the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors.

“It’s a self-fulfilling prophecy — nobody is willing to move anywhere because they’re afraid they won’t find a house to buy,” Blanchard said.

Vegas was among U.S. cities with the biggest annual price increases in May, with a 6.4% gain, according to a recent S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller index.

Mike Manesiotis, a 28-year-old who works in software sales in Charleston, says his friends in Seattle and the Bay Area would say home prices where he lives are a steal. But the salaries are also much lower, he said.

Manesiotis wants to live in or near downtown, within a short walk or car ride to bars and restaurants, and pay less than \$350,000 — near the median price for a single-family home in the city. But he hasn’t found anything.

“It’s not the interest rate; it’s the sheer cost,” he said. “You’re spending \$300,000 on a home that’s 1,000 square feet. You get two bedrooms, one bath and it needs a lot of work.”

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plaint filed by the hotel with the NLRB.

The five-member board has yet to rule on the complaint, but the brief filed by Robb, the agency’s general counsel, didn’t mince words.

“A huge, menacing inflatable rat placed near a business entrance thus inherently conveys a threatening and coercive message that will restrain a person,” the brief stated. “For three days, pedestrians, guests, employees and contractors...could not avoid large, intimidating, hostile-looking inflatable rats that were mere feet, and sometimes inches, away from them.”

Also at issue is the notion that the hotel and restaurants were neutral companies, and that the union’s primary beef was with the contractor that hired the nonunion labor to do the renovation.

There is no disputing that the rat balloons were meant to be threatening.

Mike and Peggy O’Connor launched Big Sky Balloons in Plainfield as a hot air balloon ride company in 1980.

The couple moved into advertising a few years later, inflating large tethered balloons above car dealers and store grand openings. The business really took off in 1990, when they created Scabby for the local Brick-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Inflatable rats line the curb at a protested construction project on the 100 block of West Washington Street in Chicago’s Loop on Wednesday.

layers union.

“They called him with the idea, Mike came up with the design,” Peggy O’Connor said. “The guy said he wanted it meaner looking, with festering nipples and big claws. Mike redesigned it and the guy liked it.”

Rats range in size from 6 feet to 25 feet, and in price from about \$2,600 to \$9,300 each, she said. Big Sky sells about two to three Scabby the Rat balloons a month.

In addition to Scabby, Big Sky sells an assortment of giant inflatable vermin, including “Cockroach,” “Fat Cat” and “Greedy Pig,” all of which may be endangered by the pending NLRB case. The protest menagerie has nonetheless been out in force this summer across Chicago.

For six weeks, a 15-foot Scabby has been stationed nearly every day on the sidewalk at 15 W. Washing-

ton St., in downtown Chicago, part of an ongoing protest against Urbanspace, a New York-based company building a new food hall set to open this fall. Unions have been embroiled in a labor dispute with general contractor Level Construction for allegedly hiring nonunion tradesmen at lower wages to renovate the 12,000 square foot ground floor space.

On July 29, Level Construction filed charges with the Chicago office of the NLRB against the Painters District Council 14 and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Local 1 over the protests, claiming in part that the excessive use of the rat balloons interfered with the daily operations of the building, its tenants and people navigating the busy sidewalk.

“One day they put 17 giant balloons outside the build-

ing,” said Saim Salahuddin, vice president of development for Harwood Heights-based Level Construction. “It looked like a fortress guarded by rats.”

Urbanspace did not respond to a request for comment.

On Tuesday morning, two members of the electricians union, Local 134, stood in front of the building in bright yellow vests under the watchful gaze of the giant rat, its air compressor adding to the street noise of passing cars, bikes and pedestrians.

A bicyclist whizzed by in the adjacent bike lane, raising his fist in solidarity with the union protesters and the giant rat.

By Wednesday morning, the rat pack had grown to four giant rodents.

Louise Mayo, 65, of Chicago, who was taking an early morning coffee break from her nearby office, stopped to ask the union representatives about the protest. Mayo told the Tribune she was supportive of the workers’ plight, and their right to free expression, but questioned the value of the giant rats.

“To be honest, I don’t think it’s very effective,” Mayo said. “I’ve seen these things up and down and up and down, but I think the real negotiation takes place in the office — whether you have these things up or not.”

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Sears Hometown and Appliance Outlet stores.

In a statement on the company website, Transform said it decided to close the stores after facing “a number of challenges returning our stores to sustainable levels of produc-

tivity” including a weak retail environment and disagreements with Sears Holdings over its agreement to buy the Sears and Kmart chains.

The company said it wants to shift to smaller stores by opening more of the new appliance, mattress and smart home-focused Sears Home & Life stores that debuted in May and adding several hundred

Sears Hometown stores after its purchase of the Sears Hometown and Outlet chain closes. Transform announced a deal to acquire the chain, which had been spun off from Sears in 2012, in June.

“Following these steps, we will continue to evaluate our network of Sears and Kmart stores and cannot rule out additional store closures in the near term.

Our goal remains to return the company to profitability and preserve as many jobs as possible in the communities we serve,” Transform said in the statement.

Sears Auto Centers at the closing stores will close in late August and liquidation sales are expected to begin Aug. 15, the company said.

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electrical fire that started in the basement of what was then the Gold Lion restaurant killed one employee. The space previously housed a Fred Harvey Lunch Room, part of the Harvey House hospitality chain that set up along railroads in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The planned food hall comes as the station, a stone’s throw from the booming West Loop, undergoes a redevelopment that includes erect-

ing a new 50-story office tower, anchored by BMO Financial Group, on an old parking structure, and a proposed 400-room hotel.

Amtrak is using proceeds from the office tower transaction to fund the new entrance and food hall.

The same architect behind the office tower, Goettsch Partners, is designing the food hall. Berglund Construction will build the food hall, a project that is expected to be completed by next summer.

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Hold the obits: Minivan lives on

Minivan sales keep falling, but experts say they'll survive

BY TOM KRISHER
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DETROIT — They were the suburban vehicle of choice in the 1990s and early 2000s, but ever since, minivans appeared to be riding the slow lane to extinction.

The soccer moms who once made the boxy people-haulers ubiquitous have shunned them for car-based SUVs with three rows of seats. Many automakers have stopped selling them. In fact, Chrysler sold more minivans by itself in their heyday than the entire industry does today.

But don't turn in the van keys just yet. For the automakers that still make them — Fiat Chrysler, Honda, Toyota and Kia — the minivan business is still good because the competition has bailed, giving them a bigger piece of a shrinking pie. And they're hoping that as more millennials, now ages 23 to 38, raise families, they'll see the value of sliding doors, fold-flat seats, ample storage and easy access to the third row.

Because of their people-hauling capabilities, minivans also hold promise as autonomous vehicles, meaning they may once again become popular — if people don't have to be seen actually driving them.

"There is nothing else that can compete with a minivan," says Tim Kuniskis, head of passenger vehicles for Fiat Chrysler, which leads all automakers in sales with two minivans in the U.S. market. "From a carrying people and stuff perspective, nothing touches it."

Last year, minivan sales sank to 364,000, the lowest level in more than 30 years and only about one-quarter of the 1.33 million sold in



JESSICA HILL/AP

Melanie Matcheson puts groceries into her Chrysler Pacifica as her daughter Georgianna buckles her sister Caroline into a car seat in Southington, Conn.

2000, the peak year, according to the CarGurus.com auto website. Sales are down another 16% in the first half of this year, with no end to the decline in sight. That's a far cry from 1993 to 2005, when automakers sold more than 1 million of the vans every year.

Also, minivan market share has slipped from 7.2% of U.S. new-vehicle sales in 2000 to 2.5% this year, according to the Edmunds.com auto pricing site, which provides content to The Associated Press.

Minivan sales generally follow birth rates, which have been falling for 32 years, said George Augustaitis, director of industry analytics for CarGurus, who predicts further declines. "It's going to exist, but it's never going to exist like it

once had."

Yet for automakers that are still in, minivans are good business. The only large competitors left for Fiat Chrysler are the Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna. Kia offers the Sedona, but sales are relatively small. Other market segments can boast over 1 million sales per year, but they also come with 20 or more competitors, Kuniskis said.

In the early 2000s, just about every automaker had a minivan, with as many as 18 on sale in 2005, CarGurus said. As Ford, General Motors and others exited as sales tumbled, the number shrank to only five this year.

Profit margins on the minivans are high, with a few options pushing the sticker price north of \$40,000.

"Balloons rain from the sky every time they sell an Odyssey," said Jeremy Acevedo, senior manager of industry insights at Edmunds.

That can be bad for young families who need the vans but can't afford big price tags. Fiat Chrysler has realized this and in the fall will start selling a Chrysler Voyager, a Spartan version of the Pacifica, starting around \$27,000. It likely will replace the ancient Dodge Grand Caravan, which the company has been selling for about the same sticker price. The old van, unveiled in 2008 and last updated in 2011, is the top-selling minivan in the country this year at around 72,000.

For Melanie Matcheson, 44, who lives near Waterbury, Connecticut, no vehi-

cle other than a minivan could efficiently haul her family of two adults and five children ages 2 to 22. She bought an eight-passenger silver Pacifica in mid-June for about \$31,000, getting an \$8,000 discount.

She rented a Chevrolet Suburban SUV but didn't like the gas mileage, and she says smaller SUVs lacked trunk space.

Matcheson doesn't care that a minivan could have the stigma of a 1990s soccer mom. "I think the newer ones look very nice," she said.

Fiat Chrysler's Kuniskis is hoping there are more people like Matcheson who see the vans' practicality. He says millennials he has talked to liked the minivans they grew up with and they're now having chil-

dren. They're expected to surpass baby boomers as the largest population segment, and that could boost sales.

Also, at least one autonomous vehicle company has found the vans optimal for its ride-hailing service. Google spinoff Waymo is buying up to 62,000 Pacificas from Fiat Chrysler and is using them to haul people and test self-driving systems.

CarGurus' Augustaitis says the vans are appealing to Waymo because they are easy to enter and exit and can be used more like a living room or office when autonomous vehicles start carrying people in more places.

"It could see something with autonomous because of how you can outfit them," he said.



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

FedEx announced Wednesday that it will stop delivering ground shipments for Amazon.

FedEx decides to stop making ground deliveries for Amazon

BY JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — FedEx will no longer make ground deliveries for Amazon as the online shopping giant builds its own fleet and becomes more of a threat to delivery companies.

The announcement Wednesday comes two months after FedEx terminated its air delivery contract with Amazon. FedEx said dumping Amazon is part of its plan to go after more e-commerce deliveries from other companies. Traditional retailers like Walmart and Target want to sell more of their goods online, which in turn allows FedEx to distance itself from Amazon.com without suffering the same competitive damage it might once have.

"This does not come as a surprise to us," Citi Research analyst Christian Wetherbee said in a note to clients. "The company is clearly trying to move away from its partnership with Amazon and we believe it is using this move as a selling point to win new non-Amazon business."

At the same time, Amazon is growing its own fleet

of air and ground transportation, giving it more control of how its packages are delivered while reducing its reliance on FedEx, UPS and the U.S. Postal Service. The Seattle-based company has been leasing jets, building package-sorting hubs at airports and has launched a program that lets contractors start businesses delivering packages in vans stamped with the Amazon logo.

Last month, FedEx warned for the first time in a government filing that Amazon's delivery business could lower prices, hurt its revenue and "negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations."

It was a departure from previous statements by FedEx officials — and those at UPS — who have long downplayed the idea that Amazon could become a competitor in the delivery business. They noted that it took many years and billions of dollars for their companies to build extensive, worldwide networks of planes and delivery trucks.

Amazon doesn't say how much of its packages flow through FedEx, but it's likely a much smaller

amount compared to UPS and the U.S. Postal Service. FedEx said that Amazon made up just 1.3% of its total revenue in 2018, or about \$850 million.

"Nothing but respect for FedEx but they were very small piece of our network and vice versa, we wish them nothing but the best (conscious uncoupling at its finest)," tweeted Amazon executive Dave Clark, who oversees the company's warehouses and delivery business. "We have great strategic partners who are part of our long term plan and we appreciate what they do for customers."

Besides building its own delivery business, the online retailer wants to drop off packages to its shopper's doorsteps even faster, which is proving to be a bigger expense than expected.

Last month, Amazon admitted it would cost more than the \$800 million it had said it would spend to switch its Prime two-day delivery promise to one-day delivery. The higher costs were related to reconfiguring its warehouses and moving products and goods to facilities that were closer to its customers.

Samsung cuts headphone jack after jabs at jackless rivals

BY ANICK JESDANUN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Samsung executives have long poked fun at rivals for ditching the headphone jack in smartphones. With the new Galaxy Note 10, the company will now be doing exactly the same thing.

The Note 10, announced Wednesday, squeezes in more battery power and other goodies, but at the cost of the familiar old jack. So now the company is doing an about-face and declaring that many people use wireless headphones anyway.

Samsung, which for years has pushed bigger and bigger displays, is also introducing a smaller version of the Note for those who think phones have just gotten too big.

The new Note models will come out Aug. 23. The

main model is being called the Note 10 Plus and will have a display measuring 6.8 inches diagonally. Though the display is bigger, the overall size is about the same as last year's 6.4-inch Note 9. To accomplish that, Samsung shrank down even more of the bezel surrounding the display.

The smaller, 6.3-inch version will be called the Note 10 and will sell for \$949, or \$150 less than the Plus. It's designed for those who want the Note's signature stylus without its once-signature size.

"You hit a certain point where you can't get much bigger without being physically too large to hold," Technalysis Research analyst Bob O'Donnell said. "That's the challenge they are running into."

Hardware innovation in mobile devices has been slowing for years. Samsung

is addressing that with a foldable model, with twice the display when unfolded. The Samsung Fold is coming in September after Samsung made a few design changes to address problems with reviewers' phones breaking.

Apple is expected to release new iPhones next month. A version that works with next-generation 5G cellular networks isn't expected. Samsung will have a 5G version of the Note 10 Plus for an undisclosed price.

The Note 10 Plus will have a 7.5% boost in battery capacity over the Note 9, though Samsung's high-end phones have already been promising all-day battery life. Company officials say that while the 3.5-millimeter headphone jack might seem small, every smidgen of saved space can help extend battery life.

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Savings Update

Are there fees to open or maintain a CD?

If you've noticed the news stories over the last several years about the rising frequency of bank fees, and are considering stashing some of your savings in a certificate of deposit, you might wonder what fees you could encounter with a CD.

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With the basic model of a certificate of deposit being that you agree both to invest a certain dollar amount with the bank or credit union for a predetermined number of years and not withdraw the funds until the term expires, there are almost no transactions involved with a CD, other than its interest and maturity.

As a result, banks generally don't charge any fees for opening a CD, nor for maintaining it through its term.

That said, a couple specific instances could incur a fee or penalty in your CD account. The most common is the early

withdrawal penalty, which is triggered if you withdraw any of the CD's balance before maturity.

Each bank's early withdrawal penalty is self-determined, and is typically calculated as a number of months' interest deducted from the CD's balance before the bank returns your funds. But the penalties vary widely, so it's important to check a bank's policy before opening a certificate with them.

Another fee that a small number of CDs charge is for paper statements. Occasionally, a CD will carry a condition that only electronic statements are allowed — it might even be called an eCD. So requesting paper statements could land you in monthly fee territory.

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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+29.56 (+.38%)	+2.21 (+.08%)	-1.40 (-.09%)
Close: 7,862.83	Close: 2,883.98	Close: 1,500.69
High: 7,881.38	High: 2,892.17	High: 1,504.59
Low: 7,702.42	Low: 2,825.71	Low: 1,478.45
Previous: 7,833.27	Previous: 2,881.77	Previous: 1,502.09

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 1.72%	+34.90 to \$1,507.30	-0.40 to 106.12/\$1	-0.0011 to .8917/\$1	-2.54 to \$51.09

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.19	-3.82	-3.23	-3.18	-4.14	-3.64	+1.65	-32	+92

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	484	490.25	477.50	488.25	+4.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	404.75	407.50	400.50	406.50	+2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Aug 19	848.25	848.75	844.25	848.75	+1
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 19	27.60	27.96	27.52	27.96	+48
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 19	295.00	295.00	292.70	293.00	-2.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 19	53.42	53.77	50.52	51.09	-2.54
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 19	2.103	2.145	2.074	2.083	-0.28
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 19	1.6809	1.6876	1.6111	1.6203	-0.0670

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.60	-26	Equity Commonwith	N	34.17	+53
AbbVie Inc	N	64.46	-31	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	128.99	+241
Allstate Corp	N	103.33	-54	Equity Residential	N	79.78	+64

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.46	-11
Bank of America	27.89	-53
Chesapeake Energy	7.29	+23

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.06	+10
Alibaba Group Hldg	159.17	+1.74
Alphabet Inc C	1173.99	+4.04

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.25	+10	-1.0
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.17	+03	+3.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m47.30	+05	+3.0

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Naked Brand Group	.09	+01
Adv Micro Dev	29.19	+33
Genomic Medicine	.24	+07

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
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6-month disc	1.89	1.94
2-year	1.55	1.60

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
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Silver	\$17.156	\$16.405
Platinum	\$871.00	\$853.20

INTEREST RATES

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Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.71

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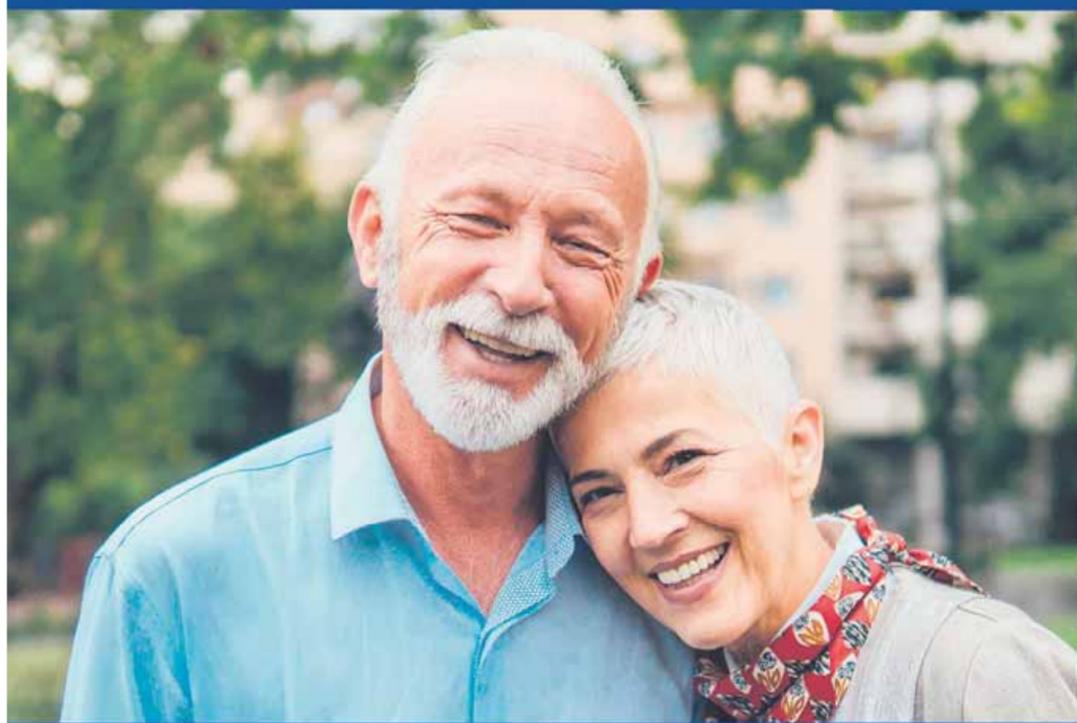
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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY OLSEN 1916-2019

Daring aviatrix flew with WASPs during World War II

BY EMILY LANGER
The Washington Post

Growing up on her family's Oregon farm, Dorothy Olsen would scale the barn and then leap down into a pile of hay for the thrill of those few glorious seconds when it felt as if she were flying.

"I just love to fly," she recalled decades later to the Chinook Observer of Long Beach, Washington. "From the time I was a little girl . . . until the time I was flying night missions as a Woman Airforce Service Pilot over moonlit Texas during World War II, I just loved to fly."

Olsen, one of the few surviving WASPs, the long-recognized corps of female pilots who flew vital domestic missions for the Army Air Forces during World War II, died July 23 at her home in University Place, Washington. She was 103. Her daughter, Julie Stranburg, confirmed her death but did not cite a specific cause.

Olsen — then Dorothy Kocher — was working as a dance instructor in Portland, Oregon, when she joined the WASPs in 1943, the year the program was established.

"World War II was a total war," Molly Merryman, the author of the volume "Clipped Wings: The Rise and Fall of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of World War II," said in an interview. "And what that meant was that all men, women, children, citizens needed to have a war role."

Olsen, who through her 20s had scrimped to pay for the flight lessons necessary to obtain a private flying license, was one of more than 25,000 women who applied to be WASPs, one of 1,879 candidates accepted and one of 1,074 to complete the training program, according to Army statistics.

She traced her interest in airplanes to a book she had read as a girl, "The Red Knight of Germany," about Baron Manfred von Richthofen, a German flying ace during World War I. For other WASPs, inspiration came from aviators such as Charles Lindbergh, who in 1927 made the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic, or Amelia Earhart, who disappeared in 1937 during an attempted flight around the world.

"It was the adventure, the inspiration, and also the

advanced technology of airplanes" that drew the women to flying, said Sally Van Wagenen Keil, author of the book "Those Wonderful Women in Their Flying Machines: The Unknown Heroines of World War II."

"It was something a girl could do," she added, "if she could get somebody to teach her."

The WASPs were formed by combining two earlier groups, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and the Women's Flying Training Detachment. WASPs were treated as civilians and were limited to domestic flights that freed more men to fly in combat. "There was a protective attitude on the part of the military," Keil said.

But the women's missions — which totaled 60 million miles, according to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum — were of critical importance and sometimes of life-threatening danger.

The women ferried planes from factories to their points of embarkation for the war, performed test flights and towed targets for gunnery practice. In some cases, Merryman said, they flew captured German or Japanese planes that had been captured and transported back to the United States to be tested for vulnerabilities. A total of 38 WASPs died during the course of the program.

"The government didn't treat us so well," Olsen told the Chinook Observer. "A bay mate was killed in a plane crash and the rest of us had to take up a collection to get her body back home to Portland because they wouldn't pay for it."

Olsen, who said she flew more than 20 types of planes, became known for the moxie she brought to the sky. At least once, she flew her plane upside down for a thrill. Another time, the beauty of the night sky overcame her.

"The moonlight came over Texas, and I was able to get big band music. It was the closest to heaven I have ever been," she said. "When I saw the lights of Coolidge Runway, I was excited and I came in low and buzzed the base before landing. It was 11 o'clock during wartime, and I guess I woke up everybody. The commander had a few words with me."

The WASPs disbanded in 1944, the year before the war

ended. Only in 1977 did they receive full veterans' benefits, and only in 2010 did they receive the recognition that their admirers thought to be their due, with the conferral of the Congressional Gold Medal.

"I was just doing what I loved. And I was lucky," Olsen told KOMO News in Seattle. "I loved it. Every minute."

Dorothy Eleanor Kocher was born in Woodburn, Oregon, on July 10, 1916. She became hooked on aviation after riding a biplane at a state fair and thereafter spent "all her available time and money" on flying lessons, her daughter said.

In 1945, weeks after the end of the war in Europe, Dorothy Kocher married Harold Olsen. After raising their children, she ran antique shops near her University Place home, where she had lived since the 1960s. Her husband died in 2006. Survivors include their children, Stranburg and Kim Eric Olsen; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

There are 37 living WASPs today, according to Kimberly Johnson, the archivist and curator of the WASP archive at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

They and their late colleagues were "vitaly important" — not only to the war effort but "also for the impact they had on the experiences of women in future aviation" and other careers in engineering and science, said Merryman, who is also the director of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at Kent State University in Ohio.

"They broke the mythology that women were incapable of doing anything that was technical or scientific," she said.

Sometimes, before sending a plane off to combat, WASPs would leave a note for its next pilot, occasionally sealing the missive with a red-lipsticked kiss. In 1945, Olsen received a letter, conserved by Debbie Jennings, curator of a WASP exhibit at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, sent from Italy by the pilot of a P-38 Mrs. Olsen had ferried.

"I thought I'd write a few lines," the lieutenant wrote, "to let you know that despite the fact that a woman once flew it, the ship performs perfectly and is apparently without flaws of any kind."

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Death Notices

Adasiewicz, Sr. Agnes

Sister Agnes Marie (Alphonsette) Adasiewicz, SSJ-TOSF, 102, member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis for over 86 years, passed away July 23, 2019, at Clare Oaks Assisi Health Center, Bartlett, Illinois. She was predeceased by her parents, six brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her Sister Casimira, SSSF, many nieces and nephews and the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Mass of Resurrection on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m., at the Clare Oaks Sacred Heart Chapel, 801 W Bartlett Road, Bartlett. Burial at St Michael Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Retirement Fund of the SSJ-TOSF, P. O. Box 305, Stevens Point, WI 54481, would be appreciated. For more information, please contact Countryside Funeral Home 630-289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Alexander, Forrest Thomas 'Tom'

Alexander, F. Thomas, passed away, Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Forrest Thomas "Tom" Alexander of Chesterfield, Missouri born in Rockford, Illinois on August 19, 1957, fell asleep in the Lord on August 4, 2019. Beloved husband for 27 years of Stacey Alexander (nee Smid); loving son of Joan (Don) Alexander and the late Forrest William Geiken; son-in-law of Jan and the late Barbara Smid; dearest brother of Vanessa (Jim) Clohessy; brother-in-law of Stephen (Susan) Smid and Brian (Stephanie) Smid; grandson of the late William and Blanche Geiken, Christ "Papou" and Bessie "Yaya" Velis and Alexander and Victoria Zivich; dear nephew of Esther Velis and Ronald Geiken and the late Anne (Constantine "Gus") Kangles; dear uncle of James and Joanna Clohessy, Alexis (Bret) Laughlin, Sean Stryker, Ethan Smid, Nicholas Stryker and Janna and Brian Smid; cousin of Suzanne Geiken and the late Nicholas Kangles; beloved godfather of Megan Tully. Tom was blessed with the constant unwavering love of his mother and two loving fathers -- one from birth and one who taught him life skills and professionalism. He credited this solid family foundation for making him the person he was.

Tom was a kind and generous person with a quick wit and positive outlook on life. He made life-long friends wherever he lived and worked. He loved to travel and especially enjoyed good food and wine. Tom was very proud of his 26-years of volunteer service as a Reserve Police Officer for St. Louis County Police Department. Tom also volunteered as a Duo TOUCH therapy team with all three of his beloved canine companions: Thunder, Maggie and Nitro. Services: Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL, Sunday, August 11, from 4-8 p.m. with Trisagion Service at 7 p.m. Memorial Service at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Road, Westchester, IL, Monday, August 12, at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The BackStoppers, Inc., BJC Hospice, or St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Family Life Center. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.



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Colby, Orrie N.

Orrie N. Colby, age 91, Korean War Army Veteran, beloved, faithful and adoring husband of 65 years of the late Marguerite Colby, nee McNeerney; loving father of Margy Fern, William, Susan (Tony) Aiello, Joanne Colby, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Orrie J. (Marlyn), and Timothy J. (Jennifer); cherished grandfather of 28; great-grandfather

of 46; dearest son of the late Ora N. and Nina Victoria Colby. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Friday from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 11:30 am to St. Paul of the Cross Church Mass 12:30 pm. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Alzheimer's Association appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Entwistle, Robert J.

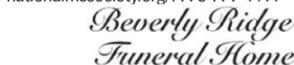
Robert J. Entwistle, Ret. C.P.D. at rest on August 4, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Sue and the late Rosemary; devoted father of Mark (Pamela) Entwistle; and dear brother of Norma (the late Ronald) Fischer and the late Richard Edwards. Bob retired from the Chicago Police Dept. after 29 1/2 years of service, and recently retired from the Illinois Secretary of State where he was a hearing officer. He was a member of St. Isidore Church and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Friends and family are invited to gather Friday at St. Isidore Church 427 W. Army Trail Rd. Bloomingdale, IL. for the Funeral Mass which will begin at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Isidore Church. Arrangements by Salerno's Rosedale Chapels. 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com for more information.



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Gianopoulos, John Peter

John Peter Gianopoulos, 71, the strength and cornerstone of not one but two families has found his way home — back to God, his beloved Barbara and those dearly departed loved ones that preceded him. At long last, his longstanding quest to understand life's complexities and mysteries will be solved, leaving those who loved him a deep sense of loss but also a shining example of what it means to live a life of passion, faith and uncompromised selflessness. He is survived by his spouse, Phyllis Gianopoulos, his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Kate, his sister and brother-in-law, Renee and Roger, his "second son," Joe, and the three people he loved most in this world: his grandchildren, Michael, Elena and Joey Jr. His legacy and values will live in them and through them forevermore. A memorial service will be held at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 11:00 am until time of service at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers, send memorials to the MS Society at <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/>. 773-779-4411



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Gonzales, Petcelita

Petcelita Gonzales (nee Layaoen), age 80, at rest August 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Cesar; loving mother of Pearl and Cesar Jr. Gonzales and Suzannah (Melnard) Sebyan; devoted lola of Elena; dearest sister of Eden Layda; fond aunt of nieces and nephews. At Petcelita's request feel free to wear outfits with color to celebrate her life. Funeral Services Saturday August 10, 2019 at 10 A.M. at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Visitation Friday 4-8 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to either the Rheumatology Research Foundation (<https://www.rheumresearch.org>) or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (<https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org>) are appreciated. Info 773-736-3833

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Goodman, Larry

The board and staff of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU) express our deepest condolences over the passing of Larry Goodman. Through the establishment of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Foundations over 40 years ago, he and his late wife supported numerous social service projects in Israel's Negev region. One of the family's most impactful initiatives is the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program at Ben-Gurion University, where select students live in the city's underprivileged neighborhoods while providing educational and cultural enrichment. Larry will be sorely missed, but his rich generosity and dedication to every facet of life in the Negev will surely impact the greater community for generations to come. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Doug Seserman, Chief Executive Officer
Robyn Schneider, Regional Director

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Hill, Elaine V.

ELAINE V. HILL, age 76, of Hobart, passed away on Monday, August 5, 2019.

Elaine is survived by husband, Rich Hill; three children, Michael Hill, Elizabeth Hill, and Colleen (Harry) Cavallaris; three grandchildren: Max Hill, Jessica and Nicholas Cavallaris. Preceded in death by parents, Rita and Matthew Sweeney; three sisters, Marita Pahnke, Joan Sweeney, and Sue Russell; brother, John Sweeney.

Elaine taught at St. Mary of the Lake in Gary and Hamilton Elementary in Lake Station. She was an avid golfer and played in golf leagues at Cressmoor, Hobart Elks, and Indian Ridge golf leagues. She was a member of the Bahama Mamas.

Family and friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service, 2700 Willowcreek Rd., Portage on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2447 Putnam St., Lake Station with Rev. David Kime officiating. Cremation to follow Mass. Please visit www.pruzinfuneralservice.com to express online condolences and view online obituary.

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Hyland, Grace M.

Grace M. Hyland nee Rodgers, age 88. Beloved wife of Richard; loving mother of Rick Hyland, Sharon (Tom) Klett and Diane Lammy; cherished grandmother to Tom, Lauren, Sean and Ryan; dearest sister to Nora (the late Tony) Forchioni, Bridget (the late Eddy) Kapuscinski, John (Jean) Rodgers, Peter (the late Maryann) Rodgers, Philip (the late Bobbi) Rodgers, Mary (the late Bo) O'Brien, Mildred (Vince) Zingarelli, Annie (the late Jim) Getz and the late James Rodgers, Charles (the late Irene) Rodgers, Catherine Neumann and Emmett (Saralee) Rodgers-Schmidt; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday August 9, 2019 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL. Funeral Saturday 8:15 AM to St. Mary of the Woods Church for 9:00 AM Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For more info call 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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John, Antoinette

Antoinette John, 94, passed away August 6, 2019. Antoinette was the beloved wife of the late Peter C. John; Loving mother of Helen (Stewart) Byers, Chris (Kate) John, Demetra John, and William (Theresa) John; Cherished grandma of Susan, Alexis, Cheryl, Mark, Michael, Kristen, Daniel, and Alyssa; Adored great grandma of many; Dear sister of Phyllis (late Constantine) Afendulis, the late Constance (Christ) Veremis, Stella Bozikis, Niki (Sam) Vastis, Peter Gianopoulos; Loved sister-in-law of Marion (late Andrew) Spiniolas and the late Frances (Gus) Petropoulos. Visitation will be Friday, August 9 from 3-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St., Des Plaines, IL (Corner of NW Hwy and Rand Rd.). Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, August 10 at 11am at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to a charity or organization of your choice.



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Kaplan, Gloria

Gloria Kaplan, 90, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6th, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Norman. Loving mom of Andrea (Marcus) Gottlieb, Donna (late Jonathan) Leavitt, Lesley (Paul) Arshonsky and Julie (Drew) Venus. Cherished Grandma of Jennifer (PJ), Benji (Lizzie), Jamie (Josh), Joey (Johanna), Rachel (Jake), Michael, Scott (Leah) and Daniel (Micaela). Devoted GIGI to Ethan, Jana, Brady, Jack, Nora, Parker, Grayson, Olivia, Lola and Mia. Chapel Service 11AM on Thursday August 8, 2019 at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W Montrose Ave, Norridge, IL 60706 with Burial Service to follow. Memorial contributions in Gloria's honor may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (www2.jdrf.org) or to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org). For info and Condolences 773-936-4057

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Karas, Notta A.

Notta A. Karas (nee Papisoteriou) age 97. Beloved wife of the late Angelo. Devoted mother of Peter (Susan) and James (Susan). Loving grandmother of Alexa, Nicholas, Amanda, Angela and Andy. Cherished aunt of Voula Dinos; and Mark and George Dinos. Visitation Monday 930 AM until time of service, 10 AM at St. Constantine & Helen Church, 11025 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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ON AUGUST 8 ...

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1844, Brigham Young was named to lead the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after the killing of Joseph Smith.

In 1876, Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who had landed in the United States were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others received life imprisonment.

In 1945, President Harry Truman signed the U.N. Charter. Also in 1945 the

Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he eventually did.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon announced he would resign following new damaging revelations in the

Watergate scandal.

In 1978, the United States launched Pioneer Venus II, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

In 1990, as the Persian Gulf crisis deepened, American forces began taking up positions in Saudi Arabia; Iraq announced it had annexed Kuwait; President Bush warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that "a line has been drawn in the sand."

In 1995, President Bill Clinton, during a visit to Baltimore, ordered all companies doing business with the federal government to report the pollution they cause.

In 2003, the Boston Roman Catholic archdiocese offered \$55 million to settle lawsuits stemming from sex abuse by priests. (The archdiocese later settled for \$85 million.)

In 2006, Sen. Joseph Lieberman lost the Connecticut Democratic primary to political newcomer Ned Lamont. (However, Lieberman ended up winning re-election to the Senate by running as an independent).

In 2014, U.S. warplanes and drones attacked Islamic State militants near Irbil, Iraq.

In 2016, 19 people were shot in Chicago, nine of them fatally, making it the city's deadliest single day since July 5, 2003.

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Aug. 7	
Powerball	08 32 47 53 59 / 03
Powerball jackpot:	\$112M
Lotto jackpot:	\$3.75M
Pick 3 midday	093 / 8
Pick 4 midday	6856 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday	06 19 20 22 39
Pick 3 evening	906 / 9
Pick 4 evening	4452 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	20 22 26 30 35
Aug. 9 Mega Millions:	\$60M
WISCONSIN	
Aug. 7	
Megabucks	12 18 20 21 31 36
Pick 3	641
Pick 4	2191
Badger 5	09 11 13 15 26
SuperCash	03 09 11 14 21 32

INDIANA	
Aug. 7	
Lotto	03 05 07 09 16 27
Daily 3 midday	616 / 7
Daily 4 midday	3026 / 7
Daily 3 evening	391 / 5
Daily 4 evening	2742 / 5
Cash 5	21 27 33 34 43
MICHIGAN	
Aug. 7	
Lotto	05 16 23 39 44 45
Daily 3 midday	500
Daily 4 midday	7704
Daily 3 evening	946
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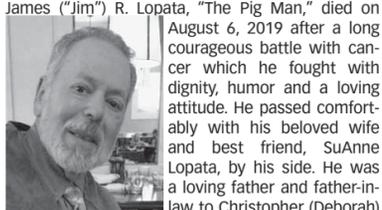
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Lopata, James "Jim" R. 'Pig Man'



James ("Jim") R. Lopata, "The Pig Man," died on August 6, 2019 after a long courageous battle with cancer which he fought with dignity, humor and a loving attitude. He passed comfortably with his beloved wife and best friend, SuAnne Lopata, by his side. He was a loving father and father-in-law to Christopher (Deborah) Lopata and Shannon (Peter) Kastor; step-father to Tony Knope and Monica Eldredge; and grandfather and step-grandfather to Caleb Lopata, Samuel Kastor, Thomas Kastor, Paige Eldredge, and Dakota Eldredge. Jim was a dear brother and brother-in-law of the late Steven (Frances) Lopata, LuSette "Andy" (Edgar) Smith, Roger (Cynthia) Lopata, LuAnne Griese, Judy (Bob) Boncher, Michael (Tami) Griese, Mary Griese, Gregory (Christine) Griese, Gail (Dave) Carlson, Joanne (Joel) Shefflin, Ollie (Jennie) Griese and Barbara Griese. Jim was a much loved cousin and friend of many. Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Steven Lopata and his parents, Lucy and Stanley Lopata. Jim will be remembered by most who met him as the "pig man" who always greeted strangers and friends alike with a smile and three little pigs. He was a passionate patron of arts, and took particular joy in performances by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Jim was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from St. Louis Country Day School (now Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School) in 1963. Jim was an active boy scout and rose to Eagle Scout rank. Despite his small stature, he played high school football, even making the varsity team. Jim studied engineering at Cornell University (BS 1967) and after serving in the United States Army, he began his career as a chemical engineer. He moved to Chicago, where he started his own company Lopata Technical Services and met SuAnne. Jim and SuAnne delighted in exploring the city's neighborhoods, art festivals, and cultural institutions. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, IL until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. A private family interment near Green Bay, Wisconsin will be held later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests honoring Jim's loving memory by performing service, or making donations to Holy Name Cathedral's many ministries, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or contributions to the charity of your choice. For further info 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Miller-Moore, Frances 'Diane'

Frances 'Diane' Miller-Moore nee O'Connor, longtime Hickory Hills resident and St. Patricia Catholic Church parishioner. Born on June 2, 1929 and gone to meet the Lord on August 4, 2019. She was a graduate of Loretta Woodlawn in 1947. Loving mother of Leo (Ellen) Miller, Cynthia (the late Frank) Lockwood, James (the late Jane) Miller & John (Gina) Miller; proud grandmother of Leo IV (Natasha) Miller, Renee (Peter) Mathis, Sean (Kimberly) Miller, James & Caitlin Miller, Connor, Bridget, & Eilish Miller and the late Michael Miller; great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late Audrey (the late John) Turean & the late Jerome (Joan) O'Connor; preceded in death by her parents Collete Toddhunter & Jerome O'Connor. Memorial visitation Friday, August 9th from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Memorial Mass Saturday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills. For info 708-430-5700. In lieu of flowers donations to American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

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Negrelli, Rose

Rose Negrelli, age 99, at rest August 3, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary Anne Negrelli; loving sister of the late Ann Milano, Mary Skotnik, Josephine Morgan, Angela Jensen, Nick and Joseph Negrelli; devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, August 10 at 9:45 A.M. from Ridge Funeral Home 6620 W. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 to Immaculate Conception Church 2745 W., 44th St., Chicago. Funeral Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-8 P.M. Info 773-586-7900 or www.ridgefh.com

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Oroni, Lawrence A. 'Larry'

Lawrence "Larry" A. Oroni is a proud, longtime resident of DuPage County. He was born on December 23, 1944 in Chicago. He passed away on August 6, 2019. Larry is a retired employee from Illinois Bell. He is the loving father of Laura (Marc), Daniel, Regina Oroni and Guy (Lisa) Merker. Beloved son of the late Blanche and Albert Oroni. Proud grandfather of Keith, Lorenzo, Cameron, Clayton and Finley. Dear brother of Barbara Oroni, James (Jeri) Oroni and A. Thomas Oroni. Fond uncle of Christopher (the late Susie) Oroni, Nikki (Robert) Humphrey and James Oroni. Great uncle of Joshua, Samantha, Tabitha and Bella. Visitation Sunday, August 11th 4PM to 8PM at DuPage Memorial Chapel 951 W. Washington St., West Chicago. Family and friends to gather Monday, August 12th for 10:45AM Funeral Mass directly at St. Isidore Church 427 West Army Trail Rd. Bloomingdale. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. Arrangements by DuPage Memorial Chapel (630) 293-5200

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Rutgens, Ronald J.

Ronald J. Rutgens, age 76, beloved husband of Annette (nee Kozlowski). Loving father of Cynthia (Dennis) Heidkamp and Suzanne (Victor) Benoit. Dear grandfather of Nina and Alex Heidkamp, Jarod and Olivia Benoit. Fond brother of Jo-Elynn (Charlie) Piscia. Uncle of Anthony (Nicole) and Nicholas Piscia. Celebration of Ron's life will be held at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park, on Saturday August 10th from 1:30pm to 6pm. Donations to The Amyloidosis Association appreciated. http://amyloidosisupport.org/donations_form.html 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com

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Shrifter, Dr. Harold Buddy

Dr. Harold Buddy Shrifter, age 90. Beloved husband and best friend of 63 years to Marion Shrifter nee Katz. Loving father of Karen (late Gary) Pater, Susan Fialkow and Robert (Cathy) Shrifter. Treasured grandfather of Jessica, Cameron, and Jeremy Pater, Jonah and Austin Fialkow, and Grace and Reid Shrifter. Dear father-in-law of Neil Fialkow and Steve Koenig. Cherished doctor, volunteer, and army veteran serving many beloved patients. Service Friday 10 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W Montrose Ave, Norridge. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, www.pancan.org or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822. www.cjfinfo.com

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Sieron, Ann M.

Ann M. Sieron nee Gustafson, August 6, 2019, Age 85. Late of Flossmoor. Beloved wife of the late Robert D. Sieron. Dear mother of Christine Farris, Paul Sieron and Barbara (Mark) Liszeo. Cherished grandmother of Joshua (Xiaoying) Beattie and Rachel (David) Berg, Kyle Liszeo and Heather Farris. Great grandmother of Tobin and Josephine Berg. Member of Flossmoor Area Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago, Homewood-Flossmoor Art Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago and Northern Indiana Arts Association. Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Sunday, August 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, August 12th, 10:15 a.m. to Infant Jesus of Prague Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Memorials to the American Heart Association. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Sinnott, James R.

James R. Sinnott was born November 7, 1943 to Bridie and Patrick Sinnott, at peace on August 1, 2019. Beloved husband of Joan (nee Mercurio), loving father of Kimberly (Tom) Jablonski and Shaun (Ashley) Sinnott; proud grandfather of Connor Jablonski, Brady Jablonski and Ava James Sinnott; dear brother of Michael (Toni) Sinnott and Ella Faye Bandringa and brother-in-law to Robert Mercurio; uncle to Stephanie (Brian) Merkel, Aimee Sinnott and Rick (Judy) Bandringa; great uncle to Megan Merkel.

The greatest accomplishments and joys of his life were his children and grandchildren. Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 9:15 until Mass begins at 10:15am, all at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Addison, Illinois. Burial will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois. For further information, please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or on-line condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com.

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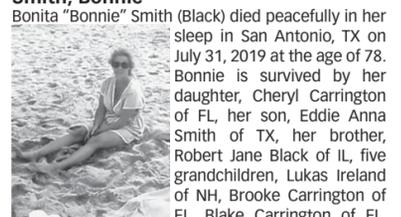
Skora, Antoinette Maria 'Toni'

Antoinette "Toni" Maria Skora nee Mercola, 89, of Glenview, passed away August 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late George Skora; loving mother of Richard Skora (Angela Streater), Karla Skora, Kerry (Kara) Skora and Tiffany Boundas; cherished grandmother of Daniel, Michael and Sarah Skora, Gabriel and Emmanuel Skora, Taylor and Alexis Boundas; dear sister of Michael (Loretta) and Peter Mercola, the late Rosemary (Guy) Maentanis, Thomas, Angela and Anthony Mercola; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Toni loved spending time with her family and friends. She had a passion for doing crossword puzzles and playing bridge. Toni was an active volunteer at the Glenview Senior Center. She was a devout Catholic and a Eucharistic Minister, and she assisted with Bingo nights at St. Catherine Laboure Church. Everyone who knew her appreciated her loving smile and generous heart. Toni was a talented cook / baker and loved to share her creations with others. She will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held Friday, August 9, 2019 from 3 to 8 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Visitation will also be held Saturday, August 10 from 10 to 11 am at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Mass begins at 11 am. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Smith, Bonnie



Bonita "Bonnie" Smith (Black) died peacefully in her sleep in San Antonio, TX on July 31, 2019 at the age of 78. Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Carrington of FL, her son, Eddie Anna Smith of TX, her brother, Robert Jane Black of IL, five grandchildren, Lukas Ireland of NH, Brooke Carrington of FL, Blake Carrington of FL, Wesley and Preston Smith of TX, and one great-grandchild, Izabella Ireland of NH. Bonnie is preceded in death by her husband, Ed. Per Bonnie's wishes, no services will be held. Her and her husband, Ed, ashes will be placed at a secluded beach in Bora Bora, Tahiti.

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Thunboe, Grace (nee McGinley)

Born July 21, 1924, passed away December 20, 2013 at age 89. Dearly beloved wife of the late Carl Thunboe, Sr. for 64 years; loving mother of Carl, Jr. (Susan), Sheila and Christine; dear grandmother of Megan Bennett (Brian) and D.J.; great grandmother of Evelyn and Lillian; Auntie Grace to many nieces and nephews.

An Algonquin resident since 1990, previously of Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Chicago, Grace's quick wit, beautiful smile, ready laughter and baking skills are dearly missed.

A Memorial Mass celebrating Grace's life will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Glenview IL, on Saturday, August 10th at 10 am, with a luncheon following at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund are encouraged, online, or c/o OLPH Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview IL 60025.

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Wenta, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Wenta, age 81; beloved husband of Silvia nee Cesna; loving father of Deborah (Michael) Cunningham and Robert (Kandia) Wenta; grandfather of Jennifer and Kaitlin Cunningham and Zachary, Meredith and Pierce Wenta; former owner of Robert's Mens Wear on the southwest side. Visitation will take place on Friday at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs from 10:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. For arrangements entrusted to Modell Funeral Home: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Zarek, Cyrilla F.

Beloved daughter of the late Michael and late Cyrilla Zarek; loving mother of Elizabeth Joy Zarek; dear and devoted sister of Sr. Cyrilla Zarek and the late Patrick Zarek, O.P.; fond friend of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and Carol Eckels. Visitation Saturday, August 10th from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. at St. Agatha Church, 3147 W. Douglas, Chicago. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Dalcamo Funeral Home 312-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Angel Lopez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Yvette Hernandez (Mother) AKA Mia Lopez

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00230

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Francisco Zarate (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 18, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Baby Boy Carrillo AKA Angelito Carrillo AKA Angel Carrillo

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Adriana Carrillo (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00720

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Ricardo Gomez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 21, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Christina Bates Daniel Bates

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Valerie Bates (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00578 19JA00579

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Valerie Bates (Mother) and James Neely (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on May 30, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 2:30 PM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

8/8/2019 Cook County Department of Planning and Development 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900 Chicago, IL, 60602 312-603-1000 To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about August 23th, 2019 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Cook County will provide approximately \$25,000 in CDBG federal funds towards a demolition project. It will pay for the demolition of a residential structure located at 15835 Chappel Avenue in South Holland. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 49 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL, 60602. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by August 23, 2019 will be considered by the Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Xochitl Flores in her capacity as Bureau Chief consents to accept the anticipated submission date of its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL, 60604. Attn: Donald Kathan. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Xochitl Flores, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development 8/8/2019 6401629

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Damarion Eiland

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sarah Eiland (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00599

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Darrion Patterson (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 28, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Andrea Buford in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Janira Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Janel Jones (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00722

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Major Robinson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 10, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Seanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Keshawn Foster AKA Keshawn Lavon Foster A Minor

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Felicia Marvel (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00606

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 6, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Keshawn Foster AKA Keshawn Lavon Foster A Minor

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF KENYON AVERYHART (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on April 11, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State Attorney, in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge DARRYL JONES in the 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on 08/22/2019 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 57 COURTROOM 7.

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 8, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: E. SHEEHAN, G. HERNANDEZ ATTORNEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON AVENUE CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Glenn Brooks

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Felicia Marvel (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00606

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 6, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 8, 2019

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IN THE INTEREST OF Guadalupe Cerpa AKA GUADALUPE CEPRA Mariana Cerpa AKA Mariana Figueroa Cerpa

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Esther Cerpa (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 12JA00149 12JA00150

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Salvador Martinez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 5, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/28/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Janel Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Janel Jones (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00722

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IN THE INTEREST OF KESHAWN FOSTER AKA KESHAWN LAVON FOSTER A MINOR

A MINOR NO. 2019JD00460

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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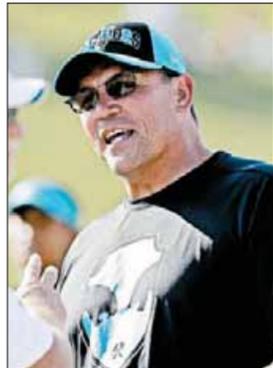
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Coach Ron Rivera is shifting the Panthers' defense into a 3-4 scheme.

Rivera shifting to 3-4 defense

Panthers coach likes what Bears have done recently



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

When Ron Rivera found a soft landing in San Diego as the Chargers inside linebackers coach in 2007, after a three-year run as the Bears defensive coordinator, he said the chance to learn the intricacies of the 3-4 defense would help him in the long run.

"The 3-4 is the in-vogue thing," he told me before the Chargers started that season by beating the Bears 14-3. "The last few years, it was the 4-3 with the Tampa coverage behind it. Now it's becoming the 3-4. It's going to help me in terms of being able to sell myself."

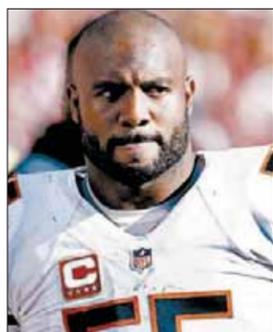
Rivera was 0-for-8 in head coaching interviews, and sure enough, his time in San Diego — where he took over as defensive coordinator during the middle of the next season — paid off. The Panthers hired him four years later after his ninth interview, and Rivera quickly built an impressive defense with many of the 4-3 elements he learned under Jim Johnson in Philadelphia.

Now, as Rivera prepares to begin his ninth season with the Panthers — and second under new owner David Tepper — he has switched to a 3-4 defense. It's a bold change for the evolving Rivera, 57, who as a player was a linebacker in Buddy Ryan's 4-3 scheme for the Bears.

"I'm going to copy a whole bunch of people," Rivera said

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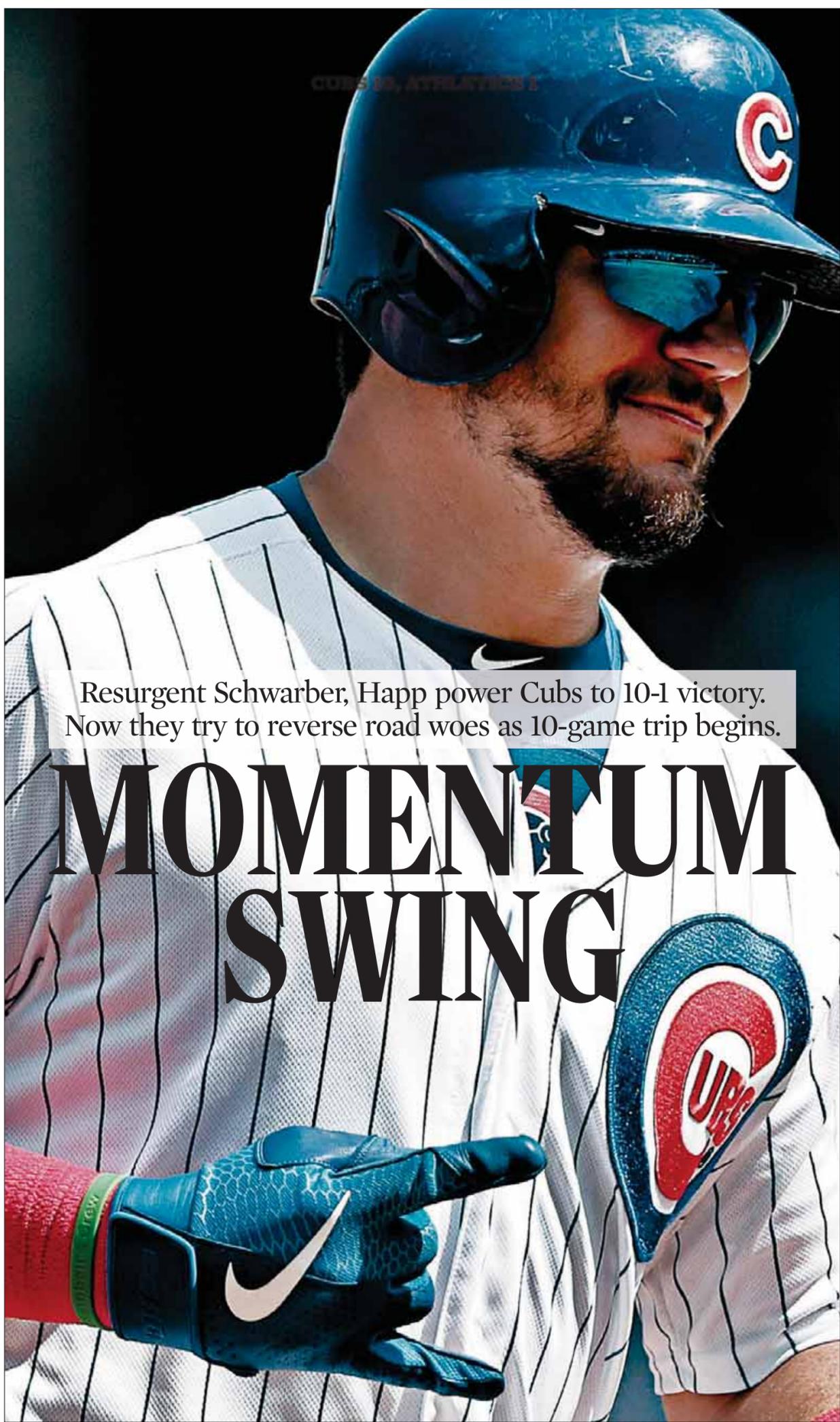
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Staple of Bears Cover-2 defense



Our pick at No. 29, **Lance Briggs**, was named to seven Pro Bowls, tied for seventh in team history, despite never having more than three sacks in a season. **Back Page**

Four things to watch in the first preseason game. **Back Page**



Resurgent Schwarber, Happ power Cubs to 10-1 victory. Now they try to reverse road woes as 10-game trip begins.

MOMENTUM SWING

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Kyle Schwarber gestures while rounding the bases after hitting a three-run homer in the fifth inning of Wednesday's victory over the Athletics.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Traveling band needs to imitate its home success

"Bipolar Cubs" is one of those rare Joe Maddon-created terms that won't be used to sell T-shirts for his favorite charity.

But it's a more apt description of the 2019 season than "Everybody In," the tired marketing department slogan from 2018 that should've ended with the wild-card loss in October.

Maddon was referring to the Cubs' freakish home-road disparity when he called them bipolar, pointing out the manic-depressive nature of a season defined by bliss at home and blues on the road.

The Cubs finished up a 5-1 homestand Wednesday with a 10-1 win over the Athletics, improving to 41-19 at Wrigley Field. They now travel to Cincinnati to begin a 10-game trip, hoping to turn around their 21-33 road record — which includes 26 losses in their last 36 games away from home.



Ian Happ connects for a grand slam in the fourth inning Wednesday. The Cubs now begin a 10-game trip needing to improve the road record.

Players are sick of answering questions about the road-kill rap, as Anthony Rizzo revealed Wednesday when asked after the game why the Cubs can't play like that on the road.

"Why can't we? We can," he said. "We do play like this on the road."

The up-and-down play has caused Cubs fans, who already had a reputation for being

alarmists in bad times and delirious in good times, to take up their game a notch.

During homestands like this one, they're planning the play-off rotation, which currently looks like Kyle Hendricks in Game 1, followed by Cole Hamels, Jose Quintana and Yu Darvish.

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BY MARK GONZALES

The cure for the Cubs' road problems?

"Someone said to bring the white jerseys on the road," Kyle Schwarber quipped Wednesday after the Cubs concluded a 5-1 homestand with a dominant 10-1 victory over the Athletics.

"I don't think that we're not thinking about the road. We just want to win. We just happen to be on the road. We're ready to go out there and attack this next series."

Thanks to seven innings of two-hit ball by Jose Quintana that preserved a taxed bullpen and home runs by resurgent Ian Happ, Schwarber and Victor Caratini, the Cubs (62-52) improved to 41-19 at Wrigley Field, ensuring a winning home record for the sixth consecutive season.

More important, the successful homestand — combined with an 0-5 West Coast trip by the Cardinals (58-55) — enabled the Cubs to stretch their lead in the National League Central to 3½ games.

But they must sustain that momentum they open a 10-game trip Thursday night against the rebuilt Reds, who are 7-5 against the Cubs this season.

"I'm excited about all of it,"

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Raiders hardly knocked

The Raiders didn't want to be on HBO's "Hard Knocks," and who can blame them? Ceding control to TV producers, you never know what reality is going to slip through and how you'll come across.

The Bears have to be grateful they never have been chosen to be put on display this way.

As it turned out, though, the "Hard Knocks" season opener unveiled Tuesday treated the Raiders with kid gloves.

Whatever fears the team had about having secrets revealed from their training camp in California's Napa Valley wine country were for naught as viewers almost certainly knew more coming in than this hour told them.

The opener burnished the Raiders' image as caring about their former players and the families of their current ones. If anything, it was a tad dull. Polished but uninteresting.

Here are 7 takeaways from the season premiere:

1. Richie Incognito's past is in cognito.

The offensive lineman, viewers were told, is "a talent with a history, some of it ugly."

Just how ugly was left unsaid. "Hard Knocks" yadda-yadda-yadda the way Incognito used racial slurs to bully a Dolphins teammate and trainer.

It neglected to mention how Incognito, while out of the NFL last year, threatened the staff of a funeral home because he wanted to cut off his dead father's head.

Incognito in the first episode was just a guy who's apparently a pal of celebrity chef Guy Fieri and will, for reasons untold, open the season on a two-game suspension. (For the record, the NFL suspended him for violating its personal conduct policy.)

2. Antonio Brown is out by two feet.

The star wide receiver acquired in a trade with the Steelers is hampered by a foot injury.

Now you know it has been reported this is the result of frostbite on the soles of his feet from failing to wear proper footwear during cryogenic therapy.

You also might have seen the pictures, which are disgusting.

"Hard Knocks" doesn't get into any of this, just that Brown's injury is keeping him from full participation in camp, which he



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Coach Jon Gruden, watching the Raiders in camp, no doubt is happy with how his team is being treated on "Hard Knocks."

seemed to come to via hot air balloon.

Phileas Fogg and the Wizard of Oz would be proud.

We understand why Brown didn't travel on foot. But as long as he was using out-moded forms of transportation, why not horseback?

3. The neighs have it.

In a curious midshow interlude more apt for "The Bachelor," Johnathan Abram and fellow first-round rookie Clelin Ferrell have the time and energy to go horseback riding and sample grapes.

They even sang a little bit of "Old Town Road."

So much for the idea that training camp is so draining and demanding that all one

wants to do is rest when not on the field, working out, in meetings or being tended to by a trainer.

Maybe coach Jon Gruden should re-think the idea of not pushing his team so hard in the afternoons, an old football tradition he noted in his opening pep talk to players would probably get him incarcerated today.

4. The amazing Johnathan's act plays well on TV.

Abram was the breakout star of episode one from the moment he arrived at the team hotel in his new luxury car with a trunkful of just-purchased junk food.

When Gruden lectures him about how his rough play in practice endangers his teammates, the safety notes it's not as though he is going to get cut or anything.

Abram is a bit obnoxious teasing quarterback Derek Carr about Carr's fat contract when Carr is treating the rookies to a meal, but it's softened by Abram's naivete about how to pronounce "salmon" on the menu. (Nope. It's not SAL-mon.)

5. The runner-up breakout stars are among the youngest on the field.

Brown's young kids stole the show, innocently asking where Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was and why dad wasn't participating in drills.

6. There's a surprise guest star.

Retired announcer and former Raiders coach John Madden, who's 83, makes an appearance via the magic of archival footage.

The man whose name is synonymous with video-game football sang the praises of the seven-man blocking sled, a largely abandoned tool Gruden's Raiders still use, in a clip from 19 years ago.

7. It's not Netflix. It's HBO.

Ronald Ollie, an undrafted defensive tackle whose stint at East Mississippi Community College was showcased in Netflix's "Last Chance U," seemed like the sort of underdog these shows love.

The Raiders did not love him, though. Ollie said he was hurt and skipped a treatment session, and that was all it took to get cut.

No horseback riding or anything else for him.

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9 p.m. Mercury at Sparks ESPN2

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6 p.m. Jets at Giants NFL Network
7 p.m. Panthers at Bears FOX-32
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9 p.m. Chargers at Cardinals NFL Network
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GOLF
9:30 a.m. European: Scottish Open Golf
1 p.m. PGA: Northern Trust Golf
3 p.m. Women's U.S. Amateur FS1
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15 Leg bone
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17 Robust
18 Steve or Woody
19 Sudden attack
20 Cruel
22 Bookie's quote
23 Stags' mates
24 Neckwear
26 Valuables
29 Overwhelm; engulf
34 Long look
35 Twenty
36 Clear liquor
37 Cluckers
38 Glossy
39 ___ off; repel
40 Nosh
41 Trim limbs
42 ___-watch
43 Making wide cuts
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47 Breathe heavily
48 Able to reach high shelves

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57 Uproar
58 In ___; poor
60 Rib or radius
61 Windy day toys
62 Plane-boarder's place
63 Bladed tools
64 On the ball
65 Scooted

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1 E-I connection
2 Actress Remini
3 Ivy League school
4 Part of USNA
5 Pepper grinders
6 On the ball
7 Is dishonest
8 "Murder, She Wrote" star
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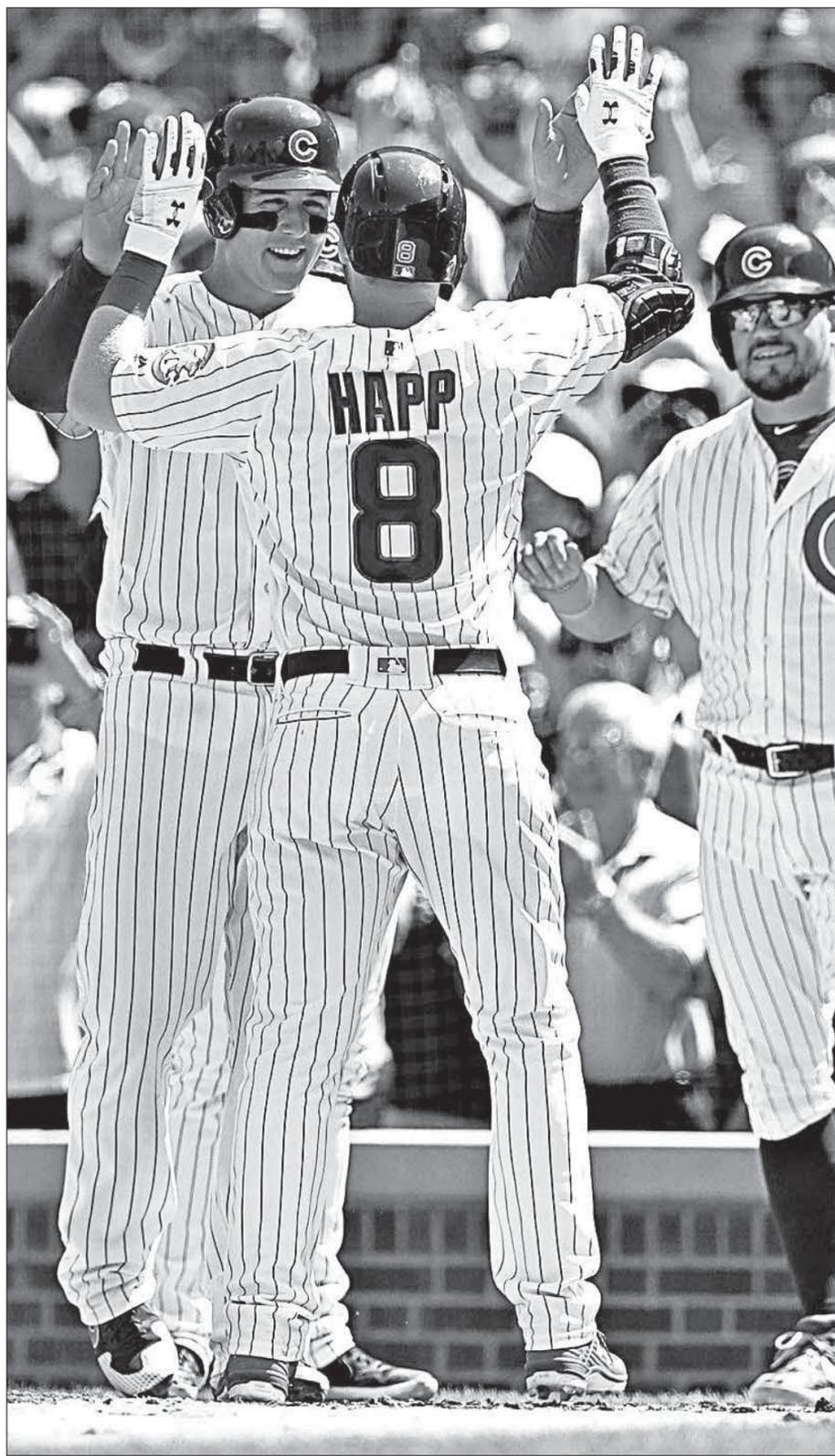
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30 "___ But the Brave"; Sinatra film
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33 Finished
35 Give the cold shoulder to
38 Asian nation
39 Appropriate
41 N.L. East team
42 Ensemble
44 Does math problems

45 Least common
47 Baffling riddle
48 Brass instrument
49 As strong as ___
50 Queue
52 Wind up
53 Reference
54 Close
55 "___ move on!"; cry to a slowpoke
59 Cub Scout group

BASEBALL



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Anthony Rizzo, left, congratulates Ian Happ on his grand slam in the fourth inning Wednesday. Happ, who started at second base, could have a chance to stay there.

Happ looking 1st-rate at 2nd

Maddon foresees 'win-win' if offense keeps producing

BY MARK GONZALES

Ian Happ on Wednesday became the seventh Cub this season to start at second base, and his recent success from both sides of the plate and raw talent give him a chance to stay there.

"The way he's swinging the bat, I'm trying creatively to get him in the lineup and see how it plays," manager Joe Maddon said before Happ went 2-for-4 with a grand slam in a 10-1 win over the Athletics. "This could be very beneficial to us moving down the road. We chose (Wednesday) to

give it a look-see, but (infield coach) Brian Butterfield is feeling pretty good about it."

Maddon was extremely pleased to see Happ get two hits Tuesday night against left-handers Brett Anderson and Wei-Chung Wang, one game after launching a 474-foot pinch-hit home run from the left side against Blake Treinen.

"The (at-bats from the right side) definitely have gotten better," Maddon said. "It could be a win-win all over the place if it all works out properly. We just want to make sure we look at it."

Happ expressed a desire to play second base shortly after he signed with the Cubs as their first-round pick in 2015, but he has been more serviceable in the outfield.

The lack of production at second, however, persuaded the Cubs to give Happ another look there.

"It felt very comfortable there for a long time," said Happ, who made 14 starts at second at Triple-A Iowa this season.

"This year I've played a little more, and I'm happy to get a chance to do that and help the team win."

Happ made three putouts and was credited with three assists Wednesday. He played 44 games at second for the Cubs during his rookie season in 2017.

"Butter and I have worked hard on it," said Happ, who continues to field ground balls at second, third and shortstop when he's not practicing in the outfield.

was promoted July 26.

Schwarber has responded well since being dropped from the leadoff spot. He hit a three-run opposite-field homer in the fifth and is 7-for-12 with a double, two homers, six RBIs and five walks in his last six games.

His 26 home runs match his 2018 total.

"(Happ and Schwarber) are young guys who have experience but still (are) youthful," Maddon said of their ability to recover from slumps. "The league adjusts to the way the game is played today via computers and analytics. If you have a problem at all, it's going to be exposed immediately. And if the pitcher knows what he's doing, he can go right to that problem area."

The Cubs will have two significant reinforcements on the trip. Catcher Jonathan Lucroy, who was signed after clearing waivers Monday, will join the team Thursday in Cincinnati.

And closer Craig Kimbrel should return from the 10-day injured list Wednesday in Philadelphia.

But first the Cubs must solve a Reds pitching staff that has regained Alex Wood after a back injury and added Trevor Bauer at the trade deadline.

"It's going to be tough," Maddon said.

Maddon suggested the Cubs do less preparation instead of dwelling on ways to reverse their 21-33 road record.

"I have faith in the guys," Maddon said. "I want them to go play. If anything, I'm saying work less on the road. Show up and play. Keep the mind and body fresh is the best way I can describe it. I totally believe in that. There is the point of diminishing returns. That's the one thing I learned in economics class at Lafayette."

"I really am a big believer in that, especially this time of the year. I've been in groups that if you don't take care of the time right now, it will beat you up in September. I've talked about (how) September creates its own energy, but you've got to get there in good shape to really have earned that energy."

Lucroy to give Cubs insurance at catcher

BY MARK GONZALES

Last week's trade deadline didn't stop the Cubs from acquiring some needed insurance at catcher in the wake of the right hamstring strain that will sideline All-Star Willson Contreras through at least the end of August.

The Cubs were able to sign two-time All-Star Jonathan Lucroy on Wednesday after he cleared waivers by the Angels.

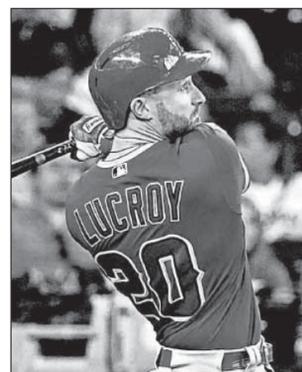
Lucroy, 33, has played for four playoff teams during his 10-year career with the Brewers, Rangers, Rockies, Athletics and Angels. He received rave reviews from Cubs pitchers Yu Darvish and Derek Holland from their time with the Rangers, and manager Joe Maddon said Lucroy's health is fine despite playing only once since suffering a concussion and broken nose in a collision with the Astros' Jake Marisnick on July 7.

Lucroy will share catching duties with Victor Caratini, who homered Wednesday in a 10-1 win over the A's, until Contreras returns. Taylor Davis was optioned to Triple-A Iowa after the game to make room for Lucroy.

"This doesn't put Victor on a shelf," Maddon said. "They'll both play. We'll try to figure out the best way to do that."

Lucroy, who's batting .242 with seven home runs and 30 RBIs in 74 games, would be eligible for the postseason roster if the Cubs advance.

The Cubs believe Lucroy's



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Jonathan Lucroy hit .242 with seven home runs and 30 RBIs in 74 games with the Angels.

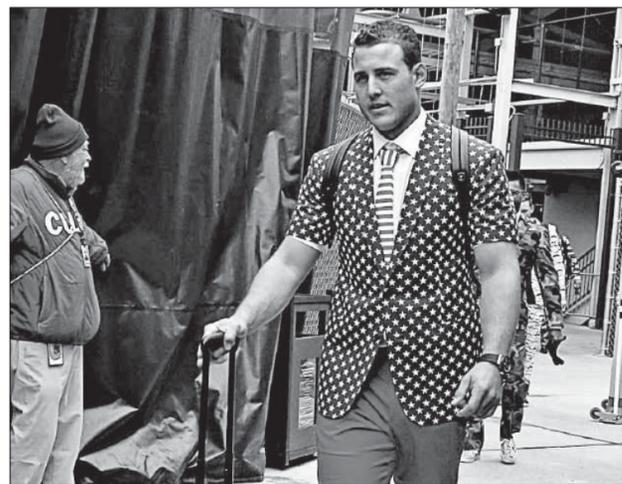
catching skills and knowledge of the NL Central from his 6½ seasons with the Brewers (2010-16) will be an asset.

"He studies hitters more than anybody," said Darvish, who pitched to Lucroy in 2016-17.

Holland added: "He does a great job of giving the low target, keeping the ball down. He does a great job of controlling the game and game calling. And he's a good clubhouse guy. He'll bring a lot to the table."

"I never worry about people's numbers. It's what you can bring to the clubhouse. I don't think he's going to take long at all (to get acclimated)."

Lucroy is a career .281 hitter with runners in scoring position.



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Anthony Rizzo departs Wrigley Field on the Cubs' "zany suit" theme trip before a May 2016 series against the Pirates.

Sullivan

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But when the Cubs are on the road, they're busy choosing Maddon's successor, which currently looks like "Grandpa" David Ross, Mark DeRosa or a lovable ex-Cub to be named later.

The only way to stop this madness is to start winning on the road, which the Cubs can accomplish over the next 11 days in Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Williamsport, Pa., where they will play the Pirates in the nationally televised game promoting the Little League World Series.

If they go 8-2 or 7-3, everyone will shut up ... at least for a second or two.

"We've just got to win a couple games," Rizzo said. "That's it. So everyone from the top on down can settle down."

"The top" would be Cubs President Theo Epstein, who said Friday they were "embarrassed" by not winning a road series since mid-May or against a division opponent all year. The last road series win was in Washington on May 17-19, nearly three months ago.

"As talented as we are, if we don't fix that, we aren't going anywhere," Epstein said. "So it's a huge priority for us."

Epstein apparently was sending a message to the team, which is what management does when it's upset with results.

"I know, we see it," Rizzo said. "We try to keep everything internal in here. We obviously don't like it though."

Rizzo said the losing is not a psychological block the Cubs have built up over the course of the season, even though Javier Baez said last week the team does feel more pressure on the road because of the poor record.

Whatever the reason, Epstein declared that "trying the same thing over and over again is not working" and that the Cubs would "try some different things to improve our performance" on the road.

The biggest statistical difference has been the pitching. The Cubs have a 4.72 road ERA, 18th in the majors, compared with a 3.37 home ERA, fourth through Tuesday.

But maybe fixing it has more to do with the Zen factor than any statistical variance.

So what can the Cubs do to shake things up?

Wacky theme trip anyone? Next week is the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, and Maddon once had a Woodstock-themed road trip with the Rays in 2014.

But it's probably too late to get a tie-dye guy in Cincinnati, and despite all the publicity the Cubs get when they dress up for road trips, it seldom translates to wins. According to a Tribune analysis of the theme trips over the last five years, the most successful was the Minimalist Zany Suit trip in May 2016, when the Cubs went 3-0 in Pittsburgh to start an eight-game winning streak.

Even the original Onesies trip in 2015, made famous by Jake Arrieta appearing in his onesie at his postgame news conference after throwing a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium, ended with a 2-5 record. The Anchorman trip in 2017 resulted in an 0-6 record. The Miami Vice trip of 2016 finished at 4-7, and this year's Dress Like Jon Lester trip in June ended with a pitiful 2-5 record, with Lester losing his only start.

If that's a non-starter, maybe the Cubs could begin American Legion week a bit early. Maddon said last weekend he would have his annual American Legion week — when players show up to the clubhouse whenever they feel like it — during the next homestand Aug. 20-25. But if you really want to make the road feel like home, put the home clubhouse rules into effect now and see if players can relax more.

Or perhaps the Cubs can cater the visiting clubhouse with some Lou Malnati's pizza, Al's Italian Beef sandwiches and Garrett's popcorn to make it smell more like Chicago. Or maybe import some of the ivy from the Wrigley Field walls and give them that Wrigley aura here.

Just spittingballing, as I have no clue either. If you have a solution, please send it to Epstein, Maddon, Tom Ricketts or anyone else who can implement change. Because as sick as the Cubs are of hearing about the problem, the questions won't go away until they do something about it.

"We've got to do better on the road," Rizzo said. "It's no secret."

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manager Joe Maddon said. "It's part of the games. You're not going to get away from it. We've got to do something to be better there."

The Cubs haven't won their last 10 road series dating to May 17-19, when they took two of three from the Nationals. Since then, they've lost 22 of 31 on the road, including four of six to the division rival Brewers and Cardinals.

If there's a such a thing as a carryover effect, the Cubs can feel optimistic about the recent contributions of Happ and Schwarber.

Happ, whose grand slam Wednesday highlighted a five-run fourth inning, is 6-for-10 with a double and two home runs in his last four games.

"A lot of it is just having confidence in yourself," said Happ, who spent most of the season refining his plate discipline at Triple-A Iowa until he

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	75	39	.658	—	—	9-1	W-8	43-18	32-21
Tampa Bay	66	50	.569	10	—	7-3	L-1	31-28	35-22
Boston	60	56	.517	16	6	1-9	L-1	28-30	32-26
Toronto	47	70	.402	29½	19½	7-3	W-1	20-34	27-36
Baltimore	38	76	.333	37	27	3-7	L-3	17-41	21-35

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	70	44	.614	—	—	7-3	L-2	35-23	35-21
Cleveland	68	46	.596	2	—	6-4	W-2	38-24	30-22
Chicago	51	62	.451	18½	13½	5-5	W-1	27-28	24-34
Kansas City	41	74	.357	29½	24½	2-8	W-1	23-35	18-39
Detroit	33	78	.297	35½	30½	3-7	L-1	14-39	19-39

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	75	40	.652	—	—	9-1	W-6	43-15	32-25
Oakland	65	50	.565	10	½	7-3	L-1	37-23	28-27
Texas	58	56	.509	16½	7	5-5	L-2	35-22	23-34
Los Angeles	56	59	.487	19	9½	2-8	L-6	29-28	27-31
Seattle	48	68	.414	27½	18	5-5	W-1	27-33	21-35

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L	IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Atl Keuchel (L)	3-4 3.86	4-5 1-0 7.1 2.45	0-1 18.1 4.42
Mia Hernandez (R)	6:10p 1-4 5.66	3-4 0-0 1.0 0.00	0-1 11.1 7.15
Chi Hamels (L)	6-3 2.84	12-6 0-1 1.0 9.00	0-1 13.0 2.77
Cin Wood (L)	6:10p 1-0 3.18	2-0 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 11.1 3.18
Phi Nola (R)	10-2 3.60	16-8 0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 20.2 2.61
SF Bumgarner (L)	8:45p 6-7 3.92	14-0 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 19.0 5.68
Col Gray (R)	10-7 4.03	13-10 2-0 19.1 3.72	1-0 16.0 3.38
SD Lauer (L)	9:10p 6-8 4.43	10-10 0-2 5.2 20.65	1-1 13.0 7.62

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L	IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
NY German (R)	14-2 3.98	15-3 1-0 6.0 0.00	2-0 16.0 7.31
Tor Pannone (L)	6:07p 2-4 5.98	1-4 1-0 4.0 0.00	0-1 16.1 5.51
LA Peters (L)	2-0 3.20	1-1 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 9.0 2.00
Bo Sale (L)	6:10p 5-11 4.68	8-15 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 15.0 9.60
KC Lopez (R)	1-7 6.19	1-9 0-1 19.0 3.79	0-3 9.0 16.00
Det Boyd (L)	6:10p 6-8 3.91	7-16 1-2 18.0 5.00	0-0 18.0 2.50
Cle Gibson (R)	6-2 4.07	7-3 0-0 5.0 1.80	3-0 20.1 2.21
Min Clevinger (R)	7:10p 11-4 3.02	15-7 0-0 3.2 2.45	2-0 17.2 4.08

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Chi. White Sox 8, Detroit 1
 Gi: Cleveland 2, Texas 0
 Atlanta 11, Minnesota 7
 Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3
 Houston 14, Colorado 3
 Chi. Cubs 10, Oakland 1
 G2: Cleveland 5, Texas 1
 Seattle 3, San Diego 2
 N.Y. Yankees 14, Baltimore 2
 Kansas City at Boston susp.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Oakland at Chi. White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
 Houston at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	BA
LeMahieu, NY	101	414	78	139	.336
Devers, BOS	113	458	93	147	.321
Brantley, HO	106	418	62	134	.321
Alberto, BAL	95	345	33	109	.316
Bogaerts, BOS	111	437	89	134	.307
Lindor, CLE	93	388	63	118	.304
Merrifield, KC	115	481	77	145	.304
Moncada, CHI	97	372	58	112	.301
Martinez, BOS	104	416	66	125	.300
Cruz, MIN	85	317	59	95	.300

HOME RUNS
 Trout, Los Angeles 38; Cruz, Minnesota 32; Kepler, Minnesota 31; Soler, Kansas City 31; Encarnacion, New York 30; Bregman, Houston 27; Mancini, Baltimore 26; Vogelbach, Seattle 26.

BOX SCORES

NATIONALS 4, GIANTS 1

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	5	1	2	0	0	.287
Eaton rf	4	1	3	0	0	.280
Rendon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.316
Dozier 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.234
Soto lf	3	1	0	1	0	.282
Cabrera 2b-3b	4	1	1	0	0	.249
Parra 1b	4	1	1	3	0	.249
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	2	.237
Gomes c	4	0	1	0	1	.208
Slater p	2	0	0	1	0	.286
Raijp p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Suero p	0	0	0	0	0	—
d-Stevenson ph	1	0	1	0	0	.353
Hudson p	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	33	9	4	5	4	—

SAN FRANCISCO

	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duggar rf	1	0	0	0	0	.234
Slater rf	3	0	0	0	1	.273
Yastrzemski lf	3	0	1	0	0	.264
Conrod p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Watson p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Dejeu p	2	0	0	0	2	.263
c-Posey ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	.261
Longoria 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.239
Sandoval 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.267
Montana p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Avila c	4	0	0	0	1	.277
Pillar cf	3	1	1	0	0	.245
Crawford ss	4	0	2	1	1	.226
Solano 2b	4	0	0	0	4	.329
Anderson p	0	0	0	0	0	—
a-Gennett ph	1	0	0	1	0	.218
Suarez p	0	0	0	0	0	—
b-Belt ph-1f	3	0	0	0	1	.233
TOTALS	33	1	6	1	11	—

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a-struck out for Anderson in the 3rd, b-flied out for Suarez in the 5th, c-singled for Jerez in the 8th, d-doubled for Suero in the 9th, LOB: Washington 7, San Francisco 8, 2B: Stevenson (2), Yastrzemski (12), Longoria (15), Crawford (2), HR: Parra (7), off Anderson, RBIs: Soto (72), Parra (36), Crawford (48), Runners left in scoring position: Washington 5 (Turner, Eaton, Soto, Cabrera), San Francisco 6 (Yastrzemski, Sandoval, 3, Belt), RISP: Runners moved up: Rendon, Soto, Belt, GIDP: Robles, Dozier

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Ross, W, 2-3 6 3 0 0 2 5 6.75
 Rainey 1 0 0 0 0 2 6.00
 Suero 1 2 0 0 0 3 7.00
 Hudson 1 1 1 1 0 1 4.00

SAN FRANCISCO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Anderson, L, 3-4 3 4 4 4 3 2 5.33
 Suarez 2 2 0 0 0 2 8.15
 Conrado cf 3 0 0 0 0 2 2.25
 Watson 1 0 0 0 0 0 2.80
 Jerez 1 1 0 0 0 0 1.68
 Moronta 1 1 0 0 0 0 1.80

HBP: Suarez (Rendon), Watson (Eaton), Hudson (Pillar). Time: 2:59. A: 30,958 (41,915).

INDIANS 2, RANGERS 0

GAME 1	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Choo lf	4	0	0	0	2	.276
D.Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.320
Anderson ss	2	0	1	0	0	.286
Mazara rf	4	0	0	0	1	.243
Pence dh	4	0	0	0	2	.268
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.206
R.Perez c	2	0	0	0	0	.232
Allen lf	3	0	0	0	1	.265
DeShields cf	3	0	1	0	1	.252
Trivino c	3	0	1	0	1	.333
TOTALS	32	0	6	0	13	—

CLEVELAND AB R H BI SO AVG
 Lindor ss 4 0 0 0 1 .301
 Mercado cf 3 0 0 0 0 .285
 C.Santana 1b 3 1 1 0 0 .282
 Puig rf 3 0 0 0 1 .254
 Ramirez 3b 2 1 1 2 1 .243
 Reyes dh 3 0 0 0 2 .245
 Freeman 2b 3 0 1 0 0 .260
 R.Perez c 2 0 0 0 0 .232
 Allen lf 3 0 0 0 0 .224
 Allie lf 3 0 0 0 0 .224
TOTALS 26 2 3 2 5

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 Cleveland 000 00 20x—2 3 1

E: Plesac (2), LOB: Texas 7, Cleveland 2, 2B: DeShields (1), HR: Ramirez (15), off Jurado, RBIs: Ramirez (59), SB: Ramirez (23), Runners left in scoring position: Texas 4 (Mazara, Pence, Trevino 2), Cleveland 1 (Freeman), RISP: Texas 0 for 4; Cleveland 0 for 2, GIDP: Coo, Lindor, DP: Texas 1 (Odor, Andrus, C.Santana); Cleveland 1 (Freeman, Ramirez, Santana).

TEXAS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Jurado, L, 6-7 7 3 2 2 2 5 4.74
 Clase 1 0 0 0 0 0 0.00

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Plesac 6 5 0 0 2 7 3.12
 Goody, W, 3-0 2 0 0 0 3 1.35
 Hand, S, 28-30 1 0 0 0 3 2.35

Umpires: H, James Hoye; 1B, John Libka; 2B, Brian O'Nora; 3B, Mark Ripberger. Time: 2:32.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 11, Minnesota 7
 Houston 14, Colorado 3
 Chi. Cubs 10, Oakland 1
 L.A. Dodgers 2, St. Louis 1
 Washington 4, San Fran. 1
 Seattle 3, San Diego 2
 Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 3
 Arizona 6, Philadelphia 1

FRIDAY'S GAMES

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 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Texas at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
 Colorado at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Fran., 9:15 p.m.

LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	BA
McNeil, NY	101	380	65	129	.339
Yelich, MIL	104	396	82	133	.336
Reynolds, PIT	90	310	56	104	.335
Blackmon, CO	95	406	83	131	.323
Batting, LA	112	402	90	129	.321
Marte, SF	107	377	139	117	.317
Rendon, WAS	100	373	80	117	.314
Freeman, ATL	115	446	90	138	.309
Arenado, COL	113	428	72	131	.306
Cruz, COL	100	374	67	113	.302

HOME RUNS
 Yelich, Milwaukee 39; Alonso, New York 37; Bellinger, Los Angeles 37; Renfro, San Diego 30; Suarez, Cincinnati 30; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 29; Freeman, Atlanta 29.

BOX SCORES

METS 7, MARLINS 2

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti ss	4	0	1	0	1	.284
LDiaz 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.067
Anderson rf	4	1	1	2	.248	
Cooper 1b	2	1	0	1	.281	
Castro 3b	4	0	2	0	.249	
Davis lf	3	2	1	1	.299	
Ramirez lf	4	0	0	0	1	.364
Holaday c	3	0	1	0	1	.303
Yamamoto p	2	0	0	0	1	.067
a-Prado ph	1	0	1	0	.250	
TOTALS	32	2	8	2	9	—

NEW YORK

	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McNeil rf-1f	3	1	2	0	0	.333
Lagares cf	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Rosario ss	4	0	0	1	.278	
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BASEBALL



DUANE BURLISON/AP

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson went 4-for-4 with three runs on Wednesday against the Tigers.

WHITE SOX 8, TIGERS 1

Anderson spark who ignites Sox

Goes 4-for-4 as club finishes a 5-2 trip

BY LAMOND POPE

DETROIT — Tim Anderson said he “felt good” when asked Tuesday about getting his timing down.

Wednesday, he showed just how good.

Anderson went 4-for-4 with three runs, leading the White Sox to an 8-1 victory against the Tigers in front of 17,444 at Comerica Park.

“You can see his rhythm is coming, seeing the ball a little better,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said. “You can see him gaining confidence in the box and in the field.”

Anderson missed more than a month with a sprained right ankle and returned July 30 against the Mets. He went hitless in his first two games back but has had at least one hit in the seven games since. He’s batting .419 (13-for-31) during that stretch.

He didn’t take long to

extend the streak Wednesday, singling in the first. It was the 500th hit of his career.

James McCann referred to Anderson as a “spark” for the team. He ignited a 15-hit output for the Sox, who won three of four in the series.

McCann had three hits and three RBIs against his former team. Jose Abreu had three hits and two RBIs. Ryan Cordell hit a 450-foot home run.

Ivan Nova benefited from all the offense, scattering five hits in eight scoreless innings.

“I knew I had to give my team a good start,” Nova said. “Four games in three days is not fun. With the long game we played in Philly (15 innings on Friday), I have that on my mind.”

“It was a good day for the whole team. I felt good

enough to go back in the eighth and I did.”

He pitched to contact, finishing with one strikeout and three walks.

“I’m a contact pitcher, I’m not a big strikeout (pitcher),” Nova said. “I struck out the first guy and then I kind of lost the command a little bit. I know they chase a lot, so I don’t want to give in to them.”

“After that, just pitching to contact and to get quick outs. They stayed aggressive the whole time and got a lot of ground balls.”

Nova has a 2.79 ERA in six starts since the All-Star break with 11 walks and 20 strikeouts.

“He’s attacking the strike zone, he’s keeping the ball down and hasn’t missed as much the last few outings,” Renteria said. “And he’s experienced. He was pretty calm out there.”

Nova was locked in. So was Anderson.

The Sox shortstop sin-

gled in the first and scored on a double by McCann. He singled and scored on a Wellington Castillo double in the third, then singled and scored on a double by Abreu in the fifth. His fourth hit, another single, came in the sixth.

“He’s an integral part of our offense,” McCann said. “When he goes, we go. It’s kind of that mentality. He lengthens our lineup and brings an energy that we need.”

He helped the Sox win five of seven on the trip.

“The stuff that happened in that 15-inning game,” McCann said, “double-header (Tuesday) with a rain delay followed by a day game (Wednesday), it’s a road trip that very easily could have gone in the opposite direction for us.”

“But the tenacity of this team, we were able to go 5-2 on the trip. That’s pretty good considering what we had to go through.”

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Johnson hasn’t won QB job yet

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

The struggle is real, as they say. And so is the battle to be Northwestern’s starting quarterback.

The top takeaway from NU media day Wednesday was that Hunter Johnson, the five-star recruit with the golden arm and sandy hair, might be the Chosen One but remains to be the chosen one.

Here are five takeaways as the Wildcats, ranked 25th in the preseason coaches poll, continue preparations for a Week 1 visit to No. 23 Stanford:

1. Forget what you might have heard

If you were among those who attended the Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon, you heard narrator Rick Pizzo, reading from a script, say: “Clayton Thorson leaves as the winningest quarterback in Northwestern history, but he’ll be replaced by five-star Clemson transfer Hunter Johnson.”

NU coach Pat Fitzgerald found the whole thing amusing, saying: “The Big Ten announced our starting quarterback. The reality is, it’s a battle. Everybody in our program knows the battle is ongoing.”

Northwestern petitioned the NCAA last year for Johnson to be eligible immediately but got denied, so he served as the scout-team quarterback, mimicking players such as Michigan’s Shea Patterson and Nebraska’s Adrian Martinez.

“He ran a different team’s offense every week,” Fitzgerald said. “So he is playing catch-up mentally.”

Contrast that with TJ Green, the walk-on who has been taking reps in the NU offense since 2015 and who backed up Thorson last season. Fitzgerald said Aidan Smith, a fourth-year junior who has seen the field in only one game, also has a shot.

Will Northwestern select the quarterback who gives it the best chance to beat Stanford? Fitzgerald said it’s not so simple. “It’s the guy that can execute the offense and take care of the football,” he said, “a guy that when he walks on the field, the other 10 guys believe in him. ... A guy that can help lead us to a championship.”



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hunter Johnson, above, and TJ Green are still in a competition for Northwestern’s starting quarterback job.

2. Fitzgerald loves board games

Asked if there’s a plan in place to divide reps in practice among five scholarship quarterbacks, Fitzgerald joked that they would “play Twister” to decide.

3. Wildcats stacked at defensive back

Nearly a dozen experienced players return, including Trae Williams, who joked about those who figured his eligibility had expired.

“I’ve been here so long, it feels like more than half my life,” he said. “I love what we did last year but I’m not satisfied. I want to win a Big Ten championship and really feel we can do that.”

After hearing Fitzgerald rave about the group, safety JR Pace said: “I’m optimistic too. I look to my left and my right and it’s all people I feel like I can trust.”

Pace is sporting a new look: red-tinted dreadlocks. “I’ve gotten Sideshow Bob, Cheetos, Takis,” he said. “I chose red and went with it.”

4. Offensive line room has a new feel

University of Chicago grad Adam Cushing left Northwestern after 15 years to take over as head coach at Eastern Illinois. Fitzgerald replaced him with the beefy Kurt Anderson, who played at Michigan and whose Twitter handle is @OLINERIDE.

“One is a U of Chicago grad, very pragmatic, very systems-oriented, phenomenal and terrific,” Fitzgerald said. “The other is like a WWE wrestler. Both are great, terrific teachers and mentors. No one is more excited about what Cush is bringing to Eastern. Kurt brings a different mindset because he’s a different guy.”

5. A few contributors have moved on

Fitzgerald said Eric Eshoo, a superback from Loyola Academy, medically retired. So did linebacker Jango Glackin. Celebrated dancer/receiver Steven Reese and defensive back Alonzo Mayo have moved on to “the real world,” Fitzgerald said, “and not the one on MTV.” There was talk of linebacker Nathan Fox having transferred to Houston, his hometown, but his name does not appear on the Cougars roster.

Illinois Sens. Durbin, Duckworth request MLB data on fan injuries

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth of Illinois have written Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred for the second time in six weeks, this time asking MLB “to collect and report data” about ballpark fan injuries.

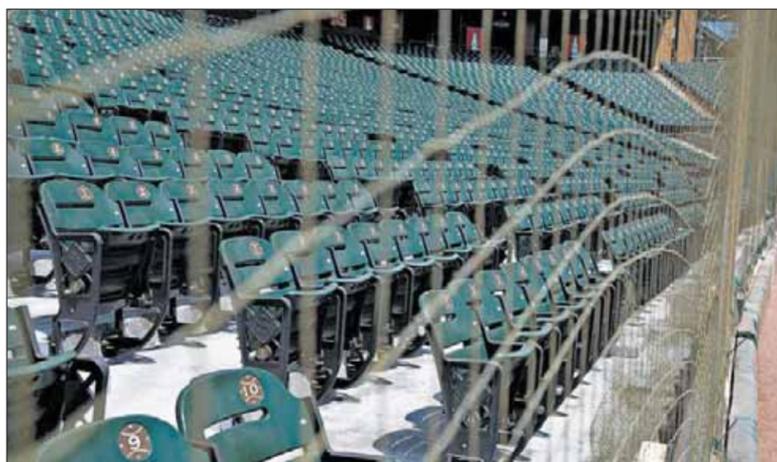
“This will provide a more honest public dialogue and help protect baseball’s biggest — and littlest — fans,” the two Democrats wrote in their letter Tuesday.

They said it is their understanding teams collected data on seating areas that are most vulnerable to injury from line-drive foul balls and flying bats.

“Disclosing that information would help inform fans and their families about the safest locations to sit,” Durbin and Duckworth wrote, saying that “transparency benefits everyone in making informed decisions and preserves the integrity of the game.”

Durbin and Duckworth wrote Manfred on June 27 to urge all MLB clubs to follow the White Sox, the first team to extend netting to the foul poles to protect spectators.

MLB teams extended netting to at least the far end of the dugouts in 2018. But recent incidents have



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth urge all MLB clubs to extend netting.

spurred some teams to expand the protected area.

Players such as Cubs outfielder Albert Almora Jr., who in May inadvertently sent a 4-year-old at a Cubs-Astros game in Houston to the emergency room, have called for teams to extend netting.

This has not been universally embraced by fans, however, and Manfred has said varying designs of ballparks such as Wrigley Field make it difficult to mandate action across MLB.

The Cubs, citing architectural challenges and Wrigley’s landmark status,

are among the teams that say they aren’t sure what they’re going to do or when.

A Cubs spokesman said extending the netting to the end of the dugouts reduced the injuries by 60% in 2018 compared with 2017.

In their earlier note to Manfred, Durbin and Duckworth cited a 2014 analysis by Bloomberg News that found 1,750 major-league fans are injured each year, primarily by foul balls and broken bats. They now seek an update.

“While the Bloomberg report provides some insight into fan injuries at

MLB baseball stadiums, the report is five years old, and we need more information to have a fuller picture,” they wrote. “We currently rely on media coverage about foul ball injuries, which can lead to misinformation and confusion.”

“Fans should have more information about injuries. The creation of an injury registry would help provide the public a better understanding of fan injuries at MLB stadiums and help evaluate the voluntary safety measures that many teams are implementing.”

SKY 101, LIBERTY 92

Quigley guides Sky to 5th win in 6 games

Associated Press

Allie Quigley scored 22 points, Jantel Lavender had 20 points and 10 rebounds and the Sky beat the New York Liberty 101-92 on Wednesday night at Wintrust Arena.

The Sky made only one field goal in the final three minutes but secured the win by making 16 of 18 free throws during that span. Courtney Vandersloot’s free throw with 1:12 remaining gave the Sky a nine-point lead, and the Liberty couldn’t get closer than three from there.

Diamond DeShields and Vandersloot each scored 16 points for the Sky (13-9), who have won five of six to match their win total from last season. The Sky struggled from 3-point range, missing their first 11, but made 26 of 31 at the free-throw line.

Tina Charles led the Liberty (8-14) with 24 points and Rebecca Allen added 21, making six 3-pointers. Marine Johannes scored 16 off the bench. Bulls players Coby White, Daniel Gaffard and Wendell Carter Jr. were in attendance.

BEARS

Biggs

Continued from Page 1

this week from Panthers camp in Spartanburg, S.C. "I like what Chicago did. I am half kidding."

He will get to measure the progress of his new defense in its first preseason action Thursday night against the Bears at Soldier Field.

Last season the Panthers started 6-2 but won one of their final eight games to finish 7-9. In postseason meetings, the coaches and scouting staff reviewed everything.

One thing that stuck with Rivera was something he heard from college scouts: Most of the best pass rushers coming out now and in the coming years are better fits as hybrid rushers. The Panthers ranked 27th in sacks last season.

The Panthers signed Bruce Irvin in free agency as an edge rusher and drafted Florida State's Brian Burns 16th overall and Alabama's Christian Miller in the fourth round. They signed former Buccaneer Gerald McCoy as a defensive end. Rivera took over play-calling duties for the defense during last season and will continue in that role.

"There are not a lot of true defensive ends like there used to be," Rivera said. "Most of the guys coming out are the hybrids, and who knows, maybe we will get lucky and find the next Khalil Mack. That's what everyone is looking at. We watched the impact he made last year very, very quickly. All of the best pass-rushing teams are the ones that seem to have these hybrid rush ends."

"That helped prompt a decision to do it. And I've been watching a lot of things that the Bears have done. Vic Fangio had something special going there and I really liked it. Like I said, I am going to copy some of the things people are doing throughout the league. I see it as a challenge and I am excited about it."

Whether it's a quick fix remains to be seen. Changing schemes can require more than one offseason of personnel moves. The Bears didn't make a meteoric rise under Fangio when they shifted to a 3-4 base defense in 2015. They ranked 20th in points allowed and 24th in yards allowed that season and 24th in scoring and 15th in yards in 2016.



Panthers coach Ron Rivera, left, talks with his players including Shaq Green-Thompson (54) during camp. CHUCK BURTON/AP

"Probably the hardest pill to swallow is we had a chance to win all of those games. You can go right down the list. If we win any two of those games, we're in the playoffs."

— Panthers coach Ron Rivera

They cracked the top 10 in both categories in 2017 and ranked first in scoring and third in yards last season.

The Panthers have more defensive talent now than the Bears did then, though. Inside linebacker Luke Kuechly, defensive end Kawann Short and outside linebacker Mario Addison are mainstays who should easily make the conversion.

It goes without saying that Rivera, a two-time NFL Coach of the Year winner, and general manager Marty Hurney will be under pressure to perform under Tepper, who took over the team from Jerry Richardson in May 2018. Rivera's contract runs through the 2020 season.

"Every year you have to perform and win," he said. "There is nothing new for me as far as I am concerned. But the truth of the matter is you do have to perform, you do have to produce. I really don't feel the pressure. I just am

going to go out, do my job, coach as hard as I can and see what happens. We've got a good football team. We've got some good players. You just never know."

The second-half collapse began with a humbling 52-21 loss in Pittsburgh, but most of the Panthers' losses were close and ultimately determined by fourth-quarter shortcomings. Rivera opted to go for a two-point conversion the following week with 1 minute, 7 seconds remaining in Detroit. It failed, and the Panthers lost 20-19. The next four losses were by three, seven, six and three points.

"It's not like we were out of games," Rivera said. "It's not like we didn't have a chance to win. It just didn't come to fruition. Probably the hardest pill to swallow is we had a chance to win all of those games. You can go right down the list. If we win any two of those games, we're in the playoffs. That's how crazy it was. My

emphasis, and hopefully the guys understand what I am trying to get at, is 'We were pretty good and we had our issues.'"

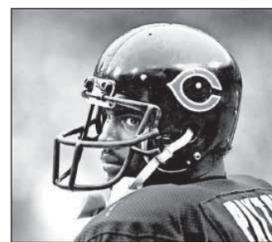
Those issues started with a catastrophe last summer when left tackle Matt Kalil went out with a knee injury in the preseason. The Panthers played musical chairs on the offensive line, and that lasted only so long. Quarterback Cam Newton suffered a right shoulder injury on a hit by the Steelers' T.J. Watt and required offseason surgery.

Newton worked with a throwing coach for the first time this offseason and tried to tighten up his footwork. He was an MVP candidate when the Panthers were 6-2, having completed 67.3 percent of his passes with 15 touchdowns and four interceptions.

"He worked with his mechanics, sharpened those up because he changed his motion and tried to compensate to torque the ball, and that is where it got out of whack after the injury," Rivera said. "So we just wanted to get back to where it needed to be."

Newton and Kuechly will not play against the Bears. Several other front-line players are unlikely to see action.

"We're going to be really smart with a lot of our veteran guys," Rivera said. "I am petrified about (injuries). Be smart. Be judicious."



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Statues of Walter Payton, left, and George Halas are planned.

Soldier Field to get Payton, Halas statues

Chicago Tribune

Pro Football Hall of Famers Walter Payton and George Halas are two of the most legendary Bears of all time.

The franchise will set that in stone — or, more precisely, bronze — next month.

The Bears announced Wednesday they will unveil statues of Payton, the team's all-time leading rusher, and Halas, the franchise founder and longtime coach, on Sept. 3 at Soldier Field, two days before they host the Packers in the NFL opener to kick off their 100th season. The 12-foot, 3,000-pound statues, sculpted by Fisher Sculpture and designed by Populous, will be located outside Gate O.

"It is only appropriate that the father of professional football and the greatest player in the history of the game are being honored in this way, and perhaps no better time for the unveiling than as we kick off our centennial season," Bears Chairman George McCaskey said in a release.

Added Connie Payton, Walter's widow, in the release: "I know Walter would be humbled to have this honor bestowed upon him, just as Jarrett, Brittney and our entire family are. To say that I am enthusiastic about unveiling this statue to the city of Chicago is an understatement. What a proud moment for all of us and the city of Chicago. We're not just Chicago Bears fans, we're family."

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at San Diego	-106	Colorado -104
American League		
New York	-180	at Toronto +165
at Boston	-235	LA Angels +215
at Detroit	Off	Kansas City Off
at Minnesota	-106	Cleveland -104
NFL		
THURSDAY		
NY Jets	1½	at NY Giants
Indianapolis	3	at Buffalo
New England	1	at Detroit
Washington	1½	at Cleveland
at Miami	3½	Atlanta
at Phila.	3	Tennessee
at Baltimore	4½	Jacksonville
at Green Bay	2½	Houston
at Chicago	3	Carolina
at Arizona	2½	LA Chargers
Denver	2½	at Seattle
FRIDAY		
at Pittsburgh	2½	Tampa Bay
at New Orleans	2½	Minnesota
SATURDAY		
at Kansas City	3½	Cincinnati
at Oakland	5½	LA Rams
at San Fran.	4	Dallas

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	

through Sunday

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP SCHEDULE	
Sunday, Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400, Brooklynn, Mich.	
Saturday, Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.	
Sunday, Sept. 1: Bogangles' 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 American 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.	

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TENNIS

WTA ROGERS CUP	
A U.S. Open Series event	
Wednesday, At Rexall Centre	
Toronto	
Purse: \$2.83 million (premier)	
#16 Anett Kontaveit d.	
Carla Suarez Navarro, 7-5, 3-1 retired.	
Dayana Yastremska d.	
Victoria Azarenka, 7-5, 7-5.	
#3 Karolina Pliskova d.	
Alison Riske, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.	
#6 Elina Svitolina d.	
Katerina Siniakova, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.	
#1 Belinda Bencic d.	
Julia Goerges, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.	
#4 Simona Halep d.	
Jennifer Brady, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (95).	
Ekatrina Alexandrova d.	
Zhang Shuai, 6-4, 6-3.	
Jelena Ostapenko d.	
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.	
Bianca Andreescu d.	
Daria Kasatkina, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.	
#2 Naomi Osaka d.	
Tatjana Maria, 6-2, retired.	
DOUBLES	
#3 Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Demi Schuurs d.	
Shuko Aoyama and Kaitlyn Christian, 6-4, 6-4.	
#4 Kirsten Flipkens and Hsieh Su-wei d.	
Eri Hozumi and Makoto Ninomiya, 6-3, 7-6 (0).	
Nadja Kichenok and Abigail Spears d.	
#5 Chan Hao-ching and Latisha Chan, 6-1, 6-4.	
#7 Nicole Melichar and Kveta Peschke d.	
Jennifer Brady and Katarina Srebotnik, 6-4, 6-0.	
#1 Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova d.	
Raluca Olaru and Yang Zhaoxuan, walk-over.	
#14 Marin Cilic d.	
John Millman, 6-3, 6-4.	
#1 Rafael Nadal d.	
Dan Evans, 7-6 (6), 6-4.	
Guido Pella d.	
Radu Albot, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (2).	
Richard Gasquet d.	
#5 Kei Nishikori, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (4).	
#10 Roberto Bautista Agut d.	
Diego Schwartzman, 6-2, 7-5.	
#8 Daniil Medvedev d.	
Kyle Edmund, 6-3, 6-0.	
Cristian Garin d.	
#12 John Isner, 6-3, 6-4.	
#2 Dominic Thiem d.	
Denis Shapovalov, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.	
Hubert Hurkacz d.	
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.	
#16 Gael Monfils d.	
Ilya Ivashka, 6-3, 7-6 (6).	
Adrian Mannarino d.	
#11 Borna Coric, 6-2, 6-1.	
Felix Auger-Aliassime d.	
#17 Milos Raonic, 6-3, 3-6, retired.	
#6 Karen Khachanov d.	
Stan Wawrinka, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2.	
DOUBLES	
Austin Krajicek and Michael Venus d.	
Oliver Marach and Jürgen Melzer, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (5), 10-6.	
#5 Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau d.	
Cameron Norrie and Christian Garin, 6-3, 6-3.	
Kyle Edmund and Taylor Fritz d.	
Nikoloz Basilashvili and Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-3, 6-4.	
Robin Haase and Wesley Koolhof d.	
Alex de Minaur and Jordan Thompson, 6-2, 6-2.	
Andrey Rublev and Alexander Zverev d.	
Peter Polansky and Brayden Schnur, 1-6, 6-1, 10-8.	
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	
WTA RANKING	
SINGLES	
1. Ash Barty, Australia, 6605	
2. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6228	
3. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6055	
4. Simona Halep, Romania, 5933	
5. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 5130	
6. Petra Kvitová, Czech Republic, 4785	
7. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4737	
8. Sloane Stephens, United States, 3773	

SOCCER

MLS	
EASTERN	
Philadelphia	12 7 6 42 46 37
Atlanta	12 9 3 39 41 29
N.Y. Red Bulls	11 9 4 37 41 34
D.C. United	9 7 9 36 32 31
N.Y. City FC	9 4 8 35 37 27
Montreal	10 12 3 33 34 44
New England	9 9 6 33 34 41
Toronto FC	9 10 5 32 38 40
Orlando City	8 11 5 29 32 33
Chicago	6 10 9 27 35 35
Columbus	7 14 4 25 25 37
Cincinnati	5 17 2 17 23 55
WESTERN	
Los Angeles FC	16 3 4 52 61 23
Minnesota	11 7 5 38 39 30
San Jose	11 7 5 38 35 31
Seattle	11 7 5 38 35 31
LA Galaxy	12 10 1 37 30 34
Real Salt Lake	10 9 4 34 33 31
FC Dallas	9 9 6 33 31 28
Portland	9 9 4 31 35 33
Houston	9 11 3 30 32 36
Sporting KC	7 9 7 28 36 41
Vancouver	5 11 9 24 25 42
Colorado	6 12 5 23 39 48

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

THURSDAY'S MATCH
Houston at N.Y. City FC, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
New England at Seattle, 3 p.m.
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.

WNBL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	8	3	4	28	30	15
Portland	7	2	5	26	30	18
Chicago	7	5	2	23	24	19
Reign FC	6	3	5	23	13	15
Washington	6	5	3	21	19	14
Houston	5	7	4	19	16	26
Utah	5	5	3	18	11	12
Orlando	3	9	2	11	16	31
Sky Blue FC	2	10	2	8	9	18

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Utah, Sky Blue FC 0
Portland 1, Reign FC 0
SATURDAY, AUG. 10
Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11
North Carolina at Portland, 2 p.m.
Utah at Reign FC, 3 p.m.

WNBA

WNBA	
EASTERN	
Connecticut	16 6 .727 .—
Washington	15 7 .682 1
Chicago	13 9 .590 2½
New York	8 14 .363 7½
Indiana	8 15 .348 8½
Atlanta	5 18 .217 11½
WESTERN	
Las Vegas	15 8 .652 —
Los Angeles	13 8 .619 1
Phoenix	11 10 .524 3
Seattle	12 11 .522 3
Minnesota	11 11 .500 3½
Dallas	6 16 .273 8½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Chicago 101, New York 92

NFL

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Brooks Koepka	U.S. 12.83
2. Dustin Johnson	U.S. 9.47
3. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland 8.54
4. Justin Rose	England 8.09
5. Tiger Woods	U.S. 6.83
6. Francesco Molinari	Italy 6.47
7. Jon Rahm	Spain 6.44
8. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S. 6.26
9. Justin Thomas	U.S. 6.07
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Tiger Woods enters the opening event of the FedEx Cup playoffs 28th in the standings.

PGA

Ready or not: Woods' back still a wild card

Masters champ approaching playoff gauntlet with caution

BY DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Tiger Woods is plenty rested going into the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Whether he's ready is day to day. Woods stopped hitting full shots on the back nine of Liberty National on Wednesday during his pro-am round for The Northern Trust, a precautionary move during a year in which he repeatedly has said he can't always predict how his back is going to feel.

"Just feeling stiff, being smart about it," Woods said. "As I said to you guys all year, this is how it is. Some days I'm stiffer than others. Yesterday I was out there hitting it great. Today I'm stiff. Hopefully, I'm not that way tomorrow."

He also didn't sound overly concerned. Woods is willing to accept that a 43-year-old back that has gone through four surgeries in the last five years is not going to feel like it once did. He also looked back to the spring, when he took an extra week off in March, and then chipped and putted when he arrived at Augusta National for nine holes. And by the end of the week, he was the Masters champion.

As much as Woods has tried to take time off, he can only hope he faces the busiest part of the year.

The Northern Trust begins the lucrative FedEx Cup playoffs, starting with two tournaments with \$9.25 million purses, ending at the Tour Championship for the top 30 competing for the \$15 million prize.

Woods is at No. 28, the lowest position of the four major champs, primarily because he hasn't played all that much. Since he won a fifth green jacket at the Masters, he has played just four times.

Now he faces three straight weeks if he gets to the Tour Championship, a goal for reasons other than a shot at \$15 million. Woods completed his remarkable comeback last year at East Lake by winning for the first time in five years.

But he has to play well to get there. Points are quadrupled for the playoff events to add volatility. That means Pat Perez, who earned the 125th and final spot in the postseason by two points, could win this week and move to as high as No. 2.

The top 70 advance next week to Medinah for the BMW Championship, and the top 30 make it to the Tour Championship. Woods sounded as con-

cerned about getting to East Lake as what it would take to reach the FedEx Cup finale.

"If you're missing cuts, who cares? You're taking weekends off and a couple extra days of rest," he said. "But I'm trying to get myself where I'm in contention, where it takes a toll on you, and that's what I want to feel. I want to feel that type of tiredness where I have a chance to win. That's a good feeling."

PGA champ Brooks Koepka is the No. 1 seed and coming off his third victory of the season at the St. Jude Invitational, his first World Golf Championship title. Koepka has established himself firmly as No. 1 in the world, which guarantees nothing over the next three weeks. Only two players who started the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 1 wound up winning — Jordan Spieth in 2015 and Woods in 2007 and 2009.

For Woods, it was a different level of uncertainty the last time he was at Liberty National. He was an assistant captain in the 2017 Presidents Cup, still recovering from a fourth surgery that fused his lower back. Asked if he could see a scenario in which he would not return to competition, Woods replied: "Yeah, definitely. I don't know what my future holds for me."

He started full swings a few weeks later, played in his holiday event in the Bahamas at the end of the year, was contending in March and won in September. It was an aggressive return for someone who had completed just seven rounds in the previous 27 months before coming back.

Woods first worked his way back into the top 50 to become eligible for World Golf Championships. He made such a strong push at the end of the year that Woods played eight times in 11 weeks, including the Ryder Cup.

"I learned a lot last year by playing too much," Woods said. "Coming back from my procedure and not really knowing what to expect, I pushed it pretty hard — vowed I would never do that again. ... We've got a more condensed season, and it's trying to figure out how to stay sharp, practice and also have my back feeling good all the time. It's a challenge."

Liberty National is a course he has played well. He was a runner-up to Heath Slocum in 2009 and Adam Scott in 2013. It was the 2013 event where Woods first started feeling back spasms, dropping to his knees after some shots on the back nine. He had the first of four back surgeries seven months later.

He returns as the Masters champ, No. 5 in the world and not entirely sure what his back will allow him to do.



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#29 Lance Briggs

Linebacker great fit along with Urlacher as staple of Cover-2 defense

BY WILL LARKIN

Whether it was fighting a fullback head-on in the hole, tailing a tight end or tailback in pass coverage, blasting between blockers to make a tackle for a loss or chasing down someone with sprinter's speed, Lance Briggs excelled at almost every aspect of defensive football.

Briggs was one of the best players on Bears defenses that typically were among the NFL's best. He didn't possess the otherworldly athleticism of fellow linebacker Brian Urlacher or the nose for the ball of cornerback Charles Tillman, but his excellent play at weak-side linebacker was one of the main reasons coach Lovie Smith's Cover-2 defense worked so well in Chicago.

"I've never been around anyone like him," Urlacher told the Tribune's Dan Wiederer on Nov. 9, 2014. "He knows what gaps to run through. He knows where to fit. If he takes a chance, it's always the right one."

"I didn't always know where Lance was going to be. But I knew he was going to be where the ball was."

Briggs, Urlacher and Tillman were mainstays as the Bears regained their fearsome defensive reputation under Smith after years of struggles on that side of the ball. The Bears spent 11 consecutive years outside the top 10 in yards allowed under coaches Dave Wannstedt and Dick Jauron; under Smith the Bears finished in the top 10 four times and in the top five three times.

The three Bears played together for 10 years, from when Tillman and Briggs were drafted in 2003 until Urlacher's retirement after the 2012 season. Briggs and Tillman played with each other for 12 years. Along the way they became each other's biggest fans as one would make plays that made the other two shake their heads in amazement.

Urlacher and Tillman could only laugh during a Monday night game against the Eagles in 2011 when Briggs streaked across the field and chased down scrambling quarterback Michael Vick.

"I was looking for a crosser behind me," Urlacher told the Tribune's Vaughn McClure on Nov. 11, 2011. "Then I was like, 'Oh, man. That was a nice play. Who was it?'"

Added Tillman: "I didn't know he was that fast. It just goes to show the kind of range and the kind of player he is. He's playing at a higher level. ... I'm glad I don't play offense because I would hate to be hit by that guy."

Briggs also had moments against Bears tormentors Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers, quarterbacks who have led the Packers to nearly 30 years of dominance in the rivalry. Briggs' first interception, which he brought back 45 yards for a touchdown, came against Favre in 2003. Two years later his pick-six against Favre during a Christmas night win helped the Bears clinch their first NFC North title with a 24-17 win.

While the Bears' loss to the Packers in the 2010 NFC championship game was a crushing defeat, it also was one of the finest moments for Briggs and Urlacher. Rodgers was playing the best football of his exemplary career. The week before, he was 31 of 36 for 366 yards, three touchdowns, no interceptions and a 136.8 passer rating in a 48-21 rout of the Falcons. In Super Bowl XLV, Rodgers was 24 of 39 for 304 yards, three TDs, no picks and a 111.5 rating in a 31-25 win over the Steelers.



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Linebacker Lance Briggs was a seven-time Pro Bowler and a longtime defensive staple.

Rodgers looked to be on his way to a similar day at Soldier Field, leading the Packers to easy touchdown drives on two of their first four possessions. Briggs intercepted him before halftime, Urlacher picked him off in the second half and they led a defensive charge that kept the Bears in the game and the Packers out of the end zone before the eventual 21-14 loss. Rodgers finished 17 of 30 with 244 yards, no touchdowns, the two picks by the linebackers and a 55.4 rating.

"Urlacher and Briggs nearly willed their team to Dallas," McClure wrote on Jan. 24, 2011. The Tribune's Dan Pompei rated the Bears linebackers a 9 out of 10 on his postgame report card, writing: "Urlacher and Briggs made big plays, the kind of plays that usually turn games."

Briggs rarely was mentioned without Urlacher, much as Bears outside linebackers Joe Fortunato, Larry Morris, Doug Buffone, Otis Wilson and Wilber Marshall played in the shadows of middle linebackers Bill George, Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary.

Briggs never had more than three sacks in a season and finished with 15 in 12 years, but his peers and those covering the league understood his impact. Briggs was named to seven Pro Bowls, tied for seventh in team history with Jay Hilgenberg and Stan Jones. The only Bears with more were Singletary (10), Walter Payton (nine) and Doug Atkins, George, Butkus and Urlacher (eight each).

In 2005, Urlacher and Briggs were first-team All-Pro selections. Singletary and Marshall in 1986 were the only other Bears linebackers to earn the honor in the same season.

Mike McCarthy, coach of the Packers from 2006 to '18, called Briggs "one of the best or (possibly) the best linebacker I've seen in my time in the league."

Briggs was upset he lasted until the third round of the 2003 draft out of Arizona. He wasted no time making his mark in camp as a rookie. After a preseason loss to the Broncos, the Tribune's David Haugh wrote that "Briggs has emerged as the Bears' most

active defensive player."

"I'm not surprised by this," Briggs told Haugh. "I'm not surprised by my ability to play the game. ... I've been doing this all my life, and this is exactly what I'm supposed to be doing."

Briggs and Tillman, a second-round pick, entered the starting lineup the same day, Oct. 5, 2003, against the Raiders. The Bears had started 0-3 but won that game 24-21. They finished 7-9 in the first season at renovated Soldier Field, though, leading to Jauron's firing.

Tillman and Briggs played catch before most games for the next 11 years. In that time they helped Bears defenses to overall rankings of second in 2005, fifth in '06, ninth in '10 and fifth in '12.

Briggs was disciplined on the field but sometimes found himself in sticky situations off it. In 2007 he crashed his Lamborghini Murcielago on the Edens Expressway, left the scene, reported his car stolen and was sentenced to 120 hours of community service. In 2008, Loyola student Brittini Tribbett sued Briggs for child support and claimed he impregnated two other women while she was pregnant with his child.

He and agent Drew Rosenhaus constantly were in contact with general manager Jerry Angelo about Briggs' contract. In 2007, Briggs declared he had played his final snap with the Bears. In 2010, he demanded a raise and then a trade. Angelo, who preferred to avoid placing the franchise tag on any of his players, did it for the only time in his career with Briggs in '07. In 2010, Angelo basically ignored Briggs' requests.

Over Labor Day weekend in 2014, Briggs requested and received a personal day to attend the opening of his barbecue restaurant, the Double Nickel Smokehouse, in Elk Grove, Calif. Marc Trestman's awkward handling of the situation was the first misstep in his disastrous second and final season as Bears coach.

On the field, though, Briggs always was all business. The Bears credited him with 1,564 tackles in addition to his 16 intercep-

BRIGGS AS A BEAR

2003-14 | 12 seasons | 173 games

Bears record: 101-91 (.526).

Playoff appearances: 3.

Acquired: Third round (68th overall), 2003 draft out of Arizona.

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tions, 16 forced fumbles, seven fumble recoveries and six defensive touchdowns. His 170 starts as a Bear rank fifth behind Payton's 184, Olin Kreutz's 183, Urlacher's 180 and Singletary's 172.

"He's a goofball," Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera told the Tribune's K.C. Johnson on Jan. 1, 2006. "Look at the way he dresses in his uniform. He's sloppy. He really is. But he's also a throwback because he plays hard-nosed, physical football. He enjoys himself and has a good time, but he takes his craft seriously. When it comes time to play, he shows up."

After missing four games in his first 10 years, Briggs sat out seven games in 2013 with a broken shoulder and eight in 2014 with broken ribs and a pulled groin. The Bears finished 30th in yards allowed both seasons.

Briggs, 38, appears on a Bears postgame show on NBC Sports Chicago with former teammates Alex Brown and Matt Forte, and his Briggs 4 Kidz Foundation is committed to helping at-risk youths.

Last summer, Urlacher was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Rodgers believes one day Briggs will join him there.

"He's had a Hall of Fame career," Rodgers said on a conference call with Bears beat reporters in 2014. "He does it all. He's been playing at a high level for a long time. ... He plays snap to whistle extremely hard, but he does his job and brings it every single time he's out there."

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4 THINGS TO WATCH

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears play at Soldier Field on Thursday for the first time since Cody Parkey's double doink ended their postseason Jan. 6.

But if coach Matt Nagy carries over last year's preseason philosophy, the unit that faces the Panthers won't look much like the group that lost to the Eagles in the playoffs.

Nagy held out his starters for most of the 2018 preseason in the interest of health, and he's likely to follow suit this year to try to avoid injuries such as those outside linebacker Leonard Floyd and tight end Adam Shaheen suffered in a preseason game last year.

There will be some interesting storylines, however, as football returns to Chicago. "I hope to see dominance, man. Dominance no matter who is on the field," outside linebacker Khalil Mack said. "Just seeing everybody make plays, and ultimately even if you don't end up being here, you're putting that good film on display for the whole league to see. That's what you want to see."

Here are four things to watch.

1. Kicking it off

The only real battle for a starting position is at kicker, and Elliott Fry and Eddy Pineiro will continue their auditions in their first game action since joining the Bears.

Results have been fairly even. Fry has made 41 of 49 field-goal attempts (83.7%) in camp, and Pineiro has made 39 of 46 (84.8%).

They kicked in front of a crowd of 18,797 during the Bears' Saturday night practice at Soldier Field, but Thursday's game will take the competition to a new level for two players who have never kicked in an NFL regular-season game.

Fry kicked in the Alliance of American Football in the winter. Pineiro made all three of his field-goal attempts in his last preseason appearance with the Raiders last August before suffering a groin injury.

"They're attacking each and every day one at a time," special teams coordinator Chris Tabor said last week. "So I've been pleased with that. The nice thing is, when a guy is successful, it puts more pressure on the other guy, and he's been responding."

2. Rookie test

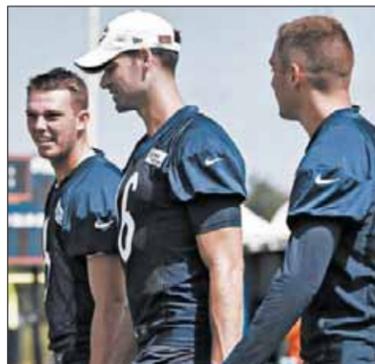
Nagy used the words "fired up" four times when asked about getting to see rookie running back David Montgomery in a game setting, so it's possible he could make his debut Thursday.

The Bears traded Jordan Howard and his 3,370 career rushing yards to the Eagles in the offseason, and now it's time to evaluate his replacements. That starts with veteran pickup Mike Davis and Montgomery, the third-round pick out of Iowa State. He already impressed coaches during live tackling drills this week.

"We went live the other day and he broke a few tackles and he's done a good job keeping his feet. He's got great contact balance," running backs coach Charles London said.

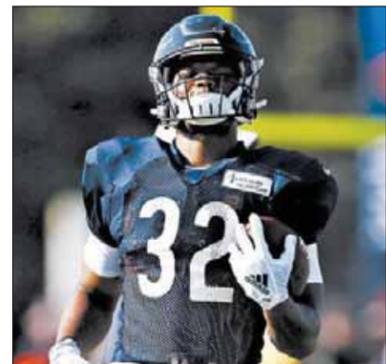
Montgomery is expected to be an upgrade over Howard when it comes to pass-catching ability, and London said the rookie has paid attention to detail and gotten a little better every day in that area.

"He's ready to put the pads on, do some thumpin' and play a real game," Nagy said.



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Kickers Punter Pat O'Donnell, flanked by kickers Elliott Fry, left, and Eddy Pineiro.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rookie running back David Montgomery could make his pro debut Thursday.

3. On a Wims

While the Bears' top wide receivers sat out much of the 2018 preseason, Javon Wims stood out as a rookie. The seventh-round pick out of Georgia had 15 catches for 227 yards and a touchdown in four August games. He made his only four catches of the regular season in the finale against the Vikings.

He'll try to hang on to a roster spot in a deep receiving corps that includes Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Anthony Miller and Cordarrelle Patterson. The preseason games will be a chance to show how he has grown.

"He's comfortable, and not in a bad way either," wide receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "Sometimes when you get comfortable, you start backing off a bit. He believes in himself now. He's comfortable that he can play in the NFL and be a great player. Once he got past that, which obviously took a while, he has grown in every aspect. He's grown physically and mentally with his confidence."

While rookie Riley Ridley is questionable

for the preseason opener because of his recovery from a hamstring injury, other receivers such as Marvin Hall will try to show why they should stick with the Bears.

4. On tape

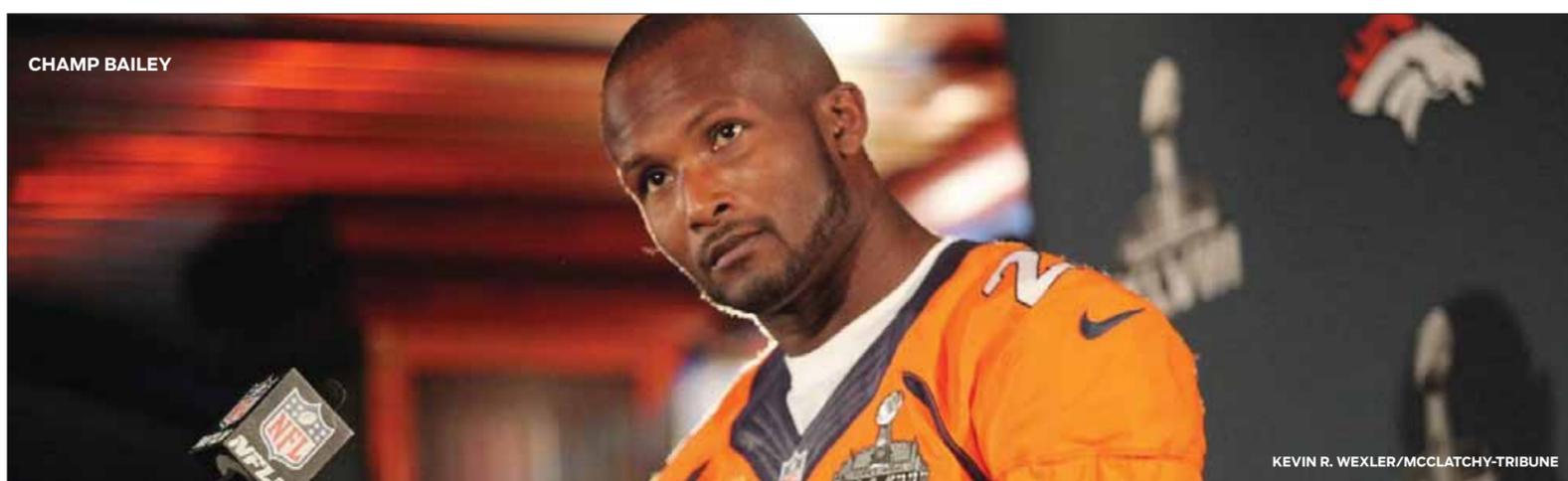
Many wide receivers, defensive backs and coaches are going to watch how the new rule allowing reviews of pass-interference calls and no-calls shakes out.

In response to the no-call against Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman in the NFC championship game, owners voted in March to allow replay review of PI.

The rule on the field remains the same, but players and coaches understandably are curious about how such reviews will affect the game. Broncos coach Vic Fangio, the former Bears defensive coordinator, was the first to use his challenge flag for PI in the Hall of Fame Game against the Falcons. The call was upheld and he lost the challenge.

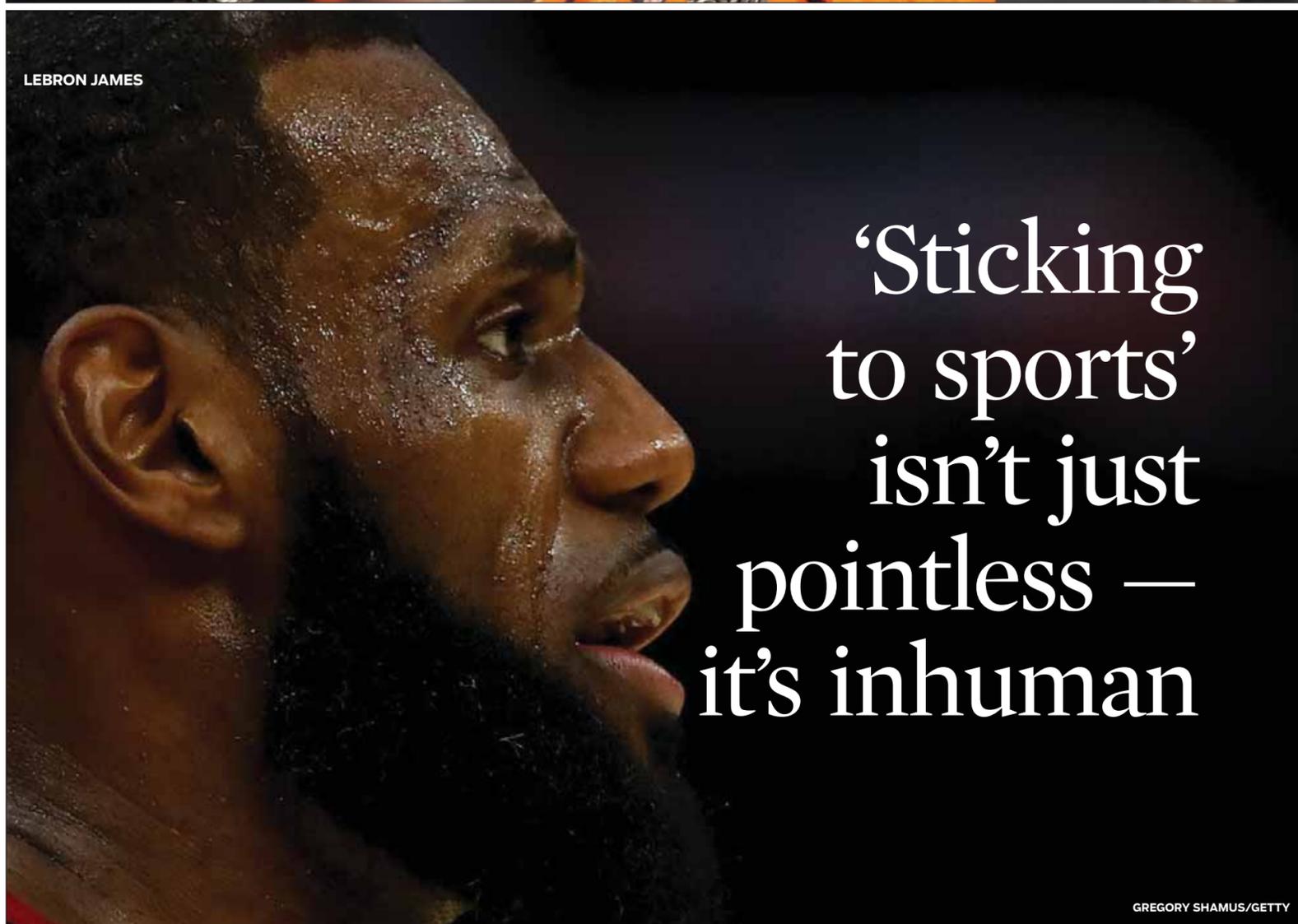
"Who knows how this is going to go?" Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara told the Tribune. "There's always going to be some uncertainty."

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LEBRON JAMES

‘Sticking to sports’ isn’t just pointless — it’s inhuman

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ALEJANDRO BEDOYA

MIKE LAWRIE/GETTY

By JOHN FEINSTEIN
Special to The Washington Post

One of the most repeated clichés in current American culture is “Stick to sports.” It is lobbed, most often, at athletes who speak out on social issues, but also at almost anyone who works in sports, including newspaper columnists. It was perhaps best summed up in February 2018, when conservative TV talking-head Laura Ingraham said LeBron James should “shut up and dribble” after James was critical of President Donald Trump and talked about some of the challenges he and other black athletes face in our society.

Here’s a simple fact. Sports and politics crossing paths is nothing new, although for a long time it seemed most political gestures in sports took place during the Olympics: the pulling of two Jewish sprinters from a relay during the 1936 Berlin Games, a move supposedly made in deference to Adolf Hitler; Tommie Smith’s and John Carlos’ black-gloved salute on the medal podium in Mexico City in 1968; and, most tragically, the slaying of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian terrorists during the Munich Games in 1972.

More and more nowadays, it has become impossible to separate politics from sports.

In the past week, we have seen three more examples of why they often meet and, in some cases, must.

First came the Navy football team announcing it changed its motto/slogan for this season from “Load the Clip” to “Win the Day.” The initial slogan, selected by the team’s four captains, is an obvious reference to loading a weapon before going into battle. Other than confusing a war battle with a football game, the four players failed to understand that the Maryland region surrounding the Naval Academy is still

recovering from two horrific events: the shooting deaths of five people in the newsroom of the Annapolis Capital Gazette a little more than 13 months ago, and a shooting in a Rite Aid warehouse three months later near Aberdeen in which three more were killed.

When a reporter from the Capital Gazette asked about the slogan, Navy moved quickly to change it. Coach Ken Niumatalolo met with the captains to explain that many would see the slogan as insensitive.

“It was a one-minute meeting,” Niumatalolo said. “They just said, ‘Coach, let’s change it.’”

Even the most ardent “stick to sports” advocates wouldn’t argue that Navy was wrong to acknowledge the world beyond the football field and correct its misstep.

Saturday night, during the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony, former defensive back Champ Bailey spoke eloquently on a subject similar to the one James had addressed: being a black man in this country.

“We say this to all our white friends,” Bailey began. “When we tell you about our fears, please listen. When we tell you that we fear for our kids, please listen. When we tell you there are many challenges we face because of the color of our skins, please listen. And please do not get caught up in how the message is delivered. Most of us are athletes, but we’re black men first. Understand this: The things that make us great on the field - like our size and our aggression - are the things that can get us killed off the field. I believe if we start listening, there’s no telling the progress we can make. If we can’t get our friends to listen, then no one will.”

No doubt some would have preferred if Bailey had stuck to thanking his family, teammates, coaches and friends - and talking about the great game of football.

Many feel uncomfortable when an

athlete says something that might force them to think. Bailey’s message was direct: It isn’t easy to be a black man in this country, and he wished more people would listen. A lot of people simply don’t want to.

Finally, there was Philadelphia Union soccer player Alejandro Bedoya, who ran to a TV microphone after scoring the first goal in the Union’s 5-1 win Sunday night victory in Washington and said: “Congress, do something now. End gun violence. Let’s go!”

His spontaneous outburst came in the wake of two more mass shootings over the weekend: one in El Paso, Texas, that killed 22 people, and a second in Dayton, Ohio, that killed nine.

After the game, Bedoya and coach Jim Curtin had blunt words about gun violence - and the lack of gun control in this country.

“I’m not going to sit idly by and wait for things to happen 50 years from now,” said Bedoya, who has represented the United States more than 60 times in international play. “I want change now.”

Bedoya grew up 15 miles from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida, where, in February 2018, a gunman killed 17 people, 14 of them students, and wounded 17 others. Bedoya has been a supporter of students from the school who have called for gun control legislation.

His final comment Sunday bears repeating: “I’m a human being before I’m an athlete.”

That pretty much says it all. When Colin Kaepernick began his campaign against police brutality by refusing to stand for the national anthem, many people, including Trump, screamed that he should leave the country. When other NFL players followed Kaepernick’s example, many football fans complained that the protesters were ruining their enjoyment of NFL games.

It’s also worth noting that on the weekend before the president’s “fire them” rant in Alabama in September 2017, six players knelt during the national anthem. That weekend, more than 200 knelt or stayed in the locker room during the anthem.

So were the players injecting politics into sports, or was it the other way around?

In supporting Bedoya, Curtin said: “A lot of people will tell me now and will tell [Bedoya] to shut up and stick to sports and all the stupid lines that come up. But it’s crazy in our country right now, and I think it needs to change as well.”

There will be plenty of rhetoric on gun control from the left and the right. Most of the criticism of athletes speaking up on political and social issues comes from the right, and much of it is racially charged: white political commentators and white sports fans who want athletes, many of them black, to stick to dribbling and stop taking away their enjoyment of the games with any sort of political protest.

I am often bombarded with “stick to sports” tweets when I speak up on political issues. My guess is if I criticized James, Kaepernick or Bailey, I’d hear very little of that.

Now, thanks to Bedoya, I have an answer: “I’m a human being before I’m a sportswriter.”

We’re all entitled to have opinions on issues that go beyond when Trent Williams might report to training camp or Max Scherzer might pitch again. The best possible answer when someone expresses an opinion you might disagree with is to do what Bailey asked: Listen. Then, and only then, do you deserve to have someone listen to your response.

“Stick to sports” isn’t an answer. It’s angry, pointless rhetoric. We’ve already got too much of that.

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MAKING MICAH

Parsons primed to be Penn State's next star linebacker

By RALPH D. RUSSO | Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Micah Parsons could hardly wait to see his face on the massive video board atop Beaver Stadium. He imagined how cool it would be to hear 107,000 fans roar when he was announced as a starting linebacker for Penn State — as a freshman.

Parsons rolled into Happy Valley last year with much fanfare and no shortage of confidence. A five-star prospect whose roller coaster recruitment was laid bare on social media, he had much to prove as a player and a person. Parsons won over the skeptics, coming off the bench in 12 of 13 games and still putting together the greatest freshman season by a linebacker at the school that proudly touts itself as Linebacker U.

It has been 19 years since Penn State had a linebacker selected in the first round of the NFL draft. Parsons has all the attributes to end that drought.

“He’s a generational player,” said LaVar Arrington, the last Penn State linebacker to be a first-rounder.

Parsons is still waiting for that first home start, though. Despite being the first player to lead the team in tackles as a freshman, Parsons had a lot to learn. It was not enough to practice hard. He needed to focus when he was not participating. Parsons could make plays because of his freaky athleticism, but after playing defensive end in high school he was taking introductory courses at linebacker. Penn State defensive coordinator Brent Pry said Parsons was at the 100-level last year and is now working on 200.

Parsons disagrees.

“Oh, yeah, I’m definitely 200-level. I would say I’m pushing 300-level. I’m probably 300-level, to be honest with you,” Parsons said.

Definitely no shortage of confidence. Parsons’ father, Terrence, said his son needed to be humbled last year.

“And he was a little bit, you know, not happy at first because again this kid has always been the star. Always been on the forefront,” Terrence Parsons said. “Now it was like, hey, everybody’s a star here. You got to work now and that’s what I was worried about because you know he really never had to work. He was playing with God’s gift.”

Pry said not starting Parsons was not an attempt to teach him humility. It was about getting Parsons to understand what is expected of those at the top of the depth chart.

“It’s an approach. It’s the in-betweens. When we’re not doing a rep (in practice), what’s the behavior? It’s not the rep. It’s the other times. It’s trying to get the most out of every opportunity to learn and to grow as a player and recognize that you



JOE HERMITT/AP

Linebacker Micah Parsons made 83 tackles last season despite only one start.

need that time,” Pry said. “You have to take advantage of that.”

Parsons was offered a scholarship by Penn State when he was in the ninth grade. The Harrisburg native wanted to commit right then, but Penn State coaches told him he needn’t rush. That was the start of a long and winding road to Happy Valley. When Parsons finally signed in December 2017, Penn State coach James Franklin said the book of his career “will probably be five chapters on my career and then 15 chapters on the ups and downs and twists and turns, and the journey of Micah Parsons.”

Parsons verbally committed to Penn State in February 2016. He decommitted in April 2017. There was a serious flirtation with Ohio State. Parsons named his dog Brutus (like OSU mascot Brutus Buckeye). The Ohio State courtship ended awkwardly after Parsons tweeted, while on a visit to Columbus, that the Buckeyes should make a quarterback change from senior starter J.T. Barrett to Dwayne Haskins.

Then Parsons visited both Oklahoma

and Georgia in December 2017, just days before signing with Penn State.

Parsons said he was not ready for the attention that came with being a high-profile football recruit in the social media age.

“The more success you have the quicker you got to grow up and the quicker you realize that the better you’re off,” Micah Parsons said.

Terrence Parsons said Micah would lament about not being able to act like a kid. “I said, ‘Yeah, you’re right,’” Terrence Parsons said. “You’ve got two ways to look at this: You could be a kid now and you might have to work a couple of jobs like me and your mom do or become an adult right now and then your dreams can become reality and you can be the biggest kid in the world.”

Franklin said he never thought about cutting off Micah Parsons.

“I mean obviously there’s frustrations and there’s ups and downs and all those types of things,” Franklin said. “But we felt like between myself and coach Pry we had a really strong relationship with

the kid, with the family, with the high school coach. That if we didn’t overreact that we’d have a chance to get him back.”

Other players and recruits took notice of all the drama Parsons stirred, including fellow 2018 Penn State signee and linebacker Jesse Luketa.

“When coach Pry told me I was going to room with him I thought, ‘Damn, this is going to be interesting,’” Luketa said. “This is a guy who’s going to want everything, the attention on him.”

Luketa and Parsons are like brothers now. Luketa’s biggest complaints about Parsons are his roommate’s obsession with the video game Fortnite and his propensity for late-night orders of chicken wings.

“And he tries to guilt me and tell me to eat them with him,” Luketa said. “I can’t do that. I have to watch. His metabolism is different. I don’t get it.”

Parsons is different. At 6-foot-3, and around 250 pounds, Parsons has speed like a running back. He made 83 tackles last season despite only one start. He was pressed into the lineup at Rutgers when a veteran was being disciplined.

Parsons will play weak side linebacker, but he has skills to line up almost anywhere. Franklin expects to use Parsons as the secondary returner on kickoffs this year.

“He’s got elite characteristics,” Franklin said.

Parsons has been on Arrington’s radar for years. This spring Parsons and Luketa visited Arrington, who is now the head coach at Maranatha High School in Pasadena, California. Terrence Parsons said Micah’s relationship with Arrington is “heaven sent,” providing his son insight on what it’s like to live in the spotlight and think beyond football.

“I love Micah’s way,” Arrington said. “He’s a very cerebral person. Very, very intuitive.”

Arrington won the Butkus Award in 1999 as the nation’s top linebacker and was selected No. 2 overall by Washington. He is Linebacker U royalty along with Hall of Famers Jack Ham, Dennis Onkotz and Shane Conlan, and more recent stars Paul Posluszny and Dan Connor. Arrington said Parsons could top them all.

“Who does he resemble that? It could be a lot of different people because of his capabilities; he can play middle backer or he could play outside backer. He could play d-end. I mean, hell, he could play safety if you want it,” Arrington said. “Who do you compare him to? He’s the first Micah Parsons.”



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Barbra Streisand, performing at her United Center concert on Aug. 9, 2016, was in fine voice again on Tuesday night.

IN PERFORMANCE

Barbra Streisand: The way she was and still is

Show has a slap at Trump, a duet with Grande — and that once-in-a-lifetime voice

By CHRIS JONES

"I don't know why I'm frightened," was the first lyrical line sung by Barbra Streisand on Tuesday night at the United Center, part of a posh mini-tour so far encompassing only London (tens of thousands in Hyde Park), New York (one night at Madison Square Garden) and Chicago, where one of the greatest female voices of the 20th century was first really heard at Mister Kelly's in 1963.

At the time, the Chicago Daily News called her "a 21-year-old kook from Brooklyn," who was "vocally a cross between a sweet-voiced canary and a whooping crane." But for all its avian metaphors, the paper did allow she was "sparkling and fresh" and "born to be in show business."

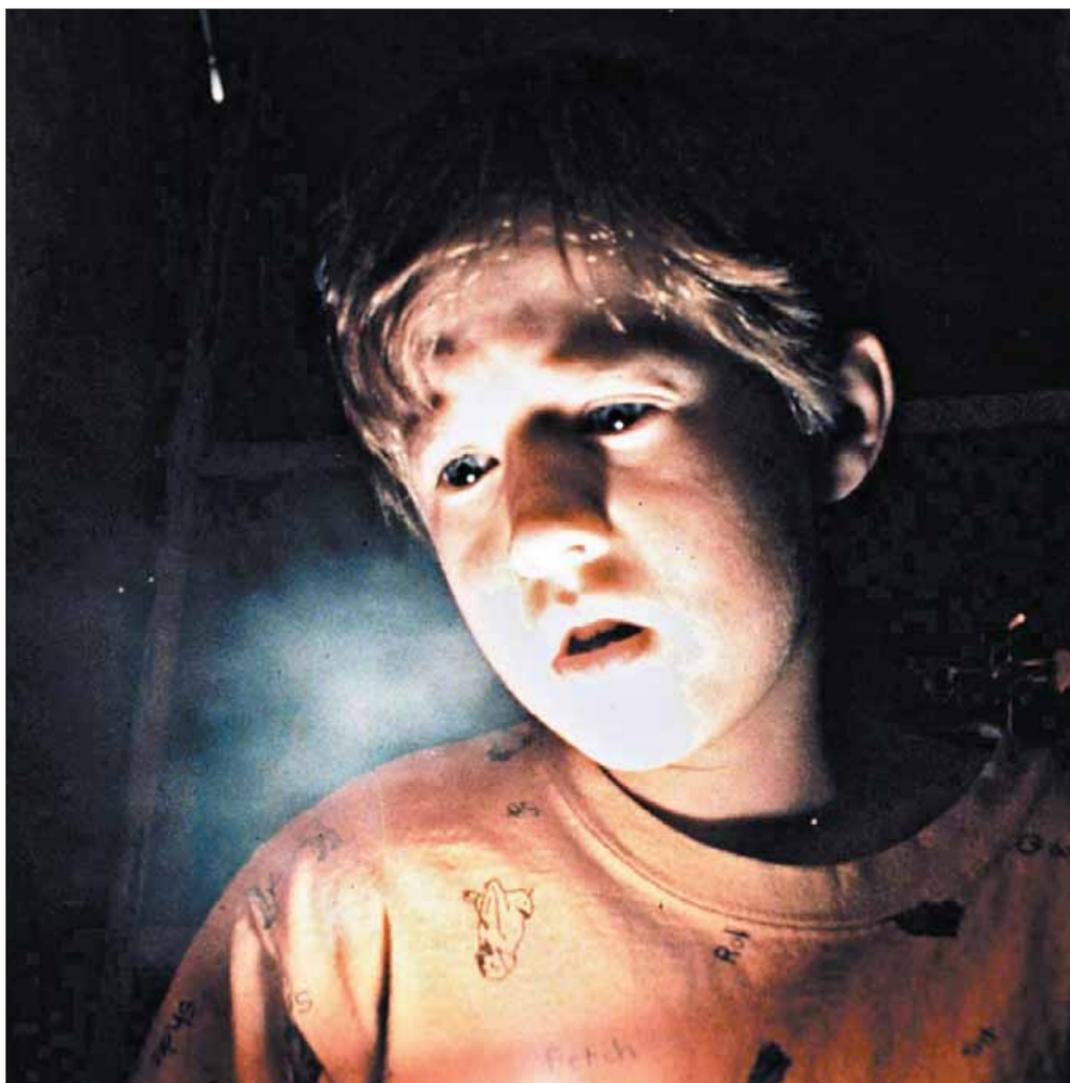
Here we all were then, 56 years later, still listening to Streisand, her voice and willpower both as compelling as ever, even if her first "Sunset Boulevard" lyric perhaps was a reference to her famous stage-fright, a reticence that never has extended to the political arena. By the end of the night, she would have "given it good" to Donald Trump, as one of her delighted fans chuckled to me on the way out the door, Streisand having unleashed a bespoke version of Stephen Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns," ending with a withering delivery of the line, "don't bother they're here." There were many cheers and a few boos. "Oh shut up!" Streisand said in response to the latter, deftly quoting Oscar Wilde on the dangers of knowing the price of everything but the value of nothing.

Streisand had many memories of worth to share. Singing while your audience looks at your younger self would be a risk I would never want to take, but Streisand's show includes copious clips and a long video segment devoted to "A Star Is Born," probably prepared for the London show last month, where the 83-year-old Kris Kristofferson, her co-star in the 1976 movie, actually joined her on stage. In Chicago, the big surprise was an appearance by an ecstatic Ariana Grande, who hung around for a couple more nights after headlining Lollapalooza this past weekend and joined her idol for a fun rendition of "No More Tears (Enough is Enough)," a duet that Streisand recorded with the late Donna Summer in 1979, a disco-dodgy era of reinvention when the word "Wet" was somebody's idea of a good title for a Streisand solo album. The times they have a-changed. Mother Streisand abides.

Grande disappeared after that song, declaring an intention to now faint into a giant puddle of hair, Tweeting off into the sunset "shaking and crying" and "cherishing this moment forever." Streisand continued with her generously sized orchestra, nodding graciously in the direction of "new talent," confident in its distance.

Streisand is, of course, a singular phenomenon: her interpretations of the parts of her repertoire that really require acting — say Alan and Marilyn Bergman's exquisite "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?" — sound better than ever. There are no technical wobbles nor easy vocal ways out at a Streisand concert. Sure, she does not race along with a lyric in the same way,

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DREAMWORKS

Actor Haley Joel Osment is shown in a scene from the film "The Sixth Sense," which was released in 1999.

'The Sixth Sense' still stuns at 20

M. Night Shyamalan's stories engaged audiences with twists and turns

By GARY THOMPSON | Tribune News Service

"The Sixth Sense" — celebrating its 20th anniversary — opens with the shot of a burning lightbulb, which is as good a metaphor as any for a guy with a bright idea.

The guy is M. Night Shyamalan. In the late 1990s, he was coming off the box-office disappointment of his sophomore feature, "Wide Awake" — starring Rosie O'Donnell as a Phillies-loving nun — which was mangled by Miramax and a pre-scandal Harvey Weinstein, already a notorious bully. The story goes Shyamalan was so wounded by the experi-

ence, he sat down to write an I'll-show-you script for the ages, and unlike the million other people who sat in front of a word processor with that same vow, he actually did it.

His various drafts evolved into a story about a troubled boy (Haley Joel Osment) who purports to see ghosts and is visited by a psychiatrist (Bruce Willis, with hair). Then, midway through the writing process Shyamalan reportedly hit upon the genius idea — spoiler alert for a 20-year-old movie here — to make the psychiatrist Malcolm one of the

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Chicago restaurateur has 'learned a lot' over his six 'Bachelor' appearances

Bartlett native, who owns spot near UIC, sets a record for being a cast member on show

By TRACY SWARTZ

After appearing on "The Bachelorette" twice, "Bachelor in Paradise" twice and "Bachelor Pad" once, Bartlett native Chris Bukowski retired from reality TV in 2015.

"We all have our battles, but my TV obsession had taken me down a dark road. I was battling anxiety that led me down a road where I couldn't find happiness. I compounded the problem by getting addicted to my anxiety medication. How was this happening? How did everything go from perfect to complete crap? It didn't matter how much money I had or how many women wanted to date me. I was just a hated, desperate person," Bukowski wrote in an open letter.

And now he's back. Bukowski is part of the "Bachelor in Paradise" Season 6 cast for a record-setting sixth appearance on a "Bachelor" franchise show. "Six notches on the belt, currently. Not completely proud of it," Bukowski said on Monday's Season 6 premiere.

Bukowski, who opened a sports bar/restaurant near the University of Illinois — Chicago in 2017; NFL journeyman and Illinois native Clay Harbor; and Manteno behavioral health specialist Kevin Fortenberry are the three locals searching for love this season of "Paradise." The series follows former "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" contestants as they try to find "the one" at a



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Bartlett native Chris Bukowski, left, a cast member on Season 6 of "Bachelor in Paradise," chats with show host Chris Harrison on Monday's premiere.

Mexican resort.

Here's what happened on this week's episodes.

Chicago heavily featured on the premiere. Harbor and Bukowski were among the "Paradise" cast members introduced early on Monday's premiere. Harbor, 32, was filmed on the lakefront and the Michigan Avenue bridge. He had to leave Becca Kufirin's "Bachelorette" season last year because he injured himself during a group date. He got surgery on his wrist, but he didn't land on an NFL team last season. Meanwhile, he dated former "Bachelor"

contestant Angela Amezcuca. "It was an instant connection, but at the end of the day, we just weren't each other's person. And I had to end things, and it was painful. It was, honestly, the toughest break-up I've ever had in my life," he said.

Bukowski, 32, also filmed his introduction package in Chicago. He was shown at his Bracket Room bar, at 1315 S. Halsted St. Viewers were reminded of his multiple franchise appearances, but Bukowski said he has grown from those experiences. "Over the last seven years, I've learned a lot.

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Laverne Cox is a transgender actor and activist.

Cox sees best, worst of times for trans folks

Laverne Cox sees this as a best of times, worst of times moment for transgender people.

"We've never ever been more visible than we are right now, and yet we are under attack by this administration," she said.

The "Orange is the New Black" co-star said she has no plans to slow down as an activist for her transgender community now that the Netflix series has reached its end.

"There's so many things to celebrate right now, and then there's so many things to mourn and to grieve over and to be in pain over and to fight for at the same time," she said.

In 2018, advocates tracked at least 26 violent deaths of transgender people in the U.S., according to the Human Rights Campaign. Most were black transgender women. So far this year, at least 13 transgender people have been killed by violence in the U.S., the advocacy group reports.

Cox said she's been motivated since childhood to do work "that makes it better for people who follow me." She recalled a black history picture book filled with African American leaders and artists that her mother gave her when she was 5 or 6. She was obsessed with the soprano Leontyne Price. "I thought how amazing would it be to have my work as an artist change the world in some way?"

She cited a growing list of working trans actors: Indya Moore, M.J. Rodriguez, Angelica Ross, Hailie Sahar, Dominique Jackson, Asia Kate Dillon, Amiyah Scott and Hari Nef among them.

"We are everywhere," Cox said. "We've always been there."

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

A sure bet: With no start date for third-season production underway of the Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning comedy, FX has announced the renewal of "Atlanta" for a fourth season. On Tuesday, the network made the news official, saying production on both seasons will officially begin during the spring of 2020. Seasons 3 and 4 will have eight episodes each. Atlanta native Donald Glover, aka Childish Gambino, serves as a writer, executive producer and director of the acclaimed series.

Inaugural awardees: Grammy-winning folk singer and musician Rhiannon Giddens and the late Frank Johnson, the leader of a 19th century black brass band, will be the first recipients of the inaugural Legacy of Americana Award, according to the Americana Music Association. The award will be presented during the Americana Honors & Awards show in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sept. 11.

Taylor Swift is set to perform at the MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 26. Swift and Ariana Grande are the most nominated acts, competing for 10 awards each. Swift's nominations include video of the year, song of the year and best visual effects. The VMAs will be three days after Swift releases her seventh album, "Lover." Comedian-actor Sebastian Maniscalco will host.

Aug. 8 birthdays: Actor Dustin Hoffman is 82. Actor Keith Carradine is 70. Guitarist The Edge is 58. Rapper Koolhae Moe Dee is 57. Actress Countess Vaughn is 41. Actor Michael Urie is 39. Singer Shawn Mendes is 21.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Professor wants old racist books gone

Dear Amy: I am a retired college professor who did years of research about American slavery and slaveholders.

I own a set of very racist 19th-century books that were part of my research.

It is now time for me to reduce the size of my library, but I am afraid to sell these books because, given the mood in our country today and the rise of white supremacy, I'm afraid these books will be bought by people who will be reinforced in their racist ideologies.

I know they can get the books in other ways (if they knew about them), and I don't believe in burning books. I have offered them to several libraries but to no avail. I am very worried about what to do.

— Concerned Ph.D.

Dear Concerned: Researching solutions, I recommend trying the Jim Crow Museum, housed at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

This is from the museum's website (ferris.edu/jimcrow):

"The Jim Crow Museum is the largest publicly accessible collection of segregation and racist artifacts in the United States. These objects are used to teach tolerance and promote social justice. The Museum is free and open to the public; therefore, it's largely dependent on donations-financial and in-kind-to enhance its work."

Photos of exhibits from the museum show a wide variety of curated bigotry — gathered for the purpose of educating the public about the deep shame of America's racist history. Pointedly, the museum's

website notes that they are currently being somewhat flooded with donations. I take this as a good sign, as Americans become more sensitive to the books, films, toys, products, signage, and other cultural messages that only a generation ago might have seemed acceptable (or merely embarrassing) to white Americans, but are now appropriately seen for what they are: abhorrent signifiers of racism.

The museum might have ideas for how to handle your books.

I understand your reluctance to burn the books. If you are not able to place them in a reputable collection, and if you believe that these books are NOT unique and represent historical racist ideas available elsewhere to scholars, then I think you should consider destroying them in a symbolic fashion.

Perhaps you could shred them and add the shredded material as mulch for a garden. Let something beautiful or nutritious grow from these ugly ideas.

Mark the occasion by donating to a cause furthering racial understanding. Perhaps the Jim Crow Museum could use funding to add staff to handle their growing collection.

Dear Amy: A year ago, I found out that my wife had been secretly talking to another guy.

Three weeks ago, she came clean about sleeping with him last year and having a brief affair.

I don't know what to do about the marriage.

I feel like I can't forgive her, but I also don't want to lose my family. I'm very hurt and all I

keep thinking about is what she did. I keep having these images in my head. Please, help me?

— Hurt Husband

Dear Amy: I want to assure you that you can forgive your wife. But will you? That is up to you.

Forgiveness after such an undeserved betrayal is a very heavy lift. If you and your wife want to stay married she must share this burden with you. She should admit, apologize, ask for forgiveness, and make amends. Amends involves a stated, steady desire to regain your trust, as well as working with you to repair the marriage.

A therapist can work with both of you if you try to repair your marriage; a therapist working with you alone can help you cope with the betrayal.

Dear Amy: "Worried" had the gall to speculate about a baby's DNA and racial heritage, and then stupid enough to ask, "Am I terrible for thinking this?"

I cheered when I read the first line of your answer: "Yes, you're pretty terrible."

As the parent of biracial siblings who have very different skin tone from each other, I appreciate that you understand the nuance of skin color.

— Proud Parent

Dear Proud: Thank you. Even if I didn't understand racial nuance, I definitely know when something isn't anyone else's business.

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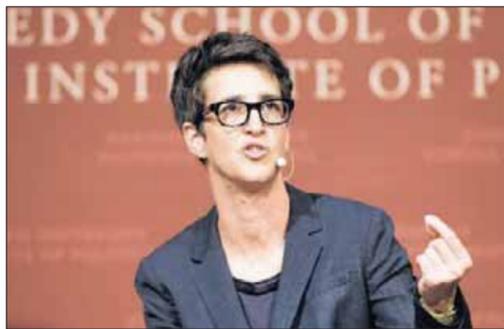
Maddow to headline Chicago Humanities Festival fall event

By STEVE JOHNSON

MSNBC anchor Rachel Maddow will kick off the 30th anniversary Fall Festival of the Chicago Humanities Festival with an event Oct. 12, the organization announced Wednesday.

That makes it the first announced event of this year's major festival of the organization, which is programmed around the theme, "The Year of Power."

Maddow is touring in support of her new book, "Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth," arguing there is a "corrupting" influence of oil and gas industries worldwide, including in the 2016 U.S. election hacking by Russia.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

MSNBC television anchor Rachel Maddow

She was scheduled to announce the Chicago appearance on Wednesday night's edition of "The Rachel Maddow Show," according to CHF.

Tickets for Maddow will go on sale to CHF members Aug. 20 (\$40) and to the general public Aug. 27

(\$50) at the festival site, chicagohumanities.org.

The Oct. 12 event pre-dates by two weeks the main body of the fall festival, slated this year for Oct. 26 to Nov. 10. The full line-up goes public Sept. 13. sajohanson@chicago.tribune.com

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I mean, I've changed tremendously, and that's why I decided to come back and give this another shot," he said. "I absolutely want to get married and have kids."

Fortenberry got lean for 'Paradise.' Fortenberry made it to the top 12 of Hannah Brown's "Bachelorette" season, which finished airing last month, but you may not remember him. He wasn't really featured on the show, save for a chicken nugget fiasco with fellow contestant Cam Ayala. Ayala is also on "Paradise," and Fortenberry ends up weighing in on his own exercise routine (he worked out four to five hours a day and fasted) and Ayala's behavior ("Cam has very good taste at bad, bad clothing. ... If I was at a strip club, I would picture him as the lead DJ of the night.")

The women are warned about Harbor. Harbor made a great impression on "The Bachelorette," and Kufirin and his fellow contestants seemed genuinely sad to see him leave the show. His entrance on "Paradise," though, is



JOHN FLEENOR/ABC

NFL journeyman and Illinois native Clay Harbor, left, is one of three locals on this season's "Bachelor in Paradise."

marked by whispers. Amezcuca pal Annaliese Puccini warns the women about Harbor. "I'm having a difficult time with Clay being here just because I think (Amezcuca) is not over him. Like, from what I've heard through her is that he's not over her either," Puccini said.

Puccini confronted Harbor on Tuesday's episode and accused him of not being on "Paradise" for the right reasons. Harbor said Puccini was misinformed about his break-up with Amezcuca, which he said happened about three months before "Paradise" was filmed in June. Harbor brushed aside Puccini's criticism before going on a carnival and fireworks date with Nicole Lopez-Alvar. Sparks flew between the

two.

The Chicago guys make so-so first impressions. No one was sent home on the episodes that aired Monday and Tuesday, but the Chicago-area guys won't last long on the show with these lines. A sample:

"Tayshia has this perfect figure, nice teeth, very beautiful jawline, so from first impressions, she looked like an amazing package." — Fortenberry

"You have nice eyebrows." — Harbor

"My eyes are on you. You have my eyes." — Fortenberry

Season 6 of "Bachelor in Paradise" airs at 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays on ABC.

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and there was a teleprompter in the roof with the deep-dish ad-libs and whatnot, but the depth of feeling in her songs and the way she fuses her interpretations with her incomparable instrument remain something to experience live at least once. Her fans sense that their remaining opportunities to see her in concert are limited, if only by her own desire. The people in my row all came from miles away.

Is there one secret behind this six-decade career. Who knows? Maybe part of it is her ability to em-

brace the lush swoop of melodramatic, diva-driven grandeur while simultaneously letting us know that she has always been the kind of outsider willing to undercut the cheese with words like "pizza" or "verklemp." Part of it is the way she transmits her own control of self. Part of it is an accident of birth.

Like the late Hal Prince, Streisand was around long enough, and had a voice flexible and beautiful enough, to encompass the fertile diversity of changing American musical tastes: she has excelled at standards, jazz, blues, Broadway, power-ballads, disco and, in her quirky way over the years, lots of sweet, of-the-people songs

like "Happy Days are Here Again," wistfully and longingly delivered on Tuesday night with a wry reference to the last time she famously declared it so, only for us all to be reminded of transience. And then, near the close of the two-hour-plus show, there was "Sing," a number popularized by The Carpenters but first written by Joe Raposo in 1972 for Sesame Street.

Streisand sang it without irony and with touching optimism: "Sing of good things, not bad / Sing of happy, not sad."

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O'Day pitches idea aimed at empowerment

'Making a Band' alum recalls difficult experiences with show

By **LEENA TAILOR**
Variety

As Sean "Diddy" Combs prepares to reprise "Making the Band," Danity Kane's Aubrey O'Day is still recovering from trauma that followed her run on the MTV series.

Under Diddy's guidance, the 35-year-old singer found fame in reality television, first on "Making the Band," which auditioned hopeful vocalists for a spot in a to-be-formed music group. The show was launched in 2000 on ABC by late music mogul Lou Pearlman before Diddy took over the franchise for MTV in 2002, leading to the formation of groups including Danity Kane and Day 26.

Reflecting on her time on the series during an interview with *Variety*, O'Day claims she experienced behavior from Diddy that she believes he would "not at all" get away with these days. "Diddy's a father, so hopefully he's learned things about the way that you handle women and has more compassion for women now," she says.

Diddy ejected her and bandmate Wanita D. Woods from the group in 2008. Remaining members Dawn Richard, Aundrea Fimbres and Shannon Bex continued before eventually disbanding.

"Everything had to be perfect," O'Day says. "I remember times where he looked at my toenails and was like, 'What is your third toenail doing? Go get that ... fixed before you walk into a room.' Or we would be in rehearsals performing an hour-and-a-half set over and over and he would walk in for five minutes with a camera and say, 'Aubrey, why are you sweating? You look like a wet dog. You're the hot one, so do you think anyone wants to see that?'"

"Diddy was one of the

most intense people you could ever work with. I experienced everything from race (remarks) to sexism, and a lot of it was scary. I have a very strong mom who wasn't necessarily a nurturer, and I remember one time as a kid I hit my knee and as it was bleeding everywhere, she said, 'Suck it up Aubrey!' That was proper training for what I would experience on 'Making the Band.'"

Tough moments on national television were a world away from O'Day's ambitions as a teenager growing up in Palm Desert, California. Coming from a family of attorneys, she had plans to study international law at Columbia University, until her mom, Kandy Allen, emailed her about an ad in the local newspaper stating that Diddy was searching for a girl "that sings like Christina and dances like Britney." Allen encouraged her daughter to audition, noting that as an attorney herself, she didn't think law offered the creativity O'Day sought in life, and that having to constantly prove herself as a woman in the field might overshadow the work itself.

Unable to find a ride to the audition, O'Day put the idea aside and went to bed but says that night she dreamed that she made the band and became an international success. Sure enough, a friend offered to take her to the audition the next morning and she was accepted. "I never looked back," she reflects. "It changed the course of my life. It was a really exciting time ... before I knew everything I know now."

Before O'Day was dismissed by Diddy, Danity Kane released two albums under his Bad Boy Records label, but she says band dynamics became frayed and she questioned why they would continue while



BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY

Aubrey O'Day performs during Z100's Zootopia in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 2008.

so unhappy as a group when they weren't making substantial money. Their manager, Johnny Wright, encouraged her to stick with the band, pointing out that talent was "always replaceable" in showbiz and that the minute they surrendered their musical dreams, a new band would likely swoop in and take the spotlight.

"As we got bigger, there was a lot of division in the group because the men wanted to put the women in categories — the pretty one, the one who sings," she says. "But the pretty one wanted to be a singer and the singer wanted to be known as pretty, so then you start disliking the people around you because of the boxes that the men want to put you in. And there were always cameras

around, so we got used to not speaking openly with each other because we never wanted to make this show a battlefield for tantrums. We wanted to represent women in a good way."

Despite the struggles she faced during the show, O'Day says the experience taught her not to depend on anyone, and she's excited about the return of "Making the Band."

"I have so much joy for any opportunity for young, talented artists to have opportunities because it's hard nowadays with record labels going under and independent music being so fast and furious," she says. "The music industry has changed completely, so I'm happy they're finally bringing the franchise back."

However, her excitement

at the announcement was clouded by her own hopes to reunite Danity Kane for a similar series. While she, Bex and Richard reformed last year and recently released a new song, "Neon Lights," coinciding with a tour, O'Day says she had also been in pitch meetings with MTV, trying to sell a show concept involving all five members uniting to put a new girl group together on television.

Says O'Day: "I really think you need females creating a girl band because women understand each other differently. When you have men in charge of female groups, they don't know how to tend to the emotional sides — and the emotional sides are usually what break up girl groups."

O'Day thinks Diddy's star power made him more

appealing to work with, but she hopes that MTV might still consider her pitch, adding that a network with female executives should be encouraging more talent shows that empower women.

"Over six seasons, Diddy came in and out like 14 times, but our story is what everybody fell in love with," she says. "I know that because people still come up saying, 'I was going to kill myself until this episode where you stood up for yourself.' People's lives were changed by us, but nowadays, look at what's playing on these networks. You think anyone's stopping killing themselves from an episode of *Jersey Shore*? We don't have enough inspiring television that's empowering women."

Movie

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ghosts young Cole sees — a surprise he would spring on the audience at movie's end.

And he did, making "The Sixth Sense" the great out-of-nowhere box-office phenomenon of 1999 — when the internet was still new enough that there were not yet a critical mass of trolls to spoil its surprise, and the audience could participate in the shared community exercise of preserving its secrets.

The movie starred Willis, an unknown (to American audiences) Australian actress named Toni Collette (who would serve notice in the film that she'd become the greatest screen weeper of her generation), and, oh yeah, the city of Philadelphia, which looks beautiful and richly historic, the kind of venerable city old enough to be plausibly haunted.

To watch the movie today is to reaffirm how smartly made it was, and how influential it has become to a generation of suspense and horror movies following it. Jordan Peele is an acknowledged fan.

Shyamalan, in "The Sixth Sense," was using Easter eggs before anybody called them that. The movie is full of patterns and clues and repeating motifs, many of which accent or explain the story in ways that reveal themselves on subsequent viewing — red knobs, red sweaters, red dresses, red nail polish, red balloons, red bedspreads, often used to foreshadow the presence or appearance of a ghost.

Other patterns emerge. The fleur-de-lis pattern in the church matches some



RON PHILLIPS/GETTY-AFF

A scene from the movie "The Sixth Sense," which received a Best Picture nomination for an Academy Award in 2000.

of the designs we see in Cole's home — his other place of refuge. Cole has the same derogatory nickname (freak) as the young man (Donnie Wahlberg) who shoots Malcolm at the movie's outset. Even when Malcolm tells Cole a story of losing his lunch during high school, it foreshadows the key scene at the end of the movie in which Cole finds his calling as a mediator between the corporeal and spirit worlds.

It's fun to watch the movie from a 20-year distance, to see how Shyamalan had hinted at and concealed his Big Reveal. It's obvious on repeat viewing that Cole immediately sees Malcolm as a ghost: He initially runs from him, fears him, hides in a church, and slowly

warms up to Malcolm as he realizes the shrink is sincerely trying to help — and later, that he can be helped.

Watching "The Sixth Sense" is a bit like rewatching "Fight Club," just to see how David Fincher handled the challenge of a character who isn't really there. In fact, looking back, it's a mini-miracle that "The Sixth Sense" and "Fight Club" could be released within months of each other and coexist in a spoiler-free universe.

Both movie were hits, but "The Sixth Sense" grew into a monster — opening at \$26 million its first weekend on Aug. 6, building and holding its audience to an astounding degree, week after week after week. Subsequent

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weekends registered at \$25 million, \$23 million, \$20 million, then back up to \$22 million. Unheard of. "The Sixth Sense" was one of the last great word-of-mouth movies of the pre-Marvel, pre-blockbuster era, when movies were allowed to marinate in theaters and build an audience, which means it may well be one of the last great word-of-mouth hits ever made.

That big rug-pull of an

ending is surely part of the movie's success, but there's more to it than that. We are completely invested in the emotional core of the story — Cole's fear of being honest about his visions, and thus losing his mother ("She doesn't look at me the way everybody else does, and I don't want her to"). That's why the scene in the car when he divulges his secret is so riveting; there's so much on the line, and it's so well-acted by

Osment and Collette. And it's because we naturally think the movie is over when that decisive conflict is resolved, that we are blindsided by the late-game revelation of Malcolm realizing he's dead.

Looking back, we can't be surprised that the movie benefits from the performances of Willis, or Collette, or the underrated Olivia Williams ("Rushmore," "An Education"). But it's a bit shocking to see how much "The Sixth Sense" relies on the performance of young Osment. He has a prodigious amount of screen time, is asked to carry a great deal of emotional weight, and he's so freaking good.

You don't see better performances by an actor that age. I remember Willis saying so 20 years ago, when I interviewed him. To paraphrase: This kid can only give this performance once. He will grow, he will change, he will be a different person and different actor, and it's amazing that when called upon, he did it perfectly.

There is something chilling, still, about seeing Osment as little Cole, peering over the covers of his bed, telling Malcolm, finally, that he sees dead people — all the time, "walking around like regular people."

And here is another element that feels more pronounced in retrospect: Shyamalan's suggestion that people can be physically dead or spiritually dead.

As Cole puts it: "They don't know they're dead. They don't see each other. They see what they want to see."

Like regular people. The lines have a creepy resonance that reaches across the years, and contribute to the movie's own well-earned afterlife.

BOOK REVIEW

First refuge, then a career, in comics

Childhood abuse fueled interest

BY CHRIS KLIMEK
The Washington Post

During a 40-year career, J. Michael ‘Joe’ Straczynski has been a playwright, journalist, novelist, radio host, TV showrunner, comic book writer and screenwriter. But to read “Becoming Superman,” his grandly titled but harrowing memoir, is to marvel that he didn’t wind up a serial killer instead.

The book leavens the episodic structure of most autobiographies by threading a family mystery through Straczynski’s account of his horrific upbringing and his escape into superheroes and science fiction, which saved his life before they became his living. The heroes of “Silver Age” (mid-1950s to early-1970s) comics were a refuge from the fear and squalor of his household, and they strengthened his resolve to be a stronger, more empathetic person than his abusive parents and grandmother were. The Last Son of Krypton was the one Joe found most relatable: “Superman was real, and unlike my father he was kind and honest and fair, and he never hit anybody who didn’t hit him first.”

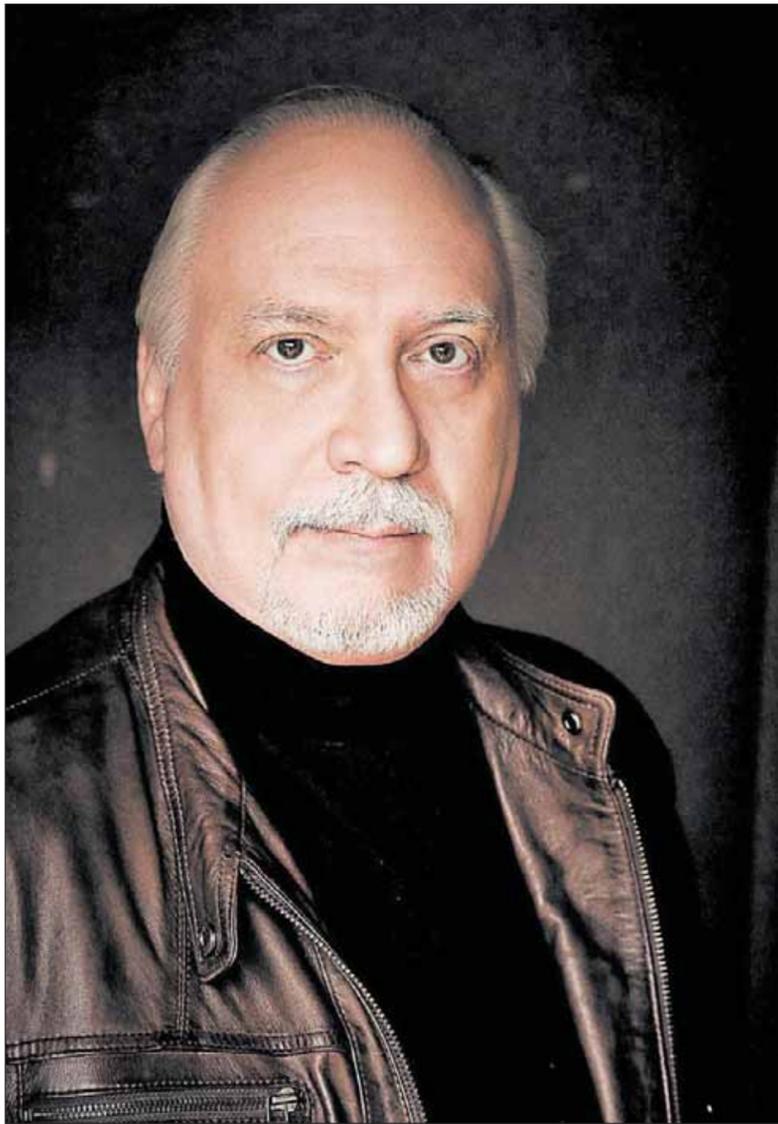
If this “What Would Kal-El Do?” philosophy occasionally makes our narrator come off as self-righteous, let us just be glad that he chose to emulate a virtuous (if imaginary) outsider instead of the violent and cruel adults who populated his most impressionable years. Not until adulthood would he

become the beneficiary of mentorship from heavy hitters Norman Corwin and Harlan Ellison, though he’d gotten hooked on Ellison’s fiction as a kid.

Straczynski revisits his eclectic resume in breezy, conversational prose. After freelancing for various San Diego newspapers, he broke into television, writing scripts for 1980s animated series like “He-Man” and “The Real Ghostbusters.” He graduated to prime-time writing jobs on the rebooted “Twilight Zone” and “Murder, She Wrote,” then created the sci-fi series “Babylon 5.” Straczynski then shifted to comics, writing the monthly adventures of Spider-Man for six years in the early aughts and “Superman: Earth One,” a trio of graphic novels reexamining the Ur-superhero from a more contemporary perspective.

In 2008, director Clint Eastwood turned Straczynski’s screenplay “Changeling” — a dramatization of a 1920s true-crime tragedy that had obsessed Straczynski since his journalist days — into a film that scored three Oscar nominations and brought Straczynski high-profile assignments on films like “Thor” and “World War Z.” His most recent project to garner substantial attention was the globe-trotting Netflix series “Sense8,” a collaboration with the Wachowskis.

Straczynski dishes more freely about his TV years than his film career. His accounts of quitting staff jobs when his bosses de-



PETER KONERKO PHOTO

In his new memoir, “Becoming Superman,” J. Michael Straczynski recalls his abusive childhood and his rise writing for TV and film, with “Babylon 5,” “Changeling” and “Thor.”

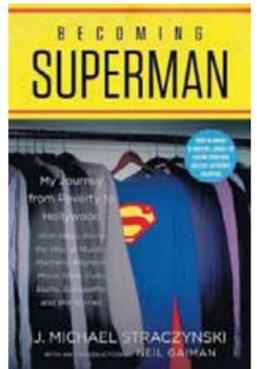
manded changes that offended his sense of integrity make for juicy reading. He’s candid, where he can be, about the hazards — other than executive interference — that can mar a creative endeavor: He says “Babylon 5” was affected by the severe mental illness of one cast member and the substance abuse problems of another, and he laments that he is legally barred from describing why his tenure on the post-apocalyptic teen drama “Jeremiah” was “the most hor-

rific, heinous, soul-killing experience of my career.”

As Straczynski spins one tale after another of his many triumphs over the fools and the naysayers, it’s not hard to imagine that, for all his painstakingly developed talent, he might not be such a fun person to be around. He confesses to this emotional remove outright: “I’ve always felt less like an actual person than a Lego set in human form.”

As with so many superhero stories, the origin is

the most compelling part of the tale. Straczynski comes with a long-buried family secret that the author finally uncovers in his 60s. The book turns out to be an act of posthumous revenge against the author’s father, Charles Straczynski — a villain uglier than any that Stan Lee or Charles Dickens ever dreamed up. A violent alcoholic, the elder Straczynski habitually beat Joe as well as his mother, and even killed the stray cats Joe would unofficially



‘Becoming Superman’

By J. Michael Straczynski, Harper Voyager, 460 pages, \$28.99

adopt each time they set down in a new neighborhood.

Charles also destroyed his son’s comic books in a drunken rage, a turning point as profound as Peter Parker’s spider bite. His collection, including “Amazing Fantasy” No. 15 (featuring Spider-Man’s first appearance) and original runs of “Fantastic Four” and “The Uncanny X-Men,” would have been enviable had it survived. Charles didn’t blame his son’s poor academic performance on the fact Joe needed eyeglasses his old man wouldn’t pay for, or Charles’ habit of pummeling the boy at the slightest provocation — no, it was those filthy comic books rotting his mind. In 1984, a 30-year-old Joe finally cut off all contact with his father, refusing to see Charles or speak to him again before his death in 2011.

That break is what made the author’s later achievements possible. Part Hollywood how-to, part Frank McCourt-style reflection on emotional neglect and poverty, “Becoming Superman” is an enveloping look back at a unique career.

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BOOK REVIEW

Ellsberg finds the thread connecting the saintly

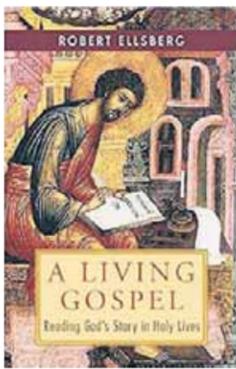
BY BARBARA MAHANY
Chicago Tribune

In “A Living Gospel,” Robert Ellsberg has written perhaps the most essential illuminant for these darkening times. No farther than the introduction, one realizes the uncanny hold of Ellsberg’s fine-grained focus. This is an indelible meditation on living, breathing holiness.

Ellsberg is a self-proclaimed saint-watcher of unorthodox bent; publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books; and former managing editor of The Catholic Worker. He was once chosen to edit the selected writings, diaries and letters of Dorothy Day. Here he opens the book with a quote from the 18th-century Jesuit Jean-Pierre de Caussade: “The Holy Spirit writes no more gospels except in our hearts. All we do from moment to moment is live this new gospel. ... We, if we are holy, are the paper; our sufferings and actions are the ink. The workings of the Holy Spirit are his pen, and with it he writes a living gospel.”

So begins Ellsberg’s decidedly anti-hagiography — “My aim was first of all to take the saints down from their pedestals,” he writes. In fact, he’s penned a manuscript best etched into our hearts, kept off the bookshelf and within easy, daily reach.

For the stories gathered here — the lives of some half-dozen not-yet-sainted but certainly saintly, among them Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Flannery O’Connor and Day herself — are presented with such nuance, in all their complexity and shadow (scrubbed of neither sin nor flaw nor foible). Ellsberg has more than met his hope of mak-



‘A Living Gospel’

By Robert Ellsberg, Orbis, 192 pages, \$22

ing saintliness a participatory endeavor, one open to any and all.

“You can do it” is the anthem humming from the margins.

Ellsberg, the son of Pentagon Papers protagonist Daniel Ellsberg (revealed here to have enlisted his young son, Robert, 13 at the time, and even-younger daughter, in the surreptitious photocopying of those top-secret Vietnam War files in 1969), weaves his own round-about trail toward holiness here. Ellsberg credits his father with ushering him into the world of “dedicated peacemakers,” certainly a synonym for “saint.”

Because he’s a natural-born storyteller, the lives he captures here feel not too out of reach, pocked with familiar stumbling blocks, temptations and potholes. Because he shines a light on human capacities for grace, for forgiveness (of self and other), for pacifism in the face of indignity (or worse), Ellsberg stands a mighty chance of stirring in his reader the hope of

serious emulation.

The chapter on Holy Women is especially indispensable. In drawing into focus a litany of blessed women — modern-day and otherwise — Ellsberg argues against the erasure of women in a church where men decide who is or is not invited into the country club of saints. In the end, he asks what conclusions are to be drawn from the chronicles of women saints, whether canonized or not.

“There are of course as many types of saints as there are people,” he writes. “Each one offers a unique glimpse of the face of God, each enlarges our moral imagination; each offers new insights into the meaning and possibilities of human life.”

It is Ellsberg’s closing sentences that won’t — and shouldn’t — be forgotten. He quotes a Mormon missionary who once wrote: “There is a thread that connects heaven and earth. If we find that thread everything is meaningful, even death.”

Ellsberg adds, confessionally, “Sometimes I feel I have found that thread, only to lose it the very next moment. It is a thread that runs through the lives of Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and many of the saints, as it does through each of our lives — whether we acknowledge it or not. It is reminding us to be more loving, more truthful, more faithful in facing what Pope Francis in his ‘creed’ calls ‘the surprise of each day.’”

Barbara Mahany’s latest book, “The Blessings of Motherprayer: Sacred Whispers of Mothering,” was published in 2018.

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BOOK REVIEWS

A reading list for fans of ‘Boys I’ve Loved Before’

BY ELLEN MORTON
The Washington Post

Falling in love has a special place in the journey of adolescence. Just as teenagers are establishing their identity, the search for acceptance couldn’t feel more necessary — or risky. Fortunately, there has been a positive movement in young adult literature to include and affirm a broader range of experiences.

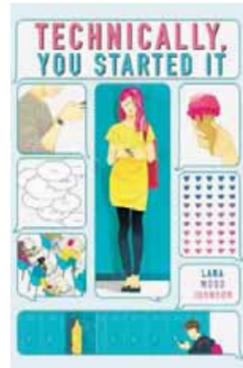
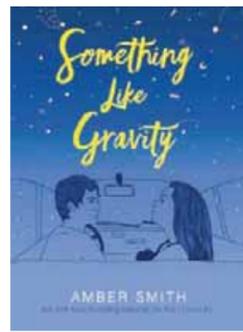
This summer, readers can dive into rom-coms that cover themes of sexuality, gender expression, cultural expression, religious difference, body positivity and class disparity, engaging with characters whose experiences feel lived-in and organic. These books include all the heady anticipation and sweet exhilaration a hopeful romantic could wish for, even as they redefine the tropes of the genre.

“There’s Something About Sweetie,” by Sandhya Menon, Pulse, 384 pages, \$18.99

Indian American teens Ashish and Sweetie attempt an arranged relationship in Menon’s fourth novel. Ash hides a broken heart in his basketball star swagger, while Sweetie’s passionate athleticism earns her no credit against her mother’s relentless body-shaming. Ash and Sweetie make a safe space for each other, showing an emotional maturity that motivates them to face their obstacles.

“Something Like Gravity,” by Amber Smith, McElderry, 400 pages, \$18.99

The characters are less transparent in this novel by the author of “The Way I Used To Be.” After her older sister’s death, Maia struggles to resume the



that describe them.

“Technically, You Started It,” by Lana Wood Johnson, Scholastic, 384 pages, \$18.99

This quick read relies on an elaborate case of mistaken identity and a phone-based relationship that affords Martin and Haley the chance to get to know each other outside of the strictures of high school hierarchies. The story unfolds entirely in text messages, which run the gamut of goofy inside jokes, self-aware angst and a slow burn of building feelings.

“Hot Dog Girl,” by Jennifer Dugan, G.P. Putnam’s Sons for Young Readers, 320 pages, \$17.99

This is an even slower build, a story of friendship growing into love. Amusement park employee Louise dreams of being cast as the princess, but instead she’s sentenced to spend the summer dressed as a hot dog. This is only the first of many misadventures she stumbles into, including roping her best friend into a fake relationship so she can get closer to her crush.

“Love From A to Z” by S.K. Ali, Salaam Reads, 352 pages, \$18.99

As a Muslim American teen, social justice warrior-in-training Zayneb confronts real prejudice on the daily. Her audacity and progressive points of view often make people uncomfortable, even Adam, the contemplative artist she feels instantly attracted to. Their difficulties come mostly from the differences in their natures, but they come to learn the value of another perspective.

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rhythms of everyday life. Meanwhile, Chris moves in with his aunt next door to escape his parents’ fumbling response after he comes out as transgender. Chris and Maia hide these foundational facts from each other, but those deceptions allow them to fall in love, each attracted to who the other is rather than the circumstances

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Ann Curry

"Chasing the Cure" (8 p.m., TBS, TNT): Patients struggling with puzzling ailments try to find a cure by consulting with a panel of top physicians in this new docu-series hosted by Ann Curry. Viewers watching this series at home also can interact via social media, a Facebook group and a dedicated website to submit their own cases and/or insights on their own experiences if they have gone through challenges similar to those of the featured patients.

"Two Sentence Horror Stories" (8 p.m., CW): Jim Parrack, Nicole Kang and Aleyse Shannon are among the stars of this new anthology series, which serves up contemporary tales of terror, inspired by the viral fan fiction phenomenon of the title: horror yarns that deliver a thrilling jolt in just two sentences. Stories, settings and characters will vary from tale to tale, but each shares common roots in universally held primal fears and social insecurities.

"Ax Men" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., History): The Ryggard Logging team must cross a deep valley on their longest road yet as they fight to fix an irregular skyline in the new episode "The Longest Road." While running his first job site on his own, Danny Pihl pushes himself to the limit both physically and mentally. Wade Etienne doubles down on his risky plan to custom-fabricate a unique log hauler, and Frank Harkness' work ethic proves too much for his equipment to manage.

"Little Women: LA" (8 p.m., 10:15 p.m., 12:01 a.m., 2:16 a.m., Lifetime): In the new episode "Totally Shady," Elena makes big strides in her career by producing a photo shoot on her new eye shadow. With all that going on, however, Elena also has to devote time and energy worrying about whether Terra and Christy are likely to blow up one of her big moments if she allows them in the same room together.

"The Dead Files" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): In the new episode "Lost Souls," a new investigation takes paranormal partners Steve DiSchiavi and Amy Allan to New London, Wis., on a mission of mercy to help a beleaguered family on the verge of collapse from exhaustion and terror due to powerful supernatural activity.

"Beyond the Pole" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., 1 a.m., WE): In this new, very unconventional reality series, several exotic dancers from Atlanta area clubs — some still performing, others retired — receive advice on how to put their days of stripper poles behind them from Coach Stormy Wellington, an ex-stripper who now claims to be a self-made millionaire.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Surprise guest.*

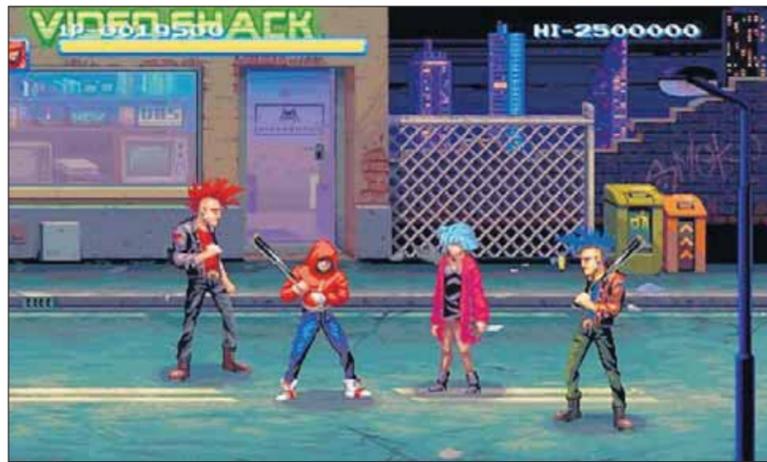
"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Lil Rel Howery; journalist Lester Holt; Natalie Merchant performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Niecy Nash.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Leslie Jones; Monsta X and French Montana perform.*

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HI-BIT STUDIOS

Screen grab from "198X," where multiple games-within-a-game serve as metaphors for growing up. "198-X" impresses in the diversity of its offerings.

Game brings the buzz, 1980s arcade nostalgia

'198X' also is about trying to find your place in the world

BY TODD MARTENS
Los Angeles Times

Booting up "198X," a 1980s-stylized genre mash-up, I knew I was in for a heavy dose of nostalgia as well as a romanticized view of game arcades. I didn't expect a sense of loneliness nor the confusion, anxiety and unease that permeate adolescence, all of which "198X" lovingly brings to the fore.

In my nostalgia, I wasn't sentimental over the games or culture of another era. What I missed was an overriding sense of fear and excitement for the possibility of the unknown, which "198X" creates by focusing on Kid, who longs for the escape from suburbia offered by the lights of the big city and the malleable worlds of video games. But what's made "198X" linger long after its short two-hour play time is the way the game explores how interactive experiences shape our worldview.

'198X'

Developer & publisher:
Hi-Bit Studios

Platforms: PC, PlayStation 4 (coming soon to Xbox One and Switch)

Price: \$9.99

A narrative adventure with condensed versions of arcade games (a beat 'em up, a racing game, a ninja game, a sci-fi shooter and a role-playing-game), "198X" impresses in the diversity of its offerings. But "198X" isn't a simple celebration of the '80s aesthetic now in vogue with the likes of "Stranger Things." Its pixel art is gorgeous, with details down to puffy orange foam on headphones and its emphasis on neon as a contrast to cookie-cutter homes and as a beacon into something unknown. As Kid experiences the difficulty of growing up, "198X" uses its retro games-within-a-game as metaphors.

Some are relatively simple. Young and codded by the familiarity of

suburbia, the urban brawler represents the fears and danger that may or may not exist beyond the walls of our home. But when Kid, whose gender is undefined, falls for a punk rock girl who appears unattainable, the racing game turns into an endless drive on city highways, a plea to be somewhere and with someone else. Any sense of competition disappears as "198X" turns into a cinematic experience and Kid narrates a dream of embarking on a more personal quest to explore and learn from heretofore undiscovered people, places and cultures.

While Kid at this point has graduated from childhood games, "198X" never abandons its thesis that there's poetry in video games, their imaginative worlds a gateway to self-discovery as potent as any other medium. The masks, the skeletons and the bamboo forests that Kid's avatar explores in the ninja game make it clear there's plenty to see and hear beyond whatever worldview we grew up with.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 8

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	NBC 5	The Wall: "Brooke and Cody." ©		Hollywood Game Night (N) ©		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Holey Moley: "It's Like Playing Golf in Space." (N)		Family Food Fight (N) ©		Reef Break: "Despot." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
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	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
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	AMC	Home Alone (PG,90) *** Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. ©				Home Alone 2 ♦		Monsters ♦
	ANIM	Monsters Inside Me ©		Monsters Inside Me ©		Monsters Inside Me ©		Monsters ♦
	BBCA	Eraser (R,96) ** Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Caan. ©				Eraser (R,96) ** ©		Monsters ♦
	BET	♦ (5) American Gangster		Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor ♦				Monsters ♦
	BIGTEN	The B1G Show (N) ©		The B1G Show ©		Maryland Football Classic		BIG Show ♦
	BRAVO	♦ Million Dollar Listing		Million Dollar Listing (N)		Housewives/OC		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Alaskan Bush (N)		Alaskan Bush People: Raised Wild (N) ©				Undercov. ♦
	DISN	Descendants 3 (NR,19) Dove Cameron.		Raven		Coop		Raven
	E!	Monster-in-Law (PG-13,05) ** Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. ©				Monster-in-Law ('05) ***		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN	♦ Little League Baseball (N)		Little League Baseball (N)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Professional Fighters (N)		UFC Main Event		WNBA Basketball (N) ♦		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped (N) ©		BBQ Brawl (N)		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	FREE	♦ (6) The Wedding Singer		Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13,04) ***				700 Club ♦
	FX	♦ (6) Kingsman: The Secret Service (R,14) *** ©				Baskets (N)		Baskets ©
	HALL	Love at Sea (NR,18) Alexa PenaVega. ©				Golden Girls		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Going (N)
	HISTV	Mountain Men (N)		Ax Men (N) ©				Alone ©
	HLN	Very Scary People © (Part 2 of 2)				Forensic		Forensic
	IFC	Knocked Up (R,07) *** Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl. ©						Hall Pass ♦
	LIFE	Little Women: LA (N) ©		Little Women: LA (N) ©		Little Women: LA (N) ©		Little ♦
	MSNBC	All in With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Jersey Shore--Vacation		The Hills: New		Jersey Shore--Vacation		Jersey ♦
	NBCSCH	♦ (6) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. (N)				Postgame		Future Phen.
	NICK	Enchanted (PG,07) *** Amy Adams. ©				Friends ©		Friends ©
	OVATION	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		Bourdain ♦
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20: Homicide		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ♦
OPY	Killer Affair (N)		Snapped ©		Killer Affair		Snapped ♦	
PARMT	♦ (6:50) Dirty Grandpa (R,16) * Robert De Niro. ©				(9:15) Dirty Grandpa (R,16) * ©			
SYFY	♦ Fantastic		Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,14) *** Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. ©				Krypton ♦	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Chasing the Cure (Series Premiere) (N) (Live) ©		Big Bang		Conan (N)	
TCM	Ava Gardner: Gypsy		(8:15) The Killers (NR,46) *** Burt Lancaster. ©				Pandora ♦	
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N) ©		Untold Stories of ER (N)		My Crazy (N)	
TLN	Humanit		Wretched		Ask God		Life Today	
TNT	♦ (5) Wonder Woman ***		Chasing the Cure (Series Premiere) (N) (Live) ©		Insurgent ('15) ** ♦			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©				The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	♦ (6) The Hunger Games (PG-13,12) *** ©				Queen of the South (N)		Pearson ♦	
VH1	♦ (6) Think Like a Man (PG-13,12) ** Michael Ealy.				Wild 'n Out		Wild 'n Out	
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Beyond the Pole (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Hip Hop ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Rampage (PG-13,18) ** Dwayne Johnson. ©		(8:50) Euphoria ©		Black Lady		
	HBO2	Euphoria ©		(8:05) Arizona (NR,18) Danny McBride.		Fantastic Beast ♦		
	MAX	The Frighteners (R,96) ** Michael J. Fox. ©		(8:50) The Count of Monte Cristo ***				
	SHO	♦ (6:15) Faster (R,10) **		Drive Angry (R,11) ** Nicolas Cage.		Fear and Loathing ♦		
	STARZ	Sweetbitter (7:44) The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13,98) ** ©						Sweetbitter
STZNC	♦ (6:23) Gamer (R,09) **		Back to the Future Part III (PG,90) *** ©				American ♦	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 8): Follow your heart this year. Grow stronger by maintaining disciplined healthy practices. Revitalize your energies this summer for a winter surge, and then a contemplative planning phase recharges. Turn toward beauty and happiness next summer. Love, romance and family blossom.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. A pleasant surprise delights you around the next bend in the road. Accept excellent advice and resources from someone you love.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Don't get rushed into buying something. Make profitable plans with your partner. Consider consequences before purchasing, and research options for best value.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Join forces with someone you love. Ignore old worries and frustrations. Listen to each other, and make adjustments together. Kindle a romantic spark.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. The art is in the details. Practice your moves, skills and techniques. Stay practical and patient. Plan carefully, and then watch closely to adapt as needed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Pursue and savor love, fun and passion. Artistic expression and performance delights. Listen to great music while doing something you truly enjoy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Domestic arts and crafts satisfy. Beautify your surroundings for greater peace and harmony. Nurture your garden. Improve your process, and increase your yield.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Take another's words to heart. You're especially clever. Accept a useful suggestion. Exchange data and resources. Networking pays off. Express your arts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Cash flow can rise. You're especially persuasive. Use something you've kept hidden away. Stay objective in a tense situation. Pull strings for a profitable compromise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Your energy is on the rise. You're especially strong and creative. Pay extra attention to your appearance. Take advantage of your attraction and charm.

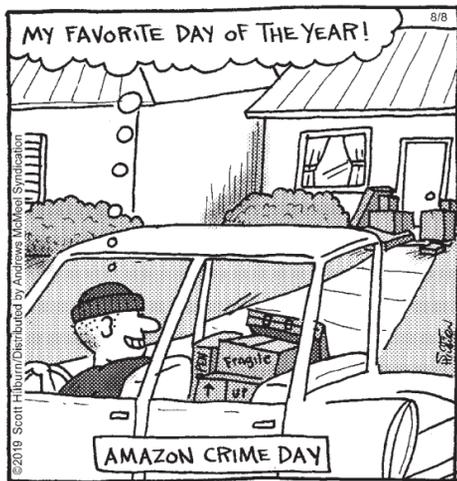
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Rest and recuperate. Let your thoughts wander. Postpone advancement or public activities. Savor birdsong and dappled light. Indulge your imagination, dreams and visions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Find what's needed within your friend network. Connect and share views, support and resources. Push for a common cause.

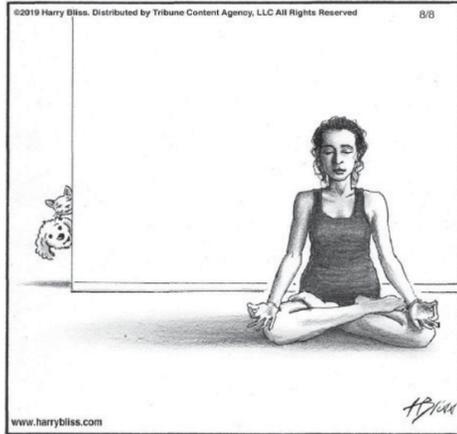
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Follow a professional hunch. Crazy dreams seem possible. Pursue an interesting opportunity. Prepare for a test or inspection. Keep cool. You've got this.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ Void
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ A Q J 2
 ♣ A K J 8 7 6

West
 ♠ K 9 8 7 6 5
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ Q

East
 ♠ Q J 10 4
 ♥ Void
 ♦ 8 7 6 5
 ♣ 10 9 5 4 3

South
 ♠ A 3 2
 ♥ A J 10 8 7 6 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 2

Today's deal is from the South American trials to determine their representative to the world championships. It is from a match between Uruguay and Chile.

At this table, West led a trump. Declarer let this run to the six in his hand and led a club to the ace noting the fall of the queen. He ruffed a club high in his hand and returned to dummy with a trump. He ruffed another club high and crossed back to dummy with a trump, drawing the last trump in the process.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♣	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♣	4♣	5♥	Pass
7♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♥

At the other table, a complicated artificial auction made North the declarer in seven hearts. East led the queen of spades and declarer chose a different line of play. He ruffed the spade lead in his hand and then overtook the queen of hearts with the ace to ruff another low spade with the king of hearts. The diabolical 5-1 club split combined with West holding all the outstanding trumps meant that North could not cross safely to his hand without promoting the nine of hearts into the setting trick. Down one for a huge loss to Chile in the match.

Computer simulations indicated that North at the second table had taken the correct percentage line of play. The Chilean players wrote the loss off to the fact that their system had put the defender with no trumps on lead. Just bad luck.

— Bob Jones
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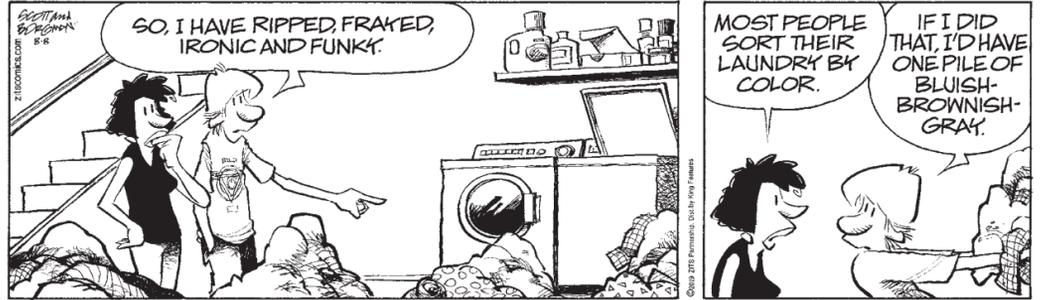
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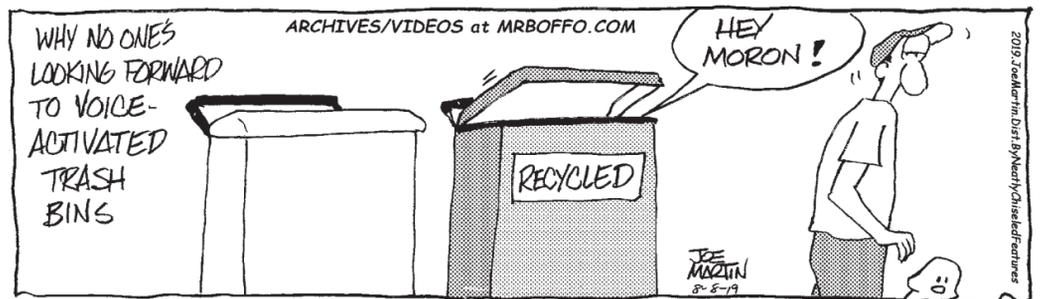
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



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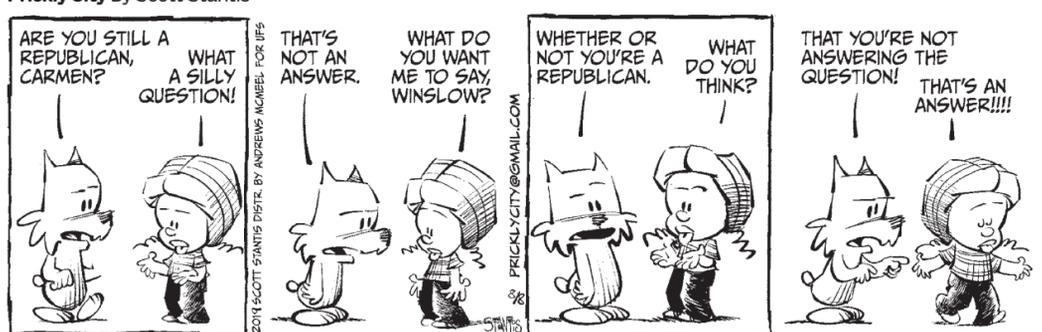
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Animal Crackers



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THURSDAY, AUG. 8

NORMAL HIGH: 83° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 100° (1934) RECORD LOW: 52° (1976)

This sunny start to August in august company

LOCAL FORECAST

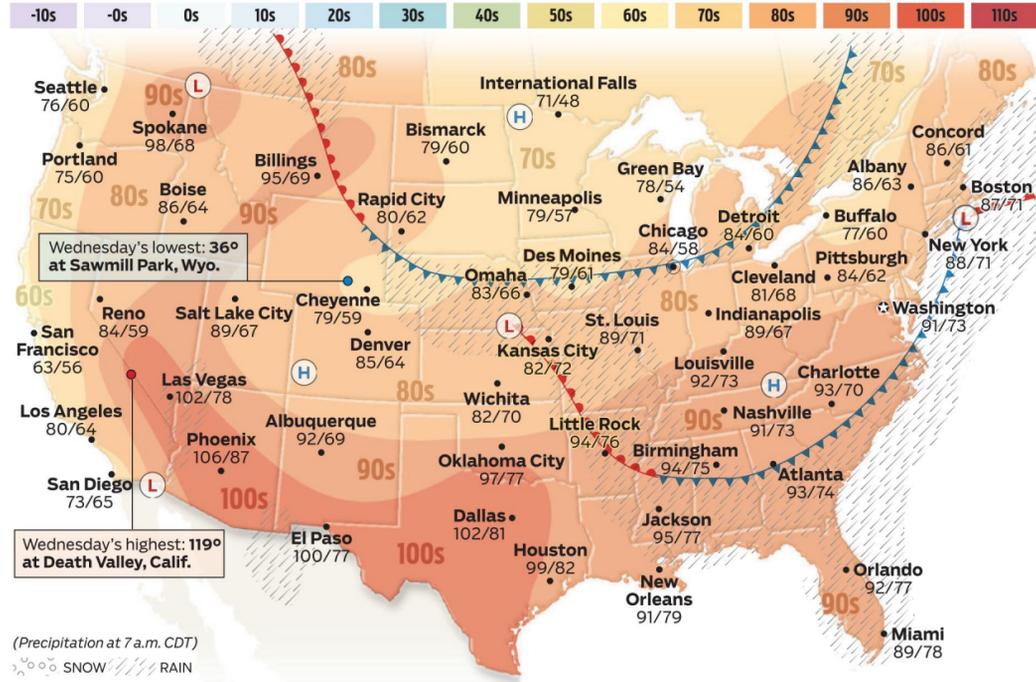
HIGH 84 **LOW** 58

■ Cool Canadian-source dry high pressure will sink into the area as a cold front departs to the southeast.

■ Some early morning clouds primarily south of Interstate 80 associated with the cold front moving out of our area, then turning mostly sunny and breezy. Afternoon highs 80-85.

■ NW winds 15-20 mph bring drier air. Dew points lower into the 50s by evening. Fair and cooler at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



For the first seven days of this month sunshine has averaged 88%. To find a sunnier start to August, you would have to go back to 1931, when they had 89% after the first seven days. A cold front that passed through the area overnight will move to the SE, opening the door to another cool/dry Canadian-source high pressure air mass poised to move out of the Canadian prairies into the Midwest and eventually the Chicago area in the coming days, bringing the likelihood of abundant sunshine.

Dew points Thursday afternoon will fall out of the 60s into the 50s through Friday with a gradual return into the lower 60s Saturday. There will be a slight chance of brief showers Saturday night and then humidity should return along with an increasing probability of showers and thunderstorms Sunday.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

HIGH 80 **LOW** 60

High pressure builds across the area bringing plentiful sunshine and comfortable temps/humidity levels. Inland readings peak in the low 80s; 70s lakeside as light NW winds turn NE along the shoreline. Clear overnight.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

HIGH 84 **LOW** 65

Winds turn S-SW at 10-15 mph bringing a rise in temps, but humidity levels stay in the moderate range. Some passing cloud patches, though ample sunshine helps boost temps to mid 80s - a little cooler at the lakefront.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

HIGH 86 **LOW** 68

Clouds gradually increase with a chance of afternoon/evening showers/t-storms. Warm with afternoon highs in the middle 80s - cooler lakeside. Showers ending with clearing from the NW overnight. SE winds shift N.

MONDAY, AUG. 12

HIGH 83 **LOW** 65

Cold front lies to the south with an easterly component to the winds over much of our area. A chance of t-storms in the afternoon with highs 80-85 - readings in the 70s at the lakefront. Chance of showers overnight.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

HIGH 83 **LOW** 65

Partly cloudy with a chance of t-storms. Afternoon highs 80-85 - 70s at the lakefront. Clouds and a diminishing chance of showers overnight. Southerly winds shift to the NE.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

HIGH 78 **LOW** 58

Some remnant clouds and a few light showers southern-most sections early. Becoming partly sunny. Cooler with afternoon highs in the mid/upper 70s; closer to 70° at the lakefront. Clear skies overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Many, many years ago meteorologists referred to the "THI", Temperature Humidity Index. Is the THI the same as the dew point?
Thanks,
Joe Traxler

Dear Joe,
The National Weather Service began to use the THI to quantify discomfort from heat and humidity in the 1960s. The formula used temperature and dew point to derive an index that gauged discomfort. An index of 70 or lower meant everyone was considered to be comfortable. At 71, 10% of the populace was deemed uncomfortable, 50% at 75 and 100% at 80. When the THI hit 84, federal workers in non-air conditioned offices were sent home. The dew point was a part of the THI computation, but is a direct measure of the atmospheric moisture and equals the temperature at which cooled air becomes saturated (100% relative humidity).

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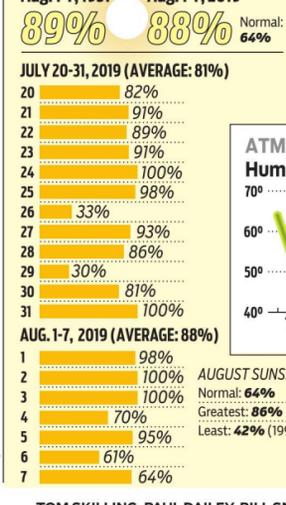
Surge of high pressure continues sunny start to August

THURSDAY-SATURDAY
A nice comfortable dry 3-day period coming up as cool, dry high pressure dominates Chicago weather

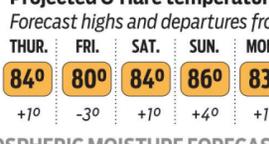
Upper-level "steering flow" directs the center of high pressure out of the Canadian prairies Thursday, into southern Minnesota Friday, then northern Indiana Saturday



CHICAGO'S SUNNIEST START TO AUGUST SINCE 1931



TEMPS TO WARM MODESTLY OVER THE WEEKEND



ATMOSPHERIC MOISTURE FORECAST



MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	85	70	sh	86	66
Carbondale	pc	88	63	su	82	57
Champaign	pc	87	63	su	82	57
Decatur	pc	87	63	su	82	57
Moline	pc	85	60	su	86	59
Peoria	pc	87	63	su	84	59
Quincy	cl	88	67	su	87	63
Rockford	su	83	55	su	81	57
Springfield	pc	88	65	su	85	59
Sterling	pc	83	56	su	82	56
Indiana	pc	89	67	su	84	60
Bloomington	pc	90	72	ts	85	66
Evansville	pc	84	58	su	80	58
Fort Wayne	pc	89	67	su	85	60
Indianapolis	pc	87	62	su	82	55
Lafayette	pc	87	62	su	82	55
Lafayette	pc	80	56	su	78	55
Wisconsin	su	78	54	su	79	55
Green Bay	su	81	58	su	80	58
Kenosha	su	80	55	su	82	60
La Crosse	su	79	53	su	79	56
Madison	su	80	58	su	79	58
Milwaukee	su	80	58	su	79	58
Wausau	pc	74	51	su	75	53
Michigan	pc	89	67	su	84	60
Detroit	pc	84	58	su	82	60
Grand Rapids	pc	79	58	su	80	57
Marquette	pc	74	57	su	75	55
St. Ste. Marie	pc	70	55	su	71	53
Traverse City	pc	76	57	su	77	56
Iowa	su	78	56	su	83	58
Ames	su	81	55	su	83	57
Cedar Rapids	pc	81	55	su	83	57
Des Moines	pc	79	61	su	84	63
Dubuque	su	81	57	su	81	59

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	103	80	pc	103	79
Albany	pc	86	63	pc	80	59
Albuquerque	pc	92	69	pc	97	69
Amarillo	pc	101	71	pc	97	69
Anchorage	su	75	58	pc	75	57
Asheville	ts	86	64	sh	82	56
Aspen	ts	73	49	ts	74	48
Atlanta	pc	93	74	cl	90	74
Atlantic City	pc	84	70	su	87	65
Austin	pc	103	79	pc	105	77
Baltimore	pc	91	73	su	89	67
Billings	pc	95	69	pc	90	63
Birmingham	pc	94	75	ts	88	74
Bismarck	su	79	60	cl	86	63
Boise	sh	86	64	pc	90	62
Boston	ts	87	71	pc	85	67
Brownsville	pc	98	82	pc	98	82
Buffalo	ts	77	60	pc	76	59
Burlington	ts	84	63	pc	79	59
Charlotte	pc	93	70	cl	93	71
Charlottesville	pc	92	77	ts	92	77
Charlottesville	pc	89	66	pc	84	61
Chattanooga	pc	91	73	ts	88	72
Cheyenne	ts	79	59	pc	83	60
Cincinnati	pc	89	66	pc	84	59
Cleveland	ts	81	68	su	77	67
Colo. Spgs	ts	83	59	ts	83	61
Columbia MO	ts	83	68	pc	87	67
Columbia SC	su	97	73	pc	96	74
Columbus	ts	87	63	su	83	59
Colorado	pc	86	61	pc	82	55
Corpus Christi	pc	96	82	pc	95	81
Dallas	pc	102	81	pc	101	82
Daytona Bch.	ts	92	75	pc	93	76
Denver	ts	85	64	pc	91	66
Duluth	pc	76	57	su	78	59
El Paso	pc	100	77	pc	100	76
Fairbanks	pc	69	53	pc	69	49
Fargo	su	75	52	pc	81	64
Flagstaff	pc	77	53	ts	77	53
Fort Myers	ts	89	76	pc	87	69
Fort Smith	cl	96	77	ts	91	76
Fresno	su	97	64	pc	92	65
Grand Junc.	pc	92	66	pc	91	67
Great Falls	pc	95	65	sh	77	55
Harrisburg	pc	90	68	pc	86	61
Hartford	pc	87	66	pc	83	61
Helena	pc	83	63	pc	78	56
Honolulu	pc	89	77	pc	90	78
Houston	pc	99	82	pc	100	81
Int'l Falls	pc	71	48	su	76	52
Jackson	pc	95	77	cl	94	77
Jacksonville	pc	96	80	ts	96	80
Jamez	su	77	52	pc	73	52
Kansas City	ts	82	72	pc	88	71
Las Vegas	su	102	78	pc	103	73
Lexington	pc	90	69	ts	85	63
Lincoln	ts	85	66	pc	86	68
Little Rock	sh	94	76	sh	90	74
Los Angeles	su	80	64	su	80	64
Louisville	pc	92	73	ts	88	66
Macon	pc	96	74	ts	95	74
Memphis	ts	90	76	ts	86	74
Miami	ts	89	78	ts	90	79
Minneapolis	su	79	57	pc	81	64
Mobile	pc	95	76	ts	92	75
Montgomery	pc	95	76	ts	92	75
Nashville	ts	95	78	ts	93	72
New Orleans	ts	91	79	ts	91	79
New York	pc	88	71	pc	86	67
Norfolk	pc	90	70	pc	87	70
Norfolk	pc	97	77	cl	98	76
Ola, Okla.	cl	83	66	pc	83	66
Orlando	ts	92	77	ts	93	78
Palm Beach	ts	91	77	ts	91	77
Palm Springs	su	109	77	su	107	73
Philadelphia	pc	88	70	pc	86	65
Phoenix	pc	106	87	cl	105	86
Pittsburgh	ts	84	62	su	80	58
Portland, ME	ts	80	64	pc	83	59
Portland, OR	cl	75	60	pc	80	59
Providence	ts	88	67	pc	86	62
Raleigh	su	91	68	pc	91	69
Rapid City	pc	80	62	pc	88	63
Reno	pc	84	59	pc	84	52
Richmond	su	92	71	pc	92	67
Rochester	ts	82	60	pc	77	59
Rochester	pc	86	62	pc	86	62
Sacramento	su	86	59	pc	86	62
Salem, Ore.	cl	75	58	pc	79	57
Salt Lake City	pc	89	67	pc	92	73
San Antonio	pc	104	79	pc	105	77
San Diego	pc	73	65	pc	73	64
San Francisco	pc	63	56	pc	66	59
San Juan	sh	88	79	cl	90	79
Santa Fe	pc	84	61	pc	83	59
Savannah	pc	97	76	ts	96	76
Seattle	pc	76	60	pc	75	61
Shreveport	pc	99	81	pc	98	81
Sioux Falls	pc	79	57	pc	82	67
Spokane	pc	98	68	pc	79	60
St. Louis	cl	89	71	pc	87	68
Tucson	cl	99	78	cl	96	77
Syracuse	ts	83	62	pc	77	59
Tallahassee	ts	95	77	ts	95	76
Tampa	pc	91	79	pc	91	80
Topeka	ts	82	69	pc	85	68
Tulsa	cl	99	78	cl	96	77
Tulsa	su	93	76	ts	91	75
Washington	su	91	73	pc	90	67
Wichita	ts	80	62	cl	86	71
Wilkes Barre	cl	83	66	pc	76	53
Yuma	su	108	82	pc	106	82

WORLD CITIES

THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	pc	88					

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Homeowners upgrade backyard kitchens to do more cooking and entertaining outdoors PAGE 4



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE **INSIDE**

5 ways to extend the summer season in your backyard

By **DAN DICLERICO**
HomeAdvisor

They say that the best parties always end up in the kitchen. That might be true during the cold, dark months of winter, but when the weather is warm and the days are long, there's nothing better than throwing down with friends and family in the open air.

It's no wonder that many of the most frequent service requests that come in to HomeAdvisor during summer relate to outdoor living. With plenty of sunshine still in the forecast, here are five projects to consider for your to-do list before your next big summer soiree.

Build a deck: Every year, roughly 2 million U.S. households add some kind of outdoor attachment to the home, and a deck is among the favorites. The cost to build a deck is \$7,000 on average, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, but you can complete the project for as little as \$1,500 by choosing a simple design and inexpensive material such as pressure-treated lumber.



DREAMSTIME

Projects as simple as adding lights or a fire pit to your backyard can make a huge difference when it comes time to entertain.

Just don't cut corners on the construction, since a poorly built deck is a serious safety hazard, especially if it will have to handle large crowds. Inadequate foundation support,

for example, can lead to bending and bowing, or even a catastrophic collapse. Unless you're an experienced DIYer, this project is best left to the professionals.

Put in a fire pit: Like moths to a flame, partygoers won't be able to resist a crackling backyard fire. If you want to go large, consider splurging on an in-ground fire pit built out of

stone or brick. Many companies also offer prefab units that competent DIYers can install by themselves, saving on labor costs. Or you can start small with an aboveground fire-place, known as a chiminea; the simplest models sell for as little as \$60, and are fire-ready right out of the box.

Install outdoor lighting:

Exterior entertainment lighting will keep the party going long after the sun goes down — and keep your guests safe from dangerous trips and falls in the process. Don't overdo it with an elaborate lighting plan. A simple set of string lights, for example, can provide enough soft, subtle illumination for late-night mingling. You might have to pay an electrician \$100 or so to install an exterior outlet, but beyond that the costs will be minimal.

Steps or pathways away from the main gathering area will require additional task lighting to keep guests safe.

Create a transitional

space: As the line between indoors and outdoors continues to blur, so-called

transitional spaces are a hot trend in home design. The effect is often achieved with the use of glass wall systems or retractable shades, which enable interior rooms — be it a kitchen, sunroom or dining area — to open onto the outdoors when the weather suits.

In warmer climates, high-end builders and designers are integrating swimming pools into the design, turning the water element into a seamless transition space. Manufacturers are obliging with cooking appliances, cabinetry, furnishings and the like that are designed to withstand year-round conditions.

Screen the porch:

Screened porches are the original transitional space. They're still an excellent way to expand your home's outdoor living area, especially if mosquitoes and other pests are an issue. The average cost to screen a porch is \$2,000 to \$2,800, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide. Another option is to provide full or partial coverage to a patio, at a cost of \$1,400 to \$1,900.

Add interest to your walls by trying alternatives to art

By **CATHY HOBBS**
Tribune News Service

When it comes to creating a full and complete look for your home, wall decor often plays a prominent role. But wall decor doesn't necessarily have to be limited to traditional artwork. When it comes to adding interest to your walls, there are a number of ways to add color, pattern and interest that offer alternatives to traditional artwork.

Consider black-and-white prints. From purchased black-and-white prints to photographs that you may have taken yourself, black-and-white prints offer an interesting and modern choice.

Look for three-dimensional wall decor. From mixed media to pieces that are sculptural in nature, there are a number of ways to make a statement.

Use mirrors. Whether



Three-dimensional sculptural art adds instant glam.

identical mirrors hung in a series or one that is large, ornate and bold. Mirrors are an inexpensive and attractive alternative to

traditional artwork.

Hang shelves. Shelves, when adorned with interesting items, can help to add automatic interest to a room.

Add wallpaper or paint an interesting wall mural. Wallpaper has made a steady and consistent comeback over the last decade. Wallpaper is an option when looking to introduce modern, graphic patterns into a space.



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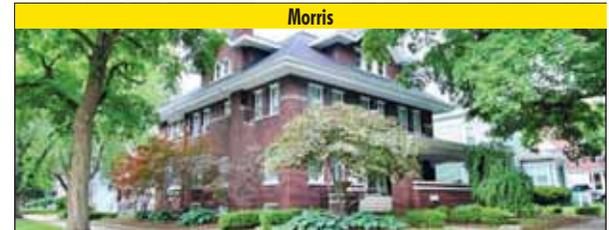
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Outdoor kitchen trend keeps evolving

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Since the basic backyard barbecue began evolving into the outdoor kitchen, the trend has only grown. Some of today's outdoor cooking areas can seem almost like full kitchens, with more appliances and food prep space. Even walls, ceilings and TVs.

"It's not just where you prepare the food. It's where people gather," says HGTV's Vern Yip. "Just as the kitchens inside of our homes are kind of the center of energy at a party or gathering, the outdoor kitchen really has become that as well."

This trend "used to be limited to the upper end of the market," Yip says. But today "even the middle portion of the market is embracing it."

Josu Gaubeka, founder and design director at La Cuisine Appliances, based in Miami, agrees: At all price ranges, he sees homeowners doing more outdoor cooking throughout the year.

One goal is better health — you're not frying with oil if you're outside grilling, or even using an outdoor oven, Gaubeka notes.

We've asked Yip, Gaubeka and New York-based designer Brett Beldock for advice on what's trending in outdoor kitchens, and how you can create one even on a relatively modest budget.

Prep space with sink and storage

Many homeowners begin by installing "a small island made of concrete or synthetic material," says Gaubeka. These are usually built around a grill and offer counter space for food prep, plus the option of adding other conveniences.

Among the most popular: a small outdoor sink that's hooked up to the outdoor water system by hose, and a small refrigerator-



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Adding a built-in cooking and storage space around a grill, as seen here, can increase the value of a home.

tor. Having these basics outside cuts down on trips into the house during cooking and entertaining.

Prices vary widely: "You can buy all those elements for \$1,200 if you'd like," Gaubeka says. Or you could spend \$1,200 or more on the grill alone.

For those considering a larger investment, Yip points out that a built-in outdoor kitchen adds monetary value to a home.

Cooking beyond the grill

Another trend Gaubeka sees at a range of costs: adding a brick pizza oven or gas-fired pizza oven that can be used for much more than pizzas.

"You can bake outside or you can actually sear a thick piece of meat," he says. While indoor ovens generally reach 550 degrees Fahrenheit, outdoor pizza ovens can reach 700 or 800.



Pizza ovens can also be used to sear a thick piece of meat or bake items beyond pizza, says La Cuisine Appliances' design director and president Josu Gaubeka.

Beldock says a fire pit can also be a fun place to cook "anything from s'mores to hamburgers."

Walls and ceiling

To make a backyard cooking area feel even more like a kitchen, Yip recom-

mends covering it with something more permanent than a canopy.

"A permanent roof structure is a much better way to go because it allows you to use that room during more times of the year," he says. "It also helps protect your investment."

Beldock suggests adding a tile backsplash along the exterior wall when installing a built-in cooking area. Use materials that can withstand the weather. Choose tiles that have either a fire-glazed or a cement finish, she says.

Beldock has also done outdoor wallpaper that's printed on "the film that you put on cars or buses," she says; it's weather-resistant and great for the wall behind an outdoor sink.

Growing your groceries

Many people already grow some herbs on an

indoor windowsill. An outdoor kitchen is a great place to expand on that, says Beldock.

Add planters or pots for basics like parsley, fennel, basil and tomatoes, she says. Plant some thyme to use in recipes and enjoy the beauty of purple flowers that sprout on top.

Going further

Wall-mounted televisions are also popular for outdoor entertaining areas, though they must be outdoor-rated and protected from the elements. Many people also install ice makers, and on the luxury end, Beldock sees some clients adding dishwashers and even trash compactors.

"Everyone loves the idea of being able to hang out outside," Yip says. "We've really moved toward a grilling, outdoor entertaining, casual culture."



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Fire blight is a common bacterial disease that can kill branches and entire plants.

How to deal with fire blight in crabapple trees

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Botanic Garden

My flowering crabapple has some funny-looking branches on it now. The branches have brown leaves that appear to have dried up at the ends and are not falling off the tree. What is happening and what can I do about it?

— Beth Simpson, Evanston

From your description, it sounds like you have a problem with fire blight (*Erwinia amylovora*), which is a common bacterial disease that can kill branches and entire plants of many in the rose family including crabapples, cotoneasters, apples and pears. The first symptoms of this disease show up about the time when flower petals start to fall in spring and are not as easy to notice with a casual look. The infected blossoms appear water-soaked and wilt rapidly before turning a dark brown.

As the disease progresses, the leaves at the ends of branches wilt, darken and remain attached to the tree. Infected twigs also darken up and

the ends may bend over, forming what looks like a shepherd's crook. Infected fruits gradually dry out and remain attached to the branch.

When you see branches with dead leaves that hang on along with curved tips of the branches, you very likely have fire blight. The presence of dried out fruits hanging on the branches is an additional confirmation of this disease. When it is rainy, the infected tissue and fruits may exude creamy bacterial ooze in droplets or fine strands that look like hairs.

Fire blight cankers can form on branches or stems. Look for dark, discolored areas that are slightly sunken, with a narrow callus ridge (raised tissue formed by the tree to heal over the wound) along the outer edge. The inner bark under a canker turns from the normal green color to brown, but different plant varieties show somewhat different symptoms. Droplets of bacterial ooze may appear on the canker.

Fire blight is difficult to control and can be spread by insects, splashing rain

or contaminated pruning tools. Start by removing all blighted twigs and cankered branches 6 to 10 inches below the edge of visible infection. If in doubt as to how far to cut a branch back, err on the side of pruning more. It's important to sterilize all pruning tools after each cut when doing this work during the growing season. I use Lysol disinfectant for my tools. Promptly remove all infected brush from your garden. There will be less chance to spread this disease if you delay until winter, though you may find it harder to see the infected branches and where to make your cuts.

Going forward, choose varieties that are resistant to fire blight when installing new plants and avoid over-fertilizing, which stimulates excessive growth more prone to infection. Pruning less aggressively on an annual basis also helps to limit new growth. There are some spray programs that can be implemented to combat fire blight but they are not generally practical for homeowners to implement.

Some common mistakes when watering the garden

BY BETH BOTTS
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The hotter it gets, the more rapidly plants lose water. "In the heat of summer, our trees and garden plants require more water than usual," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

It's important to water the right way to make sure we actually help plants and to avoid wasting water. Here are some tips from the Arboretum's Plant Clinic.

Check the soil first.

Even if it looks dry, use a trowel to dig down 2 to 6 inches and feel the soil. "If it feels moist 3 to 4 inches down, there's no need to water," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager. Don't check just one spot. "Your soil may be moist in one spot but dry in another," she said. For example, low spots may stay wet. On the other hand, soil tends to dry out quickly near pavement, which absorbs and radiates heat. The area beneath a shade tree is often dry because many raindrops land on the tree's leaves and never reach the ground.

Water at soil level.

Plants can only absorb water through their roots, so your goal is to get water into the soil where the roots are. "It does no good to put water on the leaves," Yiesla said. "That water will just evaporate and be wasted."

Water deeply. Apply enough water to soak down into the root zone. "That will probably be more water than you think," Yiesla said. "A few minutes of watering by hand with a hose nozzle isn't likely to be enough for any garden plant." The general rule of thumb in the Midwest is that plants need the equivalent of 1 inch of rainfall a week, but during extended dry spells,



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The best way to know if your soil needs watering is to dig down in several spots and feel whether the soil is moist 3 to 4 inches below the surface. If it's dry, water the area.

they can use more. A recently planted tree needs at least 10 to 15 gallons of water, or three 5-gallon buckets full, about once a week. Use the hose, or pour the water slowly from a bucket near the trunk.

Don't water every day.

Light, frequent sprinkling is actually counterproductive: Much of the water will evaporate rather than soak in. And because water will only be available in the topmost layer of soil, roots will stay there instead of growing deep and strong. "If you water the lawn for a few minutes every day, you'll actually make your grass weaker and less resistant to drought," Yiesla said. Instead, water deeply, and then wait a few days before checking the soil to see if you need to water again. There's one exception to this rule: Container plants need more frequent watering. "Pots dry out fast in hot weather," Janoski said. "Check your containers daily."

Water trees too. In hot weather, even mature trees can benefit from watering. To water an established tree, turn the hose to a

trickle and lay it on the ground near the tree. Every 20 minutes or so, move the hose to a new spot until you've distributed water fairly evenly to the soil in the area shaded by the branches. You also can use a sprinkler. The tree's roots actually extend way beyond its branches, so if you can water farther, do.

Stressed plants need more watering. For example, "many people had to cut boxwoods and other shrubs way back this spring because of severe winter damage," Yiesla said. "Those plants need extra watering to recover and put on new growth."

Spread mulch. A layer of mulch over the soil will help hold in moisture and insulate the plants' roots against summer heat. Water first, and then spread mulch in an even layer around a tree or shrub, or in perennial or vegetable beds. *For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).*

Heat waves not cool for homes

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

You may be one of the tens of millions of people that suffered in the blistering heat wave that gripped the Eastern USA in July. I happen to live in central New Hampshire, and it was a withering 91 degrees, with a dew point near 70 on a recent weekend. That's rare for this part of the nation, and I know it's much hotter in other locations.

Summer heat is nothing new. Not by a long shot. If you dig deep into weather history and connect it to homes and how our ancestors survived, you'll discover that builders and homeowners discovered how to cope with the heat and humidity.

You may wonder what's in play when the sun's powerful infrared rays strike your home's roof and windows. I used my infrared camera and captured a frightening image of my roof not too long ago. The south-facing roof shingles, which take a direct strike from the sun, get up to almost 163 degrees.

That's hot enough to cause second-degree skin burns in seconds if you touched the roof surface. Believe me, that's the voice of experience talking.

That heat is transferred to the wood framing that



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The reason attic insulation doesn't keep you cool during a heat wave is that it's a product that slows the transfer of heat but doesn't stop it.

supports your roof. Years ago, I recorded temperatures in my house attic of 140 degrees. The entire roof radiates heat much like a campfire that's reduced to glowing embers.

This heat is transferred to the inside of your home because the ceiling below your attic starts to get very hot. Once again, think of how a campfire keeps you warm.

I know, you're wondering all about your attic insulation and why it's not helping to keep you cool. The reason is simple. Insulation is a building product that slows the transfer of heat. It does not stop it. To stop a large portion of heat transfer, you need a radiant barrier similar to aluminum foil.

Keep in mind as the

temperature of your attic starts to climb as the sun gets higher in the sky, so does the temperature of the actual insulation in your attic and walls.

The trouble is, the insulation then does the job it's supposed to do late in the day and early evening. You want your house to cool down, but it's slowing the transfer of heat from the inside of your house to the outdoors. It's a vicious circle of one of the laws of physics.

I can clearly remember growing up in the Midwest without central air conditioning. My mother had all sorts of electric fans we used in the bedrooms to blow lots of air across us to help make sleeping possible.

Fans help cool you be-



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A deep overhang on this home means the living space will never see direct sunshine on the warmest days of the year.

cause they increase the rate of evaporation of your body's perspiration. As the sweat turns into water vapor, it takes some of your body heat with it. The faster you can make this happen the cooler you'll be — to a degree of course.

Builders years ago built homes with large overhangs so the sun would not enter windows during the hottest part of the day. You don't see generous overhangs in new homes all too often. This is an example of a building practice that's going from history to legend to myth.

Older homes had drapes over the windows indoors.

People would pull these closed during the day to stop the direct influx of infrared rays into the living space. You can coat windows with nearly invisible films to reduce the absorption of infrared into your home if you don't like drapes.

Whole-house fans have been kicked to the curb for the most part as central air conditioning seems to be the way to combat hot houses. Whole-house fans can do a marvelous job of cooling you down as you can control where the breeze is in your home depending on what windows you open.

The issue is, you don't want to be using a whole-house fan while the AC is on. Realize that these giant fans kept millions of families fairly comfortable long before AC was affordable and in widespread use in residential homes.

Simple ceiling paddle fans in rooms also can help. Just look in the back-ground of old TV shows and movies that take place in hot climates. You almost always see these lazy fans creating a breeze.

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Shodeen Homes offers a selection of ranch and two-story homes in the Norton Lake in Campton Hills subdivision.

home is available for October move-in. Resort-style amenities that also include an outdoor pool, zero-entry kiddie pool, lighted tennis and basketball courts, tot lot and walking trails are set amid the beauty of rolling vistas. The top-rated Batavia schools serve the community with an on-site elementary school.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Schilling Development breaks ground for St. John gated community

Schilling Development held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate construction of the first phase of The Continental subdivision.

The new neighborhood is a joint venture between the Muenich and Schilling families in the heart of St. John, Indiana. This will be the first gated community in the town of St. John, which has frequently been voted one of Indiana's Safest Cities.

Mike Muenich, who grew up on the property and is one of the partners in the development, recalls the rich history of the property. "This was a part of the second parcel purchased by the Hack family when they came to settle St. John in 1837."

The area was then known as Prairie West — a name now allocated to the town's 12-acre park across the street. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) also did some work on the site in the mid 1930s. The Muenich family purchased their portion of the site in the mid 1940s.

"We are proud to be a part of this development that will preserve so many of the historical and natural features of the land.



An artist's rendering of Schilling Development's The Continental subdivision in St. John, Indiana.

I personally planted many of the Hickory and Walnut trees on the property," says Muenich.

Frank Schilling and the Schilling family also have deep roots in the St John community and much of the surrounding property.

"We felt that this piece of property required something different — something special. That's why we wanted to

do a gated community, to really take this community and surrounding area to the next level."

The property has more than 50 feet of elevation change and actually sits on the continental divide — the north half of the site drains to Lake Michigan, while the south half ultimately drains to the Mississippi River.

"We came up with the name The

Continental as a way to identify the high value of the homes that will be built there and also as a reference to the Continental Divide," says Schilling.

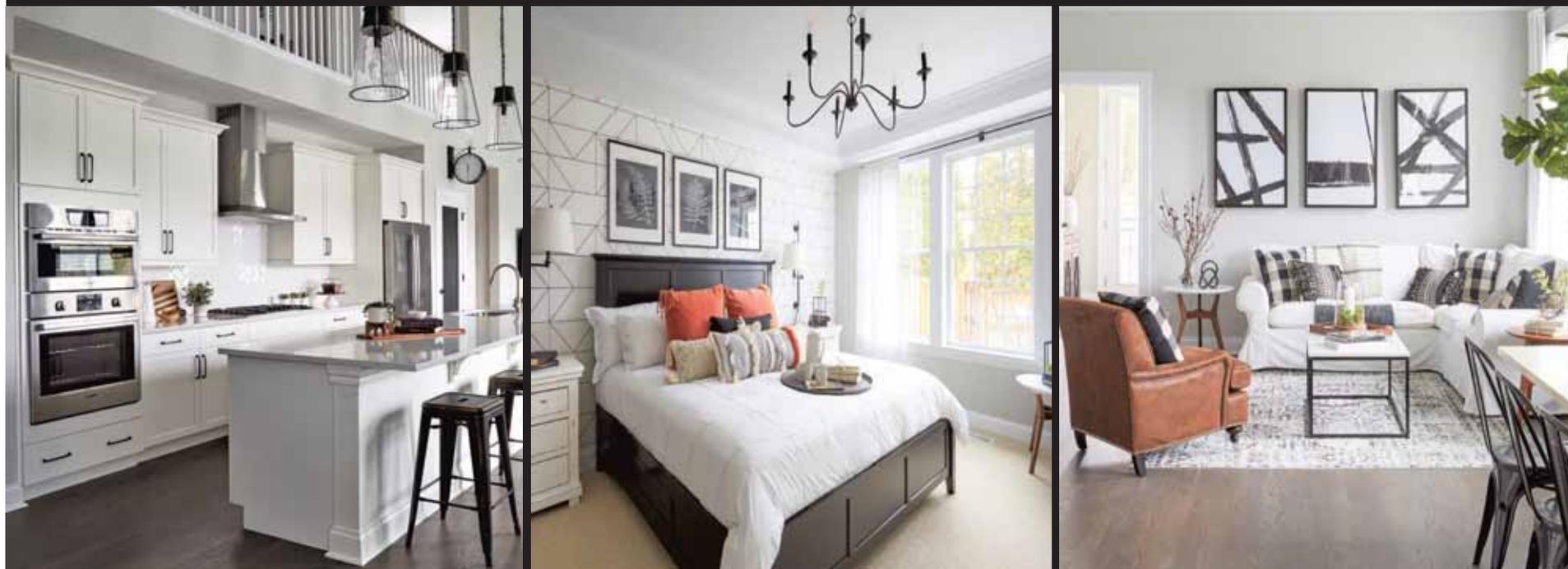
The new development will contain only 52 home sites on 55 acres. The magnificent entrance will boast a pair of connected lakes with a bridge to cross before you reach the gate.

"We spent over four years tweaking the designs before we came up with a layout we were happy with. All of the new streets will follow the natural ridges of the land, creating lots with walk-out basements and scenic views," says Jack Slager, development manager for Schilling Development. Construction will also involve widening 93rd Avenue to three lanes and adding curbs and sidewalks.

Schilling Development is a multi-generation developer in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana dating to the 1890s. For more information about The Continental or any other Schilling Developments, visit schillingdevelopment.com or call 219-365-6000.

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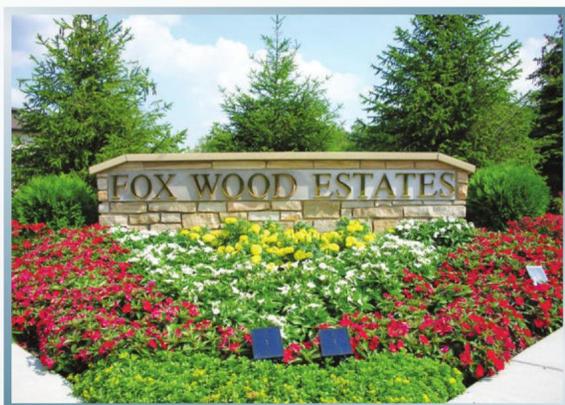


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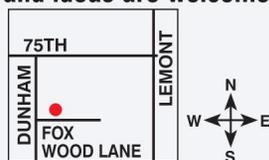
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Shodeen Homes offers one-leveling living with an open concept floor plan at Squires Crossing in Maple Park.

New decorated ranch model now open at Squires Crossing

A new decorated ranch model, the Newberry, is now open for touring at Squires Crossing, a Shodeen Homes' community served by top-ranked District No. 302 Kaneland schools in the charming town of Maple Park.

"Buyers who desire the ease of one-level living in an open concept floor plan will appreciate all that the Newberry has to offer," says Craig Shodeen, president for Shodeen Homes. "The large great room open to the island kitchen and informal dining area is at the heart of this home making it the daily gathering place and center of entertaining. Three bedrooms, including a master suite with private bath and large walk-in closet, a full basement and two-car garage are included in the price of the home, which starts at \$278,000, making it an affordable option for growing families and empty-nesters alike."

In addition to the Newberry, Shodeen offers an impressive collection of ranch and two-story homes, priced from the \$230,000s, ranging in size from 1,697 to 2,688 square feet with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, 9-foot first-floor ceilings, chef-pleasing kitchens with choice of cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, full basements and two- or three-car garages.

"Maple Park is an idyllic town with a charming main street, weekly bake sales, farmer's markets, Friday Fish Fries, The Maple Park Pub, voted best outdoor dining patio in Kane County with live music on weekends, and the Maple Park Fun Fest over Labor Day weekend is organized by community members and features food, fun, a 5K, car show, Kid Zone and more,"

Harmon says. "It's a small town with a big heart where neighbors help neighbors. In fact, throughout the year the town conducts various fundraisers, collecting money, toys, clothes and during the holidays distributes all of the donations to local families in need."

Buyers looking to move this summer while the kids are out of school have options at Squires Crossing. Both two-story and ranch plans are available and feature extras such as extended concrete patios, wide plank wood flooring, island kitchens with upgraded 42-inch white cabinets and family rooms with fireplaces.

Homes for quick move-in, include:

- The 2,020-square-foot Augusta at 445 East DeKalb Drive, is priced at \$282,600 and includes three bedrooms, 2½ baths, formal living and dining rooms, kitchen with breakfast bar, 42-inch white cabinets, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances and extended breakfast room, wide-plank laminate wood flooring throughout much of the first floor, extended concrete patio, full basement with bath rough-in and three-car garage.

- The 2,089-square-foot Newberry ranch at 115 E. Ashton Drive is priced at \$331,100, with three bedrooms, two baths, full basement, great room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace, open island kitchen and breakfast area.

The Squires Crossing sales center and model are located at 115 E. Ashton Drive in Maple Park. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Call 630-232-8181 for more information or visit shodeenhomes.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Fox Wood Estates grand opening celebration will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11.

Crestview Builders offering ranch homes at Fox Wood Estates

Crestview Builders is now showing its new model The Carlisle II at Fox Wood Estates community from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11.

Fox Wood Estates is located on the east side of Dunham Road, just south of 75th Street and one block west of Lemont Road in Downers Grove Township in DuPage County. This desired and secluded 6.4 acres borders the Fox Hollow Forest Preserve and is across from the Village Green and Zigfield Troy golf courses offering one of the most convenient locations with private views.

This ideal location is just minutes from shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Fox Wood Estates offers easy access to I-355 and I-55 yet remains secluded and quietly surrounded by 67 acres of the beautiful Fox Hollow Forest Preserve. Take advantage of a rare opportunity to build a home in an elite single-family community surrounded by boundaries of perfection.

The community is served by elementary and junior high schools in Darien and Downers Grove from District 66 and Downers Grove High School District 99.

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The model home and sales center is located at 1133 Fox Wood Lane in Downers Grove Township. The grand opening celebration will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11.

For more information, contact Ron Rose of Rose Realty at 630-725-1100. Rose Realty has more than 40 years of experience in real estate development, buying, selling, designing and building custom homes.




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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Elegant townhomes in two styles are available for quick move-ins at Harbor Village within Harbor Shores Resort near St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Four-seasons vacation homes available at Harbor Village

Some people believe that autumn and winter rival summer as a season for outdoor fun.

At Harbor Village at Harbor Shores Resort, residents can enjoy four seasons of recreational amenities in a location just 1½ hours from Chicago, with convenient interstate and train access. Presently, a selection of spacious townhomes is available for quick move-in, ideal for those buyers who are looking for a vacation home, primary residence or retirement retreat.

"The St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area has long been a vacation destination for Chicagoans who were drawn to the Lake Michigan beach towns and picturesque atmosphere of southwest Michigan," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing for Harbor Shores Resort. "Now the area has gained new popularity as home to Harbor Shores Resort, considered the premier recreational community in the Midwest. Harbor Village, the newest and largest neighborhood in the community, offers spacious townhomes available for quick move-in for those who want to enjoy world-class recreation all year round. It's the ideal place to enjoy summer boating, golf and swimming, autumn hikes, golf and festivals as well as winter evenings by the fire after a day of cross-country skiing."

Harbor Shores Resort is a 530-acre community that centers on the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design golf course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024.

Evergreen Development has planned the community to be a harmonious environment with Coastal Shingle Style archi-

itecture, inspired land planning, curving streets and lavish landscaping.

The first phase of development at Harbor Village includes 78 homes, including 30 single-family homes and 48 attached townhomes and rowhomes. Four townhomes are offered quick move-in, including a pair of 1,700-square-foot townhomes, priced at \$335,000 and two 2,400-square-foot Cottage Court townhome, priced at \$435,000. Model homes are available for viewing. The 1,700-square-foot townhomes include three levels, with three bedrooms, three full baths, open living areas and large covered decks with golf course views.

The Cottage Court townhomes are arranged in a group of five homes located around a landscaped courtyard. The 2,400-square-foot model features one-level living with an open concept family room, three bedrooms including a first-floor master bedroom, 2½ baths and relaxing landscaped courtyard.

"These homes have been thoughtfully planned for family living and to accommodate guests, with spacious gathering areas and bedrooms situated for privacy on varying floors of the homes," Wright says.

Interested buyers can take advantage of the Harbor Shore Resort Discovery Package. Visitors can speak with Resident Ambassadors who can provide valuable insights into the community. The \$299 package includes overnight accommodations for two at The Inn at Harbor Shores, dinner at Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities such as two rounds of golf or a spa experience.

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Many in the dark on homeowners insurance coverage and pricing

Although the vast majority of homeowners carry homeowners insurance (if you have a mortgage, it's required), only about a fifth of homeowners have reviewed their policy to understand what it covers, or have shopped around for a good policy price.

A new ValuePenguin survey of 1,849 homeowners with homeowners insurance found that almost half (47 percent) said they don't know what their policy covers, and 18 percent went as far as saying they have never reviewed their policy.

Meanwhile, although 64 percent reported they review their policy annually, only 71 percent said they feel confident in their understanding of what's covered.

A common misconception turned up by the survey is the belief that flood damage is covered. One in three respondents (34 percent) believe their policies cover flooding, even though most policies do not. Among millennials, almost 50 percent have this misconception.

Many homeowners may also be paying more than they need to for coverage, since only a fraction are shopping around for the best rate. Approximately a fifth (21 percent) said they researched rates, either by comparing online quotes or working with an independent insurance agent.

So how are most homeowners choosing their homeowners insurance provider instead? More than a third (36 percent) simply opened a policy with their auto insurer, while another 36 percent chose who was recommended to them by friends or family (15 percent), their mortgage lender (12%), or their realtor (9%).

While homeowners insurance can seem like a simple checkbox to mark when you buy your home, and then keep current once a year, policies can range widely in terms of perils covered, deductibles required, and maximum payouts allowed, as well as rates charged. Doing your homework to choose the best coverage, and for the best price, is a savvy homeowner move.

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