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Trump again mulls freeing Blagojevich

Railing at 'Comey gang and all these sleazebags,' president publicly weighs commuting sentence

BY RICK PEARSON AND JASON MEISNER

President Donald Trump has once again dangled the idea of commuting the 14-year prison sentence of disgraced former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, telling reporters aboard Air Force One that he was "very strongly" considering springing Blagojevich from prison almost five years early.

The president's Wednesday night remarks — largely echoing comments he made 14 months ago — gave new hope to Blagojevich's wife, Patti, who released a statement Thursday saying the family was "very hopeful that our almost 11 year nightmare might soon be over."

Late Thursday, Trump tweeted that "White House staff is continuing the review" of a possible

commutation for Blagojevich.

But Trump also showed he has done little homework on the case since he first raised the idea of using his powers of executive clemency for Blagojevich in May 2018.

Trump repeated the same misstatement he made last year that Blagojevich was sentenced to 18 years in prison and once again mentioned only one wiretapped phone call by Blagojevich, when much of the evidence presented at trial came from witnesses who said the governor was shaking them down for campaign cash in exchange for official acts.

The victims included the then-CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital, now Lurie Children's Hospital, who said he was pressured to contribute tens of thousands of

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Blagojevich



Trump

Illinois lawmakers and office holders recoil at possibility disgraced politician could walk free

BY RICK PEARSON

Leading elected Illinois Republicans recoiled Thursday at the prospect that President Donald Trump would commute disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence and warned it could put the GOP in a deeper hole in trying to fight one-party Democratic control of the state in next year's elections.

Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs said that in considering relief for the former Democratic governor, the Republican president was acting out of his own political self-interest and was attempting to make Blagojevich a "folk hero" while continuing to grind a personal ax against a federal Justice Department that investigated Trump and his 2016 presidential campaign.

And in Washington, the five GOP members of the state's congressional delegation issued a joint statement saying a Trump commutation would set a "dangerous precedent and goes against the trust voters place in elected officials."

The statement was signed by GOP Reps. Darin LaHood of Dunlap, John Shimkus of Collinsville, Rodney Davis of Taylorville, Mike Bost of Murphysboro, and the Chicago area's only Republican congressman, Adam Kinzinger of Channahon.

The statements came after Trump on Wednesday night told reporters aboard Air Force One that he was "very strongly" considering issuing a commutation to Blagojevich, who is scheduled to be released from federal prison in

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tavon Tanner, 13, and his twin sister, Tanyah, at their Northwest Side home on Wednesday. Thursday marked the third anniversary of the shooting of Tavon, who was 10 years old when a bullet struck him on his front porch on the West Side.

3 years after shooting, twins find some peace

2016 event that scarred Tavon Tanner still shapes life of his family and twin sister



MARY SCHMICH

Mellanie Washington was sitting on her bed Monday when it hit her: It was almost the third anniversary of the day her son Tavon was shot.

"Wow," she thought. Three years.

She sat there for a bit, remem-

bering: Aug. 8, 2016. A warm night, her West Side street abuzz with reports of a shooting nearby earlier in the day.

She flashed back to how she'd been relaxing on her front porch when, from out of nowhere, the bullets came, how one struck her 10-year-old son, Tavon, and how, for a long time afterward, nothing in his life, her life, her family's life was normal. She feared it would never be normal again.

Strange, she thought, sitting alone on her bed in 2019, how the anniversary sneaked up on her

this time, unlike the first one, which had inspired her to throw a party.

"Do you know it's going on three years?" she asked Tavon later.

"Mmm hmm," was all he said. Interesting, she thought, that he kept close track of the date.

Tavon is 13 now. He's lanky and taller than his mother. He has a light mustache. He shakes his head and looks down — with a hint of a smile — when his mother says girls find him handsome.

Three years on, his body still aches sometimes from the nerve damage caused by the bullet that struck the base of his spine then shot upward and ravaged his organs. But he loves playing basketball, and he often plays with his shirt off, despite the long scar that snakes along his abdomen.

"I got shot," he'll say, if someone sees the scar and asks. If pressed, he'll tell the story.

Several weeks after Tavon's

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Use of airport fire rigs probed

FAA investigating if 'unqualified' crews operated tenders

BY PETER NICKEAS

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the Chicago Fire Department and the city's Department of Aviation over allegations of unqualified firefighters staffing specialized fire equipment used at O'Hare and Midway airports.

The FAA notified the city in late July it launched a probe into allegations of "unqualified Chicago Fire Department personnel manning" specialized Fire Department rigs that are mandated at airports, according to a letter from the FAA obtained by the Chicago Tribune. The rigs, sometimes called crash tenders, require specific training to operate.

An FAA spokesman confirmed the agency is "looking into issues regarding the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting unit" at O'Hare and Midway airports but declined to comment further, citing an open investigation.

A Chicago Fire Department spokesman declined comment. A city Aviation Department spokesman also declined to comment because the investigation is ongoing.

The letter informing the Chicago Department of Aviation of the investigation was sent to Commissioner Jamie Rhee and dated July 26, one day after the agency received information about the allegations, the letter said.

The FAA requested a list of Fire Department personnel who were qualified to work the airport-specific vehicles between the dates of May 1 and July 25, as well as a list of Fire Department personnel assignments with their vehicle numbers for each shift over that same period. The federal agency also asked for "details of the additional procedures" instituted by the Aviation Department after it was notified of the allegations and gave the city 10 days to provide any additional information

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New climate change land report

New UN report says human-caused climate change is dramatically degrading the Earth's land. **Nation & World**

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Kraft Heinz released its second-quarter earnings report delayed by accounting problems. **Business**

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■ An op-ed ("Data alone won't stop Chicago gun violence") in Thursday's Perspective section ended mid-sentence and omitted information about the author, Paula Wolff. She is policy adviser with the Illinois Justice Project. The final paragraph should have read: Chicago's philanthropic community has stepped up over the last 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.

■ A July 31 story about local regulation of marijuana businesses incorrectly identified Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke.

The Tribune regrets the errors.

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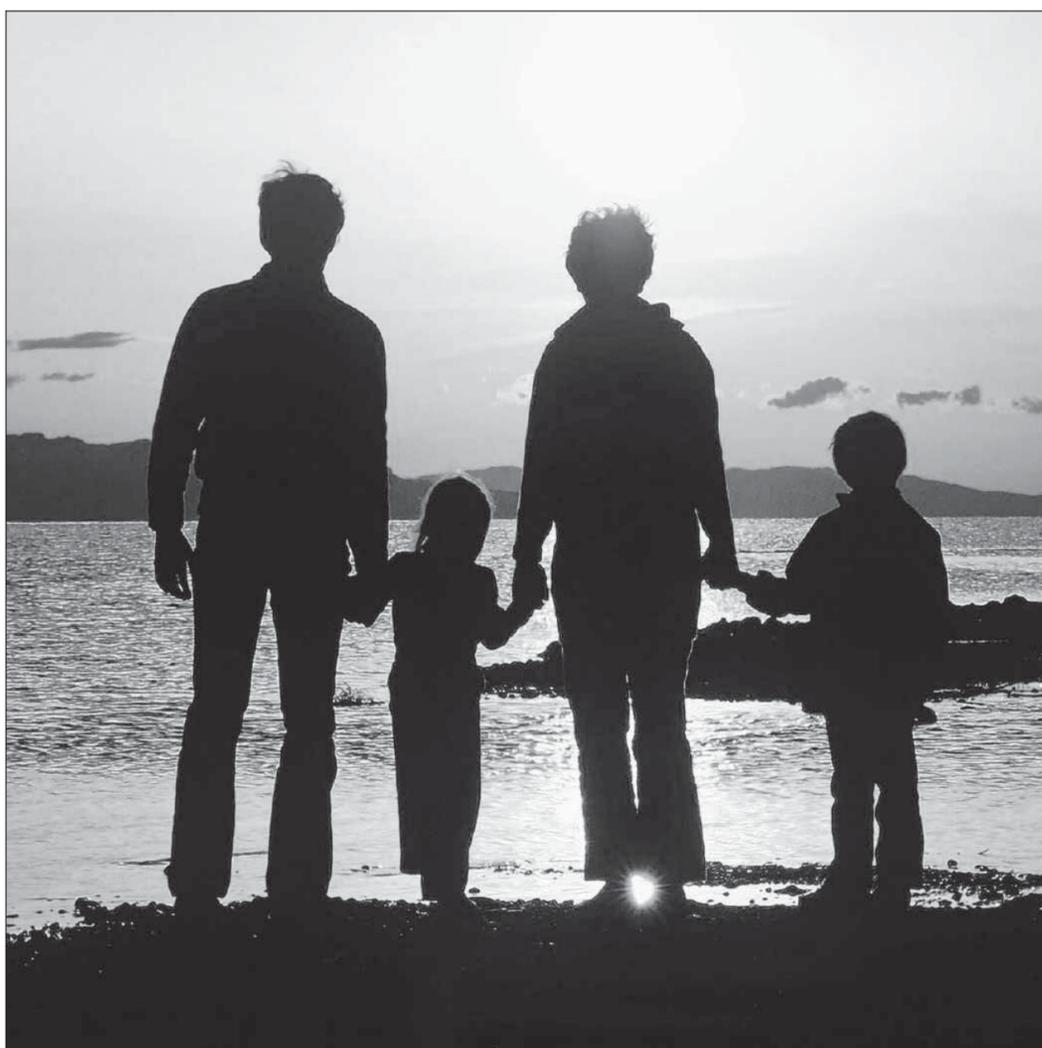
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How do you honor a life taken away so young?

In honor of a 17-year-old girl who's no longer here, I wonder if we can do good



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Thursday I attended a celebration of life for a girl who didn't live past 17. She was sick, and her parents and doctors went to superhuman lengths to make her well — emotionally, physically. And last week she passed away.

Thursday we gathered to hear stories about her too-short life and look at photos of her in this world, where she belongs. Where she still should be.

I didn't know her very well. My grief doesn't even count compared with those who loved and raised her. I wrote about her. They were consumed by her for 17 years.

They always will be. I once interviewed a mom who lost her 11-year-old son to a brain tumor. "I have a hole in my heart that never closes," she told me. "Nothing else fills that hole. It's always there. You learn to garden around it."

We teach our children to survive and thrive without us. Slowly, at first. A day at preschool. A sleepover with a friend. Then for longer, sustained stretches. We prepare them. Nothing prepares us to survive without our

"I have a hole in my heart that never closes. Nothing else fills that hole. It's always there. You learn to garden around it."

— A mom who lost her 11-year-old son to a brain tumor

children.

I can't make sense of a child's death because there's no sense to be made. Besides, it's crass, I think, to look for lessons in someone else's pain. Other people's pain is not a learning experience for us. Other people's pain is ours to witness, to help carry, if we can.

Still, I find myself wondering what to do — in her honor, in honor of her parents and older brother, in honor of the younger classmate who wrote the family a note saying she looked up to this girl because she watched her be kind, always, to the other kids at school.

I wonder if we have it in us to do good in this girl's honor.

I wonder if we could talk to our people with extra patience and grace today. I wonder if we could make sure to light up when they walk in the

room. I wonder if we could try taking nothing for granted.

I wonder if we could tread a little more lightly as we go through the world today, knowing how much pain is out there. Knowing how unfairly it's distributed. Knowing it has landed in places we'd never suspect.

I wonder if we could right a wrong today. Maybe it's a little thing where we live or work or shop. Maybe it's a big, entrenched injustice that we can start to chip away. Maybe we can make the world a little safer for someone.

I wonder if we could do this in her honor. I wonder if we could do it longer than a day. I'm talking to myself as much as anyone. I wonder if I can.

None of it brings this well-loved girl back to her family. But maybe it takes the hole where she should be, the one they'll have to garden around, and surrounds it with love and light and grace. Maybe that's something.

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Tavon

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shooting, my colleague Jason Wambsgans and I began spending time with him and his family to find out how it changed their lives. Our story appeared in December 2016. We've visited them every August since, knowing that one swift, violent act is likely to be followed by a long cascade of consequences.

Washington and her four children live now on a quiet Northwest Side street bordered by neat lawns, in a small frame house up a flight of wooden stairs. There's a single folding chair on the front porch, where Washington likes to sit and enjoy the peace.

"Boy, look at us now," she said, when we arrived on Wednesday. She laughed.

"It's beautiful here." She was sitting at a folding table in the sparsely furnished living room — she plans to assemble the furniture she has bought one of these days — and she wore a T-shirt that said "LOVE."

She'd just finished her 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. shift in a nursing facility, where she helps to prepare and serve food. She looked happy. She said Tavon — who was still in his bedroom, where he spends a lot of time playing video games — was happy too.

Tavon's twin sister, Taniyah, sat down beside her.

"It's quiet here, chill," Taniyah said. "You can go anywhere. On the West Side, it's like crazy."

In this ethnically diverse neighborhood, there's a safe park nearby. The neighbors are friendly. Tavon can walk safely to the Walgreens. Taniyah likes walking over to the Dunkin' Donuts.

But even in this sanctuary, the shooting still shapes their lives. They monitor Chicago's violence on the TV and online. Washington follows a Facebook page that pings her every time there's word of another shooting. It pings a lot.

Sometimes when she's watching the news, she



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tavon Tanner, 13, appears at his home on the Northwest Side on Wednesday. Tavon's shooting in 2016 still shapes the family's lives, and his body still aches sometimes from the nerve damage caused by the bullet.

might say, "Oh, my God, another one!" so loudly that Tavon comes into her room. They'll watch together, worried that the victim is someone they know. Yet no matter what horror is on the screen, they find consolation in one thought: Tavon survived.

Once a week, still, Tavon sees a counselor at Lurie Children's Hospital.

"Do I have to go?" he used to say.

"Yes, you need it," his mother would say.

"I'm fine," he'd insist.

"You need to go," she'd say, knowing that he wasn't.

Now he goes without hesitation. His mother takes Thursdays off work to drive him. Taniyah goes once a month too. If anything has become clear in these three years, it's that a bullet never wounds just one person.

I've written about Tavon several times without say-

ing much about Taniyah. On Wednesday, she was eager to talk.

"Tavon is harder, more serious," Washington said, explaining their differences. "Taniyah is joyous."

Yet the twins have always been close, and on that August night when they were 10 years old, Taniyah stood next to her brother as he bled on the floor.

"Twin, don't leave me!" she cried. "Twin, don't leave me!"

On Wednesday, she recalled sensing he'd been hit even before she saw. She remembered watching him for weeks in a hospital bed, hooked to wires, telling herself, "One day he ain't going to hurt no more."

Three years later, she still wonders if she could have done something that would have prevented the shooting. To this day, when she hears certain noises — say a

bang from a construction sight — her heart beats faster.

But her counselor has helped her make peace with what happened.

"It took some time," she said.

Tavon talks less openly about the shooting and its repercussions. Often he buries his head in his hands before answering a question, and even then he's terse.

"Good," he said when asked Wednesday how he's feeling. But he had a qualifier.

"In the past, I didn't used to have no attitude," he said. "Now I have an attitude."

In these three years, everyone in Tavon's family has been buoyed by the people who have stuck with them. They received more support than most shooting victims do, and they know it.

They make a point of

saying how grateful they are to Thompson Bailey, a Denver real estate investor who heard about the shooting on the news when it happened. He came to Chicago to help them find their new house, gave Washington a car and regularly checks in. He got in touch this week because he knew the anniversary was coming up.

And one day this summer, the two detectives on the case stopped by to surprise Tavon with a Milwaukee Bucks jersey.

(A Police Department spokesperson said Thursday that two arrests were made in Tavon's shooting but both people were released without charges.)

Three years.

On Thursday, Washington marked the time quietly by making Tavon's favorite meal: pot roast, mac and cheese, greens and cucumbers, served with tropical

punch Kool-Aid.

In a couple of weeks, Tavon and Taniyah will enter eighth grade, the grade that marks the end of childhood, the beginning of people seriously asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Taniyah dreams of being a radiologist or a counselor. Tavon dreams of growing up to be a basketball player, though he also imagines himself playing football.

One of his favorite Netflix series is "All American," the tale of a black teenager who's recruited from his inner-city high school to play at wealthy Beverly Hills High. The show starts with a shooting.

I asked Tavon what he liked about it. The main character, he said.

"What he grew up from, and what he became."

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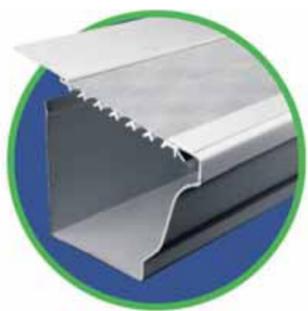
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Fred Lutger, right, owner of Freddie Bear Sports gun shop in Tinley Park, talks to a man about a .22-caliber rifle on Thursday. Since submitting an application for certification to the state police in June, "we haven't heard one word," Lutger said.

State in no state to certify gun dealers as law requires

Rules yet to be established; sellers who applied under act can carry on as if certified

BY DAN PETRELLA

The Illinois State Police has yet to certify any of the state's gun dealers as required under a law Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed days after taking office in January.

The agency was supposed to begin issuing certifications to federally licensed gun dealers July 17, but the rules required to implement the law still haven't been established. In the meantime, gun dealers that have applied under the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act are allowed to continue operating as if they've been certified.

In the wake of shootings last weekend in El Paso, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; and Chicago; Pritzker pointed to the law as a step his administration has taken to prevent gun violence.

"The Second Amendment is an amendment to the Constitution that we have to uphold, but we also have to uphold the safety of our families and children," the Democratic governor said Monday at an unrelated event in Chicago. "And I've tried to do that. I signed into law the gun dealer licensing bill when I first came into office, and we are looking at other ways in which we can protect our families across the state."

Lawmakers approved the bill while then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner was still in office, but Democratic Senate President John Cullerton used a procedural maneuver to keep the paperwork off the governor's desk until Pritzker took office.

Critics of the measure — including Rauner, who vetoed an earlier version — said the law was unnecessary because gun sellers already are licensed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Illinois State Rifle Association has sued the state to block the law.

Supporters of the law say the state must play a role because the ATF does not have sufficient resources to provide adequate oversight of Illinois gun sellers.

To receive state certification, retailers, including small businesses and big-box chains, are required to submit a copy of their federal license along with an affidavit swearing that it remains valid. The certification costs a maximum of \$1,500 for sellers with retail locations and \$300 for those without a retail location.



Handguns are shown in a display case at Freddie Bear Sports gun shop in Tinley Park on Thursday.

"Even without the certifications being issued, I believe Illinois gun dealers are being more mindful and attentive in their practices."

— Sen. Don Harmon, D-Oak Park

Gun dealers had until June 17 to submit their applications in order "to continue doing business without interruption," according to the state police website. The agency has received 1,158 applications. It will be at least several months, however, before the state begins issuing the certifications. Lt. Joseph Hutchins, a spokesman for the state police, said the agency submitted its proposed rules Tuesday to the secretary of state's office. That's the first step in a process that can take anywhere from three months to a year and includes a public comment period and approval from the legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The delay is another frustration for gun dealers who already are facing uncertainty because of the law, said Richard Pearson, executive director of the

Illinois State Rifle Association. He noted that retailers were told they had to meet the state's application deadline. "How come it's OK for the people running the ship not to do something, but it's not OK for the passengers?" Pearson said. Certifying gun dealers creates another responsibility for a state police force that has seen its ranks cut by nearly 20 percent over the past two decades. State police also are responsible for issuing firearm owner's identification cards and concealed carry permits.

A Tribune investigation earlier this year found that as many as 30,000 guns could still be in the hands of Illinois residents who've had their FOID cards revoked. It's a problem that came into the spotlight when a disgruntled employee whose FOID card had been revoked shot and killed five co-workers and wounded five officers in February at the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse in Aurora.

Legislation introduced in response to the Aurora shooting, which among other measures would have required fingerprinting of FOID card applicants, passed the House in the closing days of the spring

legislative session but wasn't taken up in the Senate. It could be considered when lawmakers return to Springfield this fall.

The state budget for the current year includes funding for two state trooper cadet classes and \$5 million for administering the gun dealer licensing program.

At an event Wednesday, Pritzker acknowledged that putting the rules in place for certifying gun sellers is "taking a little longer than expected."

"There's a great deal of consideration being given to them and, in fact, people are working hard on it," he said.

Under the law, gun dealers also are required to install surveillance cameras, maintain an electronic inventory, establish anti-theft measures and make sure employees go through annual training. But specific rules for those requirements also still must be established.

Fred Lutger, owner of Freddie Bear Sports in south suburban Tinley Park, said that in addition to the \$1,500 application fee, he had to spend about \$5,000 upgrading the secure storage at his store and will have to upgrade his security camera system to be able to save video for 90 days. He also took a week away from working in the store to prepare his application, he said.

Since submitting it to the state police in June, "we haven't heard one word," Lutger said.

"This whole state's a problem," he said. Despite the delays, the chief sponsor of the legislation said he believes it's still having an effect.

"Even without the certifications being issued, I believe Illinois gun dealers are being more mindful and attentive in their practices," said state Sen. Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat.

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Lawmakers debate guardianship ploy

Financial aid ruse decried, but fix not yet seen at hearing

BY DAWN RHODES

Public university officials are urging against "overcorrecting" as state legislators look into reports that suburban Chicago families exploited a loophole in state law to get their children college financial aid for which they would not otherwise qualify.

House members from the higher education and higher education appropriations committees held a joint hearing Thursday in Chicago to gather more information about the recently exposed scandal. Representatives from several state schools, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and higher education experts attended and gave testimony.

No specific action was taken Thursday but lawmakers said they are planning more hearings.

"We have a lot more information that we need to gather before we can say, unequivocally, 'here is the policy change we need, here is the judiciary change we need,'" said Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana.

ProPublica Illinois and the Wall Street Journal reported last week that dozens of families in suburban Lake County had given up custody of their teen children and transferred guardianship to a family friend or distant relative.

That move enabled their children, who were about 16 or 17 at the time, to declare themselves "independent" on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid — meaning officials only consider the child's income when determining how much assistance they should receive. The income of the guardian is not asked for or taken into account.

That could mean students still being supported by wealthier families could qualify for financial aid intended for low-income students, including federal Pell grants, Illinois' Monetary Award Program grants and aid financed by individual schools.

State legislators Thursday roundly condemned the practice even as they differed about where the loophole lies and what they could do to respond. Some questioned whether they should explore the law governing guardianship and under what circumstances such custody arrangements should be granted. Others asked whether universities can threaten expulsion or deny admission to students who misrepresent themselves on applications.

"We have a responsibility to question the ethics of this anomaly," Ammons said. "The need-based financial aid programs are a zero-sum game. When a student who does not qualify for aid is awarded money, there are students who are qualified and don't receive it, and consequently, they lose out on college altogether. However, the rising cost of college should not be overlooked in this case. A system that drives families to cheat is a broken system."

"So often we hear that government should just stay out of the way. I think this situation proves that some-

times government can't stay out of the way," said Rep. LaShawn Ford, D-Chicago.

Higher education officials praised legislators for their response but warned that enacting more regulations to root out disingenuous cases of guardianship also could discourage students truly in need from completing the college application process.

"Keep in mind that if there are legitimate guardianship situations, these kids are on their own," said Kate Danielson, the executive director of Foster Progress, a Ravenswood-based organization that helps children in foster families attend college. "They are facing so many burdens and barriers to success in college already that we don't want to create additional barriers for them."

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign first uncovered the practice in 2018 and has since flagged 14 students who indicated they were under a guardianship. Officials are working to more fully ascertain their financial situations. They reported the school's findings to the U.S. Department of Education and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

But, university officials said, they have no authority to yank state or federal aid. If someone qualifies for need-based aid based on the information submitted on a FAFSA, universities must award that money.

For the fall 2019 term, that money will start to be doled out in the next few weeks.

"We've been told that all of the information that's been provided is accurate within the current laws," said Andy Borst, U. of I.'s director of undergraduate admissions. "We just feel like our hands are legally tied when it comes to state and federal resources."

Local school and education officials have called on the federal government to intervene.

"We believe that it would be best for any changes to happen at the federal level so that we can maintain one consistent set of expectations for the applicants and the financial aid offices," said Eric Zarnikow, executive director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

School officials expressed confidence that exposure from the news reports and action from U. of I. may have prevented this idea from proliferating. Administrators from several public universities testified they reviewed or re-reviewed their files and have not identified any cases in which they felt someone had changed guardians strictly for financial aid reasons.

Students under guardianships comprise a tiny fraction of undergraduates at many schools, officials said. The overwhelming majority of them had been under a court-approved guardianship since they were infants or young children, or previously had been under the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services. None of the schools reported a recent spike in guardianship cases in their admissions.

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1 person hurt after 2 incidents of people on Blue Line tracks

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Minutes after crews restored service along the Blue Line after people were reported on the tracks at the Pulaski stop, a second call of a person on the tracks near the LaSalle stop again halted movement in both directions along the line.

A man who somehow

got on the tracks about 8 a.m. at the Pulaski station, 530 S. Pulaski Road, refused to get off them, then fell and hurt his hand, police said.

"Neither incident involved anyone being struck by a train," according to an emailed statement from the CTA.

The call at the LaSalle station, 150 W. Ida B. Wells Drive, came in just before

8:50 a.m., and the CTA initially said the unauthorized person on the tracks call was causing significant delays. In a later alert it attributed the disruption to "police activity."

Neither police nor the CTA provided basic information about what led to that service disruption, but the CTA said service was stopped for 15 minutes in both directions.

O'Hare trains were first to resume moving, and by about 9:10 a.m. Forest Park-bound service also had resumed, according to the CTA.

Just 20 minutes before trains stopped at LaSalle, the CTA reported trains started moving again after a call of people on the tracks halted trains at 8:10 a.m. near the Pulaski stop.

A man and a woman

were on the tracks and the man refused to get off, then fell and injured his hand.

"The male ... fell after already being on the tracks and refusing to leave," Karie James, a police spokeswoman, wrote in an email.

Dispatchers said one person was taken to a hospital for treatment, though it was unclear whether it was the man or

the woman, James said.

The CTA media office said "both incidents on the Blue Line were for individuals at track level" and referred further questions to the Police Department.

Commuters should check the CTA's website for updated travel information.

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Attorney Al Hofeld stands with his client Crystal Worship while announcing the filing of a lawsuit against Country Club Hills and Richton Park over an incident in which police shot Worship's 12-year-old son during a pre-dawn raid.

Suit alleges cop shot boy during raid gone wrong

BY ZAK KOESKE

A 12-year-old boy suffered permanent injuries after being shot in his bed by a police officer during a pre-dawn raid at his Markham home in May, a lawsuit alleged.

The suit, filed Thursday in Cook County Circuit Court, claimed the boy was shot and his 13-year-old brother was detained when officers from Richton Park and Country Club Hills executed a search warrant for their mother's boyfriend at the family's home around 5 a.m. on May 26.

The six-count complaint alleged negligence, assault and battery, false imprisonment and negligent or intentional infliction of emotional distress, and names Country Club Hills, Richton Park and three individual officers as defendants.

"Police needlessly and recklessly terrorized and injured innocent children," alleged the suit, which claimed the manner of the search warrant's execution has "seriously and permanently injured the children."

The Daily Southtown did not name the boys because they are minors.

The two boys were asleep in their beds when Country Club Hills and Richton Park SWAT officers wearing army fatigues, goggles and black cloth over their faces forced open doors of the Belleplaine Drive home and set off multiple flash-bang grenades that exploded inside the house, according to the suit.

The officers, who were members of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team, entered the children's bedrooms, roused them from sleep by shouting commands and pointed assault rifles at their bodies, the suit claimed.

It alleged that despite the boys' compliance with the officers' demands, one of them shot the younger boy as he sat shirtless with his hands up on the edge of his bed.

"The officer was pointing his gun at (the younger boy) after the room already had been secured by another officer, after he should have moved his gun back to the safe-ready position, after he should have put the safety lock back on, and long after it was obvious that a 12-year-old child posed no threat," the suit states.

It claims the officer was "multi-tasking" — holding his unsecured assault rifle, handing the boy his shoe and putting away his flashlight — when the gun fired.

"Assuming that this was not an intentional act, there is still no possible professional reason or excuse for what this officer did to (this 12-year-old boy)," Al Hofeld, the Worship family's lawyer, said Thursday during a news conference announcing the suit. "The police practice of pointing guns at children was not worth this risk of an innocent child being shot."

Afterward, the officer allegedly covered his badge with black tape and obscured his body camera, the suit claimed.

The officer who shot the youth is a member of the Richton Park police department, according to records

obtained by the Daily Southtown in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Hofeld said he did not know the officer's name or his current status with the force, but said the department had opened an internal investigation into the incident.

The bullet that struck the youngster shattered his kneecap and required him to undergo surgery that resulted in a four-day hospital stay, according to the suit. It alleges that the youth, who is beginning months of intensive physical therapy, will have difficulty walking and running for the rest of his life.

Police also allegedly handcuffed the older youth for up to an hour, placed him in a squad car by himself and detained him at the police station for five hours without filing charges, according to the suit.

Crystal Worship's boyfriend, who was the lone target of the raid, was arrested and charged with drug and gun possession.

Country Club Hills police officers had obtained a warrant to search the boyfriend and Worship's home three days before the May 26 raid and were looking for "perks" or prescription codeine, related paraphernalia, records of transactions and cash, according to the suit.

Hofeld said police arrested the boyfriend upon finding suspected codeine pills and two guns, but that the charges were dropped about a month later for reasons that are unclear.

Richton Park Police Chief Elvia Williams contacted the Illinois State Police Public Integrity Task Force three days after the shooting and requested they conduct an independent investigation, records show.

An ISP spokeswoman confirmed the investigation, but said she could not comment because the probe was pending.

Oak Lawn Division Chief Dan Vittorio, who leads the South Suburban Emergency Response Team that executed the May raid, said he could not comment on the incident while it remained under investigation.

Neither the Country Club Hills nor the Richton Park police departments responded to requests for comment on the incident.

A Markham spokesman said city police officers assisted with the search warrant's execution, because it involved a home in their community, but were not otherwise involved.

A Markham police report confirmed that officers assisted detectives from Country Club Hills — where the search warrant originated — and officers from SSERT in the execution of a "high risk" search warrant at the Worship home.

Markham police had set up a perimeter outside the house with a K9 officer in the street when a responding officer heard one gunshot fired inside the home, his report stated.

The Country Club Hills Fire Department and Buds Ambulance responded to the scene to provide medical aid to the gunshot victim, according to the report.

Housing Our Own-Wilmette Jeep raffle raises funds for residents

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

For more than 700 Wilmette families whose annual incomes are below \$17,000, paying rent and property taxes in the affluent North Shore community can be a struggle.

But the financial burden has been eased a bit for 20 local families who each year receive financial assistance for housing costs from the village's non-profit organization Housing Our Own-Wilmette.

This month, the organization is holding its annual raffle fundraiser, featuring a chance to win a 2019 Jeep Wrangler Sport, now through Aug. 31.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will help provide housing financial assistance to senior citizens and persons with disabilities in the village, Wilmette's Assistant Village Manager Michael Braiman said.

In 2019, the organization increased its funding by 12.5%, and now provides property tax assistance of \$1,800 a year, and rental assistance of \$225 a month, Braiman said.

"This is the fourth year we're holding the raffle, which is the key fundraiser



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A Housing Our Own-Wilmette Jeep raffle fundraiser this month will help local residents in need of financial assistance for housing expenses.

to keep this organization going," Braiman said.

Fifteen years after the approval of the village's affordable housing plan in 2004, Wilmette is expected to soon have around 186 multi-family residential units, with about 28 units meeting the criteria for affordable housing projects, officials said earlier this year.

The state recently approved funding for the latest development, a 16-unit affordable housing project at 1925 Wilmette Ave., which is awaiting construction by the nonprofit Hous-

ing Opportunity Development Corporation, Braiman said.

"The state funding was the first critical step, and the next step will be the approval of the plans, with construction expected to begin in 2020, and the project completed by 2021," Braiman said.

Housing Our Own-Wilmette board member and former Village President Nancy Canafax said, "it's always a revelation when residents realize that their neighbors in Wilmette need this kind of help."

"Wilmette has been pro-

tecting and providing for those most in need for more than 20 years," Canafax said, adding: "The community's support to continue these critical services is essential."

One of the non-profit's grant recipients, a Wilmette senior citizen who asked to remain anonymous, said she suffers from depression and chronic back problems.

Her husband, "had a stroke, or he would be supporting us today," she said. "We are immensely grateful for the kindness of our community helping us live out our days with enough to make ends meet."

The Housing Our Own-Wilmette Raffle tickets are \$100 and can be purchased through Aug. 31. To purchase a raffle ticket, visit www.housingwilmette.org/2019-raffle or contact Kate McManus, Community Development, Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., at 847-853-7522.

If you wish to make a donation, outside the raffle, you may do so by visiting housingwilmette.org.

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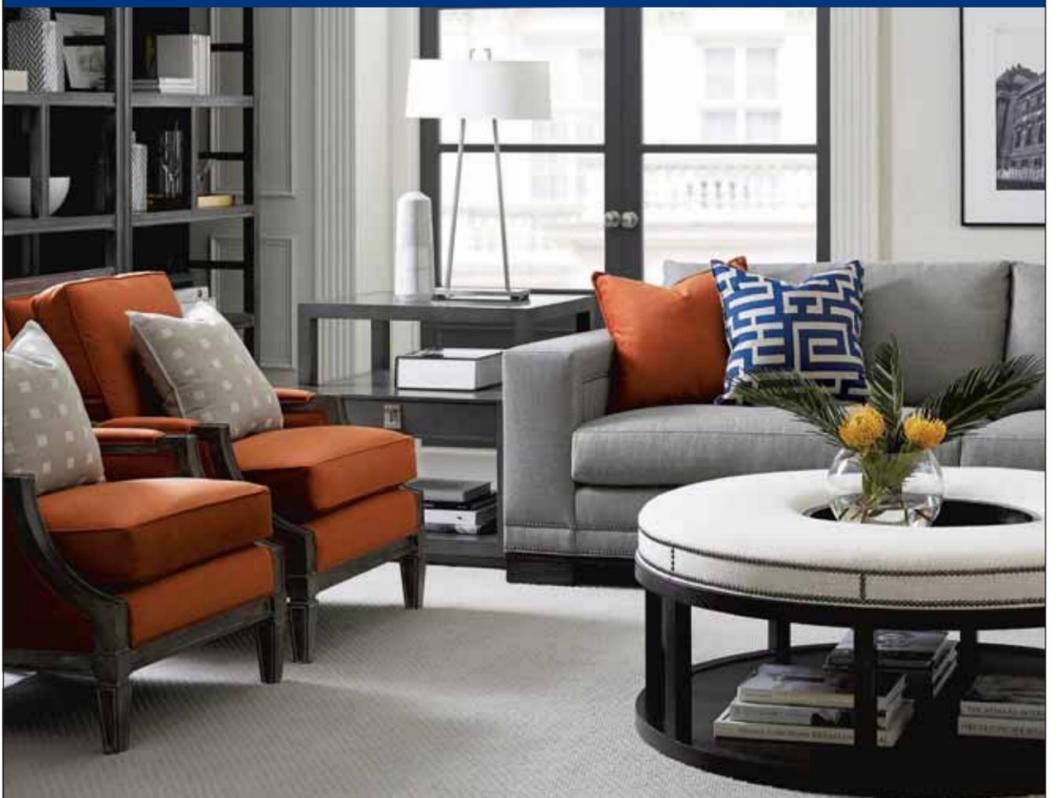
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dollars in exchange for state funding.

"He's been in jail for seven years over a phone call where nothing happens. But over a phone — where nothing happens," Trump said after making visits to Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, following mass shootings in those cities over the weekend. "But over a phone call which, you know, he shouldn't have said what he said, but it was braggadocio you would say."

Such mischaracterizations have been blasted before by those who investigated and prosecuted Blagojevich.

Robert Grant, the former head of the FBI in Chicago who helped lead the sprawling Operation Board Games investigation that ultimately led to Blagojevich's downfall, told the Tribune after Trump first raised the possibility of commutation last year that any executive clemency for the ex-governor would be "nothing but a mean-spirited slap" at Trump's perceived political enemies.

"It's clear (Trump) has never seen any of the evidence," Grant said in May 2018. "He took his talking points from Patti Blagojevich. It's pure fantasy. This was flat-out, old-fashioned corruption, pure and simple."

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, however, Trump said he thought the former Democratic gover-

nor — who had been a contestant on Trump's former NBC show "The Celebrity Apprentice" before his firing — was mistreated.

"I thought he was treated unbelievably unfairly; he was given close to 18 years in prison," said Trump, a Republican. "And a lot of people thought it was unfair, like a lot of other things — and it was the same gang, the Comey gang and all these sleazebags that did it."

The president was referring to former FBI Director James Comey, a frequent Trump target who he contends sought to politicize the nation's top law enforcement agency in the 2016 election in which Trump faced Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. After taking office, the president fired Comey amid the investigation into Russia's interference in the election and whether the Trump campaign was involved.

The president's comments mirrored what Patti Blagojevich has said in not-so-veiled attempts to link her husband's prosecution to some of Trump's perceived political enemies.

In reality, Comey was in private practice from 2005 to 2013 — virtually the entire time Blagojevich was investigated and prosecuted.

Blagojevich, who served as Illinois governor from 2003 until his impeachment and removal from office in 2009, was sentenced to 14 years on federal corruption charges after his June 2011 conviction.

Blagojevich was convicted of attempting to use

his office to personally benefit himself, offering the former U.S. Senate seat of then-President-elect Barack Obama in return for a prosperous job or campaign contributions.

Some counts involving the alleged sale of the Senate seat were subsequently thrown out, but his sentence and corruption conviction for that scandal and other actions stood. In addition to the children's hospital executive, Blagojevich was convicted of attempting to shake down the horse racetrack owner to sign favorable legislation into law in exchange for campaign donations.

Government agents secretly recorded Blagojevich discussing the Senate seat appointment with his one-time deputy governor, Doug Scofield.

"I've got this thing and it's f—— golden," Blagojevich famously said in the secretly recorded conversation. "I'm not just giving it up for f—— nothing."

His conviction came after winning office on a pledge to bring an end to corruption in Illinois following the federal conviction of his predecessor, Republican Gov. George Ryan, on charges of steering state business to cronies for bribes, of gutting corruption-fighting efforts to protect political fundraising and of misusing state resources for political gain.

In June 2018, Blagojevich's attorneys moved to formally seek a commutation from the White House after Trump said the former governor "shouldn't have

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— President Donald Trump

been put in jail."

Trump critics have long considered that a Blagojevich pardon or commutation could come as an attempt by the president to shift the national conversation from more controversial matters affecting the country or his administration. His remarks came amid controversy over a Republican response to gun violence over the killing of 31 people in mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton.

On Wednesday night, Trump ventured back into the reporters' space aboard Air Force One en route to returning to Joint Base Andrews and said, "I'm thinking about commuting his sentence."

"I would think that there have been many politicians — I'm not one of them by the way — but have said a lot worse over telephones," the president said. "And I watched his wife on television saying that the young girl's father has been in jail for now seven years and they've never seen him outside of an orange uniform," Trump continued, referring to Blagojevich's wife and

daughters, Amy and Annie. "His wife I think is fantastic and I'm thinking about commuting his sentence very strongly. I think it's enough, seven years."

Patti Blagojevich has made repeated visits to Fox News, the president's favorite TV news channel, to seek Trump's approval for a pardon and commutation in light of Trump's displeasure over the actions of the Justice Department and its investigation led by former special counsel Robert Mueller into Russian interference into the 2016 presidential election and actions by the Trump campaign.

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Blagojevich was convicted in 2011 on 17 counts connected to the attempted U.S. Senate seat sale and the fundraising shakedowns of the hospital executive and a racetrack owner. Less than a

year earlier, an initial trial had ended with a jury deadlocked on all but one count of lying to the FBI, forcing the retrial.

In Blagojevich's first appeal, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago in 2015 threw out on technical grounds five counts involving the governor's efforts to trade the Senate seat for a job for himself.

But the court left intact the conviction on perhaps the most sensational allegations — that Blagojevich schemed to nominate Jesse Jackson Jr. to the Senate post in exchange for \$1.5 million in campaign cash. The panel also tempered the small victory for Blagojevich by calling the evidence against him overwhelming and making it clear that the original sentence was not out of bounds.

That set up another sentencing hearing in August 2016 that focused largely on Blagojevich's purported rehabilitation in prison, where he teaches history and counsels inmates and even served as lead singer in a prison band, The Jailhouse Rockers. Both of Blagojevich's daughters gave impassioned pleas for mercy, and Blagojevich himself apologized for his "mistakes" without specifically mentioning the crimes for which he was convicted.

U.S. District Judge James Zagel, however, resented Blagojevich to the same 14-year prison term.

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As he did just over a year ago, though he took no action then, the president said Blagojevich, a former contestant on Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" NBC show, had been unfairly sentenced for displaying "braggadocio" in a secretly recorded government tape.

"I thought he was treated unbelievably unfairly," Trump said.

Blagojevich served as governor from 2003, was re-elected in 2006, despite a swirl of federal investigations, and was impeached and removed from office in 2009.

He was convicted in December 2011 and sentenced to 14 years on corruption charges, including offering the former U.S. Senate seat of then-President-elect Barack Obama in return for a prosperous job or campaign funds and of attempting to shake down executives from a children's hospital and the horse-racing industry for campaign contributions in exchange for official acts in office.

In response to Trump's comments, leading elected Republicans in the state sharply criticized the GOP president's consideration of commuting Blagojevich's sentence to time served in a Colorado federal prison.

"It's a Republican president who's going to provide executive relief to a disgraced, corrupt former Democratic governor," said Durkin, who was the lead GOP member in the decade-old House impeachment proceedings.

"When you have these actions at the top of the ticket, that come right home here in Illinois ... people are going to question Republicans up and down. It just doesn't help our jobs," Durkin, a former prosecutor, said.

Releasing Blagojevich, Durkin said, sends "the wrong message nationally, but here in Illinois it's particularly sad about what that means about the integrity of our jury system and what this president thinks about the state of Illinois."

Durkin's counterpart in the Illinois Senate, Senate GOP leader Bill Brady of Bloomington, said he believed Trump recognizes "the pain" Blagojevich caused to his family.

"However, based on the evidence we were presented during our successful impeachment proceedings, and then at his subsequent fair trial, I believe the sentence should stand," said Brady. He was among the senators who, in a bipartisan vote, unanimously convicted Blagojevich at his



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Rod Blagojevich acknowledges the crowd on his last full day of freedom at his Chicago home on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. The next day, Blagojevich reported to Federal Correctional Institution Englewood in Littleton, Colo., to begin serving a 14-year sentence on federal corruption charges, including offering the former U.S. Senate seat of Barack Obama in return for a prosperous job or campaign funds. He is currently scheduled for release in 2024.

impeachment trial and removed him from office.

Republicans already faced a serious disadvantage in Illinois in the 2020 presidential election year, particularly after last year's defeat of GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner who had used his wealth to try to rebuild the party. Instead, a blue wave traveled through Illinois, resulting in the election of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, all statewide elected officials, stronger supermajorities in the state legislature and two congressional seats in longtime Republican strongholds being flipped by Democrats.

Trump lost Illinois to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton by 17 percentage points and the state is expected to vote Democratic in 2020.

But it also is a critical congressional election year and, with the state's GOP delegation in a 13-5 minority to Democrats, its criticism of a potential Trump commutation of Blagojevich was especially pointed. The state Republican delegation issued a letter to Trump a year ago, voicing similar concerns.

"It's important that we take a strong stand against pay-to-play politics, especially in Illinois where four of our last eight governors have gone to federal prison for public corruption," the Republican congressmen's latest statement said.



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Scene outside the home of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich in Chicago on Thursday. President Donald Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Wednesday night that he is considering commuting the federal corruption sentence of the disgraced and imprisoned former Illinois governor.

"Commuting the sentence of Rod Blagojevich, who has a clear and documented record of egregious corruption, sets a dangerous precedent and goes against the trust voters place in elected officials. We stand by our letter and urge the president to not commute Rod Blagojevich's sentence," it said.

Notably silent was the Illinois Republican Party, which, in the absence of Rauner, has gone all-in for Trump in the 2020 election cycle as it tries to rebuild.

rageous" and added, "if there is a way to reduce that sentence for him and his family, I would support it."

Durbin also had been supportive in 2008 of a commutation from then-President George W. Bush for the 6 1/2 year federal corruption sentence for Blagojevich's predecessor, former Republican Gov. George Ryan. Bush did not issue a commutation and Ryan was released in 2013.

But Pritzker, the new governor, told reporters at the opening of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, that Blagojevich should serve his time.

"You know, I think President Trump has some pretty important things he ought to be dealing with. Not the least of which is these mindless killings over the past week, and gun safety, I wish he'd focus on that," Pritzker said. "Gov. Blagojevich should remain in prison."

Pritzker was caught on secret wiretaps by federal law enforcement officials as they investigated Blagojevich. One recorded conversation, obtained by the Chicago Tribune, included Pritzker and Blagojevich discussing potential U.S. Senate appointees and the possibility of naming Pritzker as attorney general or state treasurer.

Pritzker was not charged with any wrongdoing and did not appear at Blagoje-

vich's trial. But the conversations became part of Rauner's extensive political TV advertising campaign that was unsuccessful in attempting to tarnish his Democratic opponent.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, criticized Trump's decision-making process on awarding pardons or commutations — but she did not say whether Blagojevich should have his sentence commuted.

Contending Trump "doesn't respect the rule of law," Lightfoot said the president was "dangling the carrot in front of the Blagojevich family, which frankly is pretty cruel given how both the wife and the daughters have been devastated by the incarceration of the former governor."

As for Blagojevich, Lightfoot said, "The governor disgraced his office. He's one of the few governors in the history of the country that's been impeached."

She said Blagojevich "didn't take seriously the incredible magnitude of the power" he held in the governor's office and added, "I'm not sure that I've ever heard any contrition on his part."

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Retired priest asked to cede ministry amid abuse probe

BY MORGAN GREENE

A retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who served at multiple parishes in the city has been asked by the archbishop of Chicago to “step aside from ministry” amid an investigation into an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, the Archdiocese of Chicago said Thursday.

The Rev. George Clements is being investigated for an alleged incident that occurred in 1974 while he was pastor of Holy Angels Parish, the archdiocese said in a news release. Clements retired from active ministry in 2006. He served at the Bronzeville church as pastor from June 20, 1969, to June 30, 1991, according to the archdiocese.

Clements was a charismatic and controversial leader who brought hope to the church where about 500 families worshipped, the Tribune reported in 2002 amid allegations of abuse involving another pastor who served after Clements departed.

At Holy Angels, Clements established a school that grew to more than 1,000 students, and after a 1986 fire destroyed the

church, Clements led a campaign to bring the church back to life.

“Clements has been an energetic, much-traveled activist, often embroiled in controversy throughout those 22 years,” the Tribune reported in 1991 after Clements’ exit from the church was announced.

Cardinal Blase Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, has asked Clements “to step aside from ministry pending the outcome of an investigation,” according to the Thursday release. The allegation was referred to the archdiocesan Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review by the Chicago Police Department, the news release said, and the allegation was reported to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Cook County state’s attorney.

Clements also served at a number of other Chicago parishes, including St. Ambrose Parish from July 6, 1957, to July 6, 1962, and St. Dorothy Parish from July 7, 1962, to June 19, 1969. In 1993, he was the resident priest at St. Sabina Parish.

Outside Chicago, Clements served the Diocese of Nassau, Bahamas, in the West Indies from Sept. 1,

1991, to Oct. 17, 1993, and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., from Oct. 18, 1993, to March 31, 2006.

Larry Antonsen, a Chicago staff leader of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said he’s glad Cupich did what he’s supposed to do and removed Clements from ministry, but he said he still thinks there’s a long way to go.

“It’s not unusual for people not to come forward for many, many years,” Antonsen said. “There are a whole lot of things we don’t know. But I’m glad this came out, and I’m glad it’s being investigated.”

In December, the archdiocese announced it had commissioned an independent review of its policies after Lisa Madigan, then the Illinois attorney general, released a preliminary report that found the number of Catholic priests who had been accused of sexual abuse against children was much higher than the number of members with credible allegations who had been publicly identified.

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Suspect in slashing attack near DePaul in Lincoln Park arrested

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

A man suspected of slashing a young woman in the face and neck in the Lincoln Park neighborhood near DePaul University has been arrested in Texas, authorities said.

U.S. marshals picked up Adam Bramwell on a warrant charging him with a carjacking last month that occurred in Lincoln Park about five days before a 22-year-old woman, a recent graduate of DePaul, was attacked about a mile away as she walked down

Halsted Street near from Lincoln Avenue.

Bramwell has not been charged with that attack, but Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said he is a “person of interest.” He said Bramwell, 32, will be brought back in Chicago “in the coming days.”

“He is wanted for questioning in the DePaul stabbing,” Guglielmi said.

Police had issued a community alert for Bramwell last month for the July 13 carjacking in a garage in the 1800 block of

North Fremont Street. He had disappeared while on parole for a gun charge and was considered armed and dangerous, police said.

Bramwell was released on parole in March after serving two years in state prison for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. The Illinois Department of Corrections had listed him as an “absconder,” meaning the department couldn’t locate him.

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Toni Murray raises her hands and chants during a protest to decry police use of force on Sunday, August 7, 2016, in Chicago. People marched through downtown Chicago in response to the police shooting of Paul O’Neal, who was shot by police as he fled in a stolen Jaguar.

Officer says he thought teen had ‘to be stopped’

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Chicago police Officer Michael Coughlin Jr., fighting to keep his job, testified Thursday at a Police Board hearing that he fired off nine shots at a driver fleeing in a stolen Jaguar in 2016 because he wrongly believed the car had run over his partner.

“He’s got to be stopped,” Coughlin said Thursday about the driver, 18-year-old Paul O’Neal, who was un-

armed. “I couldn’t believe what I had saw. It was shocking, it was

horrifying. He had to be stopped before someone else was injured or killed.”

O’Neal was fatally shot in the back moments later by another officer after a foot chase, but police Superintendent Eddie Johnson is seeking to fire Coughlin and his partner, Jose Torres, for opening fire at a moving vehicle in violation of department policy.

Coughlin and Torres, who fired a single shot, could have wounded other officers on the scene or a passenger in the car with O’Neal, according to the departmental charges.

Both officers testified they opened fire because they were in fear for their lives and wanted to stop the Jaguar.

But in opening remarks to the hearing officer, Julia Emfinger, an attorney representing the city, described the officers as taking a “wild, Wild West” approach that evening in July 2016.

“(They) made the situation more dangerous than it would have been otherwise,” Emfinger said.

The Police Board has set aside at least two days to hear evidence and testimony. Its decision is likely months away.

According to body camera footage made public shortly after O’Neal’s shooting on a quiet South Side

street, Coughlin had unholstered his firearm as he and Torres drove the wrong way down the one-way street toward the Jaguar. Coughlin held the gun in his hand as he exited the police vehicle and opened fire almost immediately at the sports car, the video showed.

Among the charges faced by Coughlin is that he endangered Torres as he fired off shots at the Jaguar.

Attorneys representing the city froze Coughlin’s body camera footage to show his arm extended out holding the gun to try to show that Torres was in the line of fire as his partner shot at the moving Jaguar on the South Shore neighborhood street.

O’Neal collided with another police car down the street and fled on foot in the 7300 block of South Merrill Avenue. In a backyard, Officer Jose Diaz fired five times at O’Neal, striking him in the middle of the back, according to city records. O’Neal collapsed near a porch and later died.

Coughlin, the first witness to take the stand at the hearing, acknowledged he could not see inside the Jaguar when he opened fire and didn’t realize there was a passenger beside O’Neal in the Jaguar.

Torres, who was driving the police SUV that evening, testified that he first saw the Jaguar as it was approaching his squad car on Merrill. Torres and Coughlin, both assigned to the South Chicago police district, had crossed into the neighboring Grand Crossing District to assist with the pursuit.

After exiting the police vehicle, Torres said he feared for his life as the Jaguar drove straight at him. But he didn’t fire at the vehicle then, saying he managed to dodge the car. Torres fired one shot toward the Jaguar as it continued down Merrill—a move the superintendent faulted him for because he could have injured another oncoming police car.

But under questioning by city attorneys, Torres said he didn’t think anyone but

his target — the Jaguar — would be hurt because of his weapons training with the U.S. Marines, the Cook County Sheriff’s Department and the Chicago Police Department. Torres said he was taught to take well-aimed shots.

“If you don’t, then you’re being reckless,” he testified.

Torres also tried to justify his actions by saying that at the time he thought the Jaguar was trying to run over him, and that it posed a threat to neighbors and other officers.

“That’s why I decided he needs to be stopped,” he said.

The officers testified the shooting happened as the department grappled with rising violence in 2016 and a rash of stolen cars from the suburbs being used in crimes in the city. Both noted they were often told at the time to be on the lookout for stolen cars during their roll calls at the beginning of their shifts.

In fact, about 20 minutes before they encountered O’Neal, the pair had attempted to stop another car whose plates indicated it was stolen.

Police Capt. Noel Sanchez, who also testified Thursday, said he commanded the South Chicago District at the time and that police were confronting increased violence. He credited Coughlin and Torres as the kind of officers willing to take on tough assignments.

“They are good, hard-working, responsible,” Sanchez said. “That’s why I’m here.”

O’Neal’s killing came at a time when then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel was trying to restore public trust in the Chicago Police Department amid a U.S. Department of Justice probe of policing practices — an investigation that stemmed from the court-ordered release in 2015 of police dashboard camera video showing the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald by Officer Jason Van Dyke.

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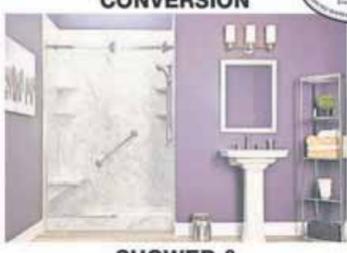
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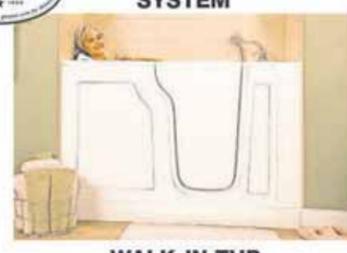
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FAA regulations state that the specialized airport crews “should have an internal training program which is used to initially qualify an operator, as well as continuation training to maintain and re-qualify.”

As part of its investigation, the FAA asked whether the Department of Aviation identified personnel assigned to an airport rig who weren’t qualified for aircraft rescue and firefighting, whether the Avia-

tion Department communicated that to the Fire Department and what action the two city departments took to correct the discrepancies.

The city could face discipline from the FAA for any findings of wrongdoings, including potential fines. In severe cases of an airport failing to meet FAA requirements, its ability to operate could be suspended or areas of an airport could be shut down.

The letter from the FAA to the Chicago Department of Aviation does not make clear how the investigation originated, whether from information provided to the federal agency or uncovered during a standard audit of airport operations, called a Part 139 audit.

Part 139 is the FAA’s certification for airports that sets forth, among other things, standards for firefighting and rescue capabilities. Regular inspections

to maintain the certification can include timed-response and live-fire drills; reviews of personnel and training records; and checks of specialized equipment.

The so-called crash tenders are designed specifically for fighting fires at airports, with their forward-looking infrared cameras; enhanced driving systems; and high-reach, extendable turrets with nozzles that can pierce a plane’s fuselage.

FAA regulations leave the implementation of training programs to fire and rescue departments that operate the vehicles, but offer some guidance. The agency calls for designated training officers, recertification at least every year and for personnel to be trained from each operating seat of the extendable turret.

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NATION & WORLD

UN: Warming threatens food supply

Climate change degrades land; 'cycle is accelerating'

BY SETH BORENSTEIN AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GENEVA — Human-caused climate change is dramatically degrading the Earth's land, and the way people use the land is making global warming worse, a new United Nations scientific report says. That creates a vicious cycle which is already making food more expensive, scarcer and less nutritious.

"The cycle is accelerating," said NASA climate scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig, a co-author of the report. "The threat of climate change affecting people's food on their dinner table is increasing."

But if people change the way they eat, grow food and manage forests, it could help save the planet from a far warmer future, scientists said.

Earth's land masses, which are only 30% of the globe, are warming twice as fast as the planet as a whole. While heat-trapping gases are causing problems in the atmosphere, the land has been less talked about as part of climate change. A special report, written by more than 100 scientists and unanimously approved by diplomats from nations around the world during a meeting Thursday in Geneva, proposed possible fixes and made more dire warnings.

"The way we use land is both part of the problem and also part of the solution," said Valerie Masson-Delmotte, a French climate



Women plant seeds as part of a tree plantation project to reforest the Sahel in Malamawa village in Niger.

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scientist who co-chairs one of the panel's working groups. "Sustainable land management can help secure a future that is comfortable."

Scientists at Thursday's news conference emphasized both the seriousness of the problem and the need to make societal changes soon.

"We don't want a message of despair," said science panel official Jim Skea, a professor at Imperial College London. "We want to get across the message that every action makes a difference."

Still the stark message hit home hard for some of the authors.

"I've lost a lot of sleep

about what the science is saying. As a person, it's pretty scary," Koko Warner, a manager in the U.N. Climate Change secretariat who helped write a report chapter on risk management and decision-making, told The Associated Press after the report was presented at the World Meteorological Organization headquarters in Geneva. "We need to act urgently."

The report said climate change already has worsened land degradation, caused deserts to grow, permafrost to thaw and made forests more vulnerable to drought, fire, pests and disease.

All that has happened even as much of the globe

has gotten greener because of extra carbon dioxide in the air. Climate change has also added to the forces that have reduced the number of animal species on Earth.

"Climate change is really slamming the land," said World Resources Institute researcher Kelly Levin, who wasn't part of the study.

And the future, the report warned, could be a great deal worse.

"The stability of food supply is projected to decrease as the magnitude and frequency of extreme weather events that disrupt food chains" increase, the report said.

In the worst-case scenario, food security problems change from moderate to

high risk with just a few more tenths of a degree of warming from now. They go from high to "very high" risk with just another 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit of warming from now.

"The potential risk of multi-breadbasket failure is increasing," NASA's Rosenzweig said. "Just to give examples, the crop yields were affected in Europe just in the last two weeks."

Scientists had long thought one of the few benefits of higher levels of carbon dioxide, the major heat-trapping gas, was that it made plants grow more and the world greener, Rosenzweig said.

But numerous studies show that the high levels of

carbon dioxide reduce protein and nutrients in many crops.

For example, high levels of carbon in the air in experiments show wheat has 6% to 13% less protein, 4% to 7% less zinc and 5% to 8% less iron, she said.

But better farming practices — such as no-till agricultural and better targeted fertilizer applications — have the potential to fight global warming too, reducing carbon pollution up to 18% by 2050, the report said.

If people change their diets, reducing red meat and increasing plant-based foods, such as fruits, vegetables and seeds, the world can save as much as an additional 15% of current emissions by midcentury.

The science panel said they aren't telling people what to eat because that's a personal choice.

Reducing food waste can fight climate change even more. The report said that from 2010 to 2016, global food waste accounted for 8% to 10% of heat-trapping emissions.

"Currently 25%-30% of total food produced is lost or wasted," the report said. Fixing that would free up millions of square miles of land.

With just 0.9 degrees more warming, which could happen in the next 10 to 30 years, the risk of unstable food supplies, wildfire damage, thawing permafrost and water shortages in dry areas "are projected to be high," the report said.

At 1.8 degrees more warming from now, which could happen in about 50 years, it said those risks "are projected to be very high."

McConnell says Senate to weigh gun measures

GOP leader under pressure in wake of Ohio, Texas attacks

BY LISA MASCARO AND MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Thursday he wants Congress to consider legislation to expand federal background checks and other gun violence measures when lawmakers return in the fall.

The Republican leader told a Kentucky radio station that President Donald Trump called him Thursday and they talked about several ideas. The president, he said, is "anxious to get an outcome and so am I."

Republicans have resisted expanding background checks but face enormous pressure to do something in the aftermath of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, over the weekend that killed 31 people.

"Background checks and red flags will probably lead the discussion," the Senate leader said, referring to legislation that allows author-



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Dayton, Ohio, Mayor Nan Whaley joined other leaders Thursday in calling for Senate action on gun safety.

ities to seize firearms from someone deemed a threat to themselves or others.

The GOP leader has been under pressure to call senators back to Washington from their summer recess to work on gun measures. He rejected that idea, saying it would just lead to senators "scoring points and nothing would happen."

Instead he wants to spend the August recess talking with Democratic and Republican senators to see what's possible.

"What we can't do is fail to pass something," McConnell said. "What I want to see here is an outcome."

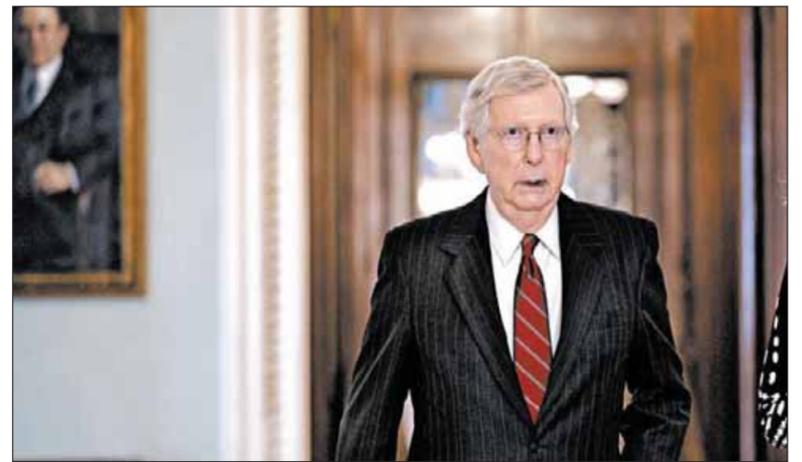
More than 200 mayors, including two anguished by

mass shootings in Texas and Ohio, are urging the Senate to return to the Capitol to act on gun safety legislation amid criticism that Congress is failing to respond to back-to-back shootings that left 31 people dead.

In a letter Thursday to McConnell and the Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, the mayors wrote, "Our nation can no longer wait for our federal government to take the actions necessary to prevent people who should not have access to firearms from being able to purchase them."

The mayors urged the Senate to vote on two House-passed bills expanding background checks for gun sales that passed that chamber earlier this year. It was signed by El Paso, Texas, Mayor Dee Margo, Dayton, Ohio, Mayor Nan Whaley and others where mass shootings have occurred, including Orlando and Parkland, Florida; Annapolis, Maryland; and Pittsburgh.

"There is no worse thing that can happen to a city," Whaley said of the weekend shooting that killed nine people in Dayton. "We cannot allow this tragic event to fade from our memories



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Senate leader Mitch McConnell is rejecting pleas to call senators back to Washington.

without taking action."

Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley said in a statement that "because most of us are elected in a bipartisan manner, we believe mayors have the ability to bring people together. The continuation of these mass shootings are a rallying cry for mayors around the country. We are calling on the Senate to act."

The politics of gun violence are difficult for Republicans. McConnell could risk losing support as he seeks reelection in Kentucky if he were to back restricting access to firearms and ammunition.

GOP senators also are considering changes to the existing federal background checks system, modeled on the so-called "fix-NICS"

law signed last year that improved the National Instant Criminal Background Check system, as well as strengthening penalties for hate crimes.

While many of those proposals have bipartisan support, Democrats are unlikely to agree to them without consideration of the more substantive background checks bill.

"We Democrats are not going to settle for half-measures so Republicans can feel better and try to push the issue of gun violence off to the side," Schumer said Wednesday.

Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat who, along with Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., is pushing a bill to expand background checks,

said Trump's support will be the determining factor in whatever gets done.

"At this point in time leadership comes from President Trump," Manchin said.

The head of the National Rifle Association said the organization opposes any legislation that "unfairly infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens" and that proposals being discussed in Congress would not have prevented the mass shootings in Texas and Ohio.

NRA chief Wayne LaPierre said the NRA supports "real solutions" but opposes "sound bite solutions" that fail to address root problems or confront criminal behavior.

Man in anthem attack convinced Trump ordered it, lawyer says

Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — A Montana man charged with assaulting a 13-year-old boy who refused to remove his hat during the national anthem believed he was doing what President Donald Trump wanted him to do, his attorney said.

Attorney Lance Jasper told the Missoulian he will seek a mental health evaluation for Curt Brockway, a U.S. Army veteran who became caught up in the heightened animosity and

rhetoric gripping the nation, and convinced himself that he was following the president's orders.

"His commander in chief is telling people that if they kneel, they should be fired, or if they burn a flag, they should be punished," Jasper said.

Jasper added that Brockway "certainly didn't understand it was a crime."

Brockway suffered a traumatic brain injury in a



Brockway

vehicle crash in 2000 that has affected his decision making, and Jasper said he plans to raise that in his client's defense.

Jasper's comments Wednesday came as prosecutors formally charged Brockway with assault on a minor, a felony that carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and a \$50,000 fine upon conviction.

A person who answered the phone at Jasper's office

Thursday said the attorney was unavailable for additional comment.

Brockway, 39, told a sheriff's deputy that he asked the boy to remove his hat out of respect for the national anthem before the start of the county rodeo, Mineral County Attorney Ellen Donohue wrote in describing the attack.

The boy cursed at Brockway in response, and the man grabbed him by the throat, "lifted him into the air and slammed the boy into the ground," Donohue

wrote.

Prosecutors said the boy was airlifted to a hospital for a possible concussion and skull fracture. His condition was not immediately known.

Conduct during the playing of the national anthem has been an issue in recent years, with some professional football players kneeling to protest police brutality.

Trump once called for NFL owners to fire players who kneel or engage in other acts of protest during

the anthem.

"Trump never necessarily says go hurt somebody, but the message is absolutely clear," Jasper said. "I am certain of the fact that (Brockway) was doing what he believed he was told to do, essentially, by the president."

"Everyone should learn to dial it down a little bit, from the president to Mineral County," Jasper said.

Brockway is a registered violent offender after being convicted of a 2010 charge of assault with a weapon.

Manson prosecutor verdict: No parole

50 years later, says cult leader's 'family' should stay jailed

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stephen Kay was just 27 years old and three years out of law school when fate handed him the Charles Manson “family” murder case to prosecute.

Over the next half-century, it would come to define his career and lead to death threats that to this day he worries a Manson sycophant might try to carry out.

“I don’t dwell on it, but I’m careful. I always look around to see if I’m being followed or anything,” the retired prosecutor said recently as he paused to discuss the case that punctured the peace, love and happiness movement that flowered in the late 1960s.

Kay helped lock up Manson family members but never really relinquished the case in his four decades in the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office. He attended some 60 parole hearings over the years where he argued the killers should never be released.

“The crime was simply too heinous,” Kay, 76, said.

It was 50 years ago this week that Manson, a small-



Deputy District Attorney Stephen Kay, then just 27, helped prosecute the Manson murders in 1969. Now 76, the retired prosecutor says the Manson killers should never be freed.

time career criminal who had reinvented himself as a hippie guru, dispatched a band of disaffected young followers on a deadly weekend rampage that would forever imprint on the American consciousness the image of the cult leader as the face of evil.

On that first night, Aug. 8, 1969, Manson sent a handful of his young, mostly female followers to the hilltop estate of actress Sharon Tate with orders to kill everyone there. The 26-year-old actress and four friends were bludgeoned, shot and stabbed scores of times, and their blood used to scrawl

“Pigs” and “Helter Skelter” on the walls.

Tate, the wife of director Roman Polanski, was 8 months pregnant, and her killers later testified that she pleaded for her unborn baby’s life. Others killed were coffee heiress Abigail Folger, celebrity hairstylist Jay Sebring and Wojciech Frykowski, an aspiring screenwriter and friend of Polanski, who was out of town.

On the way into the estate, the attackers shot to death 19-year-old Steven Parent.

The next night, Manson led a handful of followers to

the home of wealthy grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, tying up the couple and leaving the others to butcher them.

Authorities would say later that it was part of a plot Manson hatched to persuade gullible young followers to launch a race war. He’d gotten the premonition, they said, from a twisted interpretation of the Beatles song “Helter Skelter.”

The killers went on trial the following year, and Kay joined the prosecution team two months later after the original lead prosecutor was dismissed and Vincent

Bugliosi took over.

Kay says the Manson trial was “definitely the most bizarre” case he ever tried, adding with understatement: “It was almost a circus.”

The cult leader and his followers carved Xs into their foreheads to show their disdain for society. At one point, Manson leapt over the defense table with a pencil and shouted at the judge that someone should cut off his head. At another, he grabbed a newspaper with a headline declaring President Richard Nixon had concluded he was guilty and held it up for the jury to see.

Outside the courthouse, Manson followers not implicated in the killings gathered daily. One day, two young female followers sneaked up alongside Kay in the courthouse parking lot.

“They said they were going to do to my house what was done at the Tate house,” he said, adding both he and Bugliosi, who died in 2015, retained bodyguards throughout the trial.

Over the years, Manson would threaten Kay’s life from behind bars.

When that trial was completed after nearly a year, Manson and three followers — Susan Atkins, Leslie Van Houten and Patricia Krenwinkel — were sentenced to death but had their puni-

shment reduced to life in prison. Atkins died in 2009 and Manson in 2017.

Another disciple, Charles “Tex” Watson, fled to his native Texas after the killings, but Bugliosi and Kay, by then co-counsel, later won his conviction.

Van Houten was granted a retrial in 1976. By then Bugliosi had left the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office, and Kay was the sole lead prosecutor.

After a hung jury, he won a conviction in 1978, and Van Houten returned to prison, where she has earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in counseling and leads programs to rehabilitate fellow inmates. She was recommended for parole three times in recent years, but each time the governor dissented.

“I admit that she’s a model prisoner, and I commend her for that, and I think she should keep doing her good work in prison,” Kay said.

Retired for several years now, Kay still keeps in touch with Sharon Tate’s younger sister, Debra.

Meanwhile, new books and films about Manson seem to come out every year, but Kay says not to expect one from him.

“It would be nice if it would just go away,” he said of the public’s continuing fascination with Manson.



An attendant exits a “Pit Stop” public toilet last week in San Francisco.

Offended by soiled streets, city on offensive with ‘poop patrol’

BY JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The sidewalks surrounding Ahmed Al Barak’s corner market in one of San Francisco’s roughest neighborhoods are filled with cardboard, used syringes and homeless people who have nowhere safe to go at night.

But Al Barak says it’s an improvement from a year ago, before the city posted a portable toilet across the street from his business in the city’s Tenderloin district.

He no longer regularly sees people relieve themselves in broad daylight, and he does not see as much feces and urine on the streets. In his opinion, it’s the one bright spot in a city where taxes are too high.

“We used to have a disaster here. I used to call the city all the time to come and clean, because they don’t know where to go,” he said, recalling one woman in particular who shrugged at him in a “what can you do?” gesture as she squatted to urinate.

San Francisco started its “Pit Stop” program in July 2014 with public toilets in the city’s homeless-heavy Tenderloin, after children complained of dodging hu-

man waste on their way to school. Today, the staffed bathrooms have grown from three to 25 locations, and the program has expanded to Los Angeles. In May, the toilets in San Francisco recorded nearly 50,000 flushes, all logged by attendants.

The condition of San Francisco’s streets has been a source of embarrassment to city leaders, and cleaning up is not cheap. The city received nearly 27,000 requests for feces removal in the most recent fiscal year, although not all are human.

Mayor London Breed last year announced the formation of a special six-person “poop patrol” team where each cleaner earns more than \$70,000 a year.

Advocates say steam cleaning requests have dropped in areas surrounding some of the public toilets. The mayor signed a budget Thursday that includes money for seven new Pit Stop bathrooms for a city where a one-night count of homeless people grew 17% in the past two years. The toilets each cost an average of \$200,000 a year to operate, with most of the money going to staffing and overhead.

Some of the bathrooms are permanent fixtures,

while others are portables with two toilets that are trucked in and out. The stops have receptacles for used syringes and dog waste. Attendants who are paid the city’s minimum wage of \$16 an hour check after every use and knock on doors to make sure people are not doing drugs or other illicit activity.

The staffing is what makes a toilet a Pit Stop, and the work is usually done by men coming out of prison after decades behind bars.

The “practitioners” stand guard at some of society’s bleakest intersections of poverty, addiction and mental illness, says Lena Miller, founder of nonprofit Hunters Point Family and its spinoff, Urban Alchemy, which staffs the Pit Stops in San Francisco and Los Angeles. They prevent overdoses, break up fights and greet regulars, she says.

“Really what we’re doing is we’re creating this space where people know that they can walk into it, and it’s going to smell good. It’s going to look good,” Miller said. “There won’t be trash everywhere, and they’re safe. And I think that makes all the difference in the world.”

Border numbers dip below 100k for 1st time in 5 months

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of migrants encountered by U.S. authorities at the southern border has dropped below 100,000 for the first time in five months amid increased collaboration with Mexico and Guatemala to crack down on the flow, according to government data released Thursday.

In July, there were 82,049 people encountered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, down 21% from June when there were 104,344 people and down 43% from May. The number of families and minors crossing the border also dropped.

The monthly numbers from USCBP have become a yardstick by which President Donald Trump measures the success of his administration’s efforts to reduce immigration, his signature issue. The number of migrant families from Central America has risen sharply during his term despite his hard-line policies.

News of the decline comes as 22 people were killed and dozens others were injured in a mass shooting in El Paso — a border city that has become the face of the migration crisis. The shooting suspect is believed to have posted a racist, anti-immigrant screed on the internet before the attack.

Trump visited both El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, the scene of a second mass shooting last weekend where nine died and dozens were injured. He was greeted by protests in both places. Critics contend Trump’s own words have contributed to a combustible climate that has spawned death and violence.

Over the past few months, there has been outcry over squalid conditions for migrant children



Mexican authorities detain a Nicaraguan migrant with her daughter last month in Ciudad Hidalgo in Chiapas state.

cramped into border facilities not meant to hold them longer than 72 hours. Some were kept for weeks because of delays in handling such cases.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan traveled to another border town — Yuma, Arizona — on Thursday to detail the border numbers. He said that in mid-June there were more than 1,250 children in custody for 72 hours or longer — but that had dropped to about 160 children by Wednesday, with an average custody time of fewer than 24 hours.

There had been about 10,000 families in custody; now there are 2,000 and they are held about 34 hours, he said. Single adults are down from 8,000 to about 2,000 in custody. He did not provide the length of detention for single adults, who are often held the longest.

Seasonal declines in migration are common; fewer people make the dangerous journey when it’s so hot. But McAleenan said the May-to-July drop was much steeper than the same time last year.

He stressed it did not mean the crisis had ended.

“The situation is improving by every available met-

ric, but, and I want to be very clear about this, we remain at and beyond crisis levels,” McAleenan said.

Guatemalan officials recently agreed to what’s known as a “safe third country” pact with the U.S., meaning anyone coming through that country from El Salvador or Honduras would not be able to claim asylum in the U.S. The agreement was made even as Guatemalan courts blocked the effort. U.S. officials believe it will be in effect by the end of the month.

The Trump administration also sought to effectively end asylum protections at the southern border, though that effort was blocked temporarily by U.S. courts.

In June, after Trump threatened tariffs on Mexico, leaders there agreed to expand the administration’s program forcing U.S. asylum-seekers to wait on the Mexican side of the border.

Mexican police, soldiers and National Guard forces are raiding hotels, buses and trains to round up Central American migrants before they can make it to the border. And they are busing migrants from the Texas border hundreds of miles to inland towns.

GOP retaliates over frozen McConnell campaign Twitter account

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A move by Twitter to freeze the account of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s campaign has prompted a backlash by President Donald Trump’s campaign and national Republican groups, who have vowed to stop buying ads on the social media platform until the account is unfrozen.

On Wednesday, Twitter locked McConnell’s cam-

paign account from further activity as punishment for its sharing of a video of protesters screaming obscenities outside the Kentucky Republican’s home. The social media company said it will not unlock @Team_Mitch unless it agrees to remove the video.

Officials for the Trump campaign, the National Republican Committee, and the Republican Senate and House campaign arms accused Twitter of bias and tweeted Thursday that their organizations are withhold-



Sen. McConnell’s campaign Twitter account was locked.

ing advertising dollars until the issue is resolved.

“#MassacreMitch trended on @Twitter for a full day, and they did nothing,” Kevin McLaughlin,

executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said in a tweet. “Someone threatens to stab the Majority Leader, @TeamMitch posts the video and THEY get locked out. @NRSC is not spending \$ until this is adequately addressed.”

Richard Walters, chief of staff for the RNC, shared McLaughlin’s post and added: “The @GOP and @TeamTrump stand with the @Team_Mitch and the @NRSC. Any future ad \$ either organization was

planning to spend with @Twitter has been halted until they address this disgusting bias.”

The National Republican Senatorial Committee soon followed suit, as did Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who called the move “unbelievable even for Twitter.”

A Twitter spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment.

McConnell’s campaign manager, Kevin Golden, accused Twitter of employing a double standard.

“We firmly believe that if

a platform allows #massacreMitch to trend but locks our account because we posted threats made against him, there is something deeply wrong with that platform,” Golden said Thursday, referring to a hashtag used by critics blaming McConnell for blocking gun laws.

Republicans have in recent years sharply criticized Twitter, Google, Facebook and other internet companies, arguing that they have silenced the voices of conservatives.

Experts raise alarm on far-right risk

US urged to shift resources in wake of domestic attacks

By GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States continues to employ a staggering arsenal of armed forces, unmanned drones, intelligence agencies and sweeping domestic authorities to contain a threat — Islamist terrorism — that has claimed about 100 lives on American soil since the nation mobilized after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

No remotely comparable array of national power has been directed against the threat now emerging from the far-right, a loose but lethal collection of ideologies whose adherents have killed roughly the same number of people in the United States, post-9/11, as al-Qaida and the Islamic State combined.

The disparity is a source of growing alarm for officials and experts, some of whom now believe the United States is overdue for a realignment of national security priorities as violence on the far-right escalates.

In the aftermath of a pair of attacks that left dozens dead or wounded in Texas and Ohio, a roster of former high-ranking counterterrorism officials issued a statement this week saying that domestic terrorism should be treated “as high a priority as countering international terrorism has become since 9/11.”

Many experts believe that the mobilization in the wake of the attacks on New York and Washington was effective and that the number of Americans killed by Islamist militants would be considerably higher were it not for the far-reaching measures adopted after 9/11 — a catastrophic al-Qaida strike that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Still, the 22 people killed



ANDRES LEIGHTON/AP

A state trooper provides security outside the Walmart store where 22 people were gunned down in El Paso, Texas.

in El Paso — after authorities allege the shooter posted a racist screed online — extended a series of at least five fatal attacks over the past year directed at targets selected for racial or religious reasons, including shootings at synagogues in San Diego and Pittsburgh.

And 9/11 was preceded by a series of smaller al-Qaida attacks and unaddressed alarms about the group that analysts say should caution current officials about the dangers of inaction.

The prospects for a change in course, however, appear limited — complicated by legal constraints, toxic political currents, the amorphous nature of an adversary that has no discernible structure or Osama bin Laden-like leader, and has burrowed into corners of the internet the way al-Qaida once hid in the mountain redoubts of Afghanistan.

The numbers of people killed in attacks linked to Islamist radicals or the far-right in the United States since 2002 are equivalent — 102 versus 109, respectively, according to data compiled by the think tank New America.

Protecting the public from the most pressing terrorist threat “has been our governing principle for many years now,” said Lisa Monaco, who served as the top counterterrorism adviser to President Barack Obama. Given the surge in attacks linked to the far-right, she said, “we need to prioritize our resources and focus on this threat.”

In some ways, the opposite has occurred under President Donald Trump.

Last year, the administration downgraded the position that Monaco previously held, meaning that the top counterterrorism adviser in the White House no longer reports directly to

the president.

The administration has also curtailed or disbanded a Department of Homeland Security program that had been created to counter violent extremism by working with regional authorities and organizations to identify those vulnerable to radicalization, whether by Islamist groups or the far-right.

The main obstacle to mobilizing against the white supremacist threat, officials said, may be political.

Trump this week denounced the alleged white nationalist sentiments of the suspected killer in El Paso. But his presidency has come to be defined by policies that are aligned with aspects of the white nationalist agenda and his penchant for fanning racial animus.

“This both makes the mobilization more necessary and interferes with that

mobilization,” said Dan Byman, a terrorism expert at Georgetown University and a former staff member of the 9/11 Commission. Trump’s words and actions, he said, amplify the danger by emboldening those with radical, racist views, while his signals of tolerance toward such groups — including his comments after violence in Charlottesville, Virginia — undermine his subordinates’ ability to agree upon and organize around the threat.

Trump’s refusal to acknowledge Russian interference in U.S. politics has also contributed to the far-right’s rise, experts said.

Since at least 2015, Moscow’s destabilization efforts have included sweeping online operations aimed at sowing racial division in the United States by promoting the positions of white nationalists.

A social media study by researcher J.M. Berger con-

cluded that alt-right networks online are dominated by intersecting themes: “support for U.S. President Donald Trump, support for white nationalism, opposition to immigration (often framed in anti-Muslim terms).”

The latter is an area in which the response to 9/11 — with its wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and multibillion-dollar investments in border security aimed at blocking entry to radicalized Muslims — may have fostered xenophobic attitudes that contributed to the rise of the far-right.

There are indications that U.S. national security agencies are beginning to shift toward the far-right threat.

FBI Director Christopher Wray recently testified that the bureau had made about 100 domestic terrorism arrests in the past nine months and that “a majority of the domestic terrorism cases we’ve investigated are motivated by some version of what you might call white supremacist violence.”

But others said the almost singular reliance on the bureau to disrupt far-right networks underscores the extent to which the government has failed to adapt.

Nicholas Rasmussen, who served three years as director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said that attacks linked to al-Qaida or the Islamic State were invariably followed by “all-hands” meetings at the White House. Among those assembled were often the heads of the Pentagon, the CIA, and the Treasury and State departments.

“But I suspect that didn’t happen this weekend at the White House,” he said. “If it had happened in the Obama or Bush White Houses, I’m not sure it would have either. Because as soon as you hear ‘domestic,’ everybody reverts to ‘Well, the FBI has the ball.’”

Puerto Rico party mulls move to make a change at governor

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A day after Puerto Rico got its third governor in less than a week following angry street protests, top officials from new leader Wanda Vazquez’s own party talked openly Thursday about their desire to see a fourth take over the position.

Senate President Thomas Rivera Schatz, who played a key role in the successful court challenge to the swearing-in of Pedro Pierluisi after Gov. Ricardo Rossello resigned, publicly backed Resident Commissioner Jenniffer Gonzalez — Puerto Rico’s representative to the U.S. Congress — to become governor.

Party allies appeared to fall in line.

“The leadership basically agrees that Jenniffer should be the governor,” said Jose Melendez of the New Progressive Party. “It is a matter that must be treated bit by bit because we do not know what is in the mind of Wanda Vazquez.”

For Gonzalez to become governor, she would have to be nominated to the open secretary of state position and confirmed. Then Vazquez would have to resign, though the new governor said she did not intend to step down despite previous comments that she didn’t want the job.

Rivera Schatz held a closed-door meeting Thursday with senators, legislators and Gonzalez.

“We truly don’t know what’s going to happen,” said Mayor Francisco Lopez of the central mountain town of Barranquitas, who expressed support for Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said the presidents of the House and Senate called her last week asking if she was available to become secretary of state as a candidate of



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Resident Commissioner Jenniffer Gonzalez chats with Senate President Thomas Rivera Schatz on Thursday.



Pierluisi Vazquez

consensus, and she agreed if it would help restore credibility and stability to Puerto Rico.

“There must be fundamental changes in the entire structure of government, in all Cabinet officials and in all contracts that the government of Puerto Rico has,” Gonzalez said, adding that she would meet with Vazquez. “It’s time that people and not politicians become the priority.”

Gonzalez, who is also chairwoman of the Republican Party of Puerto Rico, also warned that the U.S. government has doubts about how the island is handling federal funds: “The specter of corruption has called into question access to those funds. They don’t trust Puerto Rico’s institutions or its officials.”

Even after a Supreme Court ruling Wednesday that Pierluisi had been placed in office unconstitutionally, resulting in Vazquez swearing in as governor the same evening, people on the economically

struggling territory of 3.2 million were bracing for more turmoil.

The political establishment was knocked off balance by huge street protests spawned by anger over corruption, mismanagement of funds and a leaked obscenity-laced chat in which Rossello and several top aides disparaged women, gay people and victims of Hurricane Maria, among others.

On July 10, Rossello’s former education secretary, former Health Insurance Administration chief and three others were arrested on charges of steering federal money to unqualified, politically connected contractors.

Islanders also are angry over the territory’s protracted economic woes and slow recovery from 2017’s devastating Hurricane Maria.

Vazquez sought to calm the anger in a televised statement late Wednesday, saying she shares the pain of recent weeks and vowing to bring unity and stability.

“We have all felt the anxiety provoked by the instability and uncertainty,” Vazquez said. “Faced with this enormous challenge and with God ahead, I take a step forward with no interest other than serving the people as I have done my whole life.”

\$10M expected from Trump fundraisers in Hamptons

By MICHELLE YE HEE
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A pair of high-dollar fundraisers scheduled for Friday in the Hamptons are expected to raise about \$10 million for President Donald Trump’s reelection and the Republican Party, GOP officials said Thursday, despite pressure from those boycotting the businesses of one of the hosts of the fundraisers.

One of the planned events, set to be held at the Southampton home of billionaire real estate developer Stephen Ross and his jewelry designer wife Kara, attracted controversy after The Washington Post reported on the event this week. The fundraiser is set to charge up to \$250,000 for a private roundtable, photo and lunch with the president.

News of the gathering prompted a boycott of two prominent luxury fitness brands affiliated with Ross: Equinox and SoulCycle. It also drew criticism from a player for the Miami Dolphins, the National Football League franchise Ross owns.

Critics of the president contend that Ross’ support of Trump is inconsistent with the values of equality and racial diversity promoted by Ross’ company and nonprofit.

Republican National Committee officials said the fundraisers will go on despite the backlash and that Trump is set to attend. They estimated that they would raise about \$10 million between both Hampton events.

Ross’ company did not respond to a request for comment Thursday. In a statement Wednesday, Ross said he has known Trump for 40 years but does not agree with the president on everything.

On Thursday, a list of lifestyle, fitness and restau-



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross’ planned fundraiser is causing controversy with his business dealings.

rant brands affiliated with The Related Companies, of which Ross is chairman and founder, was no longer available on the company’s website. Some of those brands sought to distance themselves from the event in the wake of the controversy, or urged Ross to reconsider his support for Trump.

“Steve was the only potential investor who believed in the vision of what Momofuku could be and offered us the freedom to seek that out,” said celebrity chef David Chang, founder of the upscale restaurant chain, which is associated with Ross’ company. Chang, a vocal Trump critic, made his remarks in a podcast message Thursday. “Nevertheless, we’re on the wrong side here.”

Chang urged Ross to “reconsider hosting this fundraiser. ... It frightens many of the people that work for you, and it contradicts what I hope to accomplish by taking your money in the first place.”

The controversy spread to the academic world. The dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, named for the billionaire, sent a letter to alumni and others saying the school does not support any political fundraiser and that the institution “reject[s] all at-

tempts to divide our community.”

Meanwhile, other fitness brands sought to capitalize on the fallout from the boycotts, offering free workout classes on Friday for those who canceled their memberships with Equinox and SoulCycle.

Since Wednesday, SoulCycle instructors posted on social media urging members against canceling their memberships.

“Boycotting a company to spite an already-wealthy investor with a vast portfolio is unlikely to impact him,” read a message that instructors circulated on Instagram. “It is much more likely to negatively impact the staff of that company ... who are amazing at what they do and reliant on their income from their work at these companies.”

Several senior members of the administration, Republican Party and campaign are scheduled to appear at the fundraisers, as are some Trump family members, according to invitations obtained by The Post.

Another fundraiser is scheduled for Friday at the Bridgehampton home of Joe Farrell, a New York real estate developer. Tickets for that event are priced at \$5,600 per couple to \$35,000 per couple.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Ex-FBI official Andrew McCabe files suit over his termination

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, a frequent target of President Donald Trump's ire, sued the FBI and the Justice Department on Thursday over the circumstances of his firing.

The lawsuit says the firing was part of Trump's plan to rid the bureau of leaders he perceived as disloyal to him.

The complaint contends that the two officials responsible for demoting

and then firing McCabe — FBI Director Chris Wray and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions — created a pretext to force him out in accordance with the president's wishes.

The stated reason for the firing was that McCabe had misled investigators over his involvement in a news media leak, but McCabe says the real reason was "his refusal to pledge allegiance to a single man," meaning the president.

Report: Facebook offering 'millions' to publishers for news

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook is reportedly in talks with news publishers to offer "millions of dollars" for the rights to publish their material on its site. The move follows years of criticism over its growing monopolization of online advertising to the detriment of the struggling news industry.

The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that Facebook representatives had told news executives

that the social media company would pay as much as \$3 million a year to license stories, headlines and other material. Facebook declined to comment but confirmed that the company is working on launching a "news tab" for its service this fall.

The Journal report was not clear as to whether Facebook was offering \$3 million to individual publishers or in total to all news organizations.

Attacker kills 4 in series of stabbings in California cities

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Investigators believe a documented gang member stabbed four people to death and wounded two others as he appeared to target his victims at random during a rampage across two Southern California cities, authorities said Thursday.

Zachary Castaneda, 33, from the city of Garden Grove, was "full of anger" when he carried out attacks and robberies at sev-

eral businesses and killed two men at his own apartment complex during the two-hour wave of violence Wednesday, police said.

He was arrested as he walked out of a convenience store in neighboring Santa Ana, dropping a knife and a gun he had taken from a security guard he had just killed, police said.

A male employee of a Subway restaurant was also fatally stabbed.



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Kyrgyz riot police block supporters of Almazbek Atambayev on Thursday near the former president's residence near the capital, Bishkek. He was in office from 2011 to 2017.

In Kyrgyzstan, ex-president detained after violent clashes

MOSCOW — Police in Kyrgyzstan detained the Central Asian nation's ex-president following violent clashes with his supporters on Thursday, a day after a previous attempt to arrest him left one policeman dead and nearly 80 people injured.



Atambayev

The violence has raised the threat of a new round of turmoil in the ex-Soviet republic, which borders China and hosts a Russian military air base. Kyrgyzstan's first two presidents after independence were both driven from office by riots.

Almazbek Atambayev,

who was in office from 2011 to 2017, accused his successor and protege, President Sooronbai Jeenbekov, of fabricating false corruption charges against him to stifle criticism. He urged supporters to rally Thursday in the capital, Bishkek, to demand Jeenbekov's resignation.

The first attempt to arrest Atambayev at his residence outside the capital failed late Wednesday after his supporters rushed to his defense and clashed with police. A police officer later died of his injuries at a

hospital and 79 people were injured, officials said.

Police returned in bigger numbers Thursday and used water cannons and stun grenades to overwhelm Atambayev's supporters and arrest him. Atambayev was driven to the headquarters of the State National Security Committee in the capital.

Laer, about 1,000 Atambayev supporters tried to rally outside the presidential office, but police quickly dispersed them with tear gas and stun grenades. Police also tightened controls on the city's fringes and clashed with other pro-Atambayev supporters who were trying to drive into the capital.

Deputy national intelligence chief to exit

WASHINGTON — The deputy director of national intelligence, Sue Gordon, will leave her position Aug. 15, President Donald Trump said via Twitter on Thursday.

Gordon's boss, Dan Coats, had announced he would resign effective Aug. 15. Gordon would have been next in line to serve as acting director, the nation's highest-ranking intelligence professional, until the Senate confirmed a permanent replacement.

Several Trump allies outside the White House had urged the president to remove Gordon, a career intelligence officer, describing her as too close to former CIA Director John Brennan, a frequent Trump critic.

To fill the post of acting director, Trump named Joseph Maguire, who is the current director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

In New Zealand: Lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Thursday in favor of advancing an abortion bill that would dramatically loosen restrictions surrounding the procedure, in one of the most significant steps the nation's leaders have taken toward revising the country's abortion policies since the late 1970s.

Thursday's vote was expected to be close, but it advanced easily — 94-23 — to the next stage. After further discussion, it will take two more rounds of voting for it to become law.

Abortion has been a crime in New Zealand, although women can go through with the procedure in exceptional cases and if two medical professionals deem it necessary to a patient's mental or physical health.

Neo-Nazi website publisher ordered to pay \$14M

HELENA, Mont. — A Montana judge has ordered the publisher of a neo-Nazi website to pay a real estate agent \$14 million for encouraging his readers to harass her and her family.

U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen on Thursday also ordered The Daily Stormer founder Andrew

Anglin to permanently remove all posts, comments and images about Tanya Gersh, her husband and son.

Christensen's order adopts the findings of a magistrate judge who called Anglin's conduct against Gersh "egregious and reprehensible."

Anglin accused Gersh of trying to run the mother of white nationalist Richard Spencer out of the town of Whitefish, and told his readers to unleash a "troll storm on her" in 2016.

Gersh said that her family received hundreds of threatening, harassing and anti-Semitic messages.

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EDITORIALS

Free Blagojevich? Trump's all wrong about who was the victim.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday again said he might commute the prison sentence of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. This time, the president made one motive clearer. It's about revenge.

"I thought he was treated unbelievably unfairly; he was given close to 18 years in prison," Trump said to White House reporters aboard Air Force One, misstating Blagojevich's 14-year sentence. "And a lot of people thought it was unfair, like a lot of other things — and it was the same gang, the Comey gang and all these sleazebags that did it."

Comey, of course, is a reference to former FBI Director James Comey, whom Trump fired. That firing led to the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 election. The firing also resulted in Comey becoming a high-profile critic of Trump. Oh, Comey is also a friend of former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, who oversaw the prosecution of Blagojevich.

So look at any compassion expressed by Trump toward Blago as a reflection of the president's blinding bitterness toward Comey.

Also know this: The "Comey gang" did not overzealously prosecute the former governor. The former governor overzeal-



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison, greets supporters and signs autographs in 2012 outside his Chicago home.

ously abused his position in state government and got caught. Not only did he threaten to hold up government projects until he could squeeze their proprietors for campaign contributions, he used a U.S. Senate seat, which belonged to the citizens of Illinois, as a bargaining chip to try to enrich himself.

Keep in mind that Blagojevich ran for office on a platform of ethics reform after

replacing a disgraced former governor, George Ryan, who was convicted on charges he ran state government like a criminal enterprise. Keep in mind, too, that Illinois is the state that grows corrupt governors like it harvests soybeans: in vast numbers. Blagojevich, Ryan, Otto Kerner and Dan Walker all went to prison.

Blagojevich's 14-year sentence on myriad corruption charges was harsh but de-

served. Sending him back to Illinois would be a gut-punch to the law-abiding, frustrated, fed-up electorate here, more than 2 million of whom voted for Trump in 2016 based in part on his "drain the swamp" attitude toward sleaze in government.

Several high-ranking Democrats including U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin have supported commuting Blagojevich's sentence. He has served long enough, they say. But mostly, Democrats in Illinois were glad to get rid of Blagojevich. His obsession with fundraising, with squeezing state government for his own personal benefit, took priority over his actual job of governing. He hardly showed up for work. Democrats led his House impeachment. Democrats led the Senate trial that led to his ouster from office. He was sent to prison for trying to extort campaign cash and other benefits for himself.

Trump wants to sell a possible Blagojevich commutation as righting a wrong committed by "the Comey gang."

Wrong. Rod Blagojevich was not the victim. The people of Illinois were.

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Why Cook County has 4,000 coyotes (Hint: Blame wolf hunters)

The life of the coyote does not look like a walk in the park. Skulking about in fear of humans, subsisting on mice and voles, sleeping on the cold ground, dodging cars, getting flattened by anvils in Road Runner cartoons — it's a tough deal, right? People get freaked out when you show up, and even dogs hate you.

But hold the sympathy. Life has never been better for *Canis latrans*. In recent decades, these creatures have vastly expanded their range, from their original territory in the western United States all the way to the Atlantic coast, from New England down to Florida. They've crossed the Rio Grande to colonize Mexico and Central America. From there, some have moved on to South America. They've taken up residence across the Midwest, where they were once unknown.

Within that vastly enlarged habitat, they've also shown up in places ... close to you. They've become a common feature of suburbs and, yes, cities. The human population of Chicago may be shrinking, but coyotes are not put off by high property taxes, crime or corrupt aldermen. They find plenty of food and adequate shelter here.

The Cook County Urban Coyote Research Project estimates there are 4,000 of them in the county, with more in the surrounding area. Wildlife ecologist Stan Gerht told National Geographic that when his research began in 2000, "We felt there



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 The Cook County Urban Coyote Research Project estimates there are 4,000 coyotes, like the one seen here in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood in May, in the county.

were parts of Chicago too urban, with too many people, for coyotes to live — and we were wrong." They've been found downtown, along Lake Shore Drive, even setting up dens in a parking lot of Soldier Field.

They are resourceful and resilient animals, but they owe a big debt to humans. We did them a solid by waging war on wolves, once their fierce, dominant rivals. After the bigger predators had been nearly wiped out by human hunting, trapping and poisoning, coyotes suddenly found a lot of previously unsafe territory was theirs for the taking. And take it they have.

Some people, fearful that coyotes will

attack their children or pets, would like to see them eradicated from residential areas in and around metropolitan Chicago. But two problems arise. The first was explained by Gehrt to The Washington Post: "How do you limit coyotes? You don't." Half a million are deliberately killed each year nationally, and still the species thrives.

Facing predation, the beasts compensate. As the Cook County project notes, "Coyotes have the ability to adjust their litter sizes based on food abundance and population density." Kill off a batch of coyotes, and there will be more food and

space for others, which allows them to reproduce more.

There lies the second problem: Eliminate one major predator and you open the way for other species you may not welcome, with unpredictable consequences. Better to learn to coexist with wolves in the Upper Midwest (Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota) — and then learn to coexist with coyotes in areas where wolves can't safely roam (such as Du Page County's forest preserves).

That's not hard. In fact, you've probably done a lot without even realizing it. Urban coyotes tend to be nocturnal, quietly roaming large domains while most people are asleep. In the daytime, they hole up in spots hidden from view but often close to people.

It's rare for them to approach kids or pets. Cats have a strong preference for staying well away from any place coyotes are found. People can minimize the chance of unwanted encounters by keeping their pets in fenced yards or inside, not leaving pet food out, and keeping garbage cans secure.

Coyotes do a very good job of putting up with us without causing much trouble. We could try showing them some love.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In America, as abroad, we see our fair share of inexplicable violence. But the patterns on display over the last few years have revealed that we are contending here ... with the fruit of a murderous and resurgent ideology — white supremacy — that deserves to be treated by the authorities in the same manner as has been the threat posed by militant Islam.

We will see a myopic focus on guns in the coming days, tied to a broader discussion of America's "mass shooting problem." This will be a mistake — not because America does not have such a problem, but because to focus on limiting a certain tool in a country with half a billion of those tools in circulation and a constitutional provision protecting their ownership is to set oneself up for guaranteed failure. In the last decade, we have watched in horror as devastating attacks have been carried out with the help of trucks, cars, bombs, grenades, incendiary devices, matches and more. The task before us, to nip this grotesque insurgency in the bud, should transcend our debates over means. ...

In concert, Americans must recognize that they have a crucial role to play in rooting out this awful ideology and in superintending the places in which it spreads. ... If, as they should, Americans take it upon themselves to spot the early warning signs of radicalization and do whatever they are able to discourage it, that is their prerogative. Here, as elsewhere, the best prophylactic against mass killings is individual intervention and social responsibility.

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A memorial Tuesday for victims of the shooting that left 22 people dead at the Cielo Vista Mall Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

More worries! America is still too full of soft targets, we're racing toward an environmental cliff and ...



ERIC ZORN

In early July I offered readers an incomplete list of nine things I've been worrying about lately — it included the vulnerability of our power grid to terrorist attack, the job-killing rise of the gig economy and automation, the use of 3D printing to create untraceable weapons, “deepfake” videos and sinister uses of cryptocurrencies.

I left off at least two important items.

The first is how many soft targets — crowded but essentially unprotected public spaces — there still are in our society.

We saw another grim reminder of this last weekend when lone gunmen committed mass slaughter at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, and in a popular nightlife district in Dayton, Ohio. The victims had gathered in nonsecured places and were therefore relatively easy prey for attackers bearing weapons of war and seeking a high body count.

It wasn't anything new, really. Lightly guarded synagogues, churches,

movie theaters, concerts, office buildings and classrooms have been among the venues for unexpected and unprovoked mayhem in recent years.

The array of facilities that now require people entering to be screened by metal detectors or otherwise searched includes not just airports, prisons and courthouses, but some schools and many venues for large entertainment and sporting events.

That seems like both a lot and not nearly enough.

What about malls? Trains? Big-box stores, restaurants and houses of worship? Ballrooms, beaches, megaplexes and symphony halls?

Make your own list of places where human ducks go to sit. And don't kid yourself that these and other such sites aren't already in the fever dreams of lone disaffected nut jobs and organized zealots.

The country's already on edge.

Tuesday night, a sign fell over in the Valley Fair Mall near Salt Lake City, sparking panic and prompting an evacuation as police searched for an active shooter. That same night, the sound of motorcycles backfiring near New York City's Times Square caused a chaotic stampede of visitors attempting to flee the area (police are reportedly investigating the possibility that the backfires were a deliberate provocation).

As one who's resigned to the politi-

cal reality that America will never meaningfully restrict access to guns capable of quickly causing dozens of fatalities, I worry that we're not quickly enough creating safer spaces to compensate.

Yes, it will be a costly hassle and to go through what will always be imperfect security gantlets just to buy lawn chairs, see musicals or ride the CTA. But will we get used to it? Also yes.

The second fear that didn't make my list but should have was climate change.

Many of the readers who responded to my call for additions chastised me for this omission, including Jay Butler of Oak Park:

“I don't think any of your nine little worries come close to what we are facing as atmospheric carbon dioxide levels rise geometrically, the oceans rise, species are destroyed, mass migration for resources occurs, etc.,” he wrote “And you're worrying about cryptocurrencies?”

Fair point. The world's headlong race toward the environmental cliff should have made my list, given that if we don't head it off future generations will be far too busy dealing with severe cascading calamities to fret about malignant uses of Bitcoin.

My only excuse for not including climate change is that, like the possibility “that some crackpot tyrant

playing king-of-the-planet might detonate a device powerful enough to bring on nuclear winter,” nominated by reader Ted Z. Manuel, it felt too large and obvious to include on a list of more everyday worries.

Other reader suggestions to get your *eek!* on included the growth of surveillance technology (Marc Martinez), the potential that bad foreign actors will disable our critical satellite communications infrastructure (Susan Liston), the unintended negative consequence of legalized recreational cannabis (Nancy Dunne), Illinois' worst-in-the-nation unfunded pension liability (numerous contributors) and the fear that hackers will severely compromise America's voting systems (Mary Jane Merrick).

One entry on my earlier list was that President Donald Trump secretly isn't kidding when he jokes about not leaving office when his time comes. But if Merrick proves prescient — if, for instance, Trump loses in 2020 but election returns from just a handful of red-state precincts show him with zero votes — then he'll have a better than trivial excuse for refusing to accept the overall result and not vacating the White House on schedule.

At which point I'm going to need a much longer list.

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Blagojevich may walk, but his cell could be filled by other Illinois politicians

BY DAVID GREISING

When President Donald Trump revealed on Wednesday he may commute the 14-year prison sentence of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, it made a certain sort of twisted sense.

With all the Illinois politicians under investigation or indicted right now, perhaps the federal penitentiaries are running out of room.

Move out, Blago. State Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, might need that bunk.

The curious case of Cullerton, the former Hostess truck driver now facing embezzlement charges, shows just how fast the seemingly straight can twist into pretzels of alleged perfidy. Before he was indicted last week, Cullerton had the look of a politician on the rise — with a knack for jumping on high-profile political issues in order to do some good, for the state and for himself.

Last year, he held hearings into Gov. Bruce Rauner's bungled response to the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. After the Better Government Association tallied the \$5.8 million cost arising from six-figure severance packages — chiefly to the failed presidents of public colleges in Illinois — Cullerton passed a bill that limits “golden parachutes.”

He helped pass a bill to regulate lead levels in drinking water, responding to public outrage in the aftermath of the Flint, Michigan, water crisis.

All that Cullerton was, and could become, may be out the window now.

Intermediaries claim he is innocent, but the federal indictment claims that Culler-

ton, from March 2013 to January 2016, was a ghost payroller for the Teamsters, drawing \$183,000, in pay in return for zero actual work. Disgraced former Teamsters boss John Coli Sr. gave him the no-show job, likely in exchange for political favors that are still not clear. Even when Cullerton was in Springfield, doing the people's business, he was on the Teamsters' clock, the indictment charges.

Cullerton made his choices and, if he's found guilty, he'll likely do his time. In that case, perhaps he'll have matching prison uniforms with other politician-defendants now waiting for justice to run its course.

The once-powerful Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, has been charged, of course. And as with many of these cases, his alleged crimes include a mix of standard-issue greed and petty corruption.

Burke's effort to delay issuing permits for renovations at a Burger King franchise until the business owners promised to hire Burke's law firm, as one charge alleges, sounds like by-the-books extortion. A second charge, that Burke allegedly forced the Field Museum to hire an intern — the daughter of a friend — in order to win City Council approval for an admission-fee increase, borders on farce.

With his pinstriped suits, heavy gold watch and pocket square, Burke for decades posed as the very model of decorum at City Council. But today, Eddie, we really know ye. You're the one who used a “burner” cellphone, apparently in order to elude the feds.

Alas, by then it was too late. Before Burke grabbed for burner phones, federal wiretaps of some 62,000 calls were drawing a snare around the alleged extortionist.



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Tom Cullerton campaigns for an Illinois Senate seat in 2012. Now a state senator, Cullerton faces embezzlement charges.

Voters didn't care: They sent him back to the council. But the feds did, and they hope to send him away.

The falls by Cullerton and Burke are leaving the public with the unsavory task of speculating what might happen next, and who might be next.

The name of House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, keeps coming up. Madigan hasn't been accused of wrongdoing. The feds are looking into connections between Madigan political operatives and lobbying payments involving ComEd. ComEd has billions at stake in Springfield, and little happens there without Madigan's blessing.

Whatever interest the feds may have in Madigan's world, he won't make it easy. For starters, the Sphinx of Springfield apparently doesn't use a cellphone at all. He stays off email too.

The feds are keeping busy regardless. Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, is under the federal spotlight, too, with investigators looking into the construction and sale to Austin of a West Pullman home by a developer in her ward, according to the Tribune. The feds have subpoenaed her election committees to get to the bottom of the Austin case.

There was a time when we could at least take comfort in the fact that public officials who did the crimes, when convicted, would do their time. Convicted former Gov. George Ryan seemed to spend as much time lobbying to get out of the slammer as he had spent in public office.

But now comes the news President Trump might commute Blago's sentence. The crime Blago committed — attempting to sell Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat to the highest bidder — was “just braggadocio,” Trump told reporters.

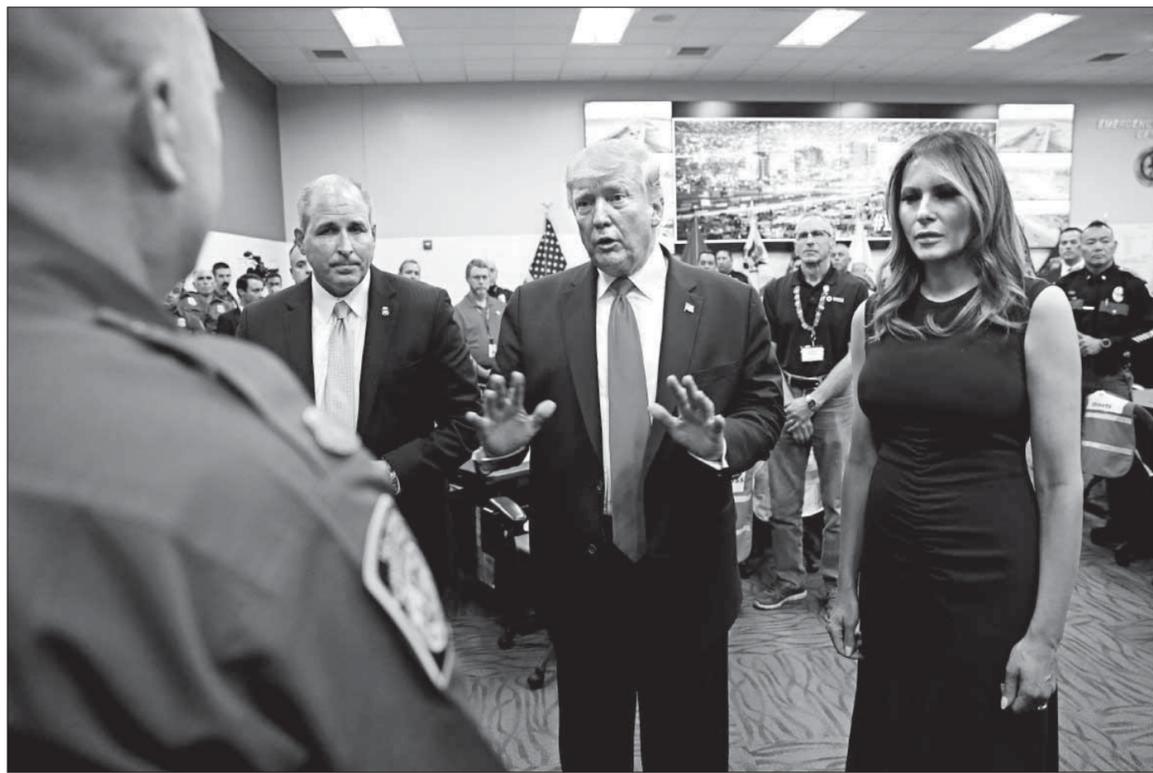
This may come as a shock to some readers, but it's apparent Trump may not be familiar with all the details of the Blagojevich case. Blago was a thug in a thousand-dollar suit. No one holds up state funding to a children's hospital, seeking a \$25,000 campaign contribution in return for the release of \$8 million in payments, like Blago did.

Trump should not let Blagojevich go, but he apparently might.

And I hate to say it, but the way the multiple investigations of corrupt Illinois politicians are going, Blago's vacated prison cell may not be room enough.

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PERSPECTIVE



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump visit with first responders at the El Paso Regional Communications Center after meeting Wednesday with people affected by the mass shooting in the Texas city last weekend.

Trump is toxic. Americans are not.



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump is a toxin in the American political bloodstream, and the resulting symptoms are not only ugly and unpleasant but also dangerous. Among the signs are expressions of racial prejudice, religious bigotry, sexism and violent hostility for those deemed to be unacceptably different. It's a debilitating malady.

Trump was an abnormal presidential candidate, indulging in overt antipathy for foreigners, crude slurs against women, juvenile insults of political rivals and nonstop lies on matters big and small. But he won the election, giving rise to fears that he represented the true character of the American public.

On a daily basis, Trump does things that would have grievously damaged previous presidents. It's impossible to imagine George W. Bush telling nonwhite members of Congress to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came." Barack Obama would never have called a poor, white, rural county a "disgusting" place "where no human being would want to live."

Both Bush and Obama were fully capable of rising to the occasion when Americans were in pain. On the rare occasions when Trump is obligated to voice conciliatory, unifying sentiments, as he did Monday after the weekend mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, his words carry no conviction or credibility.

Most Americans expect the worst from him. So they could not have been surprised that he couldn't make a condolence call on those cities Wednesday without trashing local Democratic leaders.

There are two striking facts about his presidency. The first is that he did not adapt to meet long-standing expectations of how the highest elected official in the land should behave. If anything, winning the 2016 election inflamed his worst instincts.

The second, more encouraging discovery is that Trump's abnormality still looks conspicuously abnormal. Americans have not defined presidential deviancy down. They have not jettisoned their beliefs about what a president should do and not do. Even people who approve of his overall performance in office have no fondness for many of his habits.

Americans who feel distress, shame and anger at Trump's policies may be tempted to assume that all the people who voted for him share his worst traits. But they don't. Voting is usually a binary choice between unsatisfactory options, and factors such as ideology, religion and party heavily sway decisions.

Going into the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton had the second-highest unfavorable rating of any major party nominee since 1956 — worse than that of Barry Goldwater, who, in 1964, got a puny 39% of the vote in a two-person race. Plenty of Americans voted against Clinton, settling for Trump only as the lesser of two evils.

Their reservations help explain his persistently low approval rating. At every point since February 2017, Gallup has found, at least half of Americans have disapproved of how he has done his job, with spikes as high as 60%. His approval figure has sunk as low as 35% and has never risen above 46%. When Barack

Obama left office, by contrast, 59% of Americans had a positive view of his performance, with 37% disapproving.

While regularly making use of racist code, Trump claims to be "the least racist person anywhere in the world." Most people are not fooled. A July Quinnipiac Poll found that fully 51% of voters say he is indeed racist, with 45% disagreeing.

The public is not blind to his many serious defects of character and personality. An August YouGov/Economist survey found that a majority of people do not believe he is honest, intelligent, inspiring, patriotic, strong or sincere. Just 18% deny that he is hypocritical, and 9% say he is not arrogant.

Only 21% regard him as a good role model for children, according to a March Quinnipiac poll. Just 20% think he is more honest than most previous occupants of the Oval Office.

"Trumpian" can mean many different things, but in almost any company, it is not a term of praise. Republican pollster Gene Ulm told *The Atlantic*, "You have a lot of people (who) like everything he's doing but would never have him (over) for dinner."

With his brazen appeal to dark impulses, Trump has encouraged hateful elements in American society. At the same time, he has awakened people of goodwill to cherish and defend the values that he threatens.

Trumpism has infected the American polity like a foul pathogen. But it has also stimulated a powerful immune response that just may leave us stronger in the end.

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Jackson Park is the right location for the Obama Presidential Center

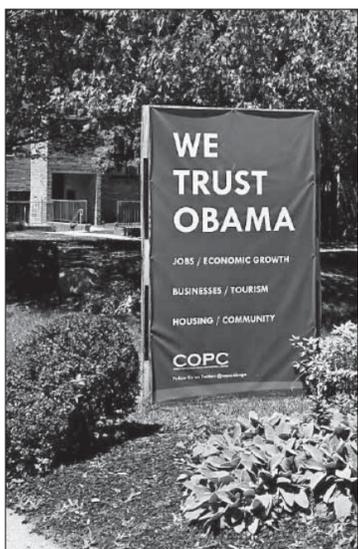
BY LESTER CROWN

Chicago has always been a city of big ideas and bold actions. As the home of America's first African American president, Chicago is blessed to have a far-reaching plan in the works to honor President Barack Obama's legacy, strengthen our community and serve a broad public purpose.

This is a moment of historic significance for our city and our country. President Obama's desire to locate his presidential center steps from where his career began shows his deep connection with our city. This is where he became Barack Obama. As he put it himself: "Even though I went to college in (Los Angeles) and New York, and law school across the river from Boston, I received my greatest education on Chicago's South Side, working at the local level to bring about change."

Chicago has a long and rich history of placing world-class museums in some of our most prized parks. Think of the families who have been enriched by the Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium or Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Yet those museums are not spread equally around the city, nor has there been an equal level of investment in our parks between the North Side and the South Side. The plan to locate the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park addresses



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A sign on Stony Island Avenue in Chicago near the proposed site of the Obama Presidential Center expresses support for the project in Jackson Park.

that imbalance. It will bring hundreds of millions of dollars of private investment into Jackson Park, creating a rising tide that will lift the neighborhood around it. The center will also enliven the park and

create a magical place for community and visitors from around the world, boasting a broad range of cultural, artistic and recreational opportunities — and even a sledding hill.

Lawyer Richard Epstein, who has sued to block the project, recently argued that the city's investment and provision of parkland "violates" the public trust. This myopic argument overlooks the many public-oriented buildings and structures that have been built in Chicago's parks, from Millennium Park to the Museum Campus to Lincoln Park. So why are those OK and this isn't? The Obama center will take up less than 5% of Jackson Park and be a boon to a part of the city that has long been neglected. As U.S. District Judge Robert Blakey said when he dismissed the case against the city over the Obama center: "Although this is an important case, this is not a difficult case."

The center will stand as a reminder to children who walk by it, those who live around it and guests who visit it that ordinary people, working together, can accomplish extraordinary things. It will celebrate the work done to elect our nation's first African American president. And it will signal to visitors from around the world that our courageous city, in the immortal words of Daniel Burnham, makes "no little plans."

Lester Crown is chairman emeritus of Henry Crown & Co.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Candidate Williamson has wacky ideas

Democratic presidential candidate Marianne Williamson "ascended to the stage like Glinda, the good witch," during candidate debates, according to columnist Dahleen Glanton ("Marianne Williamson's zen is a welcome antidote to Trump's vitriol," Aug. 5). However, when it comes to Williamson's understanding of clinical depression, the candidate's views are more closely aligned with Scrooge.

Williamson appears to be ignorant in her attack on antidepressant drugs for the clinically depressed. She has tweeted unsympathetically after public figures' suicides, and she displays no understanding, including in a recent interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper, that clinical depression is not a matter of just feeling sad or wanting to mask normal emotions including grief and misery. While it is true that medications may be overprescribed and present a higher risk to adolescents and young adults, the "Zen" candidate neglects to consider this same population may find such drugs potentially beneficial to lessen suicidal urges. Williams perpetuates the notion that Prozac and the like leave users unnaturally happy all of the time when, instead, they may merely be the difference between getting out of bed each day versus withdrawing from the world.

— Beth Hirschfeld, Chicago

We need democracy reform now

After reading Jason Grotto's article for *ProPublica Illinois* about the influence of dark money in Waukegan's aldermanic and mayoral elections, one thing became resoundingly clear: We need democracy reform now. The donations of a deep-pocketed gambling operator show the susceptibility of our elections to corporate interests, and it strips voters of true representation by their elected representatives.

In his article, Grotto not only exposes Waukegan city officials' ties to the gambling industry, but he also points to a schism between Democratic officials in Waukegan and Democratic members of Congress. Earlier this year, in March, the Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation with sweeping democracy reform in H.R. 1, which would reduce the role of big dark money in politics. Moreover, Democratic contenders for the presidency tout diverse small-dollar donations over political action committee contributions.

Our right to a representative democracy in the U.S. is of paramount importance to our liberty and freedom, so let's protect it from dark money influence. Voters deserve fair and secure elections.

— Julio Guzman, Waukegan

Use new center to do good, Obama

I hope that former President Barack Obama read the entire article on the front page of the Aug. 7 *Chicago Tribune* ("Ivanka Trump's 'nonsense' about city violence ripped") and heeds the advice that both Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth and Mayor Lori Lightfoot gave to President Donald Trump. "Duckworth said Trump could help curb violence by promoting community investments through federal funding." And: "The mayor has frequently said the city needs more investment on the South and West sides."

Lead the way, President Obama, by moving the Obama Presidential Center out of Jackson Park and building it elsewhere on the South or West Side. Our elected representatives, who are members of the Democratic Party, implore you to take this opportunity to enhance blighted communities and reduce the violence.

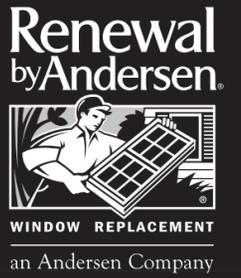
— Cathleen Bylina, Chicago

Export water from Lake Michigan

Here is a crazy idea. The *Tribune* reported ("Perils of rising waters," Aug. 4) that Lake Michigan is at least 31 inches above its normal level and that it takes 780 billion gallons to raise the lake 1 inch, meaning there are over 24 trillion extra gallons of water in Lake Michigan. Approximately 11% of the world does not have access to an acceptable water supply. Why not let companies pump the extra Lake Michigan water for use in areas where there is a water shortage or unclear water? If companies are charged just a 10-cents-per-gallon tax to do so, there would be \$2.4 trillion in taxes collected, split among Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. If the taxes were equally split, Illinois would get \$800 billion! Illinois' long-term debt would be extinguished, pensions would be fully funded and taxes would not have to rise. Lake Michigan would be safer, and people around the world who need clean water would be helped. By changing the Great Lakes Compact to allow withdrawal of water that exceeds that long-term average lake levels, states that border the Great Lakes would become rich.

— Rob Klein, Deerfield

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Slipping through

Google and Amazon ban gun parts listings, but it's not bulletproof

BY GREG BENSINGER
The Washington Post

Google and Amazon, two of the biggest platforms for online shopping, have been offering for sale and profiting from listings of firearm and gun accessories, an apparent violation of their own stated policies that shows the pitfalls of software-driven retail.

The companies as recently as Monday, within days of three mass shootings that have shaken the nation, were offering rifle magazines for sale on their sites, including models with a capacity to hold 25 or more bullets.

On its shopping site, which offers an array of retail goods from vendors across the web, Google had listings for boxes of shotgun rounds like the \$31.25 20-round Hornady Critical Defense set, described on the manufacturer's website as able to "place all projectiles on a man-sized target at seven yards" and "provide excellent penetration."

Google bans the promotion of products that "cause damage, harm or injury," so the listings which direct users to retail sites are not allowed and should have been detected by the company's software and removed. For instance, a search for "bump stock," which Google banned after the device for rapid firing was used in the 2017 Las Vegas massacre, produces no results.

Amazon's online policy lists dozens of banned wares related to gun use. But on Monday, the retailer was offering ammunition clips such as the Butler Creek 25-round magazine, an attachment for rifles used to store multiple bullets. Amazon says it ships the \$45.99 item to customers itself, suggesting it stores it in one of its warehouses.

"The sale of weapons, guns, and certain gun parts is strictly prohibited on Google Shopping," said Google spokeswoman Caroline Klapper-Matos. "As soon as we found policy-violating results, we removed them and are working to prevent these instances from reoccurring."

Amazon didn't respond to requests for comment. (Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Wash-



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Google and Amazon have policies prohibiting the sale of guns, ammunition and certain firearm accessories.

ington Post.)

After being contacted by The Post, Google eliminated some of the listings like the Hornady rounds and a box of Remington hollow point rounds, which could be found by searching for "ammunition" on the shopping site and clicking an option for "Buy with Google." It also eliminated some results noted by The Post found for "rifle magazine" and "ammunition belt." Amazon on Tuesday pulled down listings

for some rifle magazines identified after being notified Monday.

The availability of the goods speaks to the limitations of the company's algorithms to keep even prohibited items from making their way to the websites. Algorithms play a huge role in policing the internet, by automatically weeding out of prohibited language, images and other disallowed things. Technology companies constantly update the software, often in response

to new internal policies or societal change.

There is renewed scrutiny over firearm sales after gunmen killed 35 people and injured dozens more in a one-week stretch in three U.S. cities. Some Democratic presidential candidates renewed calls for tighter controls on assault weapon sales, and protesters flocked to the National Rifle Association head-

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Kraft Heinz shares plunge

Company takes another \$1B hit on top of weak second-quarter sales

BY MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

Kraft Heinz released its second-quarter earnings report delayed by accounting problems and revealed continued fall-out related to those issues on top of weak sales.

The company that makes Oscar Mayer hot dogs, Kool-Aid, Heinz ketchup and Velveeta took charges in excess of \$1 billion in the first half due in part to the "perceived risk" to the value of the company during a very rough year in which its stock has been cut in half.

Shares of The Kraft Heinz Co. tumbled to an all-time low Thursday, before recovering slightly to close at \$28.22, down 8.6% from the previous day's close.

The company, created in a 2015 merger crafted by billionaire Warren Buffett and Brazilian private equity firm 3G Capital, had been trying to regain its footing and follow vast changes in what people eat and how they perceive the company's most iconic brands.

Then, early this year, Kraft Heinz disclosed an investigation into its accounting practices by federal regulators and said it would slash the value of its Oscar Mayer and Kraft brands by more than \$15 billion.

While company executives were cleared in the investigation which focused on a relatively small number of people in its procurement operations, Kraft Heinz was forced to adjust past results reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission. In May, it restated its financial results for the years 2016, 2017, and for the first nine months of 2018.

That damage continued to play out in the quarterly results released Thursday.

Kraft recorded charges of \$474 million in the quarter, "primarily driven by the application of a higher discount rate to reflect the markets' perceived risk" to the company's value.

It took additional charges of \$744 million in the first half related to its export and refrigerated businesses, among others.

Profit during the first half of 2019 dropped almost 55%.

Kraft earned \$449 million, or 37 cents per share, for the three months ended June 29. A year ago it earned \$754 million, or 62 cents per share.

Community rallies around families of detained migrants

On Wednesday, about 600 ICE agents raided plants in Mississippi

BY JEFF AMY
AND ROGELIO V. SOLIS
Associated Press

MORTON, Miss. — Mississippi residents rallied around terrified children left with no parents and migrants locked themselves in their homes for fear of being arrested Thursday, a day after the United States' largest immigration raid in a decade.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said 680 people were arrested in Wednesday's raids, but more than 300 had been released by Thursday morning, ICE spokesman Bryan Cox said in an email.

Cox said 30 of those who had been released were let go at the plants, while about 270 were released after being taken to a military hangar where they had been brought after the raids. He did not give a reason except to say that those released at the plants were let go due to "humanitarian factors."

"They were placed into proceedings before the federal immigration courts and will have their day in court at a later date,"

he said. Officials had said Wednesday that they would release detainees who met certain conditions, such as pregnant women or those who hadn't faced immigration proceedings previously.

A small group seeking information about immigrants caught up in the raids gathered Thursday morning outside one of the targeted companies: the Koch Foods Inc. plant in Morton, a small town of roughly 3,000 people about 40 miles east of the capital of Jackson.

"The children are scared," said Ronaldo Tomas, who identified himself as a worker at another Koch Foods plant in town that wasn't raided. Tomas, speaking in Spanish, said he has a cousin with two children who was detained in one of the raids.

Gabriela Rosales, a six-year resident of Morton who knows some of those detained, said she understood that "there's a process and a law" for those living in the country illegally. "But the thing that they (ICE) did is devastating," she said. "It was very devastating to see all those kids crying, having seen their parents for the last time."

On Wednesday, about 600 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents fanned out across plants operated by five

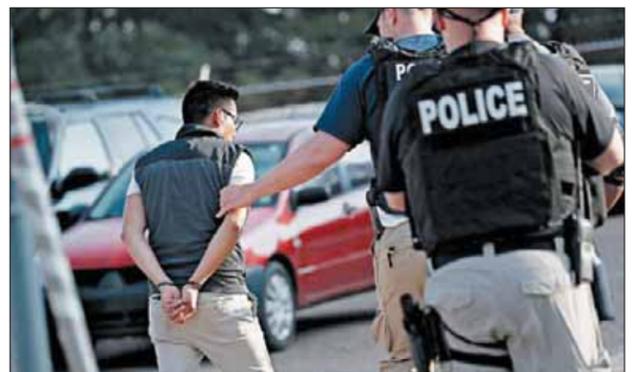
companies, surrounding the perimeters to prevent workers from fleeing. Those arrested were taken to the military hangar to be processed for immigration violations.

In Morton, workers were loaded into multiple buses on Wednesday — some for men and some for women — at the Koch Foods plant. At one point, about 70 family, friends and residents waved goodbye and shouted, "Let them go! Let them go!"

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.

The Rev. Mike O'Brien, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Canton, said he waited outside the Peco Foods plant in the city until 4 a.m. Thursday for workers returning by bus. O'Brien said he visited a number of parishioners whose relatives had been arrested, including a 65-year-old grandmother.

He said he also drove home a person who had hidden from authorities inside the plant. "The people are all afraid," he said. "Their doors are locked, and they won't answer their doors."



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

A man is taken into custody at a Koch Foods Inc. plant in Morton, Miss., on Wednesday.

Mississippi ICE raids hit Koch Foods factory

As many as 200 of the 680 detainees worked at the processing plant

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids Wednesday on agricultural plants in Mississippi hit close to home in Chicago, with about a quarter of the arrested workers employed by Koch Foods, a large Park Ridge-based poultry processor whose billionaire owner, Joseph Grendys, mostly flies under the radar.

As many as 200 of the 680 people allegedly living in the

country illegally, who were detained by authorities, worked at the Koch plant in Morton, Mississippi, according to an initial estimate by ICE spokesman Bryan Cox.

The raids represent the largest workplace immigration sting operation of the Trump administration, with more than 600 agents from ICE and Homeland Security Investigations executing multiple federal criminal search warrants at seven Mississippi agricultural facilities.

"This is the largest single-state worksite enforcement action in

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Tech stocks push S&P to best day in months

Dow also jumps as upswing helps erase bumpy start to week

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Technology companies powered stocks higher on Wall Street, driving the S&P 500 to its best day in more than two months and erasing its losses for the week.

The rally, which pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average up by more than 370 points, followed an early rise in bond yields Thursday after a weekly government report on unemployment claims came in better than economists had expected.

Worries that the trade dispute between the U.S. and China is hurting the global economy roiled the market earlier this week, sending many investors fleeing to safer holdings, such as U.S. government bonds. That pulled bond yields sharply lower.



RICHARD DREW/AP

Specialist Meric Greenbaum, left, and trader Steven Kaplan work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

The absence of new worrisome turns in the U.S.-China trade tussle may have also helped keep investors in a buying mood Thursday.

“That’s what the market is attuned to right now, this confirmation of fears that things are going badly,” said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird. “And if you’re not getting that, then stocks can stabilize, bond yields can move up a little bit.”

The S&P 500 index rose 54.11 points, or 1.9%, to 2,938.09. The index has risen for three straight days.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 371.12 points, or 1.4%, to 26,378.19. The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, vaulted 176.33 points, or

2.2%, to 8,039.16. It also had its best day in more than two months and was on track to end the week with a gain.

Investors also favored smaller company stocks. The Russell 2000 index picked up 31.45 points, or 2.1%, to 1,532.13.

Major indexes in Europe notched solid gains.

Bond prices fell early in the day, sending yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note went as high as 1.79% before falling back to 1.72% in late trading, little changed from late Wednesday.

President Donald Trump spooked the markets last week when he threatened to impose 10% tariffs on all Chinese imports that haven’t already been hit with tariffs of 25%.

China retaliated Monday and allowed its currency, the yuan, to weaken against the U.S. dollar.

China stabilized the yuan Tuesday and that helped lift

U.S. stocks following their worst day of the year.

But central banks in New Zealand, India and Thailand cut key interest rates Wednesday, sending U.S. stocks into an early dive before recovering at the end of the day.

The last couple of weeks feel even more topsy-turvy following the months of relative calm that investors had been enjoying.

Before Monday’s 3% drop for the S&P 500, they hadn’t seen a loss of even half that size since mid-May.

Since this bull market began over a decade ago, the S&P 500 has had 24 days where it lost at least 3%.

Instead, the market tends to shift between periods of calm and sharp bursts of volatility. In 17 of the 24 times that the S&P 500 fell 3%, it either preceded or followed another such drop within a month. So Monday’s 3% fall may be the precursor to more, if history is a guide.

“The foreseeable future is going to be a lot of noise,” said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

The last time the stock market had a drop of 3% was Dec. 4, when investors were worried that the Federal Reserve was raising interest rates too aggressively and would combine with trade concerns to create a recession. But it wasn’t in isolation: It was the third such drop within the span of two months.

A more extreme example is the summer of 2011, when the S&P 500 had four drops of more than 4% in two weeks. Worries about the European debt crisis and the first-ever downgrade of the U.S. credit rating at the time were roiling markets around the world.

That episode also showed that big up days can be interspersed between big down days. That same stretch had two days where the S&P 500 surged more than 4%.

When each day is a sale, retailers fight to get shoppers to buy in

BY JORDYN HOLMAN
Bloomberg News

Chip Bergh, the CEO of Levi Strauss & Co., remembers when back-to-school shopping was a one- or two-week thing. Now, it seems to go on forever.

“Back to school used to be a moment,” Bergh said, recalling the briefer periods of yore “where it was like a fistfight in the stores.” Today, “it’s morphed into five weeks.”

The prolonged back-to-school season mirrors what’s happened with other annual sales events, as retailers drag out the moments that bring shoppers in the door as long as possible. Black Friday, still the kickoff for the crucial year-end period, is now followed by the online deals of Cyber Monday — but the lion’s share of holiday sales come in discount-fueled December.

Even Prime Day, the midsummer event invented by Amazon, has been stretched to encom-

pass two days, with competitors extending their promotions on the front and back ends.

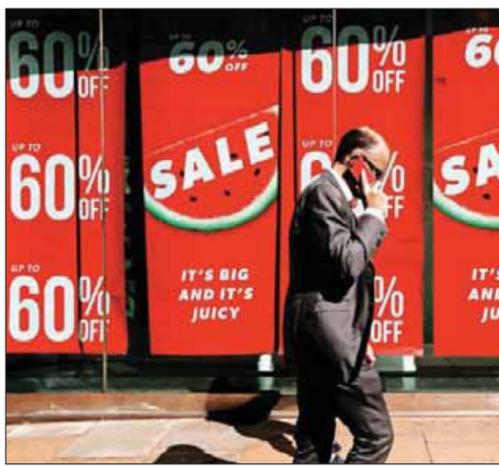
For apparel chains, this often means that sales bleed into each other, and companies struggle to get shoppers excited for the next round of discounting before the current one has ended.

“Everything is so over-promoted these days,” said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners. “People can be promoted out. They get bored with it.”

The endless sales have changed shoppers’ attitudes, with many now expecting discounts available at any given moment, rather than at designated times of the year.

“Consumers are numb to all the promotional activity,” Levi’s Bergh said. “So a 20% back-to-school offer is no different than whatever is going to happen in early September, when it’s going to be 20% off anyway.”

This is forcing retailers



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A man passes sale signs in the window of a NewLook store in Oxford Street in London.

to manage their inventories more nimbly and keep the pipeline of new products flowing so the selection feels fresh for shoppers who visit several times during any given season.

The stakes are high to get it right: This year, American parents are expected to

spend \$507 on average for clothing, electronics and other school-related items, according to a study from RetailMeNot. That’s up from \$465 in 2018.

Deloitte, meanwhile, sees back-to-school spending for kindergarten through 12th grade totaling

\$27.8 billion this year, a rise of 1.8% from 2018.

Failing to move product quick enough can be detrimental for retailers — piled up inventory erodes profitability because it costs money to store and organize it, and companies have to discount deeply to get rid of it. Gap and J.C. Penney have gone through costly buildups of inventory in recent years that required markdowns to clear up.

American Eagle Outfitters, which caters to mostly teenagers and young adults, is seeing shoppers opt for multiple trips to the store per season instead of just one, according to Chad Kessler, the company’s global brand president. Part of the repeat visits is driven by peer pressure.

With repeat back-to-school shopping visits becoming the norm, that means “making sure that we have delivery every month, so every time the customer comes back, they have something new,” Kessler said.

China imports from US fall 19% amid trade war

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese imports of American goods plunged in July as a tariff war with Washington intensified.

Imports of U.S. goods fell 19% from a year earlier to \$10.9 billion, customs data showed Thursday, though that was an improvement over June’s 31.4% fall. Exports to the U.S. declined 6.5% to \$38.8 billion.

Beijing has retaliated for U.S. tariff hikes in a dispute over trade and technology by imposing its own punitive duties and suspending purchases of American soybeans and other goods.

The latest data follow President Donald Trump’s threat last week to extend punitive duties to an additional \$300 billion of Chinese imports.

China’s total exports rose 3.3% over a year earlier to \$221.5 billion, rebound-

ing from June’s 1.3% contraction amid weakening global consumer demand. Imports shrank 5.6% to \$176.4 billion, an improvement over the previous month’s 7.3% decline.

“Shipments in and out of China held up better than expected last month, but a sustained turnaround still looks unlikely in the near-term,” said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report.

China’s central bank rattled global financial markets this week by allowing its yuan to weaken to an 11-year low against the U.S. dollar. That would make Chinese goods less expensive abroad but the currency’s 5% decline this year against the dollar is too small to completely offset U.S. tariffs of 25% percent.

China’s global trade surplus widened by 60% over a year ago to \$45.1 billion.

The surplus with the United States was little

changed but stood at \$28 billion, a level that might fuel American pressure for Chinese concessions in trade talks.

Imports of U.S. goods were down 28.3% in the first seven months of 2019 compared with a year earlier, according to the General Administration of Customs of China.

Washington and Beijing are locked in an increasingly costly tariff war over U.S. complaints China steals or pressures companies to hand over technology. The United States and other Chinese trading partners complain Beijing’s plans for government-led development of global competitors in robotics and other fields violates its market-opening commitments.

Trade has weakened since Trump started hiking tariffs on Chinese goods last June. Beijing retaliated with its own penalties and

ordered importers to find non-U.S. suppliers.

Trump and President Xi Jinping agreed in June to resume negotiations but talks last week in Shanghai ended with no sign of agreement. Envoys are due to meet again next month.

Economists warn the truce is fragile because the sides still are separated by the disagreements that caused talks to break down in May.

Trade weakness has added to pressure on Xi’s government to shore up economic growth and avoid politically dangerous job losses.

Beijing agreed last year to narrow its trade surplus with the United States by buying more American natural gas and other exports but scrapped that plan after one of Trump’s tariff hikes. The Chinese government said in June that any purchases must be at a reasonable level, suggested Bei-

jing was becoming more cautious about making big commitments before it sees what Washington offers in exchange.

Chinese leaders express confidence their economy can survive the tariff fight.

Importers of American soybeans and other goods are trying to switch to Brazilian, Russian and other sources, but supplies are limited and costs are higher. Farmers who use soybeans as animal feed have been told to switch to other grains.

While American exporters have been hit hardest, Chinese industries have suffered double-digit declines in sales to the United States, their biggest market. Economists say even if a settlement with the U.S. is reached, China’s exports this year will be lackluster due to weak global demand, putting pressure on manufacturers that support millions of jobs.

Raids

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the agency’s history,” Cox said.

Koch Foods did not respond to a request for comment Thursday, and efforts to reach Grendys were unsuccessful.

Five things to know about Koch Foods and its owner:

Koch has humble Chicago beginnings

Launched as a one-room chicken deboning and cutting operation, Koch has grown into one of the largest poultry processors in the U.S. The privately owned

company has more than 13,000 employees, with locations across Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee. Annual sales top \$3 billion, according to reports.

Koch Foods processes chickens for national restaurant chains, schools and other locations, and its products are sold in grocery stores under the Oven Cravers and Koch Foods brands.

It’s not that Koch

Koch Foods is not affiliated with the Koch brothers or Koch Industries, the Kansas-based energy and manufacturing outfit.

The billionaire owner keeps a low profile

Grendys, 57, who grew up in a Chicago bungalow, is worth \$2.5 billion, making him the 328th richest man in America, according to the 2018 Forbes 400 ranking. That ties him with Groupon founder and well-known Chicago tech entrepreneur Eric Lefkofsky, according to the Forbes list.

Grendys, whose grandparents emigrated from Poland, began working for the company’s original owner, Fred Koch, while he was still a student at Holy Cross High School in River Grove. Grendys bought out Koch’s interest in the company in 1992, eight years after he graduated from Loyola University. The company took off from there, growing in



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Friends, co-workers and family watch as U.S. immigration officials raid this Koch Foods Inc., plant in Morton, Miss.

large measure through the acquisition of feed mills and slaughterhouses.

The feds are familiar with that plant

In 2018, Koch Foods agreed to pay \$3.75 million

to settle a lawsuit brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for alleged racial discrimination and sexual harassment at the Morton plant. According to the lawsuit, Koch subjected His-

panic and female employees to a “hostile work environment” and supervisors allegedly “touched and/or made sexually suggestive comments” to female Hispanic employees, among other allegations.

ICE raided Ohio Koch plant in 2007

In 2007, Koch’s Fairfield, Ohio, plant was raided by U.S. immigration agents, resulting in the arrest of 161 alleged illegal immigrants. Koch reportedly paid a \$536,046 fine for violating immigration laws in February 2010.

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quarters to demand stronger gun laws.

Google’s list of prohibited products includes ammunition, as well as firearms, scopes, ammunition belts and guides for 3D printing of guns, according to a policy it published online. Still, The Post found examples of each on the shopping site, including goods that could be purchased directly through Google, rather than by being routed to the merchant’s website first. The shopping site shows millions of products for sale across the web, some of which are available to buy using Google as the credit card processor.

More than half of goods on Amazon are now sold by independent merchants, and many of those items are shipped directly to consumers without Amazon’s direct involvement in the fulfillment process. But if the online retailer fulfills and ships the item to a customer — something typically required to gain the Prime shipping designation — it means that a merchant usually ships that item for storage to an Amazon warehouse. Then Amazon sends it to the customer once they click buy.

Some tech companies are seeking to rein in gun sales, such as software provider Salesforce, which in recent weeks has indicated to some retailers that it will stop providing its services if they don’t halt the sale of assault rifles, The Post reported in May.

Some items still remain for sale on Google in violation of its policies, such as realistic-looking toy rifles and gun grips, which Google explicitly prohibits.

The company earlier Monday eliminated a 100-round magazine similar to that used by the gunman in Dayton, Ohio, that allowed him to kill nine people in 30 seconds before police struck him down. Google took action on that item after Twitter user Pinboard noted the listing Monday afternoon.

On Amazon, the listings remained under a search for “rifle magazine,” including a sponsored result for a Crosman brand magazine for a .22 caliber rifle, meaning the seller paid Amazon to advertise it.

A win for crowdsourced cybersecurity

Capital One credits outside expert for revealing breach

BY WILLIAM TURTON
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Bloomberg News

When Ali Tutuncu found a vulnerability in Capital One Financial Corp.'s software in March, the company fixed the flaw in 20 days. An independent security researcher, Tutuncu said the bank thanked him and added him to its page of fame.

"They did not pay financially," he said. "Still, it was a nice experience."

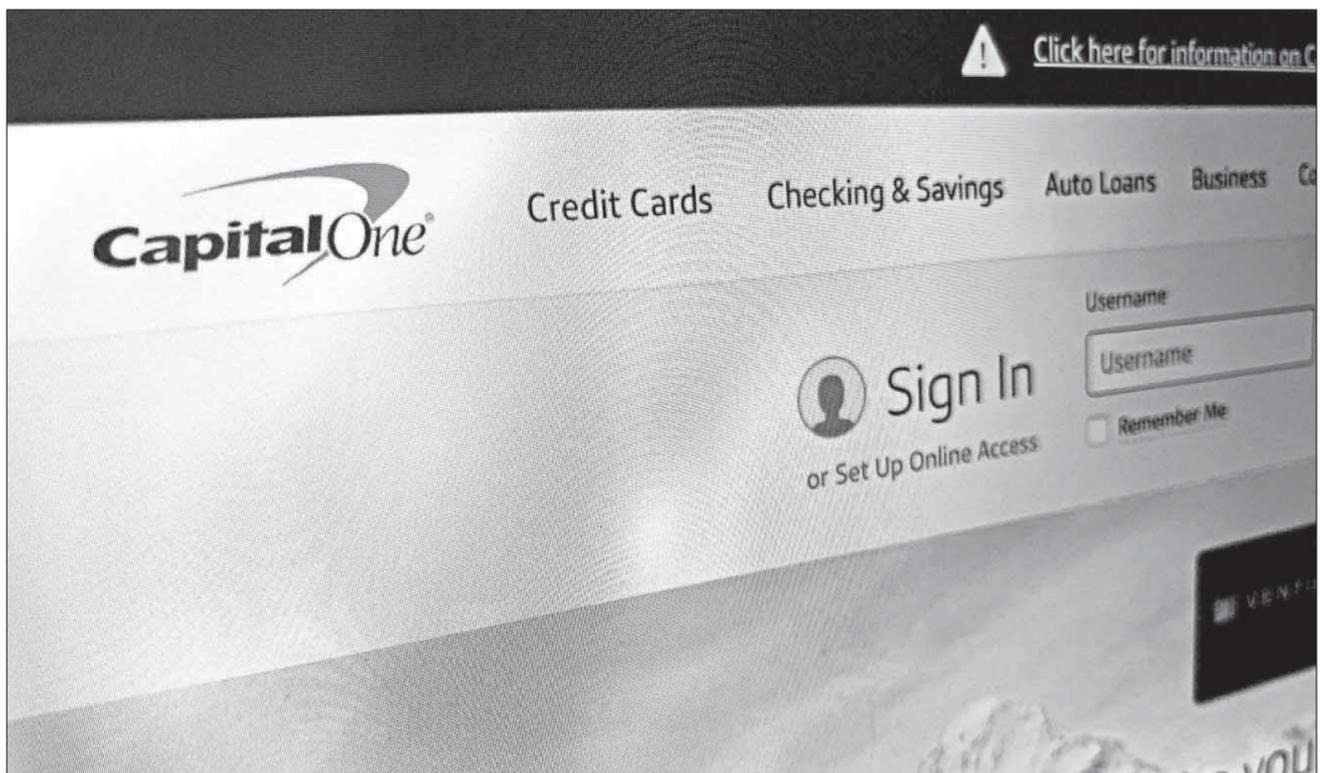
Capital One is among a relatively small group of major companies that are encouraging the typically anti-establishment hacker community — and security researchers too — to find potential vulnerabilities in their computer networks before malicious hackers do. Some of the programs offer cash rewards, called bug bounties, of as much as \$200,000.

The bank is crediting its Responsible Disclosure Program with helping them track down a Seattle woman who had allegedly infiltrated their computer network. Paige Thompson, 33, allegedly accessed a massive amount of data: more than 100 million people, including names, addresses, dates of birth and about 140,000 Social Security numbers.

That's a black eye for a company that's touted its tech savviness, and the hack has sent Capital One shares tumbling 11% in the last week. But it appears the damage could have been worse: Capital One said it was unlikely the information was used for fraud or disseminated to others.

Thompson was charged on July 29 with computer abuse and fraud. Her arrest marks a major success for cyber tip lines, and one that is likely to encourage other companies to start their own. Paul Benda, senior vice president of risk and cybersecurity policy at the American Bankers Association, said he couldn't recall a tip that was wrapped up so quickly.

"From the time they submitted, to the time it was shut down to the time there was an arrest, there's no example I think that comes close to that," he said.



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Capital One credits its Responsible Disclosure Program for tracking down a suspect in a July breach of the company's data.

Alex Rice, co-founder and chief technology officer of HackerOne Inc., which manages "hacker-powered security" platforms for Capital One and other companies, said, "Usually vulnerability disclosure programs are not uncovering criminal activity. But it is phenomenal that it works out that way."

Jennifer Bayuk, a former risk cybersecurity executive at several major banks including JP Morgan Chase & Co., said if banks don't already have vulnerability disclosure programs, they are likely looking at them now. "They're probably looking at the Capital One news and meeting with legal as we speak."

There appears to be plenty of room for growth. A 2018 HackerOne report concluded that 93% of the world's largest public companies don't have a policy to handle "critical bug reports" from outsiders.

The tip that led to Thompson's arrest came in on July 17, when an unnamed "external security researcher" emailed Capital One's disclosure program saying that leaked data was being stored on a publicly accessible file at GitHub, which allows users to store software projects.

Capital One provided few details when asked about its cyber tip line. A public page about the bank's program at HackerOne shows that it has received at least 30 reports of security flaws since it started in January. HackerOne declined to say how many of those reports were validated security flaws.

"White Hat" hacker programs have been around for years, but they have become more formalized as the volume and severity of threats has increased. Some companies manage their own vulnerability disclosure efforts. Companies like HackerOne and BugCrowd offer services to analyze incoming tips and, if warranted, pass them on to their client's security team.

"You have to filter it out pretty carefully before you realize what's real and what's not," said Dave Aitel, chief technical officer at

Cyxta Technologies, which provides security for computer networks and cybersecurity services.

Vulnerability disclosure programs allow companies to crowdsource security, tapping researchers with diverse skills to stress test computer infrastructure. Ethical hackers and security researchers with specialized skills may discover a flaw that a company's internal security team missed, or a flaw that may have not been included within the scope of a bank's security risk assessment, Bayuk said.

The programs run from invitation-only disclosure programs, which are often used by companies in regulated spaces like financial services and health care, to tip lines that are open to all comers. It's seen as an alternative to traditional "penetration testing," where companies hire outside firms to test the security of its networks.

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Some companies, like Capital One, provide policies agreeing not to prosecute security researchers for finding bugs in its systems as long as they abide by specific protocols.

Still, inviting hackers to rummage through a computer network isn't without some risks, since they could come across customer identities or even potentially damage the system, Bayuk said. If a hacker or security researcher were to come across personally identifiable information on Capital One's services, the company advises them to immediately purge the data and contact the company, according to the program guidelines.

Some financial intuitions stop short of offering financial rewards due to a fear it could encourage criminal behavior, Bayuk said.

But organizations that of-

fer financial rewards to hackers or security researchers typically get more tips, Bayuk said. The amount of the bug bounties depend on the quality of the information provided by the tipster and the severity of the hack, and rewards range from a couple hundred dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Apple, for instance, will pay out as much as \$50,000 for pointing out a bug that allows a hacker to access iCloud account data on Apple servers, and as much as \$200,000 for vulnerabilities in its secure boot firmware components, which block malware when a phone starts, according to the company's iOS security guide. On Monday, Microsoft Corp. announced that it was doubling the top bounty reward, to \$40,000, for finding bugs in Azure, the company's competitor to Amazon Web Services.

California man pleads guilty to \$1.3B fraud scheme

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

MIAMI — A California man pleaded guilty in Florida to orchestrating a \$1.3 billion real estate fraud scheme that stole money from thousands of investors nationwide and agreed to forfeit jewelry, wine and paintings by artists such as Picasso and Renoir.

Court records show Robert Shapiro, 61, of Sherman Oaks, California, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Miami federal court to mail and wire fraud and tax evasion. He faces up to 25 years in prison at sentencing in October before U.S. District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga.

At least 9,000 people, many of them elderly who invested their retirement savings, suffered losses in the scheme, Miami federal prosecutors say.

Prosecutors say Shapiro's Woodbridge Group had offices employing 130 people in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida and Tennessee. The pitch to investors was that Woodbridge held real estate loans that would pay them rates of interest of 5% to 10%.

The real estate was also owned by Shapiro through 270 shell companies and did not generate the necessary money for investors. Sometimes, the properties did not exist.

It became a Ponzi scheme that paid older investors with money from newer ones, court records show. Five states entered cease-

and-desist orders because Woodbridge was selling unregistered securities.

Authorities say the scam operated from at least July 2012 to December 2017. In 2017, the company filed for bankruptcy and defaulted on its obligations to investors.

As part of the plea agreement, Shapiro and his wife, Jeri, agreed to forfeit assets including paintings by Picasso and others. They also will hand over to the government numerous pieces of jewelry, including 266 round diamonds.

Also on the forfeit list: 603 bottles of wine, a 1969 Mercury convertible and money in various bank accounts.

Court records show Shapiro spent millions of investor money on personal expenditures, such as \$3.1 million for chartering private planes and travel, \$6.7 million on his home, \$2.6 million on home improvements, \$1.8 million on personal income taxes, and over \$672,000 on luxury automobiles. Shapiro also used bank accounts and credit cards opened in the name of his wife for family members.

The tax evasion charge involves more than \$6 million never reported to the Internal Revenue Service from 2000 to 2005.

Also charged in the case are Dane Roseman and Ivan Acevedo, who are set for a February 2020 trial. They have pleaded not guilty. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has also filed a civil enforcement case against Shapiro and the other defendants.

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			15 yr fixed	3.000	0.000	\$999	20%	3.188		
			10 yr fixed	2.900	0.000	\$999	20%	3.173		
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			15 yr jumbo	3.250	0.000	\$755	20%	3.300		
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SAVINGS UPDATE

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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Dow High: 26,383.61 Low: 26,038.10 Previous: 26,007.07



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+176.33 (+2.24%)	+54.11 (+1.88%)	+31.44 (+2.10%)
Close: 8,039.16	Close: 2,938.09	Close: 1,532.13
High: 8,041.12	High: 2,938.72	High: 1,533.50
Low: 7,896.15	Low: 2,894.47	Low: 1,502.32
Previous: 7,862.83	Previous: 2,883.98	Previous: 1,500.69

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 1.71%	-9.60 to \$1,497.70	-0.17 to 105.95/\$1	+0.0023 to .8940/\$1	+1.45 to \$52.54

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-0.77	-0.89	-0.52	-2.62	-1.91	-2.06	+3.41	+1.87	+2.96

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	489.50	502.75	486	498.50	+10.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	407.25	412	405.50	411	+4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Aug 19	851.75	865	851.75	865	+16.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 19	28.19	28.96	28.19	28.96	+1.00
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 19	293.00	296.20	292.80	294.80	+1.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 19	52.33	53.06	51.94	52.54	+1.45
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 19	2.088	2.155	2.086	2.128	+0.045
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 19	1.6440	1.6579	1.6359	1.6457	+0.0254

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.56	+96	Equity Commonwh	N	34.30	+13	Middleby Corp	O	114.07	-98
AbbVie Inc	N	65.45	+99	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	130.25	+1.27	Mondelez Intl	O	54.95	+1.53
Allstate Corp	N	105.30	+1.97	Equity Residential	N	80.84	+1.06	Morningstar Inc	O	153.77	+2.65
Aptargroup Inc	N	122.87	+1.21	Exelon Corp	N	45.42	+87	Motorola Solutions	N	179.06	+5.06
Arch Dan Mid	N	38.30	+1.02	First Indl RT	N	38.54	+87	NISource Inc	N	28.80	+1.17
Baxter Intl	N	85.74	+1.92	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.04	+1.07	Nthn Trust Cp	O	90.57	+2.57
Boeing Co	N	336.35	+7.03	Gallagher AJ	N	90.20	+1.87	Old Republic	N	22.82	+4.41
Brunswick Corp	N	48.28	+1.32	Grainger WW	N	276.68	+2.38	Packaging Corp Am	N	102.12	+1.62
CBOE Global Markets	N	118.86	+85	GrubHub Inc	N	69.46	-01	Paylocity Corp	O	101.39	+5.19
CDK Global Inc	O	49.71	+1.22	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.29	+3.19	RLI Corp	N	92.90	+1.53
CDW Corp	O	112.70	+4.05	IDEX Corp	N	162.12	+4.00	Stericycle Inc	O	45.36	+1.33
CF Industries	N	52.15	+1.70	ITW	N	150.85	+1.83	TransUnion	N	84.47	+3.02
CME Group	O	211.10	+2.21	Ingredion Inc	N	77.48	+45	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.58	+0.3
CNA Financial	N	48.47	+1.23	John Bean Technol	N	105.15	+2.69	US Foods Holding	N	38.68	-07
Cabot Microelect	O	116.04	+6.09	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.41	+4.52	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	353.04	+9.36
Caterpillar Inc	N	122.02	+1.24	Kemper Corp	N	80.09	+2.19	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.63	+1.15
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.20	+2.23	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.22	-6.5	Ventas Inc	N	71.88	+1.01
Deere Co	N	155.06	+3.82	LKQ Corporation	O	25.94	+37	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	53.02	+5.4
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.63	+3.86	Littelfuse Inc	O	158.79	+3.85	Wintrust Financial	O	66.55	+9.4
Dover Corp	N	92.42	+1.93	McDonalds Corp	N	218.01	+1.18	Zebra Tech	O	211.94	+7.99

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.47	+0.08
Bank of America	28.38	+4.9
Gen Electric	9.49	-1.11
Ambev S.A.	5.10	-1.11
Anadarko Petrol	72.77	+5.56
Transocean Ltd	4.58	-0.7
CenturyLink Inc	10.70	-88
Snap Inc A	16.76	+85
Leidos Holdings Inc	83.90	+3.33
Teva Pharm	7.29	...
Foot Locker Inc	40.53	+17
EnCana Corp	4.23	+0.6
Uber Technologies	42.97	+3.27
AT&T Inc	34.54	+4.8
Cloudera Inc	7.01	+2.8
Ford Motor	9.56	+0.3
Freeport McMoRan	10.12	+0.4
Occid Petl	47.13	+1.13
Oasis Petroleum	2.84	+1.9
Kinross Gold	5.14	+0.8
Pfizer Inc	36.87	+2.9
Yamana Gold Inc	3.54	+0.1
Vale SA	11.97	+3.3
Wells Fargo & Co	46.40	+1.10

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.54	+4.8
Alibaba Group Hldg	162.22	+3.05
Alphabet Inc C	1204.80	+30.81
Alphabet Inc A	1206.19	+30.28
Amazon.com Inc	1832.89	+39.49
Apple Inc	203.43	+4.39
Bank of America	28.38	+4.9
Berkshire Hath B	200.52	+2.31
Disney	137.89	+3.03
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.38	+1.88
Facebook Inc	190.16	+5.01
HSBC Holdings prA	26.29	+0.2
JPMorgan Chase	109.86	+1.83
Johnson & Johnson	131.68	+1.47
MasterCard Inc	278.04	+8.73
Microsoft Corp	138.89	+3.61
Procter & Gamble	117.44	+1.92
Visa Inc	179.90	+4.58
WalMart Strs	108.52	+8.5

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.84	+5.9	+1.0
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.46	+2.9	+5.0
American Funds CptWldGrInca	m48.08	+7.8	-1
American Funds CptInclBldrA	m60.64	+6.5	+3.2
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	58.77	+1.06	+1.1
American Funds GrfAmrca m	49.93	+9.9	+8
American Funds InvAmrca m	22.48	+2.5	+3.8
American Funds InvCAMrca m	37.91	+6.8	+6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.45	+8.1	+2.6
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	45.79	+7.5	+5.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.08	+0.1	+8.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.59	+6.7	-9.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	185.01	+3.43	-2.4
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.77	...	+7.6
Fidelity 500ldxInvsPrm	102.25	+1.91	+4.9
Fidelity Contrafund	13.16	+2.8	+3.0
Fidelity TtMktldxInvsPrm	83.38	+1.59	+3.7
Fidelity USBdlxInvsPrm	11.95	...	+9.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.27	+0.2	+2.2
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	11.04	-0.1	+9.8
PIMCO IncI2	12.04	...	+6.0
PIMCO IncIstI2	12.04	...	+6.1
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.47	-0.1	+9.0
Schwab SP500ldx	45.43	+8.5	+4.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	116.47	+2.56	+6.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.16	+1.52	+5.1
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	271.55	+5.08	+4.9
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.33	+4.3	+6.5
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.96	+4.7	+1.6
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.57	+1.21	+3.2
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	85.35	+1.90	+2.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	82.60	+1.27	+1.0
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.57	-0.2	+8.1
Vanguard InsdIxIns	266.46	+4.97	+4.9
Vanguard InsdIxInsPlus	266.48	+4.97	+4.9
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	63.43	+1.21	+3.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	90.94	+1.57	+4.6
Vanguard MdlCpldxAdmrl	206.50	+4.11	+4.2
Vanguard PrmCplAdmrl	137.26	+2.69	-9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.75	-0.1	+5.9
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	74.40	+1.53	-1.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.89	+2.7	+4.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.10	+1.9	+4.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.77	+3.9	+3.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.31	+2.6	+2.7
Vanguard TtBMDIxAdmrl	11.09	...	+9.6
Vanguard TtBMDIxIns	11.09	...	+9.7
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	23.39	-0.1	+10.5
Vanguard TtInBdxIns	35.09	-0.2	+10.5
Vanguard TtInBdxInxv	11.70	...	+10.5
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	27.27	+3.3	-4.7
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	109.05	+1.31	-4.7
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	109.08	+1.32	-4.7
Vanguard TtInSdxInxv	16.30	+1.9	-4.8
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	73.00	+1.39	+3.8
Vanguard TtSMldxIns	73.01	+1.39	+3.9
Vanguard TtSMldxInxv	72.97	+1.39	+3.7
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	71.99	+8.2	+7.1
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	65.26	+3.9	+9.1
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	63.19	+1.09	+1.4

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	33.92	+4.73
Kraft Heinz Co	28.22	-2.65
Intel Corp	47.17	+4.4
Naked Brand Group	.09	+0.1
Roku Inc	122.03	+21.06
Microsoft Corp	138.89	+3.61
Apple Inc	203.43	+4.39
Cisco Syst	53.16	+8.2
Clovis Oncology Inc	5.83	-3.14
Wright Medical Grp	22.00	-6.06
Caesars Entertain	11.65	+0.6
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.17	+0.8
Micron Tech	42.63	+8.8
Zynqa Inc	6.16	+1.4
SELAS Life Sciences	1.17	+0.0
Symantec Corp	22.92	+2.51
Zillow Group C	42.14	-7.61
Facebook Inc	190.16	+5.01
Comcast Corp A	42.66	+9.3
Cronos Group Inc	13.89	-5.4
Lyft Inc	62.10	+1.81
Monster Beverage Cp2	162.18	+1.79
ANGI Homeservices	9.41	-3.19
JD.com Inc	27.54	+9.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.99	1.98
6-month disc	1.91	1.89
2-year	1.60	1.55
10-year	1.71	1.72
30-year	2.25	2.19

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1497.70	\$1507.30
Silver	\$16.901	\$17.156
Platinum	\$867.50	\$871.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.71

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	45.1712
Australia (Dollar)	1.4694
Brazil (Real)	3.9242
Britain (Pound)	.8242
Canada (Dollar)	1.3239
China (Yuan)	7.0452
Euro	.8940
India (Rupee)	70.512
Israel (Shekel)	3.4759
Japan (Yen)	105.95
Mexico (Peso)	19.4634
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1207.35
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.30
Thailand (Baht)	30.75

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2794.55	+25.9/+0.9
Stoxx600	374.71	+6.1/+1.7
Nikkei	20593.35	+76.8/+0.4
MSCI-EAFE	1829.31	+9.0/+0.5
Bovespa	104115.30	+1332.9/+1.3
FTSE 100	7285.90	+87.2/+1.2
CAC-40	5387.96	+121.5/+2.3

OBITUARIES

RICHARD SIMONDS 1933-2019

Longtime insurance broker, Wheaton golf club president

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Richard J. Simonds was a longtime corporate insurance broker for insurance giant Aon Corp. and president of the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton during the mid-1990s.

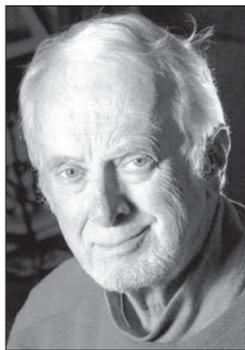
"Dick Simonds had a long and distinguished career as a broker serving the risk management needs of many of Chicago's largest corporations," said Aon's founder and retired CEO, Patrick G. Ryan. "He was viewed as one of Chicago's true experts in the development of creative risk management solutions as risks became much larger and far more complex."

Simonds, 85, died of complications from bladder cancer June 15 at his home in Chelan, Washington, said his wife of 59 years, Roberta. Simonds, who also had been battling Parkinson's disease, had lived in Chelan since 1998 and previously resided in Wheaton from 1965 until 1998.

Born and raised in Winchester, Massachusetts, Simonds was the grandson of famed landscape designer O.C. Simonds. He grew up in Winchester and attended Winchester High School and Hebron Academy, a prep school in Hebron, Maine. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Tufts University in 1957 and then served three years in the Navy, where he was posted to a ship in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a salvage, communications, operation and supply officer.

After leaving the Navy in 1960, Simonds entered the insurance brokerage industry, working in Cleveland and Boston before joining Aon's Chicago office in 1965.

"When people asked him what he did, he said he was a salesman," his wife said.



FAMILY PHOTO

Richard J. Simonds

"He really liked being a salesman, and he wasn't afraid to go after sales. He was good at that."

While at Aon, Simonds earned an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1976.

In 1977, Simonds joined the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton. He was club president in 1994 and 1995, and he placed his stamp on the historic club — which is the nation's oldest 18-hole golf course — in a tangible way, recalled a friend and fellow club member, Jim McWethy.

"Dick's business was insurance risk management, and he was instrumental in persuading our membership to approve the placement of fire sprinklers in our clubhouse," McWethy recalled. "He also was kind and generous and just a good friend. He looked out for his friends."

Retired Amoco Chairman and CEO H. Laurance Fuller, a friend and fellow member of Chicago Golf, called Simonds "an absolutely strong and impeccable gentleman."

"He was low-key, but certainly was not without opinions," Fuller said. "He was not only a family man but a good friend."

Chicago lawyer Kevin O'Keefe, a fellow Chicago Golf Club member and former White House assistant during the Clinton administration, was a longtime friend of Simonds and a former next-door neighbor in Wheaton. He recalled Simonds' wide range of interests and his love of woodworking. He built a scoreboard and all of the tee boxes at Chicago Golf.

"Dick was an amazing, soft-spoken guy who had an incredible amount of interests and abilities in things you wouldn't know about," O'Keefe said. "As club president, he was very attentive, very bright and had good political skills. And he was remarkable because when he made friends, he made friends not for a year or six months or three years, but for decades. It is reflective of who he was and how he treated people."

After retiring from Aon in 1998, Simonds and his wife moved to Chelan, where he enjoyed fishing and hiking. He also was active as president of the Lake Chelan Historical Society and built his own homemade rowing shell. When he was in his 70s, he spent 3 1/2 days rowing the entire, 55-mile length of Lake Chelan to raise money for the historical society, his wife said.

Simonds also appeared for five minutes each Saturday on local radio station, KOZI in Chelan, sharing stories of historical events in and around the Lake Chelan area.

In addition to his wife, Simonds is survived by two sons, Derrick and Andrew; a sister, Anne Scott; and four grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service Saturday in Chelan.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON AUGUST 9 ...

In 1790, the Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage, becoming the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1848, the Free-Soil Party nominated Martin Van Buren for president at its convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of England following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1930, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzy Dishes."

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, Calif., refused to load a munitions ship following the explosion of another ship that killed 320 men, two-thirds of them black. (The sailors were court-martialed, fined and imprisoned for their refusal.)

In 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found murdered in Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his disciples were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect; Vice President Gerald Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive.

In 1985, retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Arthur Walker was convicted in Norfolk, Va., of seven counts of espionage for selling secrets to the Soviets.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan nominated Lauro Cavazos to be secretary of education; Cavazos became the first Hispanic to serve in the Cabinet.

In 1993, reputed "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to five counts of pandering and one count of selling cocaine. (Fleiss was convicted in 1994 of three counts of pandering and acquitted of the drug charge, but the verdicts were later thrown out due to jury misconduct. Fleiss eventually pleaded guilty to attempted pandering.)

In 1997, an Amtrak train with nearly 300 people aboard derailed on a bridge near Kingman, Ariz.; more than 100 people were injured.

In 1998, in China, engineers dynamited levees along the Yangtze River to ease the worst floods in 44 years.

In 2000, Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. announced it was recalling 6.5 million tires that had been implicated in hundreds of accidents and at least 46 deaths.

In 2001, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives in a central Jerusalem pizzeria, killing himself and 15 other people.

In 2003, the Army fired up its first chemical weapons incinerator located near a residential area, outside Anniston, Ala., to destroy two rockets loaded with enough sarin nerve agent to wipe out a city.

In 2004, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, addressing a court for the first time, asked victims of the blast for forgiveness as a judge sentenced him to 161 consecutive life sentences.

In 2010, former Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who was the chamber's longest-serving Republican, was killed along with four others when the private plane they were on crashed near Dillingham, Alaska. Former NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe and three others survived the crash.

In 2014, U.S. warplanes and drones attacked Islamic State militants near Irbil, Iraq.

In 2016, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison, the same term he is currently serving for corruption convictions, after he and his family had hoped for a break after an appellate court threw out some of the charges against him.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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Cemeteries/Crematories/Mausoleum

ELMWOOD PARK CEMETERY

Elmwood Park Cemetery - 8 lots for sale. Lots #317-Section 14A \$2,000.00 each or best offer. Call Jim 847-309-2257

Death Notices

Budnick, Aaron

Ari Budnick, 60, of Chicago, died unexpectedly on August 6, 2019. Brother of Devora Budnick (David Casalino) and uncle of his beloved niece, Kaila Casalino. Son of Rachel Budnick and Rabbi Chayim Budnick, both of blessed memory. Ari was a creative chef and party planner with a great sense of humor and a booming laugh that was infectious. His joyous, youthful spirit will be dearly remembered by his friends and family to whom he was deeply committed. Graveside service on Friday, August 9 at 2:30 p.m. at Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood in Chicago. May his memory be for a blessing. Donations in Ari's memory to the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University are appreciated. Arrangements by Grein Funeral Directors. 773-588-6336.
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Conlon, James E.

James E. Conlon, age 86. Beloved husband of Patricia Conlon nee Husfield; loving father of James (Tracey) Conlon Jr, Kathleen (Bruce) Busleta, Debra Follis, Maureen (Don) Hofert, Robert Conlon, Thomas (Janet) Conlon, and the late Barbara McManamon; beloved son of the late James and Agnes Conlon nee Flanagan; fond grandfather of 11; great grandfather of 1; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Sunday August 11, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin on Monday at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will proceed to St. Eugene Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Committal service to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. For more info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Crane, Barbara Bachmann

Barbara Bachmann Crane, Photographer, 91 years old, Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of John Miller. Loving mother of Elizabeth Crane, Jennifer Crane, and Bruce Crane (Laura Cooper). Proud grandmother of Carrie (Adam) Scott, Lindsay (Patrick) Fagan, Jeffrey (Leah) Smolensky, Brian Smolensky, Eric Smolensky (fiancé Olivia Long), Sarah Crane, and Benjamin Crane. Adoring great-grandmother of Sheanon, Lennon, River, Koda, Autumn, and Eliana. Dear sister of Iris (the late Lewis) Hamity. She will be missed by Wei Shen (Jason Tung) for her sponsorship and loving guidance. Retired professor of photography at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Recipient of many awards and distinctions spanning her 70 year photographic career. Private Services. Memorial contributions may be made to IIT Institute of Design, 3137 S. Federal St., Chicago, IL 60616, www.id.iit.edu or School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Office of Institutional Advancement, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, www.saic.edu. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Fjallberg, Erik Henry 'Hank'

Beloved husband of the late Marlene (nee Lindstrom) devoted father of Karen Fjallberg and Robert Fjallberg, brother-in-law to Donald Lindstrom and life partner Karl Jorgensen. Memorial visitation, Saturday August 24th 2019, 10am until time of service at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston IL 60203. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.
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Furlong, JoEllen

JoEllen "Jodi" Furlong (NEE Murphy)
Age 65, Late of Lisle, Passed away Saturday July 13, 2019 in her home with her loving family by her side. Born in Chicago. Jodi was employed as an Executive Assistant. She was a friend and trusted confidant at Citadel for 15 years. She retired in 2014. She was a longtime member/board member of Executive Women International and a volunteer at Edward Hospital. Jodi loved to travel. She married Jim in Italy. In true Jodi fashion she planned an incredible wedding. Jodi truly loved her family. Spending time at the Lake with family and friends was her favorite. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy; she treasured every moment. Jodi's other love was her faithful Cockapoo companion Molly. Jodi truly loved cooking, playing cards, shopping with her exceptional thought and presentation into each gift she gave. Jodi is preceded in death by her parents James "Kinker" (retired CFD) and Catherine "Kay" (McCarthy) Murphy; and her brother James Murphy (retired CFD).
Survived by her loving husband James Furlong; her son Edward (Mary Boyce) Deichmiller, her daughter Kelly (AJ) Barcal (NEE Deichmiller); Stepson Patrick (Laura Martin) Furlong; grandchildren Brady, Erin and Lucas Deichmiller, Henry and unborn baby girl Barcal, Matthew and Maya Furlong; her sisters Mary Kaye (Dave) Doll and Kathie (Vic) Muscia; her brother John (Bari) Murphy and her sister in law Bonnie Murphy; brothers in law Richard Furlong and Charles Furlong. Dear Aunt to many beloved nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Survived by many Friends.
In lieu of flowers, Memorials to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Chicago would be appreciated.
A Memorial Visitation will be Saturday August 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of MT. Carmel Church, 8404 South Cass Ave, Darien 60561
Arrangements entrusted to O'Neil Funeral Home, 1105 E. 9th Street Lockport IL 60441, 815-838-5010.
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Goodman, Lawrence 'Larry'

Lawrence "Larry" Goodman joined the love of his life, the late Lillian, on Aug. 2, 2019 at the age of 95. Lillian and Larry met as teenagers and married at 19 when Larry was home on furlough from the Army Air Corps. On her first trip away from home, Lillian embarked on a 2 year journey following "Laurie" from base to base across the country, the adventure of their young lives together. After the war, Larry seized upon the opportunity of marketing army surplus and opened several small stores. These quickly turned into the Community Discount Store chain, eventually totaling 35 stores. Lawrence became a staple of Sunday morning TV, when he produced the Flash Gordon Series and personally hosted the "Outer Space Quiz". Community Discount was the first of its kind in the Midwest, the forerunner of the modern self-service discount department store. In 1965, he established a commercial real estate firm that owns and operates office buildings and shopping centers. The great mission of his life was contributing to the development of the State of Israel, which he pursued with a fierce passion and dedication. From the state's inception, Larry worked tirelessly to help secure the funding needed for Israel to survive and prosper. Sharing David Ben-Gurion's vision of revitalizing Israel's Negev region, Larry and Lillian directed significant funding to improve the quality of life for all people in this growing area. He also worked to help the lives of people in his home city, Chicago, and across the country. Following the death of his beloved granddaughter, Cebirin, he created the Cebirin Goodman Center with the fervent hope of saving children from the tragedy of drug addiction. Lawrence was also active in battling hunger, working with the Chicago Food Depository and also serving food in soup kitchens. His entire life was guided by a deeply-held belief of service to others. His many affiliations include: Board of Governors of Ben-Gurion University, where he also received an honorary Doctorate; Chairman of the Midwest Region of Israel Bonds; Past Chairman and Executive Board of America-Israel Chamber of Commerce; Board of Joint Distribution Committee; Past Board of Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Board of Trustees of Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, and Chairman of American Friends of the Be'er-Sheva Foundation. Lawrence was the loving husband of the late Lillian Goodman, father of Sharyn Johnson, Gary Goodman, the late Ilyse (Bob) Lopatin, and Nancy Goodman. He was the beloved Poppy of the late Cebirin Goodman, Michele (Ed) Taylor, Lindsey Lopatin, Rachel (Rush) Sturges, Hailey (Jonathan) Cole, Chelsea (Jason) Lawson, Scott Goodman, and Nathan Goodman. He was also a treasured Poppy to his 9 great-grandchildren. A celebration of a life well lived will be held in the Chicago area on the afternoon of September 15, 2019. For details, please e-mail srifkin@lgoodmanfdn.org. No phone calls, please. Contributions in Larry's memory may be made to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, or the American Friends of the Be'er-Sheva Foundation.



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Graham, James Joseph

James Joseph Graham, 66, of Goreville Illinois passed away peacefully in his sleep at home August 5, 2019. Jim was born in Hickory Hills, Illinois to Dorothy and James Graham. After working for Trak Auto for many years, Jim retired to Goreville, Illinois. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Patricia Tomasek, and is survived by his beloved son, Joseph R. Graham, sisters Margaret Fukuda, Dorothy Kluzek, Jacky Davies, and Mary Graham, as well as 4 nieces, 3 nephews, and 10 great nieces and nephews. Jim was blessed to be able to spend many joyful hours over the years with friends, family and his beloved Shepherds (Brando, Chucky and Dusty). Visitation Saturday, August 10th from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Interment private. Donations to The Arthritis National Research Foundation or German Shepherd Rescue, Inc. www.gsrescue1.org will be appreciated by the family. For info 708-430-5700.

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Hanslik, Barbara J.

Barbara J. Hanslik, age 97, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, passed away August 6, 2019. She was born on January 3, 1922 in Los Gatos, CA. Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 74 1/2 years, Karel Hanslik. She is survived by her loving children, Virginia (John) Donatell of Naperville, and Jim (Chris) Hanslik of Warrenville; her cherished grandchildren, Sarah (Andrew) Homrok, Amy (Noah) Pearson, Brian (Catie) Hanslik, and Taylor (Chris) Pelenis and seven great-grandchildren. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Barbara's life, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be greatly appreciated. Visitation will be Monday, August 12, 9:30-11:30 AM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Funeral Services will follow at 11:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment will be at Naperville Cemetery. For information call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Kwain, Dennis G. J.

Dennis Kwain, age 77, of Peotone, Illinois, formerly West Dundee, Illinois. Visitation 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 10 at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 511 N. Conrad St., Peotone, Illinois. Sign the guestbook at www.feddehelfrichcrossfh.com



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ILLINOIS
Aug. 8
Lotto 02 08 10 16 31 33 / 15
Lotto jackpot: \$3.75M
Pick 3 midday 164 / 2
Pick 4 midday 5285 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday
10 28 30 41 44
Pick 3 evening 027 / 8
Pick 4 evening 2745 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening
04 09 17 18 37

Aug. 9 Mega Millions: \$60M
Aug. 10 Powerball: \$128M

WISCONSIN
Aug. 8
Pick 3 354
Pick 4 5045
Badger 5 02 03 10 16 28
SuperCash 01 06 09 18 27 39

INDIANA
Aug. 8
Daily 3 midday 363 / 9
Daily 4 midday 0929 / 9
Daily 3 evening 357 / 1
Daily 4 evening 5212 / 1
Cash 5 07 13 29 30 40

MICHIGAN
Aug. 8
Daily 3 midday 212
Daily 4 midday 0137
Daily 3 evening 244
Daily 4 evening 3759
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Levin, Judy

Judy Levin died on August 8th, at the age of 78, after a very courageous battle with ALS. Very beloved daughter of the late Clara Besey Levin and the late Irving H. Levin and sister of Stuart and Bobbie and Edwin and Judy Levin. Loving and very thoughtful aunt of 8 nieces and nephews and their spouses and 14 grand nieces and nephews. Also survived by her cousin Gina who was a great help and friend to her. Judy had a rewarding 30 year career at Lane High School, teaching her great love of English, Literature, Language and Reading for College and then many years as a tutor. She especially enjoyed her friends and family, holidays, travel and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera, folk music and every play in Chicago. Judy was blessed with many wonderful friends who took her to plays, movies and dinners, making the impossible possible. Special thanks to her amazing caregivers Ramil, Jeff and Josh, who attended to her every minute of the day. Very special thanks to her very caring doctor, Henry Palmer, Rush Department of Neurology, ALS Chicago, and JourneyCare Hospice. Judy is a great loss to all of us. Service Friday, 1:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Park (Section V Mt. Moriah), 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Judy requested that donations be made to the CSO, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604, www.cso.org or Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, www.chicagoshakes.com/donate. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com.

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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 Griesse, Judy (Bob) Boncher, Michael (Tami) Griesse, Mary Griesse, Gregory (Christine) Griesse, Gail (Dave) Carlson, Joanne (Joel) Shefflin, Ollie (Jennie) Griesse and Barbara Griesse. 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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Malone, Dudley D.

Dudley D. Malone, 88, of Sanibel Island, FL, and formerly of Geneva, IL, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family Friday, August 2, 2019. Dudley was born on March 19, 1931 in Chicago, the son of Dayle and Helen Malone. He is survived by his four children, eldest son, Dayle (Barbara), Diana Poplstein, Dudley (Kristin) and Dorothy Hemming (Seth). He is preceded in death by high school sweetheart and love of his life Delores (Ryan) his loving wife of 54 years and a brother Gerald. Dudley was the proud grandpa of Kristen Bennington (Joseph), Dan Poplstein (Courtney), Charlie Poplstein (Elaine), Caitlin Torres (Danny), Emma Rivera (Luis), Drew Malone, Michael Malone, Neville Hemming, Owen Hemming and Nadine Hemming and all of his nine beautiful great grandchildren: Kylie, Jacob, Lillia, Charlie, James, Luke, Claire, Hunter and Skylar. Dudley attended South Shore High School in Chicago and graduated from University of Colorado. He began his career working in the fuel oil business and later co-founded Liquid Container Company in West Chicago. He served as board member of First National Bank of Geneva and a trustee of Delnor Hospital. After he retired, he and Delores enjoyed spending summers in Northern Michigan, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Dudley was an accomplished pilot who flew various aircraft for over 40 years. He also played tennis and golf and always enjoyed boating and fishing with his grandchildren in Florida. The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to his personal caregiver Tom Greisinger and the entire healthcare team at Cypress Cove in Fort Myers, Florida. There will be a visitation service starting at 2 pm before the beginning of the funeral service at 3 pm for Dudley at Yurs Funeral Home 1771 West State St. Geneva, Illinois on Tuesday August 13. A private burial will follow. After the service the family is inviting friends to join in a celebration of life at St. Charles Country Club starting at 5 pm the same day. Donations can be made in his name to Cypress Cove Scholarship Fund 10200 Cypress Cove Drive, Ft. Meyers FL 33908 or Alzheimer's Association of Illinois 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. #800, Chicago IL 60631. Arrangements by Yurs Funeral Home Geneva. 630-232-7337 To leave an online condolence or remembrance to the family, visit the funeral homes' obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home Geneva, 630-232-7337.

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Manning, Lucille L.

Lucille L. Manning, nee Meifert, age 93, resident of Luther Village, Arlington Heights, loving wife of the late Robert A.; loving mother of Ken (Marianne), Rich (Debbie) and Jim (Sharon) Manning and Donna (Mike) Vogl; cherished grandma of Andy, Brian, Jarvis, Kali, Eric, Alexis, Amanda, Jessica, Lisa and David and great-grandma of 7; dear sister of Ralph (the late LaVergne) Meifert and the late Vera (the late George) Wilken; fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:30 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Interment Fairview Memorial Park, Northlake. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Margolin, Stephen M.

Stephen M. Margolin, age 83, beloved husband of Pamela Miles Margolin; loving father of Jocelyn Borowsky, Holly Margolin and Jonathan (Wendy) Margolin; cherished Grandpa Steve of Jacob, Sophia, Natalie, Abra, Rachel, Adina, Zev, and Coby; dear brother of Jackie Klein and Sharon (Ronald) Weiss; treasured uncle of Rob (Cindy) Klein, Sandy Bernstein, David Kravitz and Dan (Suzanne) Kravitz. Chapel services were held at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment followed at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Marshall, Wanda M

Wanda M. Marshall nee Rawa; Age 95, Dearly Beloved Wife of the late John. Beloved Daughter of the late Benjamin and Katherine Rawa; Dear Sister, Aunt, Great Aunt, and Friend of many. Funeral Service Monday 9am at Nelson Funeral Home 820 W. Talcott Rd. Park Ridge to St. Thecla Church, 6725 W Devon Ave Chicago, IL; Mass 10am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm.

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McGann, Eileen

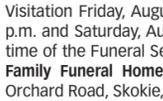
Eileen McGann, nee Benchick, age 84, of La Grange Park. Beloved wife of the late Robert McGann; loving mother of Robert (Sandra) McGann and Tracy (Mark) Braunstein; dear grandmother of Max, Edward and Sarah Braunstein; sister of two. Visitation Friday, August 9, 2019 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to Time of Service 11 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Private. Memorials appreciated to your favorite charity. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Nero, Irene Marie

Irene Marie Nero, was born June 7, 1924, daughter of Rickie and Rudolph Kernal, cherished wife of late Gustav (1997), loving mother of Carol (Thomas) Beckmann, beloved grandmother of Dr. James (Emily) Beckmann and Laura (Danny) Peavly, proud great-grandmother of Henry (9) and Walton (6.5) Beckmann. Her family was very important to her, second only to her friend and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a proud graduate of North Park College (1943) and Northwestern University (1945) with a major in Chemistry and minor in Math; active 75-year member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority; and a happy vibrant resident of Covenant Village of Northbrook. Visitation Friday, August 9, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd. Chicago, IL 60630 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60707 or Christian Heritage Academy, 315 Waukegan Rd. Northfield, IL 60093. Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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O'Malley, Michael J.

Beloved son of Nancy (nee Schici) and the late Thomas; former husband of Mary Jane Bredfield; companion of Judy Sjoeborg; loving brother of James (Patrice), Thomas, Steven (Lori), JoAnn (Bob) Dawson, and Jon; fond uncle and cousin of many; beloved dad of loving dog Buddy. Proud member of IBEW Local 134. Visitation Sunday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, 11:00 a.m. service at **Cooney Funeral Home**. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to PAWS Chicago (www.pawschicago.org) and Disabled Veterans National Foundation (www.dvfnf.org) are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Palka, Annette Marie

Annette Marie Palka, nee Kallum, 81, of Schaumburg, formerly of Wildwood, IL. Devoted mother of Curt Palka and Lynne (Dan Sigman) Palka. Loving grandmother of Amanda. Dear great grandmother of 4. Caring sister of the late Tom Kallum. Annette was born November 5, 1937 in Chicago, IL to the late Harvey and Theresa Kallum. If I should go tomorrow, it would never be goodbye, For I have left my heart with you, So don't you ever cry. The love that's deep within me, Shall reach you from the stars, You'll feel it from the heavens, And it will heal the scars. All services are private. Funeral information, or online condolences at ahlgrimfuneral.com, or 847-882-5580.



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Persa, Stephen

Stephen Persa, 88, passed away at 5:56pm on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. Stephen was born on July 21, 1931 in Pecs, Hungary to the late Stephen and Helen (Blesich) Persa. Stephen is survived by his wife, Karen (Karlsten). They were married on June 29, 1973. Visitation will be 2-6pm on Sunday, August 11, 2019 in HALBRITTER WICKENS FUNERAL HOME 615, E. Main St. Niles, MI 49120. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am on Monday, August 12, 2019 in St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 219 S State St, Niles, MI 49120. Condolences may be made at www.halbritterwickens.com.

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Plier, Michaelene 'Micky'

Michaelene 'Micky' Plier, 76, passed away August 7, 2019. Beloved wife of Leroy for over 54 years. Loving mother of David (Lori) Plier, Donna (Vincent) Gagliardi. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Estelle Jendy. Fond grandmother of Joshua, Emma, Alex Plier and Daniel, Natalie Gagliardi. Beloved cousin of Collette (Howard) Pokorny. Fond aunt of countless nieces and nephews. Cherished friend of many. Visitation will be Friday, August 9, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral will begin on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, then proceed to St. Beatrice Church, Schiller Park, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info: 708-456-8300.



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Robinson, BVM (Danella), Sister Patricia

Sister Patricia Robinson, BVM, 87, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019, in Marian Hall, Dubuque, Iowa. Visitation and sharing of memories will be from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, in the Marian Hall Chapel followed immediately by the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial is in the Mount Carmel Cemetery. She was born on April 5, 1932, in Chicago, to Daniel and Mary A. Burg Robinson. She entered the BVM congregation Sept. 8, 1950, from Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Chicago. Sister Pat was a teacher at St. Gertrude in Chicago and Carmel High School in Mundelein, Ill. She taught in Des Moines, Iowa; Butte, Mont.; Lincoln, Nebr.; and South Bend, Notre Dame, and Rensselaer, Ind. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Mary Ellen Quinn and Jean (Richard) Payne; sisters-in-law Barbara Robinson and Glenda Robinson; and brother-in-law Roland Schuck. She is survived by sisters Elizabeth Schuck and Grace (Joseph) Barney, all of Illinois; a brother Daniel Robinson of Indiana, a brother-in-law Robert Quinn; nieces; nephews and the Sisters of Charity, BVM, with whom she shared life for 68 years. Memorials may be given to the Sisters of Charity, BVM Support Fund, 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003, or online at www.bvmsisters.org/donate.

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Russell, Jr., Charles Frederick

Charles Frederick Russell, Jr., 86, of Monticello, formerly of Chicago, passed away on August 4, 2019 at the Platt County Nursing Home. Chuck was married to his wife Tordis for 60 years, until she passed away in 2015. He is survived by his daughters Trudy Darden of Mundelein, IL, Marlise Dahl (Jim) of Monticello, and Henny Russell (Ward Duffy) of New York; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Chuck was a retired salesman in printing, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of Open Heart Four Square Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle, a loyal friend, and a mentor to many. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Lake Forest Cemetery, Lake Forest, IL. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com

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Russell, Jr., Charles Frederick

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Smith, Mary C.

Beloved wife of Donald O. Smith for 67 years. Loving mother of Donald C. (Ileana) Smith, Deborah (Thomas J.) McConville and Sharon (Robert J.) Stec. Cherished grandmother of Donald A. Smith (Marylin Winkle), Krystal Anne (Daniel "Spanky") Rettich, Robert W. (Kelli) Stec, Thomas D. McConville, Sara (Berek) Outlaw, Megan McConville (David Ferguson) and great grandmother of Abraham, Willow and Penelope Rettich. Dear aunt, sister-in-law and friend to many. Visitation Friday 6-9 pm. Funeral Saturday 8:45am from the **Maier Funeral Home** 17101 S. 71st Ave Tinley Park to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church for Mass at 9:30am. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in her honor to the Epilepsy Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. To view and sign the guest book please visit MAHERFUNERALSERVICES.COM. (708) 781-9212.



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Solberg, Joan E.

Joan E. Solberg nee: Bacigalupo, Basse; Loving wife of the late Wallace C. Solberg; Dearest Mother of Gregory (Hollie), Michael (Mary), Joseph (Patricia), Wallace (Lynda), Patrick (Laurie) and the late Christopher; Beloved Grandmother of Jeffrey, Brian, Timothy, Thomas, Joseph, Karen, Sally, John, Jennifer, Mary, James Michael, Joseph, Elissa, Daniel, Zoe, Ryan and the late Michael; Great Grandmother of 22. Visitation Saturday, August 10, 2019 at St. Bernardine Church, 7246 Harrison Street, Forest Park from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Please omit flowers. **Ralph Massey Funeral Director**, Info 773-889-1700.

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Stynoski, Robert C.

Robert C. Stynoski age 90. Beloved husband for 70 years to Darlene A., nee DeStarkey; Loving father of Linda (Ken) Anselmo, Victoria (Joe) Ignoffo, Roberta (Al) Borowski and the late Deborah (late Joe) Buda; Cherished grandfather of Daniel, Eric, Larry (Cindy), Amanda, Jennifer and Great grandfather of Noah, Luke, Payton, Jaxson, Mason and Mia; Caring brother of the late John (late Irene), late Richard and the late William "Jay" (Barbara); Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3-8:00 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL 60634. Funeral prayers Monday 9:15a.m. at the funeral home to St. William Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Info: www.belmontfuneralhome.com or 773 286-2500



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Thiel, Rosemary

Rosemary Thiel nee Heckenbach, age 89, at rest Aug. 8, 2019, beloved wife of the late Joseph E., loving mother of John (Sandy), Susan, James (late Diane), Daniel (Lisa) Thiel, Jeanne (Michael) Littau, Judith (Todd) Tompkins, David, Steven (Colleen), JoEllen and the late Joseph (late Antoinette) Thiel. Dearest grandmother of 24, great grandmother of 2. Visitation, Sat, Aug. 10th at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase, Chicago from 9:30am to 10:45am, followed by Mass at 11:00am, interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to Catholic Charities appreciated. Funeral Info: 773-764-1617



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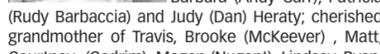
Travers, William J 'Bill'

William J. "Bill" Travers, age 90, of Washington, D.C., died Sunday, August 4, at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington. He was born in 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Thomas and Margaret Griffin Travers. Bill married the love of his life, Geraldine T. "Gerrie" Lis, in 1951 and remained her devoted husband until her passing in 2003. In 2009 he married Elaine L. Burnham of Chicago, enjoying happy times together until her death in 2015. Bill was a Vietnam and Korean War veteran and retiree from the United States Air Force, where he achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After leaving the Air Force, Bill spent much of his career in the construction industry, where he played crucial roles in the completion of many large government projects. In retirement Bill was known for his service to his fellow senior citizens, both as a driver and as a source of vital information. In his years at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Bill formed strong friendships. Survivors include his children: Rev. Patrick J. Travers of Ketchikan, AK; William J. Travers Jr. and wife Cherry of Kansas City, MO; John T. Travers and wife Carrie of Lake Forest, IL; Thomas J. Travers and wife Allison of Annapolis, MD; Lisa M. Heinz and husband John of Aurora, IL; and Lynn T. Pritchard and husband Ian of Shorewood, WI. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Tatum Travers and Woody Travers, both of Chicago, IL, and Micki Stacey and husband Xavier of Lake Oswego, OR, who are the parents of Bill's two great-grandchildren, Jack and C.J. He is also survived by fond nephews and nieces who are the children of his deceased older brothers James and Thomas. He is also survived by the fond children and grandchildren of Elaine L. Burnham. All who knew him will miss him. Visitation will begin Sunday, August 11, at 4 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, AR, with recitation of the Rosary following at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Monday, August 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale with Rev. Patrick J. Travers officiating. Interment will be at Fayetteville National Cemetery.

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Weberling, Alma P.

Alma P. Weberling (nee Pomatto), 95, a long-time resident of Elmhurst for 66 years, formerly of Spring Valley and Peru, Illinois passed away peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Ernest A. Weberling, for 61 years; loving mother of Thomas (Barbara), Jerry (Janet), Bill (Bonnie), Peggy McGrath, Barbara (Andy Carr), Patricia (Rudy Barbaccia) and Judy (Dan) Heraty; cherished grandmother of Travis, Brooke (McKeever), Matt, Courtney (Gadrim), Megan (Nugent), Lindsay, Ryan, Corey, Kate, Maggie, Erin, Molly, Nick, Jessica, Kyle, Dan, Natalie, Tiffany (Doroba), and Julianna; and treasured great-grandmother of Olivia, Austin, Isla, Benjamin, Camila, Cole, Kira, Enzo, Finnegan and Colton; preceded in death by her siblings Bruno Pomatto, Gena Flannery, Ilda Ross, Dahlio Pomatto and Yolanda Schutz; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Alma was a loving and devoted full-time mother who enjoyed supporting her children's and grandchildren's activities, gardening, and delivering Meals on Wheels for several years. Alma will be remembered as a person who loved her family and friends, was kind and generous to all and tried to do something every day to help others. Family was very important to her and her 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren kept her very busy. The Weberling Family would like to express their heart-felt appreciation to Lisa and Bonnie, Alma's caregivers for their devoted and compassionate care during Alma's final years of her life. Visitation at Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home, 435 North York Road, Elmhurst, where friends may visit Sunday, August 11, from 3 to 8 p.m. and Monday, August 12 from 10 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. Entombment at Mount Emblem Cemetery. Memorial remembrances may be made to the Residence Hospice Foundation 5400 Corporate Dr. Suite 400 Troy, MI 48098 or In Touch Ministries P.O. Box 7900 Atlanta, GA 30357 or perform an act of kindness in her honor. For funeral information and condolences, visit www.PedersenRyberg.com or call 630-834-1133.



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Wichlin, Patricia J

Patricia J. Wichlin, 87, of Libertyville, August 7, 2019. She was the devoted wife of 49 years to the late Donald E. Wichlin. She was the loving mother of Mark (Nancy), Michael, Timothy (Patricia), Patrick (Cornelia), John, Marianne, and Matthew (Sherry); she was the proud grandmother of Sam, Dan, Christina, Kevin, Nicolai, Magnus, Kate, Ryan, Corey, Willie, John, Joshua, Zachary and Madison; dearest great-grandmother of Bo; dear sister of the late Anna Mae Goecking and the late Eileen Brazil; aunt and great aunt and friend to many. Graduate of Barat College with a BA degree. Funeral Mass 10:00 Monday, August 12, at St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Ave, Libertyville. Interment Ascension Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, August 11th 2 to 6 pm and Monday 9:15 to 9:45 am at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Place, Libertyville (Rt. 176, 1 blk E. of Milwaukee Ave.). If desired, memorials to PADS Lake County, 1800 Grand Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085, would be greatly appreciated. Funeral info 847-362-2626 sign the guestbook at libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Williams, Nettie Bell

At 105 years old, Nettie Bell Miller Williams departed this life in her sleep on July 27, 2019. In Cotton Plant, Arkansas, she was born and raised, and met and married the love of her life, Ressie Williams Sr. Together they raised twelve children, all of whom are still living. In 1958, Nettie led her family to Chicago and worked numerous jobs until she retired in 1981 to take care of one of her newborn grandsons. She was an active member of her community and church, attending mid-week bible study, singing in the choir, and serving on numerous boards. Nettie was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband, and several of her grandchildren. Her family members and friends will celebrate her life on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at South Park Baptist Church, 3722 S. King Dr., Chicago, IL 60653.

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Yale, Eugene P.

Beloved husband of the late Marcia (nee Gordon) and father of Meryl (Lee) Abramson, Carol Yale, and Amy (Jay) Tcath. Loving Poppy to Deena, the late Ariel, Gavril, Gordon, William and Lily. Predeceased by parents Loretta and Joseph Yalowit, and siblings Yvette (the late Clarence) Diamond and Shael (Marilyn) Young. Special friend to Ann Cohen, the Paneraikeets and members of MidFEX. A master gardener, apple tree grafting enthusiast and world traveler, Gene was a consummate salesman, entrepreneur and joke teller. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Susan G. Komen or a charity of your choice. For memorial information, please contact **Neptune Society** at 847.963.0215.

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Cubs try to take home — and jerseys — on road

Need to improve 21-33 mark away from Wrigley



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

CINCINNATI — The Cubs' white home jerseys were packed into their equipment bags Wednesday night, loaded on the bus and flown to Cincinnati with the rest of the team.

When the players arrived at Great American Ball Park on Thursday afternoon, they discov-

ered their pinstriped jerseys hanging in their lockers.

Desperate times call for desperate measures.

Veteran clubhouse manager Tom "Otis" Hellman confirmed it was a first for the Cubs, though he insisted he had no idea whose idea it was to bring some home flavor to Cincy to try to offset the Cubs' brutal road record.

Several players and manager Joe Maddon also claimed ignorance, although before Thursday's game Maddon said: "If we could wear them on the field, I would totally promote it. We've

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MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY

Nicholas Castellanos runs the bases after hitting one of his two home runs in Thursday night's game against the Reds.

WHITE SOX

MLB will build it — and Sox, Yankees will come

Game at 'Field of Dreams' set Aug. 13, 2020

By LAMOND POPE

Major League Baseball is building a temporary ballpark at the "Field of Dreams" — the setting for the iconic 1989 baseball movie — and the White Sox and Yankees are coming.

The game, being dubbed "MLB at Field of Dreams," is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 13, 2020, and will be broadcast nationally on Fox Sports.

Construction of a temporary 8,000-seat ballpark on the Dyersville, Iowa, farm where the film was shot will start Tuesday — one year from the date of the

game, according to MLB.com. It will be the first major-league game in the state. Dyersville is located about 200 miles west of Chicago.

The high-profile game against the Yankees puts a spotlight on the Sox, who are rebuilding with young talent such as Tim Anderson, Yoan Moncada and Eloy Jimenez.

"We look forward to celebrating the movie's enduring message of how baseball brings people together at this special cornfield in Iowa," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in

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A RARE ROOKIE

RB Montgomery gives Bears, fans taste of future in preseason debut



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back David Montgomery (32) breaks a tackle by Panthers linebacker Christian Miller (25) in the second quarter Thursday night.

By DAN WIEDERER

The sneak peek was tantalizing, a glimpse of what should be a regular occurrence at Soldier Field this fall. On first-and-goal from the Panthers 7 midway through the second quarter Thursday night, Bears running back David Montgomery took a handoff, found the hole in front of him closed and quickly stopped in the backfield.

The rookie saw room to his left, cut that direction, then accelerated.

Panthers linebacker Antwone Williams barely touched Montgomery with a diving tackle attempt at the 5. Safety Tre Boston swatted at the ball near the goal line. But Montgomery easily cruised into the end zone.

It was the Bears' first score of the preseason in an otherwise meaningless exhibition game. The Bears lost 23-13.

But for Montgomery, the hungry and agile third-round pick out of Iowa State, it was a sampling of what he does best. He finds space. He avoids defenders. He stays on his feet.

The hope within the Bears organization is that similar trips to the end zone will be frequent all season — and beyond.

Upon returning to the sideline after that 7-yard touchdown run, Montgomery was stopped by Bears coach Matt Nagy, who wrapped his left arm around him and spoke into his ear. Montgomery nodded.

On a six-play, 49-yard touchdown march, Montgomery accounted for 41 yards. The longest play of the drive was a 23-yard screen pass from Chase Daniel to Montgomery, a well-designed play that got the rookie back into open space. That was one of six touches for Montgomery, who finished with 46 total yards.

In the big picture, nothing significant was going to happen Thursday night. Not surprisingly,

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BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

At the center of the Staleys



On offense, our pick at No. 28, **George Trafton**, became

the first center to snap the ball with one hand. On defense, he was the first center to drop back to defend against passes. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in its second class in 1964. **Back Page**



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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Half a nod toward Black Sox

The White Sox haven't exactly come at the 100th anniversary of their 1919 American League pennant head-on.

Given the fact — and, more importantly, the reason — they're not celebrating a '19 World Series title, that's understandable.

So, give the White Sox credit for showing "Field of Dreams" at Guaranteed Rate Field after Friday's game with the Athletics.

Between the screening and the announcement Thursday by Major League Baseball that the White Sox will give up a 2020 home game to host the Yankees next to the diamond carved out of an Iowa cornfield for the 1989 movie, this is as close to a commemoration of the so-called Black Sox as anyone can rightly expect.

Folded into the film's themes about baseball, reconciling with the past and healing psychic wounds, "Field of Dreams" presents a sympathetic portrait of Shoeless Joe Jackson and his seven Sox teammates damned forever to be outcasts by baseball following the plot to throw the '19 Series they had been favored to win against the Reds.

The decision to align itself with the film and the way it encourages a reconsideration of Shoeless Joe may not be a conscious one for the ballclub, which says the two "Field of Dreams" tie-ins are unrelated.

But any link to the 1919 Black Sox is hard to ignore, no matter how tangential.

To date this season, the team has included an article on what Chicago was like in 1919 in its annual yearbook. A story on Black Sox scandal myths written by a Society for American Baseball Research expert is set to appear in the game program sold at the ballpark beginning Aug. 22.

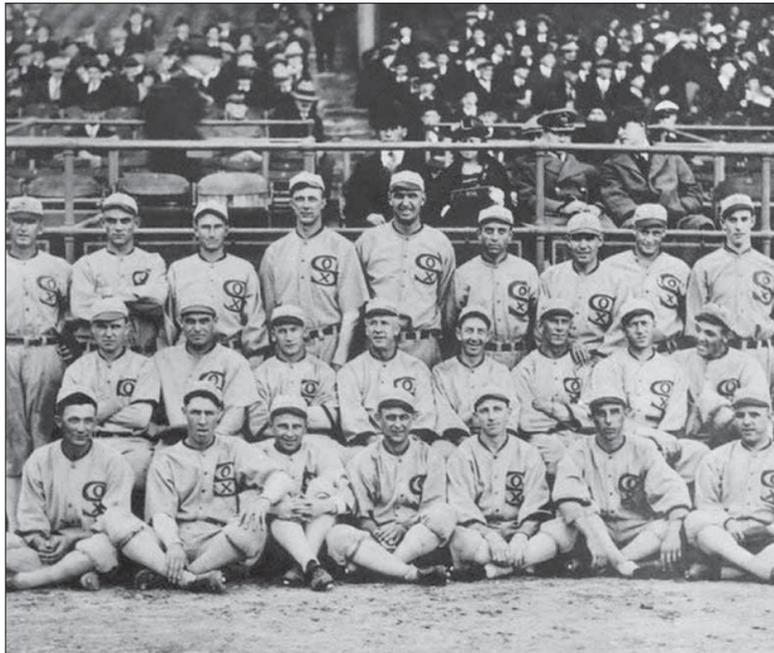
That's it.

There will be no Black Sox night, no game in which the team wears 1919 uniforms and, while the 40th anniversary of the club's Disco Demolition forfeit was marked earlier this season with a T-shirt, no commemorative 1919-themed giveaway.

Banning the eight players tied to the Black Sox scandal all those years ago probably saved baseball, which had been dealing with gamblers fixing game back to the mid-19th century and needed the practice to end.

But, as "Field of Dreams" gets at, not all the players were equally culpable.

The recitation of Jackson's 1919 World Series stats by a post-"Bull Durham" Kevin



DAILY SOUTHTOWN

The 1919 White Sox, called the "Black Sox" due to a plot to throw the World Series.

Costner to his young daughter in the film makes a decent case for the ballplayer played by a pre-"Goodfellas" Ray Liotta.

It's not as quotable as the "If you build it, he will come" line that inspires Costner's character to defy common sense and build a baseball field on his farm.

It's not as beloved and evocative as James Earl Jones' lyrical "people will come" soliloquy.

Some of the film is over-the-top, to be honest.

The numbers, however, don't lie.

"I mean, if he was supposed to be throwing it, how do you explain the fact he hit .375 for the series and didn't commit one error? Huh?" Costner says. "Twelve hits, including the Series' only home run — and they said he was trying to lose!"

While the movie is gaga over Jackson, talking about how Babe Ruth mimicked his swing and Ty Cobb called him the greatest left-fielder of all time, it's also conceded he accepted money from gamblers.

In real life, teammate Buck Weaver was

even less involved in the fix. Weaver's great mistake was knowing of a potential conspiracy and not blowing a whistle on his teammates.

Despite all eight players being acquitted in court, some — such as Chick Gandil and Eddie Cicotte, who actually hatched the scheme and approached gamblers, contrary to how the legend has been passed down — deserved eternal ban from baseball they received.

Not all, however, and their story is worth remembering, even if only as a cautionary tale at the start of a new era in the relationship between sports and gambling.

The White Sox are not so flush with championships that they can afford to all but ignore their 1919 American League pennant. Nor should they.

So, hooray for Hollywood for keeping the memory alive and for the White Sox attaching themselves to "Field of Dreams."

As Jones' character says: "Baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: It's a part of our past."

LET'S PLAY 2

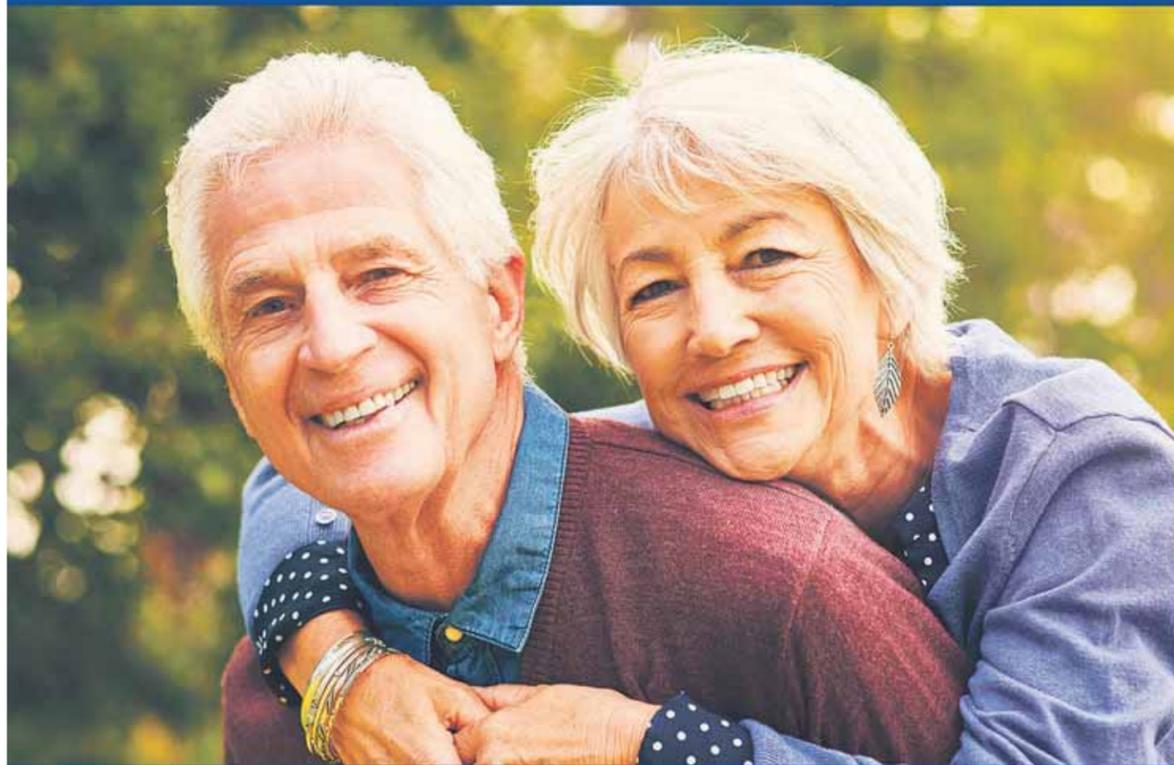
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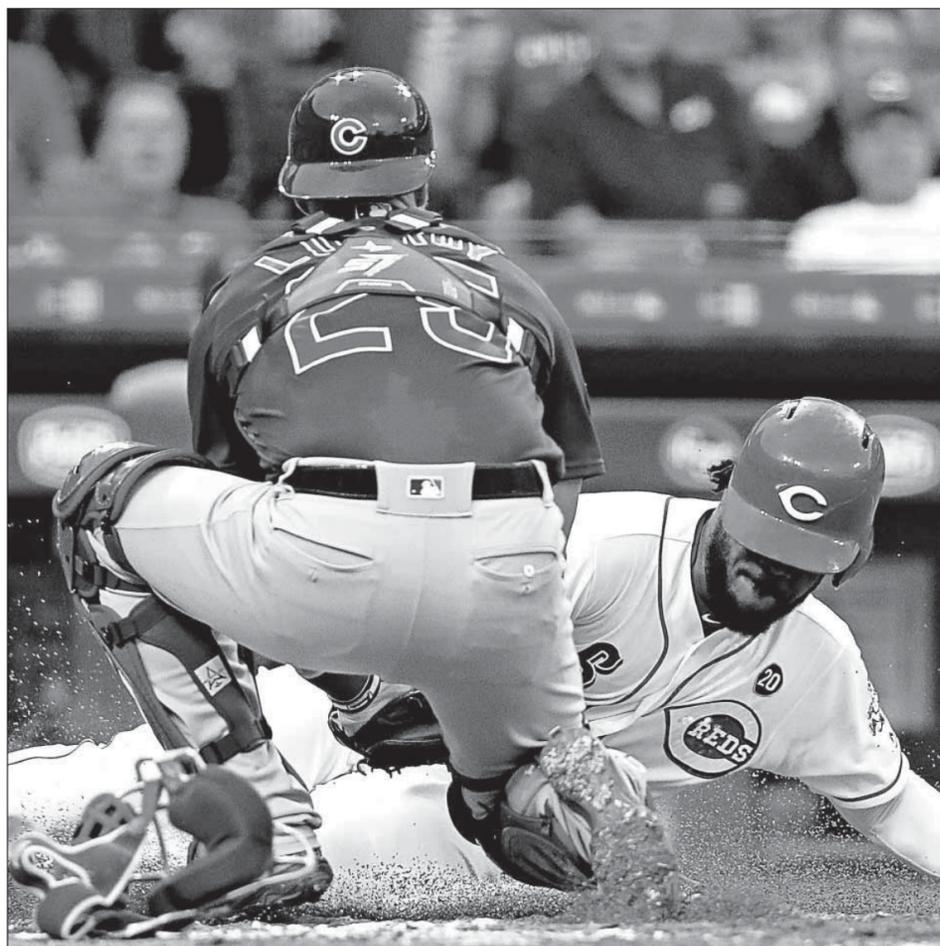
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CUBS



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Jonathan Lucroy tags out the Reds' Phillip Ervin at home on a bunt play in the second inning Thursday night.

Fast act: Lucroy signs, then starts

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

CINCINNATI — Catcher Jonathan Lucroy, the latest addition to the rapidly changing Cubs roster, was thrown right into the starting lineup Thursday night against the Reds.

Lucroy, who signed as a free agent Wednesday after clearing waivers with the Angels, batted eighth against Reds left-hander Alex Wood — despite having played only one major-league game since July 7, when he suffered a concussion in collision at the plate with the Astros' Jake Marisnick.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon said Lucroy's familiarity with starter Cole Hamels from their time together with the Rangers played into the decision.

"Immediately you get this sense that this guy is his own man, which I like a lot," Maddon said. "I also think he's going to say what's on his mind, which I also like a lot. Another grown-up in the room. ... He's going to be very beneficial."

Victor Caratini will catch Yu Darvish on Friday, and Maddon said he hadn't decided who will catch Kyle Hendricks and Jon Lester in the final two games of the series. The Cubs signed Lucroy to share catching duties with Caratini

while Willson Contreras recovers from a strained right hamstring.

"It's a very interesting position we're in right now," Maddon said. "Going from Willson being injured and (Martin) Maldonado being traded (to the Astros) to be back with Lucroy with Victor. That's not bad."

Lucroy, a two-time All-Star, said he's feeling fine, having played two rehab games and the one game since the concussion. The Angels designated him for assignment last week.

"I haven't played in a week since they DFA'd me, but I'm looking forward to getting up to speed pretty quick," he said.

Lucroy, 33, said it was his third diagnosed concussion, including one in college at Louisiana-Lafayette. He was carted off the field after Marisnick barreled into him at the plate, suffering a broken nose along with the concussion.

Marisnick was suspended for two games for violating the so-called "Posey rule," which was instituted in 2014 to prevent injuries from home-plate collisions. Lucroy didn't fault Marisnick for the hard contact and said he felt better in four to five days.

"This is something that, it happened, but in the (grand) scheme of things it wasn't that

severe," he said. "I know it looked pretty terrible, but the symptoms of it weren't bad at all. I was very fortunate."

Lucroy understands that when Contreras comes back — he expected to be out at least through August — his playing time will go down quite a bit.

"Contreras is a stud catcher, man," he said. "I'm just going to try and help him and help Caratini as much as I can."

The Cubs were fortunate someone with Lucroy's resume was available after Contreras' injury and could be signed at the prorated minimum salary. Lucroy, meanwhile, feels fortunate to be back in a pennant race — the Cubs entered Thursday with a three-game lead over the Brewers in the National League Central.

"Pretty awesome to be a part of this and come here and be a part of such an historic franchise and a team I played against for years the first part of my career in Milwaukee," said Lucroy, who spent the first 6 1/2 seasons of his career with the Brewers. "I get to see this side of it."

"I know this team a lot from the other side. Now that I'm in here and part of it, it's definitely a huge honor and something I'm looking forward to."

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got to do something."

Something is better than nothing. Maddon said the Cubs were taking seriously their 21-33 road record going into Thursday, but he added, "maybe we're poking fun of that a little bit" to alleviate some of the pressure.

"It definitely brings to our attention: 'Let's go. Let's go boys,'" he said. "Hell, if we were .500 on the road right now we'd be in wonderful position. We should be at least .500 on the road."

The Cubs began the 10-game road trip with a three-game National League Central lead over the Brewers. The Cubs were loose and semi-giddy after a 5-1 home-stand. They also were 3 1/2 games ahead of the Cardinals, who had just finished an 0-5 trip to California.

Sure, Craig Kimbrel and Willson Contreras are on the injured list, Jon Lester is struggling and Ben Zobrist is weeks away from his planned return.

But the Cubs know who they are, and President Theo Epstein has managed to fill holes with players who fit as comfortably as silk pajamas. Catcher Jonathan Lucroy walked in Thursday like he'd been part of the team all year, while outfielder Nicholas Castellanos has provided a jolt of electricity since arriving at the trade deadline.

"If we end this trip 3 1/2 games up, it's great," first baseman Anthony Rizzo said, noting it doesn't matter how they win the division

as long as they get there.

"Every year is different," he said. "The path is different. If we lose out on the road and win out at home and win by one game, that's fine by me."

Last Friday, Maddon said Castellanos' hustle and overall play was "reminding us what hunger looks like." The former Tiger singled and hit two go-ahead home runs in his first three at-bats Thursday, reminding us what clutch hitting looks like.

But did this Cubs team really needed to be reminded what "hunger" looks like?

"That's a tough one to answer," Maddon replied. "All I can tell you I see hunger in him, and I think the players recognize that."

Maddon pointed to the Cubs' four-year postseason streak, including three National League Championship Series appearances and the 2016 World Series championship, saying other teams simply have caught up with the Cubs.

"We've got a pretty big target working on us right now," he said. "So when you get a guy like Nicholas coming in and he's demonstrating, 'Listen, I've not done this in a while, and I want to (win). Maybe it serves as a reminder. But I would never accuse my guys of not being hungry or motivated or whatever.'"

Maddon added that the additions of veterans such as Castellanos, Lucroy and Tony Kemp were reminiscent of the moves that got the Cubs to the promised land in 2016.

"That was a big part of our sustainability, whether you're talking about (John) Lackey or

CUBS RECAP

Nicholas Castellanos hit two home runs, Ian Happ homered and

drove in four runs, Jonathan Lucroy knocked out three hits in his debut and the Cubs tied a season high with 18 hits Thursday night in a 12-5 rout of the host Reds. The Cubs moved 3 1/2 games ahead of the Brewers — their largest lead of the season — and four ahead of the Cardinals in the National League Central. Javier Baez hit left-handed for the first time in his career, flying out to center off Reds catcher Kyle Farmer in the ninth.

(David) Ross or 'Miggy' Montero a few years ago," he said. "Getting this veteran, edgy player, I kind of like it."

The opposite of edgy is Rizzo, who turned 30 on Thursday. Like most people who hit the big 3-0, he got reflective thinking about the end of his 20s.

"I feel young," he said. "I always feel young. My body feels great."

Rizzo said he couldn't see playing until he is 40, but then said if he still is producing at 39 he'd make them "take the jersey off my back." With two more club options through 2021 he knows there's no real urgency for the team to extend him after the season.

"I do want to stay here, I do want to be a Cub," he said. "I've been with one franchise a long time. But this is a business and it's cutthroat, now especially — in sports, not just baseball."

WHITE SOX

As McCann ends slump, so do Sox

BY LAMOND POPE

DETROIT — The White Sox led by a run in the eighth inning Monday against the Tigers and were in need of an insurance run or two.

James McCann came through, knocking in Tim Anderson with a single to left field. The Sox scored three runs in the inning on the way to a 7-4 victory at Comerica Park. McCann went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI in the win.

The All-Star catcher had been in a slump to start the second half but had a big series against his former team, getting at least two hits in each of the three games in which he played.

"(It's) just relaxing, honestly," McCann said Wednesday. "It's a funny game. When you start going through a tough stretch, you start trying to do more, trying to do too much. The last few games it's been a mindset of relaxing and let it come to me. Instead of trying to go get it."

McCann went 7-for-14 in the series with three doubles and five RBIs. He entered the series with a .278 average and boosted it to .288.

"He's been swinging the bat well," manager Rick Renteria said. "Everybody has their peaks and valleys. He grinds, works and doesn't change his approach. His confidence is always there. Baseball is such a long season you expect a little falloff. He looks good."

McCann rested the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader and went 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI in the nightcap. He went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBIs Wednesday.

McCann has performed well against the Tigers all season, batting .359 (14-for-39) with five doubles and seven RBIs in nine games. He spent five seasons with the Tigers from 2014 to 2018.

"There's a lot of memories here," McCann said. "It's my first

big-league team. A lot of memories off the field with family members and friends. It's really nice to come out of here and get three out of four."

McCann signed a one-year, \$2.5 million deal in December and became the first Sox catcher to make the All-Star team since A.J. Pierzynski in 2006. McCann hit .316 in the first half on the way to becoming an All-Star for the first time.

"(He's) really important for us, on both sides of the ball," Renteria said. "Managing the pitching, helping a lot of the guys come along. The pitching staff, the coaches work really well with him. They work together, making sure that we follow certain plans."

"He's had a way of being able to communicate with the guys and they have a nice understanding and developing relationships with them. The offensive side, he's had a pretty good year, putting together the first half that he did."

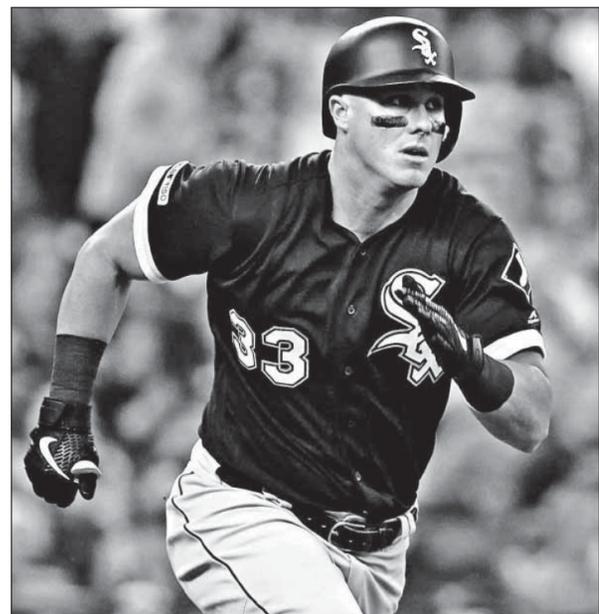
McCann has had big moments in the second half, such as his game-tying solo home run with two outs in the ninth July 20 against the Rays at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida.

But he entered the series against the Tigers batting .147 (10-for-68) with three homers and three RBIs in 18 games since the break.

He bounced back at Comerica Park. And so did the Sox, who went 5-2 on a trip that featured a 15-inning victory Friday against the Phillies, a split doubleheader Tuesday that was disrupted by an hourlong rain delay during Game 2 and a quick turnaround Wednesday with a day game.

"It was important (for the team) to get things back on track, regardless of when it happened, it needed to happen," McCann said. "This road trip was a good time for it to start clicking again."

The Sox open a six-game homestand Friday against the Athletics.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

White Sox catcher James McCann went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI in the win on Monday against the Tigers.

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a statement.

The game, a home date for the Sox, will be played on a Thursday. The teams will take Friday off and resume the three-game series Saturday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"Field of Dreams' is an iconic, generational baseball story built upon a deep love of the game that transcends even the most impossible of circumstances," Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement. "The filmmakers tell a beautiful story that resonates to this day. It is an incredible honor for the White Sox franchise to be the home team against the Yankees in a special setting that will capture everyone's imagination, just like the movie does."

The Sox are featured in the film, which stars Kevin Costner, Ray Liotta, James Earl Jones and Amy Madigan. Liotta plays "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, who played the final six seasons of his 13-year career with the Sox. The film is based on the book "Shoeless Joe" by W.P. Kinsella.

The movie was nominated for three Oscars, including best picture.

It also features several famous quotes, including "If you build it, he will come" and the exchange, "Is this heaven?" followed by, "No, it's Iowa."

According to the news release, the Sox and Yankees were two of

the favorite teams of one of the film's characters.

"The Yankees organization is proud to participate in such a unique celebration of baseball," Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said in a statement. "I fully expect that this experience will exemplify why baseball remains a cherished American pastime."

Fans attending the game will walk along a pathway through a cornfield to the field, which will pay homage to Comiskey Park, including the shape of the outfield and bullpens beyond the center-field wall.

The ballpark's right-field wall will include windows to show the cornfields.

Major League Baseball has branched out to unique settings for games in recent seasons.

The Fort Bragg (N.C.) Game in 2016 featured the Braves and Marlins. The Royals played the Tigers in Omaha, Neb., home of the College World Series, earlier this season. The annual Little League Classic in Williamsport, Pa., began in 2017, and this season features the Cubs and Pirates on Aug. 18.

And now comes a "heavenly" opportunity for exposure for the Sox.

The Sox on Friday are holding a screening of the movie after their game against the A's at Guaranteed Rate Field.

It's an early chance to preview next season's event in which — to steal a line from Jones' famous speech about baseball — "People will most definitely come."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	76	39	.661	—	—	9-1	W-9	43-18	33-21
Tampa Bay	66	50	.569	10½	—	7-3	L-1	31-28	35-22
Boston	61	56	.521	16	5½	7-7	W-1	29-30	32-26
Toronto	47	71	.398	30½	20	6-4	L-1	20-35	27-36
Baltimore	38	76	.333	37½	27	3-7	L-3	17-41	21-35
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	70	45	.609	—	—	6-4	L-3	35-24	35-21
Cleveland	69	46	.600	1	—	7-3	W-3	38-24	31-22
Chicago	51	62	.451	18	13½	5-5	W-1	27-28	24-34
Kansas City	41	75	.353	29½	25	1-8	L-1	23-35	18-40
Detroit	34	78	.304	34½	30	3-7	W-1	15-39	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	60	.483	19½	10	2-8	L-7	29-28	27-32
Seattle	48	68	.414	27½	18	5-5	W-1	27-33	21-35

through Thursday

FRIDAYS PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Atl Teheran (R)	6-7 3.46 15-9	1-0 18.0 0.00	1-1 17.2 2.55
Mia Smith (L)	6:10p 7-5 3.35 10-8	1-0 12.0 4.50	2-1 19.0 2.84
ChiC Darvish (R)	4-5 4.36 10-13	1-0 18.1 3.93	1-1 17.0 3.71
Cin Bauer (R)	6:10p 9-8 3.90 13-12	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 16.2 5.40
Was Strasburg (R)	14-5 3.72 15-8	1-0 19.2 2.75	2-1 17.2 5.09
NYM Stroman (R)	6:10p 6-11 3.07 9-13	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 18.1 1.96
Pit Archer (R)	3-8 5.35 7-13	0-1 17.0 3.71	0-2 17.0 5.29
STL Hudson (R)	7:15p 10-6 3.99 14-8	1-0 13.0 4.15	1-2 14.0 7.07
ARI Ray (L)	10-7 4.03 13-11	0-2 18.1 4.42	2-1 17.0 4.76
LAD Buehler (R)	9:10p 10-2 3.22 14-7	1-0 18.0 4.50	2-1 21.1 2.11
Col Freeland (L)	3-9 7.24 6-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 14.2 5.52
SD Quantrell (R)	9:10p 4-3 3.57 3-7	0-0 5.0 7.20	1-1 16.1 1.65
Phi Smyly (L)	2-6 7.01 5-7	1-0 7.0 0.00	1-1 18.0 3.00
SF Beede (R)	9:15p 3-6 5.38 8-5	0-1 5.0 7.20	0-3 14.1 8.16
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Oak Fiers (R)	10-3 3.46 15-9	1-0 7.2 0.00	1-0 19.1 2.33
ChiW Detwiler (L)	2:10p 1-2 5.72 2-2	0-0 3.1 10.80	0-2 14.0 5.79
Hou Milroy (L)	10-4 3.05 16-7	1-0 6.0 0.00	2-0 19.0 1.89
Bal Bundy (R)	6:05p 5-11 5.15 7-14	0-1 6.0 3.00	1-0 16.1 4.41
NYJ Happ (L)	9-6 5.24 15-7	1-1 12.1 2.19	1-1 15.0 7.80
Tor Reid-Foley (R)	6:07p 1-2 2.49 2-2	0-0 2.0 0.00	1-1 14.1 1.88
LAA Barria (R)	4-5 6.36 3-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 13.2 3.95
Bos Johnson (L)	6:10p 1-1 6.88 1-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 11.0 3.27
KC Keller (R)	7-11 3.95 9-15	1-1 19.1 2.79	1-2 21.0 2.57
Det TBD	6:10p		
Cle Bieber (R)	11-4 3.31 16-7	1-0 15.1 3.52	2-1 25.0 1.44
Min Smeltzer (L)	7:10p 1-1 2.28 2-1	0-1 6.1 7.11	1-1 18.1 2.45
TB Beeks (L)	5-1 3.77 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 3.2 19.64
Sea Gonzales (L)	9:10p 12-9 4.32 13-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 19.0 3.32
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Tex Allard (L)	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Mil Gonzalez (L)	7:10p 2-1 3.35 6-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 14.2 3.68

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS. OPP.: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Boston 3, L.A. Angels 0
 N.Y. Yankees 12, Toronto 6
 Detroit 10, Kansas City 8
 Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 2:07 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 5:10 p.m.
 Houston at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 6:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Chi. White Sox, 6:10 p.m.
 Texas at Milwaukee, 6:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

CALENDAR

Aug. 18: Pittsburgh vs. Chicago Cubs at Williamsport, Pa.

BOX SCORES

RED SOX 3, ANGELS 0

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fletcher 3b	4	0	0	0	281	
Trotter cf	4	0	1	0	3	.299
Ohtani dh	3	0	1	0	1	.287
Upton lf	3	0	0	0	2	.208
Pujols lb	3	0	0	0	1	.243
Kahoun rf	3	0	0	0	2	.221
Renfroe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.237
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	2	.200
Stassi c	2	0	0	0	1	.150
Goodwin ph	3	0	1	0	1	.285
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	15	

BOSTON

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Betts rf	4	0	0	0	2	.379
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.215
Bogaerts ss	3	0	0	0	2	.308
Martinez dh	3	1	2	0	1	.304
Travis lb	3	1	2	1	1	.253
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	0	1	.285
Chavis 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.260
Leon c	3	1	1	1	2	.197
Bradley Jr. cf	2	0	0	0	0	.218
TOTALS	28	3	5	3	0	

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a-struck out for Stassi in the 9th. **LOB:** Boston 4. **HR:** Boston 2. **2B:** Ohtani (1), Benintendi (34). **HR:** Travis (4), off Peters; Leon (5), off Peters. **RBI:** Travis 2 (11), Leon (16). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 1 (Upton); Boston 2 (Chavis 2). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0 for 1; Boston 0 for 1. **IDP:** Betts. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Peters, Tovar, Pujols).

LOS ANGELES

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	
Peters, L, 2-1	6	5	3	3	1	8 4.05	
Cole	1	0	0	0	2	3.00	
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	1.80	
BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale, W, 6-11	8	2	0	0	0	13 4.41	
Workman, S, 7-11	1	0	0	0	0	2 1.92	

Umpires: Brian O'Nora; IB, Mark Ripberger; 2B, James Hoyer; 3B, John Libka. **Time:** 2:16. **A:** 34,744 (37,731).

CUBS 12, REDS 5

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Heyward rf	5	1	0	0	1	.271
Castellanos lf	4	3	1	1	1	.294
Ryan p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Bryant 3b	5	2	2	2	0	.286
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.289
c-Carattini ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	.271
Baez ss	6	1	2	1	1	.293
Almora Jr. cf	5	2	2	0	2	.247
Happ 2b-1f	5	2	2	4	1	.333
Lucroy c	5	3	2	1	0	.249
Harnets p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Kemp ph	1	0	0	0	0	.225
Chatwood p	1	0	0	0	0	.214
d-Schwarber ph	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Underwood Jr. p	1	0	1	0	0	.000
Botz 2b	1	0	1	0	0	.252
TOTALS	45	12	18	12	6	

CINCINNATI

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Senzel cf-2b	3	0	0	1	1	.277
Votto lb	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Suarez 3b	4	2	1	0	2	.257
Aquino rf	5	1	2	3	4	.429
l-Iglesias ss	4	1	1	0	0	.287
O'Grady cf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Ervin lf	5	0	4	0	0	.363
Peraza 2b-ss	5	1	1	0	0	.235
c-VanMeter ph	1	0	1	0	0	.250
Wood p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Winker ph	0	0	0	0	0	.070
Gausman p	0	0	0	0	0	.337
c-VanMeter ph	1	0	0	0	0	.275
Sims p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Barnhart c	1	0	0	0	0	.219
TOTALS	37	5	11	5	10	

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YANKEES 12, BLUE JAYS 6

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	5	2	3	2	1	.338
Judge rf	5	0	0	0	0	.274
Urshela 3b	5	3	3	4	0	.323
Gregorius ss	5	1	1	0	0	.268
Maybin lf	5	2	3	1	0	.335
Tauchman cf	5	1	2	1	1	.297
Romine c	5	0	2	0	1	.277
Ford dh	4	1	0	0	1	.184
Stassi c	3	2	1	0	1	.208
Smook 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.206
TOTALS	42	12	15	11	5	

TORONTO

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Bichette ss	5	1	2	3	1	.408
Biggio 2b	4	1	0	0	2	.211
Burriel Jr. rf	5	2	2	2	1	.273
1-Drury pr	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Guerrero Jr. 3b	5	0	1	0	2	.273
Galvis dh	5	0	2	0	1	.271
Snover ph	4	0	0	0	0	.206
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	2	.238
Fisher cf	4	1	1	1	1	.217
McGuire c	4	3	4	1	0	.280
TOTALS	40	6	12	6	11	

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1-ran for Gurriel Jr. in the 9th. **E:** Maybin (1), Godley (2). **LOB:** New York 5, Toronto 9. **2B:** LeMahieu (25), Maybin 2 (13), Valera (1), Bichette (9), Guerrero Jr. (20), McGuire (1), Urshela (15), off Panonne; Urshela (16), off Panonne; Tauchman (11), off Godley; Fisher (3), off German; Bichette (4), off German; McGuire (2), off Cessa. **RBI:** LeMahieu 2 (78), Urshela 4 (59), Kaybin (23), Tauchman 4 (40), Bichette 3 (7), Gurriel Jr. (47), Fisher (9), McGuire (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3 (Judge, Tauchman, Ford); Toronto 5 (Gurriel Jr., 2, Grichuk 3). **RISP:** New York 6 for 14; Toronto 2 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Judge 2, Valera, Smook.

NEW YORK

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Green, W, 15-2	5	8	4	3	1	

BEARS



Rhonda Book (blond hair and glasses) and her husband Jon Book, to her right, get frustrated as their tickets repeatedly failed Thursday night at Soldier Field. Book said they arrived at the ticket line and were toward the front yet it took them more than 20 minutes to get through.



David Montgomery (32) fakes a move against Panthers defensive back Rashaan Gaulden (28) in the second quarter of Thursday's game.

Bears

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Nagy opted to break out his giant roll of bubble wrap, choosing to protect a dozen of his starters, including Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Eddie Jackson, Allen Robinson and Kyle Long.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, meanwhile, was on the field for just one possession and three snaps. Trubisky handed off three times and called it a night. But Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace had made it clear for weeks that they were eager to take their new running backs out for a test drive, turning Montgomery and, to a lesser extent Mike Davis, loose for some needed game action.

The Bears offense was discombobulated at best for much of the first half. The first three possessions of the night? All three-and-outs.

But on the fourth possession, with the Bears taking over in Panthers territory after linebacker Josh Woods forced a fumble and linebacker James Vaughters recovered it, Montgomery got an opportunity to do his thing.

His 23-yard catch converted first-and-20 after a Bradley Sowell holding penalty.

The Bears have been lauding Montgomery's talent since April, when they traded up 14 slots in the third round to scoop up the running back. But Montgomery's true gifts — his ability to break tackles plus his vision and agility to avoid them — needed to be tested in game conditions.

That's why the small sampling of Montgomery's abilities resonated with a curious Soldier Field

crowd as well as the Bears coaching staff and decision makers.

Without question, the loudest cheer of Thursday's first half came when kicker Elliott Fry nailed a 43-yard field goal as the second quarter ended. But Montgomery's touchdown run was a close runner-up. It was also a welcome boost of confidence for the running back, who figures to have a major role in a developing offense this season.

The Bears still have three preseason games remaining, the next coming Aug. 16 on the road against the Giants. Montgomery figures to get more work in that contest and has plenty to build on after his preseason debut Thursday.



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Bears kicker Elliott Fry made an extra point and a 43-yard field goal in the first half Thursday.

Fry gets early leg up in battle vs. Pineiro

BY COLLEEN KANE

When Elliott Fry kicked the football through the uprights in Soldier Field's north end zone in the second quarter Thursday night against the Panthers, the crowd belled.

Rarely does a preseason extra-point attempt garner such a reception, but Bears fans had been waiting to see their kicker make a kick in a game for seven months and two days.

A short time later, Fry really gave them reason to cheer.

With three seconds to play before halftime, he lined up for a 43-yard field-goal attempt in the north end zone. Panthers coach Ron Rivera called a timeout to ice him.

Sound familiar?

Cody Parkey's double-doink to end the Bears' postseason Jan. 6 was also from 43 yards in the north end zone and also came after an opponent's timeout.

But on a night that was 44 degrees warmer, with the stakes so different that Bears starting quarterback Mitch Trubisky played in just one series, it officially was time to turn the page from Parkey's crushing miss against the Eagles.

Tasked with helping the Bears — and their many still-bitter fans — do that Thursday in a 23-13 loss to the Panthers were Fry and Eddy Pineiro.

In his first appearance in an NFL game, Fry did his part in the first half with the PAT to put the Bears up 7-6 following rookie running back David Montgomery's 7-yard touchdown run. Fry's field goal put the Bears up 10-6 at halftime.

But Pineiro, who has one preseason game on his NFL resume, drew some boos from the crowd when he missed a 48-yard attempt in the North end zone. He made a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to bring the Bears within 16-13.

Bears coach Matt Nagy opted to have both kick in the preseason opener, the latest in the game-show-like contest the Bears have held since cutting Parkey. The Bears ran nine kickers through a competition at rookie minicamp, then whittled the field to Fry and Pineiro entering training camp.

Entering Thursday's game, Fry made 41 of 49 field-goal attempts (83.7 percent) in camp, and Pineiro made 39 of 46 (84.8 percent).

Thursday was the second time the duo has kicked at Soldier Field. They both kicked during Saturday night's practice there.

"It's fun," Pineiro said after that practice. "He's pushing me. I'm pushing him. He makes one. I make one. It's a good competition. It's probably the best competition I've ever had to be in. We're both good kickers."

Panthers backup kicker Joey Slye was the first to attempt a field goal, and he sent the 42-yarder through the uprights. Slye followed with a 55-yarder early in the second quarter and a 29-yarder in the third.

Slye is backing up veteran Graham Gano this preseason and potentially could be available for the Bears to pick up when the regular season rolls around — should neither Fry nor Pineiro win the job.

Thursday's game was fairly unfamiliar territory for the two.

Fry, who kicked at South Carolina from 2013-2016, kicked in the Alliance of American Football this winter, his only professional game experience. Pineiro, who kicked two seasons at Florida, made all three of his field-goal attempts in his only 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."



Bears defensive back Deon Bush returns an interception in the second quarter Thursday against the Panthers.



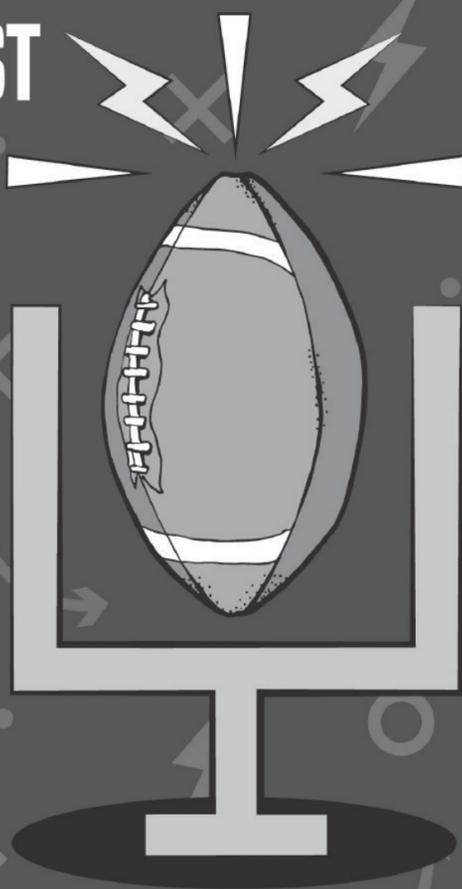
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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky (10) warms up before Thursday night's preseason game against the Panthers at Soldier Field.

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SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE			FRIDAY
Atlanta	-137	at Miami	+127
at Cincinnati	-110	Chicago	+100
Washington	-119	at New York	+109
at St. Louis	-136	Pittsburgh	+126
at LA Dodgers	-190	Arizona	+175
at San Diego	-138	Colorado	+128
Philadelphia	-107	at San Fran.	-103
AMERICAN LEAGUE			FRIDAY
Oakland	-176	at Chicago	+164
Houston	-235	at Baltimore	+215
at Toronto	off	New York	off
at Boston	-202	LA Angels	+182
at Detroit	off	Kansas City	off
Cleveland	-125	at Minnesota	+115
at Seattle	off	Tampa Bay	off
INTERLEAGUE			FRIDAY
at Milwaukee	off	Texas	off
NFL PRESEASON			FRIDAY
at Pittsburgh	2½	Tampa Bay	
at New Orleans	2½	Minnesota	
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at Kansas City	3½	Cincinnati	
at Oakland	5½	LA Rams	
at San Fran.	4½	Dallas	

NFL PRESEASON

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	24	16
New England	1	0	0	1.000	31	3
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	34	27
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	22	31

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	29	0
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	30	10
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Houston	0	1	0	.000	26	28
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	16	24
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	0	29

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Denver	1	1	0	.500	28	32
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	13	17

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	31	22
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	10	27
Washington	0	1	0	.000	10	30

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	26
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	13	23
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	3	31

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	13
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	37	48

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	22	14
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEEK 1 THURSDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Giants 31, N.Y. Jets 22
Miami 34, Atlanta 27
Buffalo 24, Indianapolis 16
Baltimore 29, Jacksonville 0
Tennessee 27, Philadelphia 10
New England 31, Detroit 3
Cleveland 30, Washington 10
Carolina 23, Chicago 13
Green Bay 28, Houston 26
Arizona 17, L.A. Chargers 13
Seattle 22, Denver 14

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA ROGERS CUP

R3 in Toronto; outdoors-hard
#2 Naomi Osaka d.
Iga Swiatek, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
#3 Karolina Pliskova d.
#16 Anett Kontaveit, 6-3, 7-5.
#4 Simona Halep d.
Svetlana Kuznetsova, 6-2, 6-1.
Bianca Andreescu d.
#5 Kiki Bertens, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 6-4.
#6 Elina Svitolina d.
#11 Belinda Bencic, 6-2, 6-4.
#8 Serena Williams d.
Ekaterina Alexandrova, 7-5, 6-4.
Sofia Kenin d.
Dayana Yastremska, 6-2, 6-2.
Marie Bouzkova d.
Jelena Ostapenko, 6-2, 6-2.

ATP ROGERS CUP

R3 in Montreal; outdoors-hard
#1 Rafael Nadal d.
Guido Pella, 6-3, 6-4.
#2 Dominic Thiem d.
#14 Marin Cilic, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
#3 Alexander Zverev d.
#13 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (5).
#16 Karen Khachanov d.
Felix Auger-Aliassime, 7-5, 6-3.
#7 Fabio Fognini d.
Adrian Mannarino, 6-2, 7-5.
#8 Daniil Medvedev d.
Cristian Garin, 6-3, 6-3.
#10 Roberto Bautista Agut d.
Richard Gasquet, 7-5, 7-5.
#16 Gael Monfils d.
Hubert Hurkacz, 6-4, 6-0.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	7	6	42	46	37
Atlanta	12	9	3	39	41	29
N.Y. City FC	10	4	8	38	40	29
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	9	4	37	41	34
D.C. United	9	7	9	36	32	31
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

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	16	3	4	52	61	23
Minnesota	11	7	5	38	39	30
San Jose	11	7	5	38	40	34
Seattle	11	6	5	38	33	28
LA Galaxy	12	10	1	37	30	31
Real Salt Lake	10	9	4	34	33	34
FC Dallas	9	9	6	33	31	28
Portland	9	9	4	31	35	33
Houston	9	12	3	30	34	39
Sporting KC	6	9	7	25	33	39
Vancouver	5	11	9	24	25	42
Colorado	6	12	5	23	39	48

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

THURSDAY'S RESULT

N.Y. City FC 3, Houston 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

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.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

N.Y. City FC at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
LA Galaxy at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Los Angeles FC, 9 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	8	3	4	28	30	15
Portland	7	3	6	27	31	20
Chicago	8	5	2	26	19	19
Reign FC	7	3	5	26	14	15
Washington	6	5	3	21	14	14
Utah	6	6	3	21	14	14
Houston	5	7	4	19	16	26
Orlando	3	9	2	11	16	31
Sky Blue FC	2	11	3	9	10	22

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

North Carolina at Portland, 2 p.m.
Utah at Reign FC, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MATCH

Chicago at Sky Blue FC, 6 p.m.

GOLF

PGA THE NORTHERN TRUST

1st of 4 rds; at Liberty National GC; Jersey City, N.J.; 7,370 yds; Par 71

62 (-9)	Troy Merritt	32-30
63 (-8)	Dustin Johnson	32-31
64 (-7)	Kevin Kisner	31-33
	Jon Rahm	33-31
65 (-6)	Tony Finau	32-33
	Webb Simpson	34-31
	Rory McIlroy	33-32
	Justin Rose	34-31
66 (-5)	Patrick Reed	32-34
	Max Homa	34-32
	Chez Reavie	33-33
	Danny Willett	34-32
	Brian Stuard	34-32
	Chesson Hadley	33-33
	Corey Conners	34-32
	Russell Knox	34-32
	Patton Kizzire	34-32
67 (-4)	Adam Schenk	34-33
	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	34-33
	Adam Hadwin	35-32
	J.T. Poston	34-33
	Wyndham Clark	36-31
	Harold Varner III	35-32
	Carlos Ortiz	34-33
	Cameron Smith	34-33
	Jordan Spieth	34-33
	Abraham Ancer	32-35
	Joel Dahmen	33-34
	Justin Thomas	33-34
	Sung Kang	34-33
	Sungjae Im	33-34
	Matt Jones	35-32

68 (-3)	Brian Harman	37-31
	Ian Poulter	36-32
	Ryan Moore	33-35
	Louis Oosthuizen	36-32
	Adam Scott	35-33
	Branden Grace	34-34
	Peter Malnati	36-32
	Andrew Landry	35-33
	Kevin Tway	33-35
	Jason Kokrak	33-35
	Bryson DeChambeau	35-33
	C.T. Pan	34-34
	Rory Sabbatini	34-34
	Hideki Matsuyama	35-33
	Roger Sloan	36-32
	Bud Cauley	37-31
	Aaron Wise	33-35
	Nick Taylor	34-34
69 (-2)	Vaughn Taylor	35-34
	Charles Howell III	36-33
	Shane Lowry	37-32
	Kevin Na	38-31
	Luke List	34-35
	Kyle Stanley	36-33
	Tyrrell Hatton	34-35
	Russell Henley	38-31
	Matthew Wolff	34-35
	Dylan Frittelli	37-32
	Andrew Putnam	34-35
	Tommy Fleetwood	35-34
	Rickie Fowler	34-35
	Francesco Molinari	34-35

70 (-1)	Michael Thompson	36-34
	Joaquin Niemann	37-33
	Si Woo Kim	35-35
	J.B. Holmes	36-34
	Brooks Koepka	35-35
	Matt Kuchar	36-34
	Scott Brown	32-38
	Danny Lee	35-35
	Keegan Bradley	36-34
	Nate Lashley	36-34
	Keith Mitchell	36-34
	Xander Schauffele	35-35
	Patrick Cantlay	36-34
	Ryan Palmer	35-35
	Ryan Armour	36-34
	Sebastian Munoz	34-36
	Pat Perez	38-32

71 (E)	Cameron Champ	35-36
	Scott Piercy	36-35
	Lucas Glover	37-34
	Brandt Snedeker	36-35
	Collin Morikawa	37-34
	Nick Watney	36-35
	Cameron Tringale	35-36
	Graeme McDowell	35-36
	Sam Ryder	35-36
	Martin Laird	36-35

72 (+1)	Matt Every	38-34
	Billy Horschel	36-36
	Phil Mickelson	37-35
	Jhonattan Vegas	38-34
	Adam Long	37-35
	Jim Furyk	36-36
	Jason Day	38-34
	Scott Stallings	40-32

73 (+2)	Emiliano Grillo	40-35
	Bubba Watson	36-37
	Sepp Straka	34-39
	Jonas Blikt	39-34
	Sergio Garcia	37-36
	Byeong Hun An	35-38
	Marc Leishman	41-32
	Gary Woodland	39-34
	MacKenzie Hughes	37-36
	Kyung-Hoon Lee	39-34



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#28 George Trafton

Colorful character could really play but courted trouble on, off the field

By WILL LARKIN

In the first year of the National Football League, then known as the American Professional Football Association, George Trafton set a standard for performance in a rivalry series that has yet to be matched 99 years later.

The Decatur Staleys and Rock Island Independents clashed in two of the roughest games of 1920. In the first one, Trafton sent four Independents off the field with injuries as the Quad Cities crowd booed. The worst fate befell halfback Fred Chicken, who broke his leg when Trafton tackled him into a fence post near the field.

Three weeks later, the teams met again in Rock Island. Gamblers — who had started to turn their attention toward pro football after the Black Sox scandal of the previous year made baseball a risky play for a short time — had lost money on the previous meeting and were looking to bounce back.

Bears owner, coach and right end George Halas sequestered his team across the Mississippi River in Davenport, Iowa, hoping to keep his players from unsavory interests. They soon learned, however, that the smart money was on a parlay involving the Independents winning and knocking out Trafton in the first quarter. The only information they could gather about the player who was to deliver the hit was that he went by “Mr. Chicken.”

Almost every Bear honored Halas’ directive never to bet for or against the Bears, but Trafton couldn’t resist this one. He emptied his pockets betting on his team and himself and prepared for battle.

“Mr. Chicken” turned out to be not Fred Chicken but 6-foot-2, 200-pound lineman Harry Gunderson, who like the 6-2, 230-pound Trafton played offensive and defensive center. Lined up across from one another on every play, the two went at each other with gusto. Gunderson’s quickness gave Trafton fits, and late in the first quarter he tackled a Staleys back behind the line of scrimmage. Trafton reacted by falling knees-first with all his weight on Gunderson’s head.

Gunderson was knocked out and suffered a 6-inch gash that would require about 90 stitches. The rest of the game resembled a mob scene, with fans throwing rocks and bottles at Trafton. When it ended in a 0-0 tie, Bears trainer Andy Lotshaw put a gray sweatshirt over Trafton’s jersey to hide his number and told him to run as fast as he could out of the stadium. Halas surreptitiously stuffed an envelope containing the Staleys’ share of the gate receipts in Trafton’s trousers.

Fans blocked Trafton’s path to the taxicabs outside the arena, so he took off sprinting down the road toward the bridge to Iowa, angry mob in tow. He was saved when a curious motorist asked what the fuss was about. Trafton replied that he was late to catch a train across the river, and the driver delivered him to the Davenport depot.

When Trafton caught up with his teammates at the train station, Halas asked for his envelope, which reports say held between \$3,000 and \$7,000. Trafton asked why in the world his coach left the money with him.

In his 1979 autobiography, “Halas by Halas,” the Bears founder remembered his rationale: “I knew that if trouble came, I’d be running only for the money. Trafton would be running for his life.”

Trafton became one of the greats of the NFL’s early days. The Staleys moved to Chicago in 1921 and won the AFPA championship. In 1922 the Staleys became the Bears and the AFPA became, at Halas’ suggestion, the National Football League. In 1932, Trafton’s last season at age 36, the Bears won their second championship.

The center was named first-team All-Pro twice and second-team three times in his 12 seasons. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in its second class in 1964, and it named him to its All-Decade team of the 1920s.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

On offense, George Trafton became the first center to snap the ball with one hand.



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Boxers King Levinsky, left, and George Trafton in 1932.

On offense, Trafton became the first center to snap the ball with one hand. On defense, he was the first center to drop back to defend against passes.

“Trafton would hand the ball with the laces in exactly the position (the quarterback) wanted them,” Halas wrote. “When throwing back for punts, field goals or conversions, he could spiral the ball just enough to make it end up in the kicker’s or holder’s hands with the laces in the right position. It saved perhaps a half-second, but that was long enough to reduce the danger of a blocked kick.”

Before joining Halas, Trafton honed his skills for two other all-time great coaches. He was a star for the early powerhouses at Oak Park High School under future Illinois coach Robert Zuppke, then he played for Knute Rockne at Notre Dame.

His time in South Bend ended early. When Rockne discovered that Trafton also was playing for the professional Hammond Pros under an alias, he kicked Trafton not only off the team but out of school. Halas, who was recruiting mostly former Illinois, Northwestern and Notre Dame players for

his new factory team at Decatur’s A.E. Staley starch plant, took advantage.

Trafton came on board and he was Halas’ starting center for most of the next 13 years. In that time the NFL grew from a ragged consortium that included teams such as the Moline Tractors, Tonawanda Lumberjacks, Muncie Flyers, Kewanee Walworths and Wheeling Stogies to a big-time outfit that boasted teams in Chicago, New York, Washington and Boston.

Trafton remained notorious off the field. He became, like many athletes of the time, willingly or not, enmeshed with the mobsters, gangsters and gamblers who overran pro sports as well as much of society during the Roaring ’20s. In his 2004 Bronko Nagurski biography, “Monster of the Midway,” Jim Dent devoted a chapter to Trafton’s extracurricular activities.

One group of gangsters held unlicensed celebrity boxing matches at the White City Amusement Park. In 1929, Trafton was challenged by Art Shires, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound White Sox first baseman. The two duked it out for a round, with the larger Trafton holding the edge, then danced and wheezed for the remainder of the fight.

Trafton — who had obeyed Halas’ orders to play in a game against the Giants the day before, then became confused as different sets of firearm-toting mobsters instructed him to win and lose the match — was declared the winner. Dent wrote: “Al Capone stood and cheered as if Trafton had won the heavyweight championship of the world. Two days later, ‘Machine Gun’ McGurn would slide into the bar and deposit a thousand-dollar bill in Trafton’s suit pocket. Big George didn’t notice. He was too busy recounting the greatest fight ever to a bar filled with adoring fans.”

A year later, Trafton met future heavyweight world champion Primo Carnera in a sanctioned bout in Kansas City, Mo., another mob stranglehold. Trafton went down three times in the fight’s first 30 seconds, was banned for life by Missouri’s boxing commission and years later said he was told at gunpoint to lose as quickly as he could.

TRAFTON AS A BEAR

1920-21, 1923-32 | 12 seasons | 148 games

Bears record: 99-38-26 (.687).

Playoff appearances: 2; NFL champion in 1921 and 1932.

Acquired: Signed out of Notre Dame in 1920.

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THE LIST

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| 28. George Trafton | 64. J.C. Caroline |
| 29. Lance Briggs | 65. Ed O’Bradovich |
| 30. Ed Healey | 66. Mike Pyle |
| 31. Link Lyman | 67. Mike Hartenstine |
| 32. George Musso | 68. Keith Van Horne |
| 33. Ed Sprinkle | 69. Tommie Harris |
| 34. Paddy Driscoll | 70. George Wilson |
| 35. Harlon Hill | 71. Jack Manders |
| 36. Rick Casares | 72. James Williams |
| 37. Ken Kavanaugh | 73. Jim Dooley |
| 38. Charles Tillman | 74. Robbie Gould |
| 39. Gary Fencik | 75. Bennie McRae |
| 40. Luke Johnso | 76. Johnny Lujack |
| 41. Richie Petitbon | 77. Bill Osmanski |
| 42. Dave Duerson | 78. Jay Cutler |
| 43. Rosey Taylor | 79. Jim McMillen |
| 44. Johnny Morris | 80. Khalil Mack |
| 45. Joe Kopcha | 81. Eddie Jackson |
| 46. Fred Williams | 82. Doug Plank |
| 47. Matt Forte | 83. Zuck Carlson |
| 48. Doug Buffone | 84. Bill Wade |
| 49. Larry Morris | 85. Kyle Long |
| 50. Dick Barwegan | 86. Brandon Marshall |
| 51. Wally Chambers | 87. Lee Artoe |
| 52. Otis Wilson | 88. Alshon Jeffery |
| 53. Wilber Marshall | 89. Beattie Feathers |
| 54. Dick Gordon | 90. Kevin Butler |
| 55. Jim McMahon | 91. Bill Karr |
| 56. Neal Anderson | 92. Matt Suhey |
| 57. Mike Brown | 93. Ed Brown |
| 58. Jim Osborne | 94. Gary Famiglietti |
| 59. Willie Galimore | 95. Akieim Hicks |
| 60. Mark Carrier | 96. Joey Sternaman |
| 61. Mark Bortz | 97. Hugh Gallarneau |
| 62. Julius Peppers | 98. Tom Thayer |
| | 99. William Perry |
| | 100. Patrick Mannely |

Dent, who also wrote “The Junction Boys,” continued: “At another time, maybe 30 or 40 years down the road ... Trafton would have been a media darling. He might have been the Joe Namath of centers. But Trafton wasn’t just talk. He had the game to back it up. ... Halas once said, ‘George’s the toughest, meanest, most ornery critter alive.’”

Halas valued his friendship with Trafton even more in 1931, when the Bears founder put into action his plan to buy out co-owner Dutch Sternaman. Halas raised money from people who would become minority stakeholders in the franchise, including former Bears lineman Jim McMillen, former Crane Tech High School friend Ralph Brizzolara and Chicago Cardinals owner Charles Bidwill.

The biggest contributor, at \$20,000, was Trafton’s mother, whose name appears to have been lost to time. Years later, when she suggested her son should replace Halas as coach, Halas bought her out for \$40,000.

In his 2005 biography, “Papa Bear: The Life and Legacy of George Halas,” Jeff Davis wrote: “Mrs. Trafton not only saved the Bears for Halas but also just may have saved the National Football League. Had Halas failed, it is distinctly possible that the league would have crumbled.”

After he retired in 1933, Trafton coached the Bears as an assistant and operated a boxing gym on Randolph Street. He moved to the Packers in 1944 and the Cleveland Rams in ’45, then followed the Rams the next year when they moved to Los Angeles. In 1951 he became head coach for the first time with the CFL’s Winnipeg Blue Bombers, a team that included future Bears coach Neill Armstrong. Even though the Blue Bombers won the Grey Cup in 1953, they fired Trafton, and he returned to Los Angeles to embark on a real-estate career.

Trafton, one of professional football’s original larger-than-life characters, died at 74 in 1971 in LA after complications from hip surgery.

One reporter from his playing days wrote that “Trafton was strongly disliked in every city in the NFL except Green Bay and Rock Island. In those places, he was hated.”

Saints join NFL in opposing fan’s suit over call in playoff game

By KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — They were badly burned by the “Nola no-call,” but the Saints have joined the NFL in opposing a fan’s lawsuit seeking damages over the missed penalty that helped the Rams beat the Saints in a January playoff game and advance to the Super Bowl.

The lawsuit by attorney and self-proclaimed fan Anthony LeMon resulted in a state judge’s recent order that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and three game officials submit to questions in September. The league appealed to the Louisiana Supreme Court on Wednesday night. And attorneys for the Saints filed an accompanying brief supporting the league.

At issue is officials’ failure to call a roughness or pass-interference penalty on Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman for his helmet-to-helmet hit on receiver Tommy Lee Lewis well before a pass arrived during the NFC championship game. The Rams won the game and advanced to the Super Bowl against the Patriots.

In the offseason, the NFL tweaked its replay rules, making pass-interference calls — and no-calls — reviewable for the first time.

“As the Saints have expressed, no team should be denied the opportunity to reach the title game (or simply win a game) based on the actions, or inactions, of those charged with creating a fair and equitable playing field,” Saints attorneys say in the brief. They go on to say that the team has sought rules changes aimed at addressing such possibilities.

However, the brief says, allowing the suit to proceed would be wrong.

“While the Saints appreciate the fervor and dedication of their deep and passionate fan-base, allowing such claims to proceed in court would open the door to countless legal claims brought by passionate sports fans that would inundate the courts and overburden sports leagues and their member teams, including the Saints,” the brief says.

LeMon, who filed with three other ticket holders, answered the Saints and the NFL in a brief Thursday, noting that no other

such suits are pending in the state court in which he filed and arguing that the circumstances of the game — and his lawsuit — are unique. The suit isn’t simply filed over a missed call, his filing said. Among its allegations are claims that fraud and “implicit or unconscious bias” on the part of game officials from the Los Angeles area led to the decision not to flag the penalty.

“We can assure you that the four ticket holders who initiated this lawsuit, including me, are passionate fans and do not want to cause any harm to the Saints organization,” LeMon wrote in an emailed statement.

The NFL’s filing asks the high court to halt proceedings in the lawsuit and grant a quick review of the case, which state Civil District Court Judge Nicole Sheppard of New Orleans allowed to proceed. NFL attorneys argue that LeMon and his fellow plaintiffs have no right of action under Louisiana law.

“Plaintiffs’ Petitions clearly seek legal redress for their frustration and disappointment with the outcome and rule-adminis-

tration of a ticketed event, and the law is clear that ticket-holders lack a right of action to do so,” the NFL’s brief says.

LeMon counters that the suit isn’t about unhappiness with the outcome of a fairly played game or a simple error by officials. “It is an entirely different situation when an NFL official clearly observes an infraction and purposely does not call a penalty,” his filing said.

LeMon’s lawsuit was crafted to avoid the NFL being able to move it to federal court, where three other lawsuits over the game have been unsuccessful.

“This lawsuit is very different from any other ticket-holder lawsuit that has been filed against the NFL because it is based on the unique laws in Louisiana, rooted in the Napoleonic Code, which exists only in Louisiana,” LeMon added in his emailed statement.

One way of keeping it in state court was to keep damages low at \$75,000. LeMon has said he intends for any money won to go to former Saints star Steve Gleason’s charity to aid people with neuromuscular diseases. Gleason was diagnosed with ALS in 2011.

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Abomination to ambition

How college football became the pipeline to the NFL



University of Chicago halfback Jay Berwanger is shown in the action pose that served as the model for the Heisman Trophy.

AP 1934

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Jay Berwanger won the inaugural Heisman Trophy in 1935 for the University of Chicago and became the No. 1 player taken in the first NFL draft a few months later.

He chose to work at a rubber company and be a part-time coach for his alma mater rather than try to make a living playing football.

More than five decades later, Oklahoma State Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders threatened to sue the NFL if it did not allow him to be drafted while he still had college eligibility.

In the early days of the NFL, college football was king and playing professionally was not something most players aspired to do. By planting its flag in large cities, embracing television exposure and playing a more entertaining style, the NFL surged in popularity in the middle of the 20th century and turned college football into a means to an end for many players.

Now college teams brag about sending players to the league, even while NCAA officials and college sports leaders try to downplay what has become obvious.

“Well, I definitely think college football is sort of the minor leagues in a way. Like a breeding ground for the NFL,” said Eric Winston, who played 10 years in the NFL as an offensive lineman and is currently the president of the players’ association.

College football was already entrenched in American culture when the NFL was established in 1920 with most of its teams in small Midwestern towns.

“Baseball was the national pastime, but college football was the greatest sporting spectacle,” said Mike Oriard, a Notre Dame graduate and former NFL player who has written several books on the history of football.

Games matching Notre Dame and Army packed Yankee Stadium in New York in the 1920s and ’30s, even during the Great Depression. The Rose Bowl game was a yearly event on the West Coast on New Year’s Day. College football was seen as a worthy and noble enterprise: amateurs playing for school pride.

“The NFL was an abomination as far as the college football world was concerned,” Oriard said.

When University of Illinois star Red Grange joined the NFL in 1925, a deal scandalously planned while he was still playing in college, he drew scorn from those in college football. Not only was professional football considered barbarian, it was thought to be a lesser version of the sport. Indeed, the NFL champion played a yearly exhibition game in August against a team of college all-stars in Chicago, starting in 1934. The college players won six of the first 17 games and there were two ties.

Grange became one of America’s most famous sports stars, but he was more a phenomena than a trend setter.

“Professional football was out there as an option for former college players who didn’t have anything better to do,” Oriard



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AP 1924



Barry Sanders threatened to sue the NFL if it did not allow him to be drafted.

said. “It was the depression and if you didn’t get a job right out of college you might play pro football for a couple of years.”

After the league reorganized in the early 1930s and moved teams to big cities, it established a college draft. Berwanger was the first player selected, taken by the Philadelphia Eagles. His rights were later traded to the Chicago Bears. But the team never could meet his salary demands.

Davey O’Brien won the Heisman Trophy

in 1938 and was the first winner to play in the NFL. He lasted two years before joining the NFL. That was typical throughout the 1940s and into the ’50s. Dick Kazmaier, a running back for Princeton, won the Heisman in 1951 and was drafted by the Bears. He decided to go to Harvard business school.

Despite all that, the NFL was gaining traction among working-class fans in places such as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland that didn’t directly compete with college football. Salaries were growing and a career in football was becoming more appealing. College football viewed the NFL as the opposition and tried to keep it at a distance.

“Initially, when I came into the league in the late ’50s and especially with the Cowboys in the ’60s there were a lot of schools that did everything but ban you from their campus,” said Gil Brandt, the longtime Cowboys executive inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame last weekend.

College teams feared losing players with eligibility remaining to the NFL, Brandt said. He credits NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle and Cowboys owner Tex Schramm with assuring colleges the NFL would not take players into the league until their college careers were over.

In the 1960s, the emergence of the AFL brought competition for players and escalated salaries. While the college game was still mostly run-based, professional football

teams were pushing the passing game. Joe Namath threw almost as many passes (340) in his first season with the New York Jets of the AFL than he did in his 30-game career (374) at Alabama.

“Eventually the NFL became so much more fun to watch,” Brandt said.

While the NCAA had rules in place that limited how often the top teams could appear on TV, fearing it would be a recruiting advantage and draw fans away from attending games, the NFL wanted as much television exposure as possible.

By the mid-1960s, top college football players were assumed to be heading to the NFL. It was clearly a step up in competition. The last time a college all-star team beat an NFL champion was 1963, a loss Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi held over his players for years. The game was discontinued in 1976.

In the 1970s and ’80s, NFL strategies became more pervasive in college football, most notably in the increased reliance on the passing game. As the two versions of the sport became more similar, college players were entering the NFL better prepared to play professional football.

The most significant development in the college-to-NFL pipeline in the 1980s came in 1989, when Sanders decided to jump from Oklahoma State to the NFL after a record-setting junior season in 1988.

The NFL said it was making an exception for Sanders, who was drafted No. 3 overall by the Detroit Lions and went on to a Hall of Fame career, but in reality it permanently opened the door to underclassmen. As NFL salaries soared, getting through college quickly became more desirable.

This year a record 135 players gave up college eligibility to enter the NFL draft once they were three years removed from high school graduation.

Meanwhile, as college sports come under attack by critics who believe players should get a larger cut of the billions of dollars generated by football, administrators would like to see more alternative paths to the NFL.

“Maybe in football and basketball, it would work better if more kids had a chance to go directly into the professional ranks. If they’re not comfortable and want to monetize, let the minor leagues flourish,” Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said in 2013. “I think we ought to work awful hard with the NFL and the NBA to create an opportunity for those folks.”

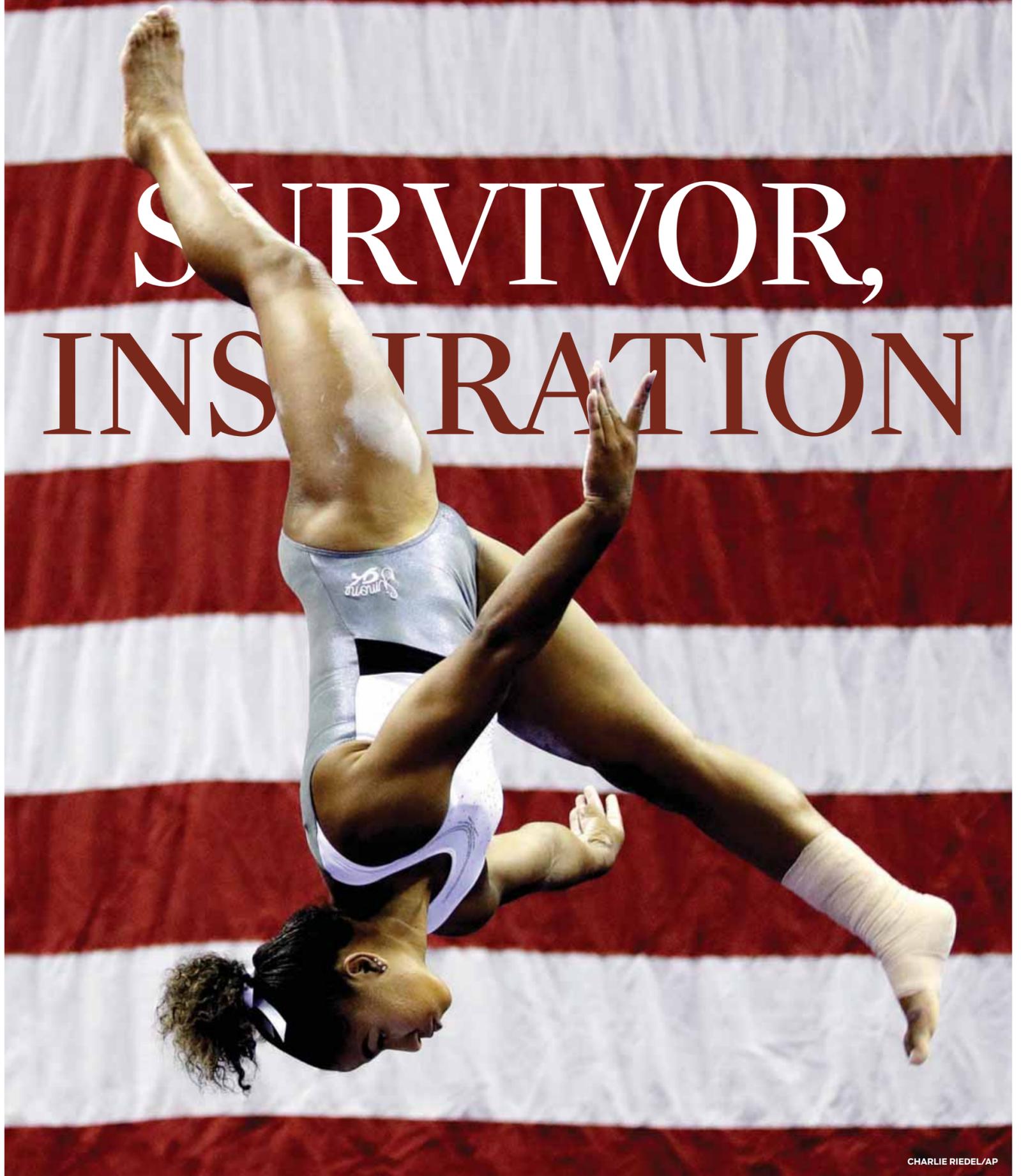
Six years later, in football, nothing has changed.

Big-time programs — not just the likes of Alabama, Clemson and Ohio State — want to be seen as a fast track to an NFL payday. They proudly display to recruits the names of former players who have moved on to the NFL on the walls of football facilities, in the pages of media guides and on social media.

Mike Lombardi, a former NFL executive who has worked for Al Davis, Bill Walsh and Bill Belichick, said the message from college coaches is: “You come here, you know we’ll develop you into a pro player. It sells that program.”

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SURVIVOR, INSPIRATION



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

After challenging USA Gymnastics, piercing words reinforce Simone Biles' stature

BY VAHE GREGORIAN | The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When Simone Biles won the all-around gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics to accent a case as the best gymnast in history, and one of the greatest athletes of our time, she appreciated the comparison points but had her own statement to make.

"I'm not the next Usain Bolt or Michael Phelps," said Biles, who won five medals, four gold, in Rio and later won six medals at last year's World Championships. "I'm the first Simone Biles."

With her own powerful and unique identity forged though an improbable rise in the sport. The goat (for Greatest Of All Time) absolutely belongs on the back of the leotard she wore Wednesday at Sprint Center in preparation for this week's U.S. gymnastics national championships. And it also made for a fine broader symbol of female empowerment for the woman seeking her sixth national title.

"I think it's important, because you'll go your whole entire career and everybody will tell you you're great," she said. "But the minute you think you're great or you say you're good, (it's) like, 'Oh, my gosh, you're so cocky.' Like, 'Cancel her.'"

But she stands for something more now, too — as a courageous survivor of sexual abuse who is using her profile to speak for justice and take us along on the piercing journey toward "never again" as the specter of the Larry Nassar scandal still looms.

In February here, she spoke briefly about it before her appearance as the featured guest at the WIN For KC banquet:

"For the longest time, I blamed myself, and I feel like the difference between a victim and survivor is that you come out of it and you feel empowered," she said in measured words, adding that she was in therapy and taking anti-anxiety medication as one of hundreds of victims of the predatory Nassar — the former USA Gymnastics team doctor who was sentenced to up to 175 years in prison for multiple sex crimes.

But perhaps indicative of the painful complications of trying to move forward from such an invasion and breach of trust from many around her, an anguished Biles on Wednesday spoke with a different sort of resonance: raw, visceral emotion that she had seldom if ever displayed before.

Asked about her tweet Sunday in which she said that "many failed us" following a

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senate panel citing the negligence of former U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics officials, among others, Biles first spoke of being blessed to have a platform.

"But, you know, it's not easy coming back to the sport, coming back to the organization that has failed you," said Biles, one of some 140 victims of Nassar to receive the ESPYs Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

The longer she spoke, the more intense her words and sentiments and voice became as it built into what you could only hope was a catharsis.

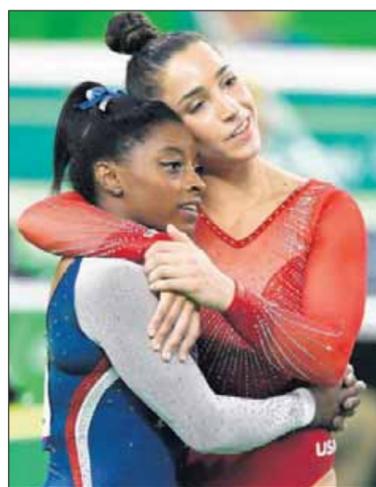
"It's not easy being out here, because I feel like every day is a reminder of what I went through and what I've been through and what I'm going through and how I've come out of it," she said, noting the alleged complicity of disgraced former USA Gymnastics president Steve Penny and adding, "It's like, 'Did you guys really not like us that much that you just couldn't do your job?'"

As she spoke of how hard it is to trust new people coming in after so many she'd known for years had failed them, Biles cried. With that, she evoked the shame and horror of all this in an entirely new way:

Who to trust? How to trust? How to even begin to heal?

Now, when her body hurts, she doesn't want to go to a doctor or get worked on by a trainer. For that matter, she typically doesn't want to hang around practice any longer than she has to, preferring to get home to her dog or spend time with friends away from what she pointedly several times called her job. Sometimes, with the reminders inherent in any given day of gymnastics, she'd feel everything at once and either walk out of practice or not show up.

No wonder there was fury in her voice when she reiterated, "They couldn't do one damn job. You had one job. You literally had



MARK REIS/COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE 2016

U.S. gymnasts Simone Biles, left, and Aly Raisman celebrate after winning Olympic gold and silver medals, respectively.

"It's not easy coming back to the sport, coming back to the organization that has failed you."

— Simone Biles

one job, and you couldn't protect us."

No wonder on one hand she holds onto optimism but feels compelled to add asterisks.

That was epitomized in about every conflicted, tentative word of the answer she gave when asked about her faith in USA Gymnastics to ultimately fix things.

"I don't know; that's a good question," she said. "I don't know because everyone they bring in, you kind of put a wall up and you almost find something wrong before an article comes out or something."

"You know, all we can do at this point is have faith that they'll have our back and they'll do the right thing. But at the end of the day, it's just a ticking time bomb, and

we'll see. It's a waiting game."

As such, it remains to be seen how the USOC and USAG can restore their credibility and regain the faith of those they ostensibly exist to serve. But it's encouraging that the immediate reaction of USA Gymnastics president and CEO Li Leung was to issue this statement:

"Simone Biles is undoubtedly the best gymnast in the world and possibly of all time. She is an outstanding representative for gymnastics and the United States. We at USA Gymnastics have made a lot of progress in strengthening our athlete safety measures and putting our athletes first, but we know we have more to do. One of our goals is for our athletes to feel comfortable in speaking up and sharing their opinions, and we are listening to what they have to say. We will continue to work hard to demonstrate to Simone and all of our athletes, members, community and fans that we are working to foster a safe, positive and encouraging environment where athlete voices are heard. We join the rest of her fans and the sport in wishing her the best of success this week at the championships."

Beyond those words is another story for another time, though.

Now the story is this: The greatest of all time in her sport, along with all the other brave women who came forth about Nassar, speaks not just for herself but for the voiceless.

By summoning the strength to both go on and tell the hardest parts of her story, which she first revealed through #MeToo posts on her social media accounts.

Somehow, she has persevered and prospered even in the haunting wake.

It makes for an amazing addition to her legacy. It also serves as a resounding reminder that she is a survivor, not a victim.

And her presence here should inspire all the more, even as it should remind all about the catastrophic cost of unchecked evil and the neglect that further enabled it.

"It takes time, and there's no, like, manual," she said. "Everybody's healing process is different, and I think that's the hardest part."

"Maybe I should be healed or this or that. But I feel like it will be an open wound for a really long time. And it might not ever get closed or healed. But it's what I go to therapy for, so we'll see."

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Natalie Ganzhorn notices a skin condition in the "Red Spot" sequence in "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark."

'SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK' ★★★

Screamworthy thrills

The monsters are the real stars in this creepy late '60s-set adaptation

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

"Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" actually makes you care about the fates of its characters, likable or venal. It has a way of treating even the gross-out bits, involving scarecrow transformation nastiness and the aftermath of a Cinerama Dome-sized spider bite, for real emotion and no little

anguish. The movie's good even when it goes in too many directions at once, because it gets the kids right.

It comes from a half-dozen short, sharp tales of woe — and "whoa!" — created by Alvin Schwartz and illustrated, with fabulous, sinister panache, by Stephen Gammell. The first volume was published in 1981, followed by two sequels. Since there's no connective tissue in the original collections and the film is not a series of separate, "Twilight Zone"-model episodes, the project faced a daunting adaptation challenge: how to give 'em enough story in between the stories to make the thing

hang together.

"Scary Stories" recalls the recent, massively popular Stephen King adaptation "It" (2017) in its attempt to provide a narrative spine, a creepy backstory, an awful small-town secret and a reason for all the disappearances and unsolved murders in the Pennsylvania town of Mill Valley. Director Andre Ovredal ("Trollhunter," "The Autopsy of Jane Doe") and screenwriters Dan Hageman and Kevin Hageman cleverly stitch here and amalgamate there, working from the story cooked up by producer Guillermo del Toro along with Patrick Melton and Marcus Dunstan.

The protagonist is Stella, an emotionally isolated high school student living with her father, coping with the breakup of her parents' marriage. Stella and her pals Chuck and Augie get to know Ramon, New in town and instantly targeted as Not Their Kind by police and civilians alike. Ramon's story is that he's "following the harvest" and going where the work takes him. The TVs everywhere in "Scary Stories" flood us with images of the war in Vietnam, and Richard Nixon on the eve of his presidential election.

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RYAN MAYERS PHOTO

"Jmaxx and the Universal Language," a documentary in the ReelAbilities Film Festival, looks at a teenager with autism turning to dance as a way to express himself.

ReelAbilities fest suggests diversity includes disability

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Remember James Cameron's 2009 film "Avatar"? Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) plays a paralyzed former Marine who becomes mobile again through human/Na'vi hybrid links, a mind/body connection to move around the outpost Pandora.

Grishma Shah, an artist, filmmaker and doctoral candidate in community psychology at National Louis University, recalls seeing the popular film and thinking the media tends to show people with visible disabilities as "fixable."

And those are just the roles in which a disability is visible. But what about an invisible disability?

"I recently did a podcast with Cine-

maJaw where we talked about the five top actors or actresses with a disability, and one of the top actors was Ryan Gosling. Ryan Gosling has ADHD, a neurodevelopmental condition that is 'invisible,'" Shah said. "So how does that change the way you see this person? Depending on the person that you ask, it may or may not change, but I feel that media has done this fabulous job of sort of putting pictures in our mind about how a person with a disability, especially a physical disability which is visible, is kind of 'broken' and needs to be fixed."

As co-director of the Chicago ReelAbilities Film Festival, Shah hopes this year's

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Enough remakes: Disney should try something new



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Talking Pictures

With nearly \$1.3 billion in worldwide ticket sales so far, the new, photorealistically animated version of "The Lion King" proves there's no end to the circle of life when it comes to branded content.

Nothing ever really dies, if you remake it. We'll soon be seeing everything from a live-action "Lady and the Tramp," premiering this November on the new Disney Plus streaming service, to a large-scale human edition of "Mulan" opening in theaters next spring.

Given the writers and directors involved with both those projects, "Lady and the Tramp" and "Mulan" may well turn out to be lively corporate directives. Hope springs occasional, I always say, and I'll go in with my mind, my heart and my soul wide open. It's what I do. It's my brand.

In truth, I'll be happy with anything better than OK.

By "OK," I mean better than the recent "Aladdin," which made its own billion (and counting) by letting a singularly charmless director leech out all the humor.

By "OK," I mean better than "The Lion King," 2019 edition, which occasioned an interesting conversation with the nine-year-old in our household the other night. He liked the movie a lot. I asked him if he



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Macaulay Culkin in the original "Home Alone." There are plans for a remake.

might be interested in a "live action" digitally animated fake-out remake of "Finding Nemo," with "real" fish. He said no, probably not, because that would look weird.

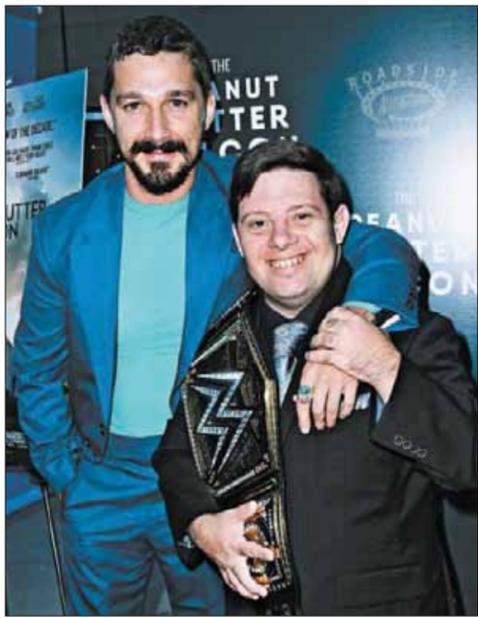
That's how I feel about "The Lion King." It's weird. It's weird to treat animation as a photocopy, not a realm of imaginative expression.

Now: If I were Robert Iger, the Disney CEO and recent purchaser of 21st Century Fox, I'd surely be concentrating on "our portfolio of well-loved franchises and

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JON KOPALOFF/GETTY

Shia LaBeouf, left, and co-star Zack Gottsagen attend a premiere screening of "The Peanut Butter Falcon."

Presenting a newer, 'softer' Shia LaBeouf

Shia LaBeouf is a changed man. The 33-year-old actor has a notorious history of bad behavior that has landed him in jail as well as court-ordered rehab. But those days may finally be over.

He credits his work on his new indie "The Peanut Butter Falcon" with Zack Gottsagen, an actor with Down syndrome, with helping him come around.

"I'm quite judgmental, the judge-y type," LaBeouf said on the latest episode of "The Big Ticket," Variety's movies podcast. "You know, you'd be half-empty with me before we started our conversation. I was ... just a little edgy with the world, you know?"

Gottsagen, on the other hand, LaBeouf observed, "meets everybody like glass-full. Half nothing! Everybody starts at 100 with him. It makes it easier to live."

"The Peanut Butter Falcon" follows the unlikely friendship between a man with Down syndrome (Gottsagen) and a criminal on the run.

LaBeouf hardly ever does press but happily walked the red carpet at the movie's premiere, talking freely with reporters with Gottsagen by his side. At the junket, he welcomed celebrity news shows, including "Extra" and "Entertainment Tonight," outlets he usually shunned because of their coverage of his private life.

"I'm just smiling a lot more," LaBeouf said. "Things have calmed down."

Does all this mean Shia LaBeouf is softer? "Way softer," he said.

— Variety



SUZANNE CORDEIRO/GETTY-AFF

Canceled: Willie Nelson has canceled his tour because of a "breathing problem." The 86-year-old singer apologized on Twitter late Wednesday, writing "I need to have my doctor check out." Nelson had just finished performing with Alison Krauss in Toledo, Ohio, and he was next scheduled to appear Friday in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "I'll be back," he wrote. Nelson was also due to perform at the Farm Aid concert with John Mellencamp, Dave Matthews, Neil Young and Bonnie Raitt next month.

No host: The Oscars did it, and now the Emmys will too: There will be no host at the Sept. 22 ceremony. Fox Entertainment announced that going hostless allows more time to salute departing shows, including "Game of Thrones." The HBO fantasy saga, which ended this past season, is the top nominee with a record-setting 32 nominations.

Hero: Actor Danny Trejo played a real-life hero when he helped rescue a baby trapped in an overturned car at a Los Angeles intersection. Video aired by KABC-TV shows Trejo, 75, at the crash scene. Trejo and another bystander, a young woman, pulled the baby safely from the wreckage. Three people were taken to a hospital, and there were no life-threatening injuries.

Aug. 9 birthdays: Comedian David Steinberg is 77. Actor Sam Elliott is 75. Actress Melanie Griffith is 62. "Today" co-host Hoda Kotb is 55. Actress Gillian Anderson is 51. Singer Juanes is 47. Actor Kevin McKidd is 46. Actress Rhona Mitra is 44. Actress Anna Kendrick is 34.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Lonely woman catfished on internet

Dear Amy: I'm a 65-year-old, married woman with grandchildren. I live with my husband.

I love social media. I suppose it's because I'm lonely for attention.

I meet young guys on social media and develop strong feelings for them.

I don't think myself as a flirt, but I have compassion for these guys going through hard times.

Is my thinking normal?

I know that we're never going to be together, but when one guy ignores my messages I get really upset.

What is your advice?
— Lonely

Dear Lonely: My concern for your emotional and physical security overrides my main advice, which is for you to look for other outlets and ways to develop healthier relationships. Ideally, you would seek the cure for your own loneliness within your own household, but this might not be possible.

You don't say who you are connecting with, or through what channels, but it is obvious that your interest is romantic. They, like you, are trawling for people to connect with, but their motives might be different from yours. They might portray themselves as needing help, but of course, on the internet, anyone can basically sell a lie. Do not share any financial information, or send them money. Depending on their motivations, they may be moving on from you when you don't accept their baited hook.

There is nothing inherently wrong with meeting and developing relationships with people online. Unfortunately, this

contact is sending you on an emotional roller coaster. The "high" endorphin rush of getting a ping from a guy online lasts for a while, and then you crash when the guy moves on. You respond to the crash by instinctively searching for a new high. It is a vicious cycle. Each cycle will make you feel worse, in slow cumulative stages. I hope you will use this insight to seek to treat your loneliness in ways that are healthier.

Dear Amy: My mother passed away recently, and many family/friends made donations in her name, including thoughtful donations to my child's school.

If there is any problem with the donation (non-receipt of a tax ID letter, non-acknowledgement with a thank you letter, etc.), people have been turning to me to vent their frustration, requesting that I follow up on their behalf to figure out why their donation was not appreciated/acknowledged as they expected.

I appreciate these donations, but I did not solicit them, and I am having a hard time figuring out the best way to handle these requests.

I would handle things myself if in their shoes, as I would with any glitch regarding a donation for which there wasn't a personal connection, particularly when a death is the reason for the donation.

Any advice?
— At a Loss

Dear At a Loss: This is happening because people, well, people don't always behave in ideal ways.

You should make sure that you thank each of

these people personally for their thoughtfulness (just in case your acknowledgment is what they are really asking for).

If there is a nonprofit you have a personal connection with which seems to be particularly remiss (your daughter's school, for instance), then it would be wise to contact the school to convey the overall frustration of this group of donors. If you have a stake in the future of this organization, you will want to advocate for them to acknowledge gifts appropriately.

If someone asks you outright to handle this for them with an organization you don't have a particular connection to, you should respond, "It was so thoughtful of you to do this; I'm sorry this has become a frustration. Unfortunately, I don't have any more insight into this than you do. I hope you can get it sorted out."

Dear Amy: "Responsible or Not?" asked the question of whether she is responsible for taking care of her alcoholic mother.

Amy, alcoholism is a disease. I thought you were very harsh.

— Upset

Dear Upset: Before she was an alcoholic, this mother was reportedly a toxic, terrible parent.

I supported this adult child's choice to let her mother continue to make unhealthy choices without trying to rescue her.

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'THE KITCHEN' ★★

Husbands behind bars and wives pick up slack

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Empty calories contained by the simplest of underworld narratives, "The Kitchen" tells a story similar to last year's female-driven underworld drama, "Widows." But it's told in the precise opposite fashion of that undervalued picture.

This one's easy to follow, not a "Widows"-style labyrinth, and it's far more shameless about stoking the audience's bloodlust without any moral wrinkles. Set in the late 1970s, it's a series of quick, blunt power negotiations featuring some very fine actors, and brutal tit-for-tat killings targeting every thug and weasel in sight, plus an unexpected victim or two.

The movie's talking point will surely be its focus on bathtub dismemberment. We've seen it before. But here the dismemberment-pertinent actors are Elisa-

beth Moss, bringing true emotional color to a pencil sketch of a much-abused mob wife, and Domhnall Gleeson, as the unbalanced sweetie and Vietnam veteran. In their hands "The Kitchen" periodically becomes a deadpan how-to demonstration of the world's most grotesque cooking show. The audience responds with disgusted glee, while learning something practical.

Taken from the DC Comics Vertigo series introduced in 2014, the story was created by writer Ollie Masters and artist Ming Doyle. Screenwriter-director Andrea Berloff adapted the series (later packaged as a graphic novel) for this feature directorial debut.

To evoke the bad old affordable days of Hell's Kitchen, now a gentrified midtown Manhattan wonder of brownstones and cortados, the film's super-



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Elisabeth Moss, Tiffany Haddish and Melissa McCarthy in "The Kitchen," based on the Vertigo comic book series.

vising art director, Anu Schwartz, apparently found exactly the right set dresser to supervise the correct strewing of garbage.

Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish and Moss headline the project, and they're very canny about playing the material's uncertain tonal swings for real.

While their husbands are in prison for a botched robbery, Kathy (McCarthy), Ruby (Haddish) and Claire (Moss) take charge, without permission of the patriarchy, of collecting protection money from local business interests on behalf of the local Irish syndicate. Business booms; the good

MPAA rating: R (for violence, language throughout and some sexual content)

Running time: 1:43

times roll. Then the Brooklyn Italian mob gets jealous. They want in; the husbands, meantime, get out of jail.

At one point the Italian capo, played with fantastically droll authority by Bill Camp, scolds Ruby: "We don't want to traffic in stereotypes, do we?" The movie, naturally, is a traffic jam of stereotypes. McCarthy's character is proud of the jobs she creates for her Irish tribe, and when someone exhorts her to learn to "speak Jewish," she goes to work on persuading the Hasidic Jews behind a huge construction project to partner up or else. The "else" part comes soon enough.

Margo Martindale, as the menacing mother of the story's Little Caesar (Myk Watford as Little Jackie), is terrific in a single-note role; Common side-eyes the action as an FBI detective connecting the dots between the murders. The husbands, in varying degrees of venality, are handled by Brian d'Arcy James, James Badge Dale and Jeremy Bobb.

"The Kitchen" isn't trying to be "The Godfather: Part II" or anything even semi-serious in its crime yarn-spinning. But even for a revenge-driven thriller in the vigilante spirit, this one's seriously hypocritical.

Like so many films derived from the pictures and words of a graphic novel, "The Kitchen" feels perfunctory and sterile and under-detailed.

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'BRIAN BANKS' ★★ 1/2

A young football star and his long road to exoneration

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Aldis Hodge is a terrific young actor, straight out of "Straight Outta Compton," "Hidden Figures," the WGN America series "Underground" and soon to appear in, among others, the remake of "The Invisible Man." He's especially effective as a slow boil, letting a character's inner life and torments bubble up vividly but naturally.

"Brian Banks" is somewhat less terrific — a conventionally made docudrama elevated by Hodge and his fellow performers, including Greg Kinnear, Melanie Liburd and Sherri Shepherd. But the story pulls you along, traveling a long, winding path from wrongful conviction to exoneration.



BLEEKER STREET

Aldis Hodge, left, as Brian Banks and Greg Kinnear as Justin Brooks in "Brian Banks," based on a true story.

In 2002, 16-year-old Brian Banks, a student and football star at Long Beach (California) Polytechnic High School, was charged with rape and kidnapping. He took a plea deal for nearly six years in prison, a five-year probation and the requirement that he register as a sex offender. His accus-

er, a fellow Polytechnic student whose name has been changed for the movie version of events, won a \$1.5 million settlement from the Long Beach school district. The assault, she said, took place in the classroom-lined basement of a school building, not far from classes in session.

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Running time: 1:39

Years later, the woman got in touch with Banks on Facebook. Under video surveillance, in a face-to-face meeting, she recanted her testimony. But she wasn't told she was being videotaped: a textbook example of inadmissible evidence. Banks' longtime ally, champion and legal representation, Justin Brooks of the California Innocence Project, believed his client's story. "Brian Banks," on which Banks and Brooks served as executive producers, streamlines the full, fraught ac-

count into an inspirational message picture.

The writer, Doug Atchison ("Akeelah and the Bee"), and the director, Tom Shadyac ("Patch Adams," "Bruce Almighty"), go a fair distance in humanizing various sides of a case resting on the dishonesty of the accuser. It's a dicey time to revisit such a case, dealing as we are with fallout from so many clouds hanging over the #MeToo era. "Brian Banks" rightly leans into any opportunity to complicate the lives of these people, most effectively in scenes between Hodge and Liburd, the latter portraying Banks' fellow gym rat, trainer and love interest.

Kinnear can make the flattest of boilerplate dialogue — "The system is

broken; it just doesn't care" — sound like someone just thinking out loud and saying what's on a generically written real-life character's mind. As Banks' prison mentor and spiritual turnaround wizard, Morgan Freeman brings the gravitas, while Shepherd (as Banks' devoted mother) brings the gravitas plus the fervent Christian overlay ever-present in the movie.

"Brian Banks" proceeds non-chronologically, toggling between high school years and Banks' post-prison life. This helps keep the audience on its toes. But it's the actors who complicate things most fruitfully.

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'ANGELS ARE MADE OF LIGHT' ★★★ 1/2

Gorgeous rumination on education in a war-torn land

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Documentary filmmaker James Longley sets up a serious aesthetic challenge for himself in "Angels Are Made of Light," opening Friday at Facets in Chicago. Can a film, photographed across three years in the rubble and survival of Kabul, Afghanistan, strive for true visual beauty without undercutting the truth of its subjects' hardships?

Longley, whose "Iraq in Fragments" (2006) remains a key nonfiction account of the U.S.-driven Iraq invasion, meets that challenge with a patient, unwavering eye and a panoramic viewpoint. His subject is Kabul's Daqiqi Balkhi School, forced to make the best of harsh economic and geopolitical circumstances, though its relocation to a functioning building with real classrooms marks a turning point in the film. Educating Kabul's

No MPAA rating (some violence and language)

Running time: 1:57

Playing: In Dari, Pashto, Arabic and English with English subtitles.

youths, amid fierce tribal factionalism and ever-present adversity, is hardly an uncontroversial goal. One teacher mentions her uncle's resistance to the very idea of schooling these children. Teach them about the world, as she says he told her, and "they'll become bright-minded and stand against us."

Another educator, Nik Mohammed, teaches the Dari language to students who, he observes, have been "raised on hunger, thirst, exile and desperate times."

The focus here is on three brothers, Rostam, Sohrab and Yaldash. Their mother teaches at the



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Rostam is one of many students and teachers explored in "Angels Are Made of Light."

school; their father, a tinsmith and oven maker, struggles to help feed his family, like so many other laborers and tradesmen we see in Longley's film.

Bright, curious, conflicted, these three boys wrestle with a life-altering deci-

sion. To one of them, that decision is both simple and difficult: "Either be a mechanic or study. Which one should I let go?"

In the spirit and approach of a Terrence Malick film, Longley's documentary often brings the

natural sound levels down to a murmur, while voice-overs recorded separately allow 11 different subjects, featured in different segments, to speak freely, intimately. If Longley were any less of a visual artist the result might've become

mannered.

Not everything here is perfect; the musical score, by Norwegian composer John Erik Kaada, favors ambient sonic wanderings that smooth over the conflicts on screen. But by the end, you feel as though you've truly gotten to know a full range of Kabul residents through their daily routines, joys, recreational diversions (kite-flying, slingshots, the international language of soccer) and bone-deep skepticism about the future.

One boy dares to imagine Kabul, and his own life, out from under the presence of both the Americans and the Taliban. It's a dream captured in many different shades by a very fine film.

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The new story material goes like this: Once upon a time, there was a cruelly treated woman, Sarah Bellows, who was locked up in the family mansion and spent her time spinning all sorts of horror stories. Sarah's book is discovered by Stella when the kids investigate the abandoned mansion on Halloween.

The stories in long-dead Sarah's big book directly implicate the 1968-era kids at the movie's center, so that they take turns living out what's being written, before their eyes, in blood-red ink. As Stella, Zoe Colletti is terrific — bright, somewhat withdrawn but a born adventurer even if she finds out the hard way.

Along with Colletti, the real stars are the monsters, and the closer they hew to the Gammell illustrations, the better. The digital effects are unusually evocative, even when the thrill

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for terror/violence, disturbing images, thematic elements, language including racial epithets, and brief sexual references)

Running time: 1:48

sequences play out in the expected ways.

In the realm of PG-13-rated horror, "Scary Stories" may well be a difficult sell with its target audience, falling between the cracks of what's hot on TV ("Stranger Things") and bigger, frankly less compelling movies on the order of "It" (sequel forthcoming). I happily stuck with "Scary Stories" for its clever, compelling solutions to its own adaptation problems. It's not a classic, as I said up top, it's good, which means it's better than most of what we've gotten this summer.

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branded content," too, as he put it as clinically as possible two years ago. It's a business. The business of Disney is recycling.

This is why we're getting, among others, a Disney re-imagining of Fox properties ranging from "Night at the Museum" to "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (the new versions can't possibly stink like the old ones, which trashed and coarsened the books for fun and profit) to the 1990 monster hit "Home Alone," the most sadistic heartwarmer in holiday movie history.

Here we go again! I say go for the hard-R rating this time. From the beginning, "Home Alone" was conceived as a twisted YA edition of Sam Peckinpah's bloodthirsty home-invasion thriller "Straw Dogs"; much has been written and confirmed along those lines. The 1990 film is now a part of the culture. The

Chicago Symphony Orchestra will once again perform the John Williams musical score live with a screening scheduled for Dec. 6.

To the stockholders there's no problem with Disney's business plan unless the remakes stop making billions. But even when a remake or a franchise sequel does its job with some class and wit, as "Toy Story 4" did earlier this summer, something is lost when the new stuff isn't new.

There was a time when Disney's Pixar properties landed on a magical sweet spot at the intersection of art and commerce. "Ratatouille" (2007), "WALL-E" (2008) and "Up" (2009) were amazing, even with their flaws, and they were new. They made between \$500 and \$750 million apiece, which meant they were solid hits. For those three years, Pixar produced the greatest commercial cinema in America and around the world.

The studio has done some wonderful work

since, alongside expedient, uninspired and far more profitable sequels.

Redoing familiar titles for a new audience, or the same audience hungry for stories they already know, makes every kind of sense except one. It's an investment in the past, not the future. If Disney's health and well-being depends wholly on recycling, then our collective movie world shrinks. And the burden shifts, even more than it has already, to Disney's Pixar division for the occasional and heartening inspirations.

The resistance some have to the new "Lion King" comes down to intention. Disney intended to make as realistic-looking a version of their proven animated hit as digital technologies and a couple of hundred million dollars could buy. Mission accomplished.

Some first-rate creative artists collaborated on "The Lion King," among them cinematographer Caleb Deschanel. He told American Cinemat-

ographer magazine: "What you don't get in the process (of filmmaking in the digital world) is the serendipity of a rainstorm, or a the sun peeking under the clouds, or an animal suddenly charging." Every single moment of "The Lion King" comes from pixels and virtual-production filmmaking methods. It looks real, but it's 100 percent digitally animated to look like it isn't.

It's a hit. But I don't get the feeling Iger and company are terribly interested in plowing "Lion King" profits into developing new properties. Iger isn't talking like a visionary. He's talking like a company head disinterested in creative risk.

Why risk the shock of the new, when there are "Lady and the Tramps" and "Home Alones" to plunder?

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festive theme of "Diversify Diversity" widens the lens of disability from a medical model to a more human one — one where you're a person with multiple identities, disability being one of those identities.

"I believe as a global society, we need to see disability as part of diversity, and it needs to be everywhere — from print to entertainment and everything in between because we as human beings are so complex and nuanced," she said. "You just don't want to see disability in one way because it's like saying all women are this way, and it's not true. There are so many nuances to it."

A recent Michigan State University study revealed biases people have toward the disabled (aka "ableism") — showing biases increase with age and over time, but people are less likely to show those biases publicly. From 2014 to 2017, the research surveyed 300,000 U.S. adults (ages 18 to 90), 15% of whom classified themselves as having a disability. William Chopik, lead author of the study and a Michigan State University assistant professor of psychology, said few people are willing to acknowledge their bias toward people with disabilities since the topic is such a sensitive, uncomfortable one for many to talk about. He added that there hasn't been much work done on why people have these different views.

"There (were) a lot of people interested learning about their own bias," he said about the data. "There's definitely this ambivalence that people with hidden disabilities have in negotiating their identity: 'Who am I in the world? People don't really see me as a person with a



JORDAN MELOGRANA PHOTO

The documentary "Bottom Dollars," part of the ReelAbilities Film Festival, looks at the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act, which created the minimum wage, and it allows employers to pay wages less than the minimum wage to workers who have disabilities.

disability. But I struggle with a lot of things at the same time. That's the fascinating thing that we don't know a ton about."

Presented by Backbones, a local nonprofit serving people with spinal cord injuries, the ReelAbilities Film Festival is in its third year in Chicago. A variety of films, workshops, panels and arts programming will be screened and held at

venues in Chicago every Thursday this month.

According to Rebeca Torres, ReelAbilities Film Festival Chicago's executive director, oftentimes people might think "that's disability stuff, that doesn't relate to me," but maybe they can relate to the storytelling. "Disability is being left out of that word 'diversity' and 'inclusion,'" she said.

"Our goal is to bring that awareness to Chicago and show the human experience of disability through film. Hopefully that will change some perceptions about what people think of what living with a disability is like."

Her favorite 2019 film of the fest is "Hearts of Glass," a documentary on the vertical, hydroponic greenhouse startup Vertical

Harvest in Wyoming that employs people with disabilities. (It screens Aug. 15 at the Chicago Cultural Center, with a question-and-answer session with the filmmaker following). Torres said the film shows how food, poverty, housing and employment are related. Connection and community are key. A main finding in the MSU study was that having contact with somebody with a disability significantly lowers bias and prejudice.

"We want to sort of educate people by saying, 'Hey, if you interact with these people, you start to see them as people, and your bias tends to go down,'" Chopik said.

"The idea is that maybe we can become a little bit better in making society a little more accessible so we can have those interactions."

"The MSU study talks about as you interact more with a stigmatized group, you can potentially have more positive experiences with them, and your attitude changes, and you see them in a different light," Shah added. "It's about that different light. My hope is that audiences get to expe-

rience new light about diversity through storytelling. Diversity for me is a spectrum and encompasses the multiple identities; whether its ability, gender identity, color, race, ethnicity, spirituality, etc., it's about experiencing the humanity through the stories."

ReelAbilities events are free. Attendees can request wheelchair seating, audio description, captioning or a sign language interpreter when RSVP-ing for events. Submit requests at least three days in advance to guarantee fulfillment.

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'LIGHT OF MY LIFE' ★★

No drama in Casey Affleck's dystopia

BY OWEN GLEIBERMAN
Variety

Casey Affleck has appeared in a vast range of movies, but when it comes to the work that defines him as an actor he has long demonstrated a certain penchant for slow-cooked artisanal cinema — for films that revel in their high-mindedness and move at a snail's pace to prove it, including "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" and, "Manchester by the Sea," the brilliantly tragic drama that gave Affleck his finest role and won him the Academy Award.

So it makes sense that "Light of My Life," the first movie Affleck has written and directed, is cut from the same consciously meandering, slow-burn indie-art-house cloth. In theory, it's a dystopian family-fights-to-survive-in-the-midst-of-oblivion saga, with hints of the sci-fi apocalypse, like "The Road" or "A Quiet Place." But Affleck has taken this familiar form and carved it down to the barest of bones.

Shot in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, a woodland countryside with the mood of a stark gray late afternoon, "Light of My Life" is about a father, who is never named, played by Affleck, and his daughter, nicknamed Rag (Anna Pniowsky), who's 11 years old and has a short and thatchy boy's haircut, because she's pretending to be his son. The reason for that is that the two are in the middle of a deadly global plague, one that attacks only women, the majority of whom have apparently died off. (Rag was born at the epidemic's outset.)

Rag's mother, played in flashback by Elizabeth Moss, fell victim to the plague. We see a shot of her inspecting the rash on her torso, and except for one



Anna Pniowsky and Casey Affleck in "Light of My Life," Affleck's debut film as writer-director.

MPAA rating: R (for some violence)

Running time: 1:59

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other brief scene with two skeletal corpses who've been dead for years, that's as graphic (and specific) as the film gets about its premise.

The genre of desolate contagion you could say "Light of My Life" descends from began 50 years ago, with "Night of the Living Dead," but in recent times filmmakers have been doing ever more abstract variations on it — like, for instance, "It Comes at Night" (2017), a fatal-infection thriller that basically came down to the members

of a family struggling to stay alive in their remote cabin. While that film had some genre trickery, "Light of My Life" takes the ultimate minimal approach to survivalist tension: It's just a father and daughter, wandering from the woods to an abandoned farmhouse, escaping back into the wilderness, then on to another home (this one occupied by three men who've been living there for four years and somehow have food to spare). The history of what's happened is summed up in a couple of throwaway shots of newspaper headlines, plus a vague anecdote about an encampment where women survivors are housed in a bunker.

"Light of My Life" is like a horror film that refuses to be a horror film, because it's got purer things on its

mind: the unshakable bond between father and daughter, and the way the hell they're in strengthens and deepens that connection. Unfortunately, that isn't quite enough to sustain a dawdling two-hour movie. Scene for scene, Affleck does a decent job of directing — his touch is soft, intimate, humane — but he has saddled himself with a script that isn't entirely there.

The film opens with a 15-minute-long uncut overhead shot of Affleck and newcomer Anna Pniowsky facing each other in their sleeping bags. As Affleck unspools a bedtime story, we have ample chance to observe that it sounds just like the sort of awkward, homespun, made-up-on-the-spot parental whimsy a father tends to improvise — in this case, a fractured-

fairy-tale version of Noah's Ark that includes coded bits and pieces of the father's own life story. The result, however, is a scene that's beguiling yet rudderless. You may feel as if you're drawn, emotionally, to the characters yet are already squirming a bit at the film's real-time indulgence.

Affleck and Pniowsky get a tender, heartfelt, but rather passive rapport going. He lectures her (a lot), and she's not afraid to tweak him back. But there's never much conflict between them. They've got each other's backs, which is fine, but that robs the movie of its key potential source of tension.

There's a reason, I think, why there's so little drama in "Light of My Life." The title is a clue. It's meant to testify to the devotion this

father feels toward his daughter. Affleck is showing off his knightly valor, his capacity for empathy, his drive to understand and defend the female in his care. But you have to wonder if there's an element of spin to that. Around the time he was up for the Oscar, Affleck got raked over the coals for his own alleged misdeeds with women. And though it didn't scuttle his awards triumph, the karma of those accusations lingered.

For a guy who often plays moody misfits, Affleck has crafted "Light of My Life" to be the story of a gruffly protective saint. At the same time, the fantasy of a fatal disease that attacks only women plays, at moments, like a borderline punitive comment on that whole topic. It's the "Handmaid's Tale" of pandemics.

'THEM THAT FOLLOW' ★★

A pastor's daughter's secret is unveiled

BY TRAVIS DESHONG
The Washington Post

Britt Poulton and Dan Madison Savage's harrowing thriller "Them That Follow" probably borrows its title from a verse in the Gospel of Mark: "And these signs shall follow them that believe. ... They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." As the biblical reference suggests, the film explores the treacherous dimensions of a worship community bound by a deadly covenant.

The film centers on an evangelical congregation, tucked away in the Appalachians, whose leader takes those words quite literally: Pastor Lemuel Childs (Walton Goggins) is a snake handler, believing that God will protect his followers — who demonstrate their faith by picking up deadly serpents — from injury or death. Alice Englert stars as his daughter Mara, who is set to wed Garret (Lewis Pullman), a devout member of the community, although she secretly maintains a forbidden relationship with her friend Augie (Thomas Mann). After she learns that she is pregnant with Augie's child, the film's inevitable creep toward conflict — both with her betrothed and with her fanatical father — dials up the dread.

Except for a few scenes, most of the movie takes place in the forest, feeding a subconscious sense of claustrophobia. The natural splendor also functions as a labyrinthine barrier that insulates the community from outsiders — particularly law enforcement. Whenever the snakes



Alice Englert plays a pastor's daughter who secretly maintains a forbidden relationship with her friend.

MPAA rating: R (for disturbing violence)

Running time: 1:38

show up, the tempo of the music grows frenetic. In several ritualistic scenes, they're shown to slither and wind around limbs and necks, spelling probable death if the serpents choose to strike. As symbols, they represent both divine judgment and the constrictive — even, potentially, toxic — nature of familial and communal obligation.

Olivia Colman, Kaitlyn Dever and Jim Gaffigan round out a talented yet crowded ensemble cast, which has so many principal characters — all flawed in a different way — that the filmmakers are unable at times to devote the attention that each one deserves. Colman, in particular, is stellar as Augie's mother, which makes her secondary role all the more maddening. Dever's character, despite getting a lot of screen time as a friend of Mara, feels superfluous.

As the film opens, it's clear that there is a deep back story that is only hinted at, and which we are left to figure out as the movie progresses, leading to a game of catch-up: How did Garret — or, for that matter, Augie — come into Mara's life? And how exactly has the death of her mother contributed to Mara's desire to please her father (not to mention to

subscribe to his unorthodox teachings)? Coupled with a slow-burning first act, this feeling of disorientation limits our investment in Mara's plight. But the generally engaging performances and stylish directorial flourishes elevate what are otherwise flatly written characters.

This flaw may, paradoxically, work to the film's advantage.

In a sense, the characters in "Them That Follow" are subordinate to the overarching narrative in the same way that the members of the congregation are subservient to what they believe to be the strict mandates of a harsh God. Seen through that lens, the scenes of ritualistic frenzy and, in one brief instance, domestic abuse land with added weight. If characters are cruel to each other, it's because of their twisted interpretation of religious fidelity.

"Them That Follow" includes a few nuggets that lend it subversive texture. The congregation's strictly gendered division of labor, for instance, suggests a critique of sexism, but ultimately it amounts to little more than window dressing.

In a summer featuring Ari Aster's "Midsommar" — another film arguably about a young, guilt-plagued woman discovering herself amid a radical sect — "Them That Follow" is a much less violent, but still unsettling journey.

'DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD' ★★★

A Gen Z heroine both silly, sincere

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

These days, there's no intellectual property that hasn't been mined for a big-budget, live-action Hollywood remake. But the adaptation of the popular educational kiddie cartoon "Dora the Explorer" into the summer-friendly romp "Dora and the Lost City of Gold" is a no-brainer. The beloved character of Dora, with whom Gen Z grew up, becomes a winning 21st-century heroine in this perky action-adventure flick that pulls heavily from the "Indiana Jones" movies and other kid-friendly action-adventure classics.

To adapt the interactive kiddie show into something a bit more sophisticated to appeal to the preteen set who are no longer the preschool set, director James Bobin and co-writer Nicholas Stoller (who cut their teeth in comedy) have brought a healthy dose of irony to the format. Their leading lady, Isabela Moner, proves to be more than up to the challenge of walking the fine line of sincere and silly in her performance too. "Can you say 'neurotoxicity'?" she asks the audience in one of Dora's signature direct addresses to the camera, with a wide-eyed and slightly manic enthusiasm that lets us know we're all in on the joke.

Dora falls into that grand cinematic tradition of brave naifs who embark on big adventures (see: Herman, Pee-wee). Dora has been brought up in the jungle by her professor parents (Eva Longoria and Michael Peña), and she



Isabela Moner gives a layered comedic performance as high school-age Dora in "Dora and the Lost City of Gold."

MPAA rating: PG (for action and some impolite humor)

Running time: 1:42

knows everything about her surroundings. She just doesn't know much about other people. Her parents ship her off to "the city" to live with her aunt, uncle and cousin Diego (Jeff Wahlberg) to study the indigenous culture of American high schools and pick up some social skills while they go off in search of Parapata, an ancient Incan city of gold.

The happy, open, completely guileless Dora might be able to survive the elements, but it's questionable whether she'll survive high school. Diego is embarrassed by her, queen bee Sammy (Madeleine Madden) is threatened by her, and the school nerd (Nicholas Coombe) is enamored of her. The quartet gets separated from the pack on a field trip, then kidnapped to South America by a group of bounty hunters hoping to use Dora to find her parents and swoon in on the treasure. Alejandro Derbez (Eugenio Derbez), an academic friend of Dora's parents, rescues the kids,

and they make a break for it into the jungle.

Moner's layered comedic performance, which at once nods at the "Dora" formula while acknowledging the conceit, is deceptively difficult and nuanced. She cheerily sings songs about doing your business in the jungle while brandishing a shovel and breathlessly offers up fun facts. She's delightfully dorky, a rare commodity in this day and age of sarcastic, wise-beyond-their-years teens. In contrast, Derbez's slapstick style is practically vaudevilian, or even say rodeo clownish, as he pulls faces and subjects his body to humiliation. It's a jarring performance generation gap.

The action in this live-action adaptation is sanded down and decidedly safe. Bobin loses the geographical thread in the film's climax in and around Parapata, but it's never about the visual thrills, it's about the girl at the center of it all. When Dora explains they're not treasure hunters but explorers there to learn, the jungle puzzle all clicks into place. Dora, with her backpack, sunny outlook and multicultural perspective, is truly the hero we need for this century.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Neil Patrick Harris

"WE Day" (7 p.m., ABC): At a time when the American political landscape strikes many as irrevocably polarized and even toxic, this annual special pauses to salute young people and their families who are determined to pull together and become an unstoppable force for good. Host Neil Patrick Harris welcomes some of those remarkable change-makers, along with chart-topping musical performers and celebrity guests.

"Ready Player One" (6:35 p.m., Cinemax): Ernest Cline co-adapted his own best-selling 2011 sci-fi novel for Steven Spielberg's 2018 adventure, which uses a combination of live-action and animation to conjure the dystopian near future of 2045. There, much of humanity retreats into OASIS, a virtual-reality software program, to escape their bleak surroundings. Wade (Tye Sheridan) discovers clues to a hidden game in the program that will deliver a life-changing reward to the winner.

"David Bowie: Finding Fame" (8 p.m., 12:10 a.m., Showtime): When he died in 2016 at age 69, David Bowie almost universally was regarded as a genius and a renaissance man, not to mention the epitome of coolness. As Francis Whately's 2019 documentary reveals, however, that definitely was not the case in his early career, when he was frontman for a band called The Lower Third, which tended to unfortunate covers such as "Chim Chim Cher-ee" from "Mary Poppins."

"Jett" (9 p.m., 10 p.m., 1:25 a.m., Cinemax): Before she goes into what promises to be a fateful meeting with Bestic (Greg Bryk), Jett (Carla Gugino) sets into motion a dangerous plan that, if successful, will make her free of him for good in the Season 1 finale, "Miljan Bestic." During the course of their encounter, Bestic reveals what started his bitter feud with Charlie Baudelaire (Giancarlo Esposito).

"MotherFatherSon" (9 p.m., 5:40 a.m., Starz): In the season finale, Caden (Billy Howle) leaves the rehabilitation center after grueling weeks of work, returning to London and an uncertain future both personally and professionally. Meanwhile, his mother, Kathryn (Helen McCrory), ponders the offer that Max (Richard Gere) has made to her.

"Haunted Towns" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): For many generations, native Hawaiians have known that, however you regard any of the other island deities, on no account should you ever tick off Pele, the goddess of fire. The Tennessee Wraith Chasers have a thoroughly chilling experience in the town of Hilo, Hawaii, where disembodied voices in underground lava tubes are said to warn of imminent danger on the Big Island in the season finale "Wrath of the Fire Goddess."

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

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'THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN' ★★

A sundae of cliches and emotion, with a dog on top

BY LINDSEY BARR
Associated Press

The film adaptation of "The Art of Racing in the Rain" seems to have been designed by algorithm to maximize appeal for a certain demographic of women age around 30 and up. Let's take the lovable dad from "This is Us" (Milo Ventimiglia, who happens to have some lasting goodwill from his introspective teen days on "Gilmore Girls"), pair him with an irresistible dog and show these two photogenic creatures experience life and all its greeting card-ready moments together? This, friends, is the definition of a trap.

In other words, you already know if this movie is for you.

For those on the fence, it's not as sickly saccharine as you might expect (or fear). Director Simon Cur-

tis, writer Mark Bomback and author Garth Stein and the appealing cast including Amanda Seyfried and Kevin Costner (who voices the dog) have some restraint and style. They know not to pack it on too thick. But no matter how you dress it up and no matter how many good songs you play, it's still an ice cream sundae of emotion, cliches and Big Moments with a dog on top.

And for anyone expecting a race car movie? Let's just say "Ford v Ferrari" is coming out later this year.

Stein helped adapt his best-selling 2008 novel about a wannabe race car driver, Denny (Ventimiglia) and his dog Enzo for the screen (and tissue sales). It's told from the dog's point of view, although thankfully there's no uncanny, mouth-moving CGI happening here. Although there is a questionable fever



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Denny (Milo Ventimiglia) with Enzo (voiced by Kevin Costner) in "The Art of Racing in the Rain."

dream of a scene involving a stuffed zebra come to life. For the most part, though, Enzo is just a dog with an interior monologue.

Through that inner voice, we get to know that he feels he's more human than dog and is deeply frustrated by the anatomical limitations (flat tongue,

spends watching television with Denny, and eventually Eve (Seyfried), who is suddenly competition for Denny's affections. In the book, his soulfulness has a more definite source. He believes in a Mongolian legend that dogs who are ready will be reincarnated as humans, thus he spends his days trying to learn as much about the human condition as possible.

This idea, seemingly central to the book, is introduced curiously late in the film, however. Maybe it was decided that the Mongolian spirituality element might be alienating to a dog-obsessed demographic who already believes their pup has a soul on par with theirs?

Enzo bears witness to it all as the actors go about their business in the background, helping Denny through his ups and disproportionate downs and

telling the audience what's happening and what it means.

But at a certain point, the experience of watching this all unfold through Enzo's eyes becomes the alienating element. You're not experiencing the big moments yourself, you're just experiencing Enzo experiencing them, leaving you to wonder if the story and performances alone are anything special without the dog's metaphors and pot-cisms.

In this respect the voyeurism wears a little thin, especially when the humans get involved in an all-encompassing legal battle. In some ways, it's difficult to even evaluate as a movie at all.

Even so, it's a league above some recent dog-tearjerkers. There's obviously love behind every frame, and for some that's more than enough.

'LUCE' ★★

More questions than answers

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

A funny thing happened while watching "Luce." With only a half-hour or so of the movie left to go, it suddenly occurred to me: I wasn't sure what the movie was actually about. Or, more accurately, it was about so much that, at the point where most films are starting to wrap things up, this one felt like it was still just setting the stage.

The theatrical metaphor is apt. Based on a play by J.C. Lee — who adapted his own script here with director Julius Onah ("The Cloverfield Paradox") — "Luce" has a staginess that feels like it might have worked better in the artificial confines of live theater, where audiences are sometimes reader to accept

characters who feel like hothouse constructs and stories that make no effort to hide their schematics.

The title character, a 17-year-old played by Kelvin Harrison Jr., is an Eritrean former child soldier, adopted by white parents (Naomi Watts and Tim Roth) and raised in Arlington, Virginia. In the 10 years since Luce left Africa, he has lost all trace of an accent and thrived to an almost astonishing degree: He's captain of the high school track team, class valedictorian, perfect boyfriend and so poised and polite around grown-ups that he hardly seems real.

Conflict is introduced when Luce's history teacher, Harriet Wilson, receives an assignment back from Luce that trou-

bles her. Students have been asked to write essays in the voice of a historical figure of their choosing, and Luce picks Frantz Fanon, a French West Indian political philosopher who advocated that violent insurrection is sometimes justified. Potentially disturbing, maybe, but it also seems to meet the assignment's requirements, if also containing a bit more devil's advocacy than many teachers might be comfortable with.

As a result of Luce's paper, Harriet (played by Octavia Spencer with the same quality of hidden darkness she manifested in "Ma") decides to inspect Luce's locker, where she finds illegal fireworks — arguably placed there by someone other than Luce, who shares his locker



JON PACK/NEON

Octavia Spencer, from left, Kelvin Harrison Jr. and Naomi Watts star in "Luce."

combination with teammates.

All of this sets up a series of clashes between Harriet, Luce, Luce's parents and the principal (Norbert Leo Butz), each of whom approaches the problem with a different degree of suspicion, rationalization and/or thinly veiled hostility. Additional fissures are opened up by the wedge of race; another

black student (played by the rapper/actor Astro) is not given the same benefit of the doubt as Luce when pot is found in his locker. And Luce's Asian American girlfriend (Andrea Bang) is involved in a sexual assault in which it's unclear whether Luce is complicit or chivalrous.

Tensions flare between Luce's parents, each of whom who seems to har-

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Running time: 1:39

bor lingering resentments around the fact that Luce is not their biological child. When racist, vulgar graffiti appears on Harriet's house, there are so many potential suspects, it's hard to know what to think, let alone whom to blame.

Presumably, that's the intent of the filmmakers, who seem more interested in asking questions than providing answers. Normally, that's a good thing. And the irony of Luce's name — which means "light" — is surely deliberate, in a film that is shrouded in moral gray areas. In this case, however, the one question that's the hardest to tackle is this: Which one should I not answer first?

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 9): Love is both game and prize this year. Energize your work and health with steady, persistent practice. Recuperate after a summer cold or challenge for a winter energy boost, followed by a rest. Love turns your eye toward new directions next summer. Discover renewed passion.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Educational opportunities present themselves. Good news comes from afar. Stick to the most practical options that draw your heart's interest.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Keep generating profits for a shared venture. Review reserves, and make changes as needed. Work together to put away provisions for the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Collaboration can spark romance. Discover a windfall profit or lucky win. Celebrate together over something delicious. Share tender moments. Imagine and dream together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. There's plenty of work. Regular exercise energizes you. Plot your course, and schedule carefully. Nurture your health with nutrition, meditation and rest.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Enjoy games, sports and hobbies. Don't chase a mirage. Wait for developments. Share your heart with someone you love. Friends offer a valuable connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Improve your home's beauty and functionality. Domestic projects make a temporary mess while offering long-term solutions. Plan and choose carefully which to begin.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Creative projects produce satisfying results. Express and share. Tell a story. Add illustrations. Provide valuable information and resources.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Begin a profitable two-day phase. A conversation leads to valuable opportunities. You can do more than you thought. Stash away the surplus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're growing stronger. Keep your feet on the ground. Invest in creative work that you love. Patiently build the infrastructure to realize a personal dream.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Peaceful privacy suits your mood. Rest and recharge. Discover wisdom, forgiveness and compassion in surprising places. Use what you've kept hidden. Nurture yourself.

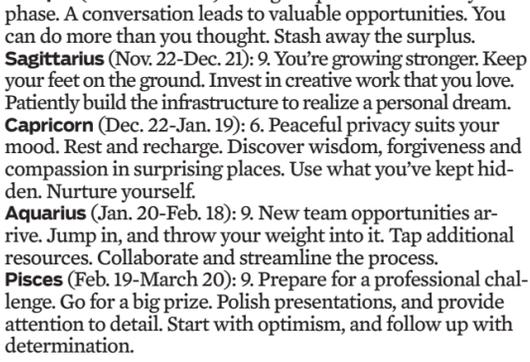
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. New team opportunities arrive. Jump in, and throw your weight into it. Tap additional resources. Collaborate and streamline the process.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Prepare for a professional challenge. Go for a big prize. Polish presentations, and provide attention to detail. Start with optimism, and follow up with determination.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater

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Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 8 6 4 3
 ♥ A 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ K 10

West
 ♠ K 9
 ♥ 10 9 8 2
 ♦ J
 ♣ A 9 7 6 5 3

East
 ♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ ♣ Q 6
 ♦ K 7 6 3 2
 ♣ Q 4 2

South
 ♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ A Q 10 4
 ♣ J 8

North-South were playing the Weak No Trump, popular in many parts of the world. South intended to rebid INT to show 15-17, but the East-West interference made that impossible. North's negative double illustrates an important expert principle. When you make an aggressive bid with less than full values, do it with perfect distribution. North not only had 4-4 in the majors, he had three-card diamond support in case South had to rebid his suit.

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ 3♣ DBL* 4♣
 4♠ All Pass

*Negative
 Opening lead: 10 of ♥

after the pre-empt. West rose with his king to continue hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and led a spade to his 10, happy to see West follow suit. The ace of spades drew the last trump and declarer led a club. West did not realize that declarer had a club guess, of sorts, and was worried that South had a singleton club for his aggressive bidding. West rose with his ace and led a third heart to South's jack.

At this point, South had a complete count of the hand. West had shown up with two spades and four hearts and was presumed to have six clubs for his bid — ergo a singleton diamond. South cashed the ace of diamonds intending to cross to dummy and lead a diamond toward his queen. The fall of the jack meant that South could just concede a diamond and claim his contract. Well done!

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By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



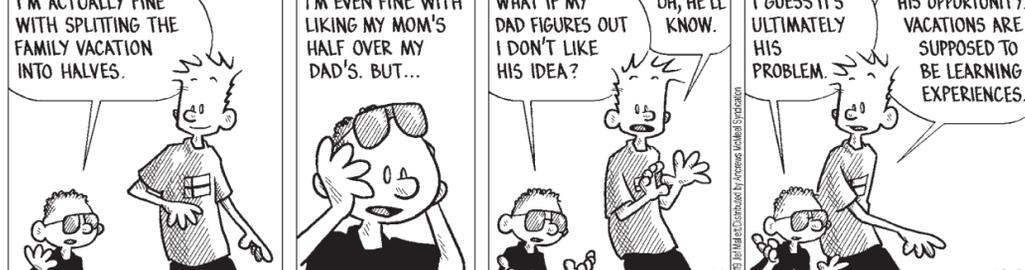
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Frazz

By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts

By Charles Schulz



Pickles

By Brian Crane



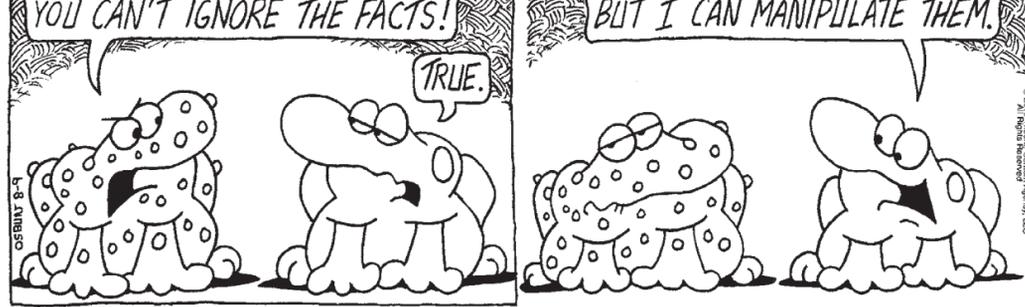
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Prickly City

By Scott Stantis



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FRIDAY, AUG. 9 NORMAL HIGH: 83° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 97° (1913) RECORD LOW: 51° (1972)

After 2 great days, more heat and humidity

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 82 **LOW** 61

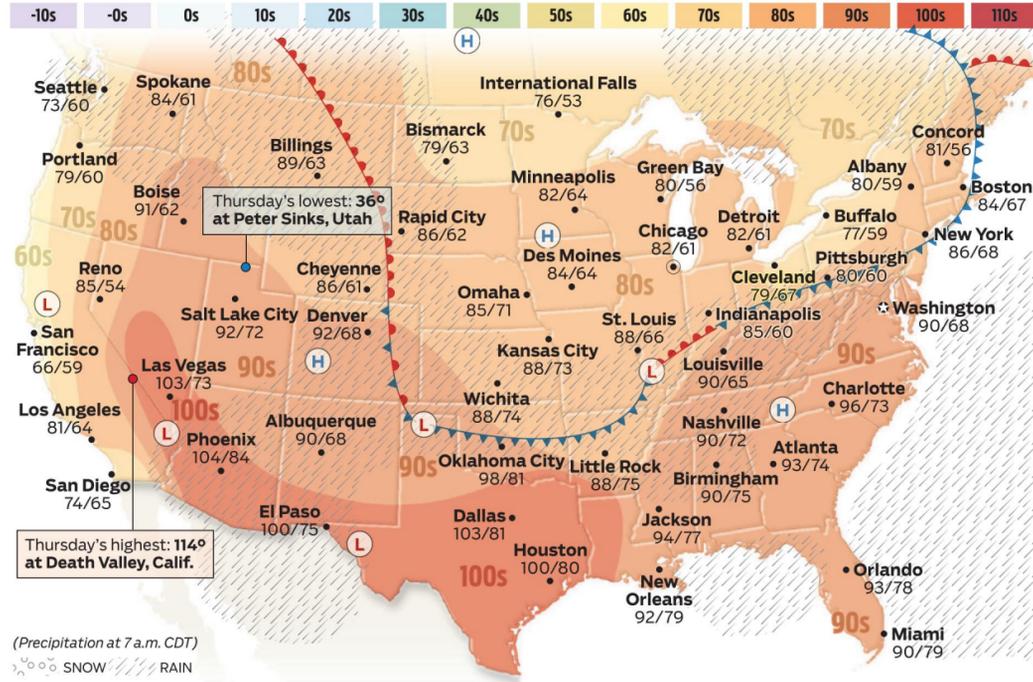
■ Sunny with a seasonable high in the low 80s but cooler 70s at the lakeshore. Comfortable humidity with dew points in the low 50s.

■ A few passing clouds, otherwise high pressure keeps skies clear and turns winds from the north at 5-10 mph.

■ Clear skies overnight with pleasant temperatures in the mid-50s inland and low to mid-60s in the city.

■ Winds shift from NE to W overnight at 5-10 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Mostly sunny skies and seasonable temperatures with comfortable humidity will end the work week and begin the weekend. Friday and Saturday will see high temperatures near the normal of 83. Humidity levels begin to rise along with the temperature on Sunday. More unpleasant humidity levels and high temperatures near 90 can be expected for Sunday and Monday. Clouds will increase on Sunday as high pressure moves to our east. A chance of showers and thunderstorms will remain in the forecast from Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday.

While some locations have seen scattered showers and thunderstorms over the past several days, officially at O'Hare it has been very dry. Since July 30th, O'Hare Airport has recorded only 0.02 inches of rain. Normal rainfall at O'Hare for July 30th through August 8th is 1.57 inches.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

HIGH 85 **LOW** 67

The day starts mostly sunny with some clouds developing late morning. Light WNW winds turn east. High in the mid 80s but cooler lakeside. Partly cloudy with light S winds overnight. Low in the upper 60s.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

HIGH 88 **LOW** 70

Partly sunny, warm. Humidity levels and cloud cover increase. High in the upper 80s but low 80s lakeside. SW winds 6-10 mph. Chance for scattered afternoon/evening showers/t-storms. Warm overnight with low near 70.

MONDAY, AUG. 12

HIGH 88 **LOW** 68

Increasing clouds. Hot and humid with a high in the upper 80s. ESE winds will keep it cooler near the lake. Chance for afternoon and evening showers/t-storms, which will continue overnight. Mostly cloudy overnight.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

HIGH 83 **LOW** 66

Mostly cloudy and a little cooler with a high in the lower 80s with 70s at the lakeshore. Chance for showers/t-storms continues. North winds 8-12 mph gusting to 18 mph. Partly cloudy, dry overnight.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

HIGH 77 **LOW** 64

High pressure to the west brings mostly sunny skies, cooler temps and lower humidity. High in the upper 70s. ENE winds keep temperatures cooler at the lakeshore. Mostly clear skies overnight.

THURSDAY, AUG. 15

HIGH 81 **LOW** 64

Becoming mostly cloudy with a chance for afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Light south winds and a high in the low 80s. Nighttime showers and t-storms possible. Low in the mid-60s.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
September is a cooler month than August in Chicago because the winter cool-down has begun, but has there ever been a year with an August cooler than September?

Alan Peterson, Cary

Dear Alan,
In weather records dating back 148 years to 1871, it's happened once. The 148-year average August temperature is 72.5 degrees, but in 1927, August averaged only 66.7 degrees. It was the second-coldest August ever recorded. (The coolest August was 1915, with 66.5 degrees.) The September average is 65.4 degrees. September of 1927 was milder than average, with a reading of 69.1 degrees: the 20th-warmest September on record. Those back-to-back occurrences, the 2nd coldest August followed by the 20th warmest September, led to the one time August was cooler than September.

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Above normal sunshine, warmer than normal temps continue

WEDNESDAY NIGHT/ A.M. THUR. RAINFALL

Most rain fell in the north and NW suburbs—many locations received little or no rainfall

Chicago area rainfall totals

Lake Zurich	0.61"
Glencoe	0.60"
Highwood	0.54"
Lincolnwood	0.45"
Mundelein	0.45"
Winthrop Harbor	0.43"
Rogers Park	0.42"
Winnetka	0.42"
Lake Bluff	0.41"
Mount Prospect	0.38"
Buffalo Grove	0.36"
Park Ridge	0.35"
O'Hare Airport	0.01"
Midway Airport	0.00"

SOURCES: CoCoRaHS; Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

CHICAGO-O'HARE RAINFALL

Only 0.02" of rain has been recorded at O'Hare from July 30 through Aug. 8

Since 1910, only four times has the official Chicago recording location recorded less rainfall from 7/30 to 8/8.

Year	1944	1964	2005	1983
Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace	0.01"

SUNNIEST AUGUST OPEN IN 103 YEARS—SINCE 1916!

Sunny stretch continues!

Aug. 1-8, 2019 percent of possible sunshine:

90% ■ Normal August sunshine: 64%

SOURCES: CoCoRaHS; Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

CHICAGO-O'HARE HIGH TEMPERATURES

Forecast temps—how far from normal?

Day	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Temp	82°	85°	88°	88°	83°	77°
Normal	82°	85°	88°	88°	83°	77°
Deviation	0°	+2°	+5°	+6°	-5°	-5°

2019 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON

Updated NOAA 2019 outlook boosts "above normal" season probability

Named Storm	9-15	10-17
Hurricanes	4-8	5-9
Major Hurricanes	2-4	2-4

2019 ATLANTIC TROPICAL CYCLONE NAMES

Andrea	Dorian	Gabriel	Jerry
Barry	Erin	Humberto	Karen
Chantal	Fernand	Imelda	Lorenzo
		Melissa	Nestor
		Pablo	Tanya
		Rebekah	Van
		Sebastian	Wendy

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CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

Location	HI	LO	Location	HI	LO
Aurora	85	64	Midway	88	73
Gary	83	70	O'Hare	87	71
Kankakee	86	65	Romeoville	87	68
Lakefront	84	70	Valparaiso	88	66
Lansing	88	67	Waukegan	82	66

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

Period	2019	Normal
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.01"	0.16"
August to date	0.02"	1.28"
Year to date	28.14"	21.51"

FRIDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS

7 a.m.	2 hours, 10 minutes
1 p.m.*	19 minutes
4 p.m.	50 minutes

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak Intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

Wind	NW/NE 3-10 kts.	NW/E 5-13 kts.
Waves	1 foot	1 foot
Thu. shore/creeper water temps	79°/70°	

THURSDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

Pollen	Level
Tree	0
Grass	0
Mold	High
Ragweed	Low
Weed	High

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading: Good
Friday's forecast: Moderate
Critical pollutant: Particulates

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:52 a.m.	8:01 p.m.
Moon	2:36 p.m.	12:49 a.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:22 a.m.	6:53 p.m.
Venus	5:44 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Mars	6:32 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Jupiter	3:53 p.m.	1:12 a.m.
Saturn	6:06 p.m.	3:23 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	Not visible	
Jupiter	9:00 p.m.	25.5° S
Saturn	10:30 p.m.	26° S

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College



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ON THE TOWN



CAREER SHIFT

John Mayer has the life he's always dreamed about, from Dead & Company to solo work

BY DAN HYMAN

At this point in his career, John Mayer figures there's several ways he could theoretically be characterized by others. "People might say, oh, he's been around for almost 20 years so he's a nostalgia act. Or he's washed-up. Or he's a 2000s act," the singer-songwriter and acclaimed guitarist said when calling from Toronto on a rare day off from tour.

"But I've disassociated myself from this hierarchy of, are you successful or are you a failure? Jockeying for placement on a ladder wasn't interesting to me then and it certainly isn't now. That career went away," Mayer contended, referring to his decade-plus run as one of pop's music's most reliable crooners and commercial success stories. "And in its place is to me a far more interesting career. Now I get to live the life that I've always dreamed about."

Now at a rare and enviable point in his professional journey where he's not only an arena-gigging solo musician but also the guitarist for mega-successful Grateful Dead spinoff band, Dead & Company, Mayer, 41, said he's become far more deliberate — and even, he admits, a bit cautious — with his creative decisions.

Turn to Mayer, Page 5

John Mayer
DANNY CLINCH/
SOLTERS

Take 5

BY ADAM LUKACH

1. The 'Bud' is back: The Bud Billiken Parade steps off this weekend, commemorating 90 years of African American history and Chicago's South Side. Given its milestone, "The Bud" will celebrate its historic run and deep roots by digging into the past to celebrate and honor its beginnings. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, starts at 33rd Street and King Drive, free; budbillikenparade.org

2. Jazz with G.O.A.T.s: Herbie Hancock and Kamasi Washington will be sending sweet, sweet vibes through the Lake Michigan air this weekend when the pair of jazz gurus hit the stage on the same bill. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Huntington Bank Pavilion, 1300 S. Linn White Drive, \$29.50-\$249.75; concerts1.livenation.com

3. Made here: It's time for another edition of the Made in Chicago market, as the summer edition will go down this weekend, ideal for all your warm-weather gift-shopping needs. Local vendors of art, apparel, decor, food and drink

and much more will all be on hand. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Plumbers Local Union 130 UA, 1340 W. Washington Boulevard, free; madeinchicagomarket.com/attend

4. Solo show: Performance artist R.C. Riley puts together an hourlong, one woman performance called "Wrong Way Journey," a show about navigating through society and its expectations as a queer Black woman. Prior to the performance, there will be an opening reception on the rooftop, and the evening will conclude with panel discussions scheduled to include moderator Ada Cheng, with panelists Trenity Dobbyey and Truth Saso. 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, The Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted Ave., \$10; community.centeronhalsted.org

5. Sips and sights: Drink one liquid while floating on another at the Summer Cider Cruise, hosted by Northman Cider on the Riverwalk and the Chicago Architecture boat tour. Guests get a two-hour cruise with bites and sips, some architectural history and a cash bar. 7 p.m. Friday, Northman Beer and Cider Garden, Riverwalk east of Michigan Avenue, \$69; bpt.me

Fest planner

BY NATALIE WADE

Chicago Hot Dog Festival: Celebrate Chicago's love of hot dogs at this festival put on by the Chicago History Museum. With 17 different vendors, there will be more than enough dogs to choose from and, of course, drinks and ice cream. Cover bands, dance troupes and the Jesse White Tumblers (Aug. 11) are lined up to perform this weekend. Aug. 9-11, Lincoln Park, \$5 suggested donation (\$20 family)

Festival Cubano: This year is the 10th anniversary of this three-day summer music festival that features the best of Cuban food, music and culture. Latin artists like Lil Suzy (Aug. 9), Titos Nieves (Aug. 10) and Hector "El Torito" Acosta (Aug. 11) will be performing during the weekend-long fest, along with many others. You can also ride over 30 carnival rides, try premium hand-rolled cigars, pose with 1950s-'70s vintage cars, play dominoes, get a music and dance lesson from instructors at the Old Town School of Folk Music and watch as local boxing champions take to the ring. VIP tickets

are available for \$150. Aug. 9-11, Belmont Cragin, \$45-\$150

Bud Billiken Parade: The "largest African American parade" in the United States, this South Side event celebrates heritage and culture with bands, marching units and floats parading down King Drive. Starting in Bronzeville and ending in Washington Park, witness high-energy dance performances and talent contests as over 200 different marching bands, tumblers, dance groups, cheerleaders and drill teams from across the country compete and are evaluated by judges during the parade. Aug. 10, Bronzeville, Washington Park, Free

My House Music Festival: Back for its fourth year, this two-day festival brings local DJs and their to celebrate house music. All donations benefit local charities and organizations, like the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Yolocalli Arts Reach, and Sprouting Leaders. It's house music from noon until night and the party includes art vendors and demos, food and alcohol vendors and family-friendly activities — everyone under 17 enters for free. Aug. 10-11, Lower West Side, \$10-\$18

TURN IT UP

The weirdness of newfound fame

Country star Morgan Wallen is growing up fast, from 'Voice' to traveling in fast company

BY ALLISON STEWART

Before newly minted country star Morgan Wallen went on the TV singing competition "The Voice" in 2014, he had never been on an airplane before, hadn't spent much time at all outside his tiny hometown of Sneedville, Tennessee.

"The Voice" changed almost everything, but it took a while. Wallen, who was on coach Adam Levine's team, was booted off the show after performing Florida Georgia Line's hit, "Stay." Four years later, Wallen released his first full-length album, "If I Know Me," which counts his platinum Florida Georgia Line collaboration "Up Down" among its hits, and he's currently opening for the group on a tour that reaches Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre on Friday night.

In a phone interview from the road, Wallen (whose fourth hit single, "Chasin' You," dropped last week) talked about his life on "The Voice," that FGL collaboration, and the weirdness of newfound fame. "I try not to get too caught up in it," Wallen says. "I know it takes more than one album to stay around."

More excerpts from that conversation follow:

He thought he would be a baseball pitcher

I played pitcher and shortstop throughout my whole life. My whole life, baseball was my first love. I was gonna go play college, but during my senior year I tore my ACL, and college kind of faded away with their offer, which I understand, obviously. That was a dark time in my life. That was unexpected. I had played for so long, and I thought that was going to be my ticket.

He knows it sounds cliched, but it worked out for the best

Looking back now, it's obvious it was part of my plan. It was what's supposed to happen. That moment helped me learn patience and perseverance. In the music industry you're told "no" a lot. I think it prepared me for that. I thank God now it happened the way it did. I love music more than I ever did baseball.

Three difficult years after his career-ending injury, things turned around



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Country singer Morgan Wallen has four hit singles and a sweet, sweet mullet.

I didn't even know what "The Voice" was, but my mom said, "I signed you up for this singing show," and I was like, "All right, I guess." I ended up making it, and going through all the tryouts. It was a cool stepping stone and starting point to my career. It gave me a chance to meet some people, and get introduced to Nashville. I've been pretty much singing and grinding nonstop since my mama signed me up for that

show.

He made it to show's playoffs, which is about as far as you'd want to get, anyway

I didn't even really want to win, I just wanted to meet some people who would help me get in the door. I got booted off the show, then it took a couple years before I got a record deal, but I probably wasn't

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre
19100 S. Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park

Tickets: Sold out; ticketmaster.com

ready anyway. I had never played a full band show, I'd just sung my whole life in church, and I needed to figure out who I was, and who I wanted to be.

"The Voice" was otherwise not helpful

I didn't really learn nothing from the coaches. I think maybe if you make it further, you might. They might actually teach you something. It was mostly just for show, as far as I'm concerned, but there was a vocal coach behind the scenes who helped me, as far as my technique goes.

He now has a smash debut and four hit singles, but still feels relatively normal

I still have my buddies from back home, I still have my family. They really help to keep me grounded. I try to call them and talk to them about their everyday life. Obviously my reality is a little bit different than it used to be. A lot different than it used to be, and a lot different than my friends' reality is. But I feel it was so ingrained in me, the way I was taught to treat people, that if ever there is a huge separation, I've failed, I think. I hope that never happens.

Five years after flaming out with a Florida Georgia Line song, he plays their joint hit to their joint audiences in arenas every night

I usually play it during my set, then they play it again during theirs, which might sound a little bit odd. But people get fired up by that song, so we play it twice. I do reflect on that song of theirs being the song I got kicked off (the show) on. So it's cool to go out there and have our own hit together, for sure.

Yes, he has a throwback '90s mullet. And yes, girls he has never met before try to touch it.

Yeah, it's — definitely I'm flattered. But I think you gotta earn that a little bit, you know?

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Ben LaMar Gay has a mind that won't sit still

BY BRITT JULIOUS

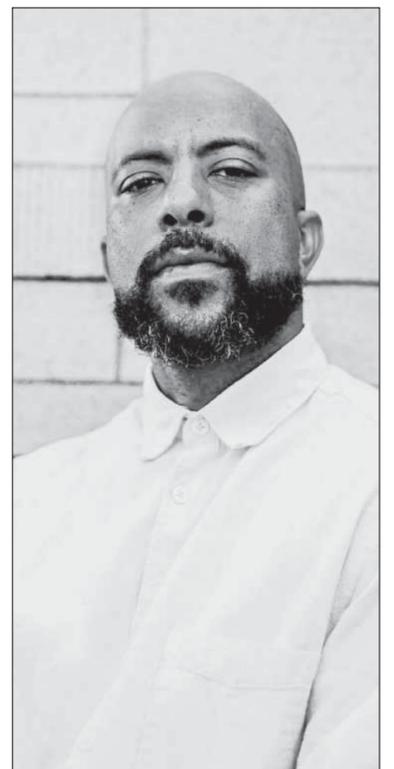
Ben LaMar Gay is a composer and a cornetist, but he's also more than that. His performances and creative output reflect a mind interested in the intersections of numerous artistic mediums, from music to dance to visual art. It makes sense then that his latest project, titled Hecky Naw! Angles! and scheduled to debut at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago on Aug. 30, embraces the use of video art and choreography to explore the history and culture of black Chicago social dances, including stepping and footwork.

"I'm not a poet of any of these forms, I'm just an observer," said Gay. "Sometimes the observer has another perspective on the situation, (like) an observer with admiration." For Gay, his observations revolve not just around what happens in the dances, but the culture and community surrounding the dances. He aims to "explore the different angles that happen at a gathering."

But more importantly, Gay is interested in creating work that builds off of the movement itself. What kind of music would be born when creating based on the way dancers move? Gay, it seems, is interested in working backward, letting dancers direct the motion of his music and then creating from there. Black social dances like stepping and footwork are typically driven by the music first, but Gay has flipped this notion on its head. As he explained, "I just want to vibe off the body without it being locked into a musical style."

Hecky Naw! Angles! Is part of Gay's larger series, titled "The Manipulations of Lines and Breff," which explores notions of Americana through two "folk" characters or concepts who "explain" what he does as a musician: lines and breath. "Every family has one of these tales or stories," Gay began. "I just wanted to create a series to talk about that, and create this improvised explanation for these things that happen in our lives, whether severe or minor."

The "things," here then are black social dances, which Gay said, like many things, have been excluded from our notion of what defines Americana. "When you see Americana, you think of a small piece of Americana," Gay began. "But it is so much more involved with the Americas, from North to South ... There was a certain time where everyone had their own culture. That had it over here, and it lasted a little bit. We all had our own individual magic happening within this place. What I'm



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Ben LaMar Gay

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Where: Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave.

Tickets: \$15; mcchicago.org

trying to do is open it back up."

For Hecky Naw! Angles!, Gay collaborated with interdisciplinary performer and scholar Raquel Monroe and video artist Kim Alpert. Gay's music will be paired with Alpert's video projections and live movement, choreographed by Monroe. But Gay revealed the project is only in its earliest stages. Showing the work at the MCA will be a reflection of where he's going with his overall project, The Manipulations of Lines and Breff, and not the final product. "I'm still working on it," he said. "It's a work in progress."

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Jazz genius Hancock set to play his newest music



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Next year, Herbie Hancock will turn 80.

Think about that: A musician who to this day personifies youth and energy, an intrepid experimenter who still tirelessly tours the globe, will be entering his ninth decade.

Does he have plans for marking the remarkable milestone?

"Nothing specific — but I'm going to milk it for all I can," says Hancock, with a big laugh, as he prepares to play the Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island on a double-bill with Kamasi Washington on Saturday evening.

"It means I got that far, and hopefully it will encourage others to look forward to their 80s, and if they just think life stops when they're in their 60s or 70s or 80s — it doesn't have to," adds Hancock, who's proof of that proposition.

For in touring with genre-expanding saxophonist-bandleader Washington, Hancock once again places himself at the forward edge of jazz improvisation — or whatever you want to call the sounds the Washington and Hancock each respectively create.

As for Washington, Hancock considers him a "very talented young man, very gifted. He has a wonderful viewpoint of music and the world, and his outlook on

life is very profound and deep and secure.

"I hear a lot of the tradition of jazz in what he does, but also the new ideas of youth, too, coming out. And he's got a great tone. I mean, his sound is wonderful. I like the way he thinks, I like the way he puts his pieces together. They sound joyous, and like it's a celebration.

"He travels on tour with a pretty big group of people. I don't know how he can do it. I don't know how he can afford to do it. But it looks almost like a — carnival is not the right word, but a lot is happening, it's very full, like a market (of) music."

Inasmuch as Washington draws from various musical sources, he's really taking a page from Hancock, who has been venturing from his jazz roots into pop, funk and electronics for decades. The big question: Will Hancock and Washington collaborate in concert?

"Hopefully — in a way, that's one of the ideas for the tour," says Hancock, whose band will feature drummer Vinnie Colaiuta, bassist James Genus, guitarist Lionel Loueke and Terrace Martin on saxophone and electronics.

"Perhaps he'll do something with me, and I'll do something with him. We haven't worked out the details of that yet, but we're both open to that."

Remarkably, it has been nearly a decade since Hancock released his last album, "The Imagine Project," a long time for an artist of his stature to be formulating a new state-



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Herbie Hancock will bring his genre-stretching music to Chicago this weekend at Northerly Island.

ment.

Each time I've spoken with him in recent years, though, he has said he's busily at work on his next big statement, which always has seemed imminent.

What has taken so long? "I think it's mainly because I wanted to look, to see — I wanted to be influenced by the younger musicians," explains Hancock.

"I remember when I first got together for this record, I went over to Flying Lotus' place, and I said: I just want to be a fly on the wall and watch how you work.

"And he invited Thundercat, the bass player, over,

and that's how I met him.

And he's been over here recording some things with me for this project," adds Hancock, referring to his home studio.

"It actually began there with that kind of idea, that I wanted to be a fly on the wall. Then I found out that lot of young people, they were excited about working with me, and their ideas stimulated ideas in me.

"The musicians I've been working with, they have a background not only in jazz but all the aspects of hip-hop and also R&B and how they mix those elements together, and just kind of

what's in their head."

What all this adds up to is anyone's guess, but Hancock promises we'll know soon. He plans to release one or two singles first, then build to the entirety of an album.

"This is a new day and age that we don't have to think in terms of the number of minutes that fit on a CD," says Hancock. "We can release one song a time and have some time between those releases, but they could all be part of a concept, and that's what I intend to do.

"By the time we get to Chicago, we should have

two or three things (from the forthcoming album) that we can include in our live show. Two for sure. Maybe three."

We'll soon know.

Herbie Hancock and Kamasi Washington share a double-bill at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Dr.; ticket prices vary; pavilionnortherlyisland.com.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Guy King headlines Joliet blues fest

Guitarist and singer showcases unique sound Saturday

BY JESSI VIRTUSIO

Blues may be part of the moniker but Joliet Blues Festival features several musical styles.

The second annual fest is on Saturday at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park in Joliet.

"I will be performing some of my original material and a few of the songs that inspired me along the way," said Joliet Blues Festival headliner Guy King via phone while on his way to perform at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago.

"It's a combination of a lot of groove, a lot of beats and everything in the book. I'm looking forward to performing a variety of music for people."

The festival also features Morry Sochat & The Special 20's, which is billed as mixing "classic Chicago blues with swing and rock 'n' roll from the 1950s."

Also booked are Joel Paterson, who said he "is dedicated to playing guitar and exploring the sound and history of the roots music I love including blues, jazz, country, Western swing and whatever else you want to call it," and singer Oscar Wilson, whose "One Room Blues" CD Paterson co-produced.

The fest also includes singer and acoustic blues slide guitarist Donna Herula and her husband, Tony Nardiello. She is described as having "a passion for playing traditional hill country and Delta blues in addition to contemporary and original blues."

"They're all great acts," said King, who is known for having a "one-of-a-kind blend of blues, jazz, soul, and rhythm and blues."

"It's a really great festival with a lot of great talent and a lot of great variety with blues and soul. It's a great combination," he said.

King (www.guyking.net) has played several fests including Chicago Blues Festival, Mississippi Delta Blues Festival in Brazil, Montreal Jazz Festival in Canada and Polanco Blues Festival in Mexico.

"I enjoy every type of performance but a festival is where people really come to enjoy, listen to the music and take a breather. People are usually having a great time," he said.

"I want to make it unforgettable for them. I want them to feel good and experience a great set of music."



BERNIE WALBENNY

Guy King, who is known for his one-of-a-kind blend of blues, jazz, soul, and rhythm and blues, headlines this year's Joliet Blues Festival on Saturday at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park.

Even though King has played music since he was a child, he said he still looks to learn more about his craft.

"I loved music. It was very

natural for me. My parents had all of us brothers and my sister play instruments. It was mandatory in our household.

"Since a very early age I was

singing and dancing and liking music very much. It was part of my breathing," said King, who began playing clarinet circa age 7.

Joliet Blues Festival

When: 3-10 p.m. Aug. 10

Where: Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park, 201 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

Details: Admission is \$10 in advance; \$15 on event day. For more information, call 815-724-3762 or go to www.jolietbluesfestival.com

"When I was 13, I picked up guitar and started teaching myself. One thing led to another very quickly. When things happen naturally, I never really stop to think about them. I try to be better all the time and be the best at what I do as a musician, singer, performer and writer.

"I strive for being the best I can be. I would hope I get better with time. The better I become, the more I realize you can always be better."

Many in Chicagoland first came to know King, who was raised in rural Israel, when he was lead guitarist and bandleader for Willie Kent. After Kent's 2006 passing, King pursued his solo career, which has included performing at venues such as the Green Mill, House of Blues Chicago and Rosa's Lounge.

King's 2016 album "Truth" hit No. 1 on Roots Music Report's Top 50 Contemporary Blues Album Chart and was nominated for a 2017 Blues Music Award from the Blues Foundation for best emerging artist album. He recorded the follow-up earlier this year. That album is now in post-production.

"I really think blues is at its best when it's done correctly and from the soul and with the deepest of feeling. It's a wonderful experience. It's genuine. It's strong. It has a great beat. It has a great groove but also a good message," he said.

"That's why I wanted to play the blues and make it a part of me."

Joliet Blues Festival also features food trucks, barbecue sandwiches at the concession stand and cold beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

All proceeds from the fest benefit Will-Joliet Bicentennial Park Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that has raised funds for Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park and its programs since 1976.

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Mayer

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"My career isn't just made for my personal wish fulfillment anymore," said Mayer, who plays the United Center on Wednesday and Thursday. "It took me a lot of years to figure out what I deserve to go for and what I don't deserve to go for. What's my area? What's my lane? What's my thing?" With the breakout success of his multi-platinum-selling 2001 debut album, "Room For Squares," "it all came on really quickly," Mayer explained of subsequent offers to dabble in outside projects from guest roles in TV shows and films to a host of endorsement deals. "The way my career started I had no relativity for how big a bite to take of anything. I just went, Ah OK, this is all just bite-size stuff and I'm just going to eat from that and that and that. It took me a long time for me to get the recipe right."

According to the guitarist, what makes him so pleased at where he's landed is that despite him no longer being a chart-topping pop star ("If I tried to still be a pop act I'd be a very bad pop act," he said with a laugh) he's not only able to consistently sell out massive venues by himself and with the Dead, but more importantly he can collaborate with and mentor a diverse crop of young musical talent from Shawn Mendes and Khalid to Daniel Caesar and the late Mac Miller.

"If I have any kind of credit I don't want to use it for getting a seat at a restaurant," Mayer said. "I want to use it for being able to work on someone's song or help them write something or collaborate with them on a brand-new thing. That to me is the ultimate in opportunity. I'm now part of a bigger thing. I'm not my name as a brand. I didn't like it when I was and I'm no longer part of that stardust arrangement."

Mayer's ever-evolving gig as a wise elder has also seen him recruiting some of the most exciting names in contemporary music, from the bassist Thundercat to outre pop star Charlie Puth and viral rapper Lil Nas X for "Current Mood," his ongoing Insta-

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday

Where: United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.

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gram Live show broadcast on the social media platform. Decidedly low-budget and shot at Mayer's Los Angeles home, the show finds the musician occupying the role of a sarcastic quasi-late-night talk show host who not only unleashes a tongue-in-cheek monologue straight to camera but then interviews and plays alongside a rotating assemblage of his musical peers. "Current Mood," said Mayer, is his way of bypassing the traditional Hollywood television ecosystem.

"I had always wanted to do a show and I found the development world of television in Hollywood to be sort of less and less of an open door to anybody," Mayer explained. "I asked myself, what do I care about? Do I care about getting a deal on a television network and having the screenshot of the 'Variety' post on my Instagram that says, 'Here we go! Been waiting to tell you about this for months!?' Or do I want to just do the thing?"

Mayer admitted his most recent album, 2017's "The Search for Everything," at least by old music-industry metrics, would be considered something of a commercial disappointment — the gold-certified album peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 — and yet miraculously the musician continues to expand his audience in new and exciting ways.

Much of that, he offered, is thanks to his gig with Dead & Company. Yes, even the most hard-core Deadheads have become Mayer converts, and to that end, they've even started attending his concerts. As he recalled with palpable glee, on the second night of two sold-out shows at Madison Square Garden, "I welcomed people who might have been in my crowd as part of 'The Grateful Dead Exchange Program,'" he said. "And there was some real noise, man! There clearly were some people there



DANNY CLINCH

John Mayer plays the United Center on Wednesday and Thursday.

from having seen me with Dead & Company." And what led to those Deadheads suddenly embracing Mayer's music?

"It just allowed people to listen to my music with those kinds of genetic markers in my mind and listen to where the similarities in the music are. And it's been really interesting to watch people use this optimistic healthy confirmation bias to be like, 'Yeah, those things actually are fairly similar!'"

Above all, Mayer said his present-day happiness could be

traced to his no longer needing the self-affirming embrace of a mainstream pop audience. "I kind of detached from this IV of needing a certain kind of No. 1-ness," Mayer offered. "And that's really important you come off it before someone takes it out of you. Because I see artists who are still dependent on No. 1-ness. And to me the biggest crime in a way is that they don't need that anymore. Once you're so good and once you've had enough No. 1s you don't need to go for No. 1

again. I feel bad for people sometimes who don't know there's life outside of scrambling for No. 1. It's like, no; you have all this power now. You don't need to go for No. 1. You get to go do whenever you want now and people will follow you.

"This," Mayer said with a mix of excitement and contentment, "is where my life gets interesting."

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Andrew Lim's asparagus dish is an example of taking Korean ingredients and showcasing them in a modern way.

This Korean spot bucks tradition

BY GRACE WONG

Andrew Lim and Thomas Oh are opening a Korean restaurant in the former San Soo Gab San space in Fulton River District, but not a traditional one. Perilla, named after the plant often used in Korean cooking, will go in a more contemporary direction, with a laser focus on presentation, explanation and bridging the gap between the Korean dishes from their childhoods and the neighborhood where the restaurant sits.

"Our cuisine and culture, it's all still stuck in the past, there's no advancement or attempts to try to change it," Lim said. "It's kind of a responsibility of ours to share our culture in that way, and we think this is the best method."

Although Lim and Oh grew up with immigrant parents who



Although Perilla has many vegetable-focused dishes, meat eaters will still find dishes like braised beef with warm soy jus and shishitos.

made them traditional Korean food, the duo wanted to apply the food and service skills they learned working in fine dining restaurants to the cuisine.

"I want to make sure that people can come here and not just expect the old Korean

dishes they're used to getting at all the other restaurants," Lim said. "A lot of our dishes here, they're new interpretations of those Korean dishes."

One of these re-interpretations is the wagyu steak tartare, a transformation of the Korean

dish yukhoe. The tartare is made with Korean pear, pine nuts and garlic chips, just like yukhoe, along with mustard seeds, not traditional. But the yukhoe features long strands of meat, which many Western diners found difficult to chew and visually unappealing, Lim said. To modernize it, he chops the steak into smaller pieces and presents it in a similar manner to what you may find at an American steakhouse.

Though the dishes are meant to be more approachable for Chicagoans, both Oh's and Lim's parents, as well as guests from Korea, have reacted positively to the contemporary menu, Oh said.

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Barrio

EAT

It's RN's RW near the RW this weekend, as River North does its own version of Restaurant Week, with a roster of spots that are perfectly situated near the Riverwalk for a post-supper stroll. The dining event features prix-fixe menus at special prices and limited-edition dishes to make indulging easier on your wallet. The list of participating restaurants includes Barrio, Beacon Tavern, Farmhouse, Gene & Georgetti's, Hampton Social, Hutch American Cafe, Katana, Mercadito, Prosecco, Tortoise Supper Club, Wildfire and ZED 451. *Daily through Sunday, locations and menu prices vary, check website for full details; tortoisepupperclub.com*



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WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Else Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Choose the tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$90; a la carte dishes \$15-\$25. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — Phil Vettel

Ena At this bright, summery spot, chef CJ Jacobson applies his veggie-focused California style to Mediterranean dishes. Use pieces of naan-like bread to scoop up hummus (especially the version with lamb ragu), then move on to such dishes as baked halloumi with stonefruit. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$17-\$25. 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586. — Phil Vettel

Entente Entente, which opened in Lakeview in 2016, has moved to River North. The new location gives the restaurant a lot more space, and owner Ty Fujimura hopes that moving closer to the city center will attract more diners to the Michelin-starred restaurant. It's a fine background for executive chef Brian Fisher. Thus equipped, Entente now offers, in addition to its now-familiar single-page menu, a chef's-choice tasting menu. The latter isn't cheap (\$140), but it encompasses six or seven courses of pure Fisher invention. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$25-\$41. 700 N. Sedgwick St., 312-285-2247, resy.com. — Phil Vettel

Etta Picking up from the hearth-grilled steaks at executive

chef Danny Grant's Maple & Ash, his latest project, Etta, excels in flame-kissed cooking. We begin with the Pig Picnic, a shared entree of tender pork shoulder and crisped pork belly that perfectly embodies Grant's simple, flavor-forward ethos. Pizza preparations are impressive, and pastas range from the marvelously complex mafaldine with manila clams, king crab meat and 'nduja butter to the beautiful-in-its-simplicity bucatini cacio e pepe. For more substantial dishes, you'll find fork-tender lamb and lightly smoky wood-roasted chicken. As she does at Maple & Ash, Aya Fukai handles the pastry work, and does so brilliantly. Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees \$14-\$39. 1840 W. North Ave., 312-757-4444. — Phil Vettel

Everest For 30 years, chef/partner Jean Joho has kept his food at the same lofty level as his 40th-floor dining room in One Financial Place. You won't find 23-course tasting menus here, but you will find a well-managed six-course degustation (\$165) of exquisite balance and substantial portion (no two-bite courses here, excepting the trio of "les preludes" that get the meal off to a lovely start). There are three- and four-course prix-fixe options (\$98 and \$130) as well, and an impressive wine list highlighted by a selection of bottles from Joho's native Alsace. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 440 S. LaSalle St., 312-663-8920. — Phil Vettel

fourteensexteen Though it's a bit checklist-y in its decor (reclaimed wood, weathered brick, Edison bulbs) and scattershot on its menu, there's much to like about this restaurant. The rooftop bar is an attractive feature. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$36. 14 W. Calendar Ave., La Grange, 708-469-7896. — Phil Vettel

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A fried whole fish of the day served alongside herbs at HaiSous.

HaiSous At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — Phil Vettel

Where's Waldo of Chicago restaurants, hiding behind a wall of shaded glass on Michigan Avenue. There are seafood towers sized for two, four or six — pricey, naturally, but in line with what steakhouses charge. Breakfast includes grab-and-go pastry options by ex-Sixteen's Evan Sheridan, who also helms the dessert menu. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$35-\$38. 224 N. Michigan Ave., 312-334-6700. — Phil Vettel

Funkenhausen Chicago doesn't have a ton of Southern restaurants and barely any German ones; Funkenhausen attempts to check both boxes. Purists of these styles of cooking are unlikely to be satisfied with this mashup, but for the rest of us, there's much to admire. The dining room gives off a German beer-hall vibe, albeit one that's warmer and less noisy than you'd expect. Entrees include The Whole Mess of Chicken — sort of a pan-roasted Southern chicken

on an Alsatian vacation. Indeed, the must-have dish here is the Piggy Plate, a charcuterie and pickled vegetable assortment that arrives on a pig-shaped slate slab. The selection varies from week to week, but expect a German-Southern blend of pork tongue, bratwurst and sausages with pickled okra, bread-and-butter pickles and, perhaps, some rib tips. Dinner daily; brunch Saturday-Sunday. Small plates \$6-\$15, main courses \$24-\$27. 1709 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4727. — Phil Vettel

Galit Zach Engel won a James Beard Award for his work at Shaya, the modern-Israeli restaurant in New Orleans, before he moved to Chicago and, with One Off Hospitality alum Andres Clavero, opened Galit in Lincoln Park. Much of Galit's menu bears echoes of Shaya, but Engel's gastronomic net is cast more widely; you'll find dishes of Turkish, Iraqi, Greek and Tunisian origin. The menu is divided into hum-

mus creations, of which there are four; Salatim, five small cold dishes, served together (\$22); and (Mostly) Over Coal, which are the small to large plates produced by the kitchen's charcoal hearth and wood-fired oven. The smaller dishes make me happiest. Don't miss the crunchy falafel, set off by pickled turnips and "funky mango" labneh, nor the carrots, glazed with cumin and orange and topped with crumbled feta. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$27. 2429 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-360-8755, resy.com. — Phil Vettel

George Trois This five-table dining room nestled within Restaurant Michael in Winnetka is old-school in the historic sense: Chef Michael Lachowicz studied under some of the greatest masters of French cuisine, including Paul Bocuse, Pierre Orsi and the late Jean Banchet. Open: Dinner Thursday-Sunday. Prices: Six-course tasting \$150; nine-course \$180. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, 847-562-6105, [reservations through www.tocktix.com](http://reservations.through.www.tocktix.com). — Phil Vettel

Giant Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armistage Ave., 773-252-0997. — Phil Vettel

GT Prime Giuseppe Tentori (also GT Fish & Oyster) turns his back on steakhouse conventions in his second restaurant. There's no raw bar, no oversize potatoes, and steaks are served in precisely trimmed slices, rather than doorstep-sized slabs. The star entree is the Carnivore platter (bison, rib-eye, venison, wagyu). Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Steak \$14-\$56. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305. — Phil Vettel

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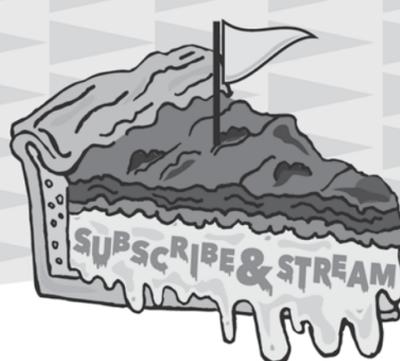
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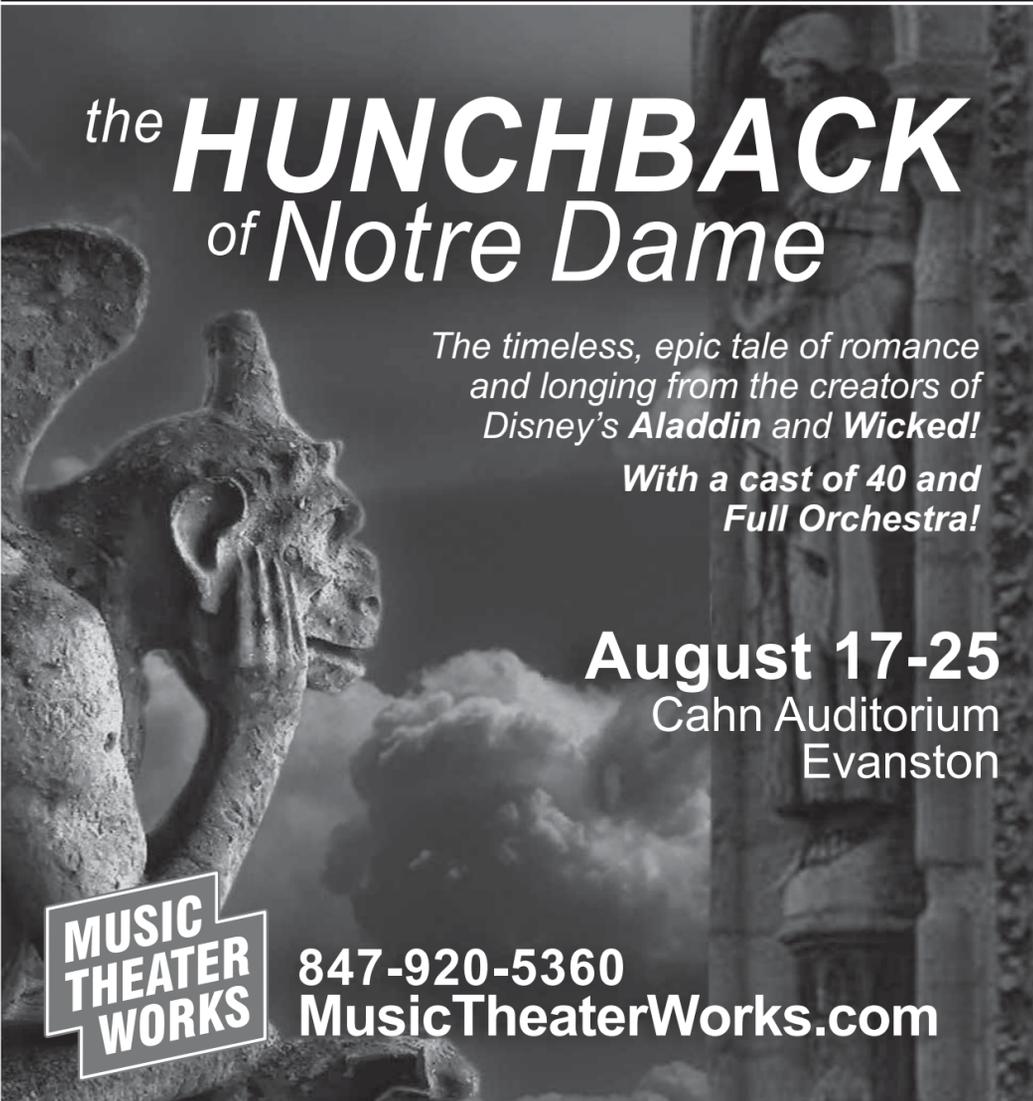
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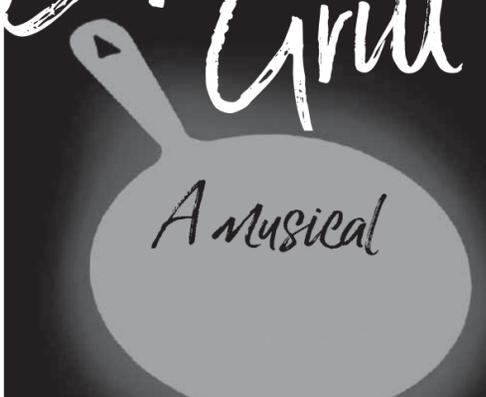


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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Hot musical 'Six' rewrites playbook

Here is how Broadway musicals usually work.

Someone has (or someone has) an idea. There's a simple New York workshop. Then, maybe, a full-on, out-of-town tryout in a city like Washington, D.C., Seattle or, most often, Chicago. Then a Broadway run. Assuming no disaster there, that's followed in about 12-18 months by a national tour of a year or two, and then a licensing deal to let local theaters produce the show.

"Six," the hit, pop concert-like show about the six wives of Henry VIII, is doing something very unusual. And it may well be very good for Chicago.

After developing a fevered following in London, "Six" made its Stateside landing at Chicago Shakespeare Theater's new Yard space this past spring. (It just closed there on Sunday night after a hugely popular engagement.) It has a couple of other tryout cities before landing on Broadway next spring, opening at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre on March 12, 2020. In normal circumstances, Chicago would not hear from the show again until at least 2021 or 2022.

But at that curtain call Sunday night, the cast has something to tell the fans: "Six" will return to the Broadway Playhouse in Chicago on July 8, 2020, with performances running through Oct. 25.

That will be less than four months after the Broadway opening and within a month of the 2020 Tony Awards, at which



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Jane Seymour (Abby Mueller), Katherine Howard (Samantha Pauly), Catherine of Aragon (Adrianna Hicks), Anne Boleyn (Andrea Macasaet), Anna of Cleves (Brittney Mack), and Catherine Parr (Anna Uzele) in "Six."

"Six" will be hoping to be one of the featured shows.

I'm not sure anything quite like that timeline has happened before.

There was an era when Broadway musicals morphed into tours much more quickly than happens today. But that thinking from around a decade ago was eclipsed by the sense that waiting is often better; Broadway shows need time to build their brands in the hinterlands.

But "Six" is making a different set of decisions, revolving around the idea

that the show already built an audience here this summer and attracts an unusual high amount of repeat business. By announcing a show a year in advance, it becomes possible for the all-important group and tourist business to make plans for next summer, which is almost impossible in this town with any other show beyond "Blue Man Group." And when all the "Six" hype hits Broadway next spring, Broadway in Chicago will be able to run commercials essentially telling people to buy now in

their own hometown. On opening night next July, "Six" still will be hot.

That's far better than what happens most frequently. Look at all the hype this summer over "Moulin Rouge," for example. People in Chicago are very excited but, despite various conversations, there are no tickets to sell here. In all likelihood, it will take weeks or months for that to change.

But "Six" is operating very differently, with shows on sale here even before the Broadway opening.

One of the producers, Kevin McCollum, told me Monday that this plan for Chicago actually is for a sit-down engagement (as with "Hamilton") that could extend beyond October if ticket sales allow. The production will technically have Chicago as its point of origin and will operate under the so-called CAT contract, a designation by the local office of Actor's Equity. That doesn't mean it necessarily will be a locally based cast — Equity members can audition for any show in any city — but

it greatly increases the likelihood, especially since it seems likely that most of the cast seen at Chicago Shakespeare this summer will follow the show to Broadway in the spring.

If all goes well, this might well be the first show since "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in 2006 to really make a long-term, Broadway-style go of it at Broadway in Chicago's smallest venue near the Water Tower Place shopping mall. We'll have to see.

"We just think 'Six' is a very versatile show," McCollum said. "We don't try to clone our companies; we just look for individuals who can bring their right essence and their own selves."

Time and again, shows in Chicago come and go faster than most people can make plans: the fabulous tour of "Come From Away" is a case in point. Move fast, folks.

"Six," which is set up like a concert, is not a tech-heavy show. But McCollum also promised that what transpires next summer in Chicago will be the equal of the Broadway production in terms of what you see on the stage of the Brooks Atkinson.

That would not be so unusual; but how fast this is happening is an exciting new way of doing business here. With the right show.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"And Then There Were None" ★★★

"And Then There Were None" is the best-selling crime novel of all time. Agatha Christie fans tend to regard it as their beloved author's masterpiece, a murder mystery set on an island just off the coast of Devon, England, where 10 strangers arrive as guests to a party. The appetite for a good scare remains, and happy to say that director Jessica Fisch has a real taste for the genre. She plunges us into the dark on several occasions, and one of the more crucial gunshots in the piece scared someone in my row so much that her glasses bobbed up and down on her nose. What's more, Fisch has cast the piece unusually well, with off-beat actors filling out these characters with real emotional oomph. *Through Sept. 1 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$40-\$85 at 800-745-3000 or www.drurylanetheatre.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★★ 1/2

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. The Blue Men still chomp marshmallows, bang drums and paint up audience members — but this remains a fine gateway for the young into the arts. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Grinning From Fear to Fear" ★★★ 1/2

Despite the title — or maybe because of the title — there's a real warmth to "Grinning From Fear to Fear," the revue from Second City's e.t.c. company and director Anneliese Toft. This show features the talents of Atra Asdou, Laurel Krabacher, E.J. Cameron, Mark Campbell, Andrew Knox and Chuck Norment and is both funny and forgiving; it understands the delicate art of optimistic comedy and the political power of empathy. *Open run at Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$58 at www.secondcity.com*

"Hamilton" ★★★★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Through Jan. 5, 2020 at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Love, Chaos and Dinner" ★★★

Teatro ZinZanni has opened "Love, Chaos and Dinner" in the heart of Chicago's theater district, delivering an inclusive, approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out as it has been understood for decades by suburbanites and tourists. You eat a bit, talk a bit, eat a bit more, watch some circus acts up-close. And when it comes to putting an audience volunteer at ease, no one is better than Frank Ferrante as the incomparable Caesar. "What do you do for a living?" Real estate broker. "Well, you have a lovely development!" He had dozens more. *Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$99-\$189 (includes dinner) at 312-488-0900 or www.zinzanni.com/chicago*

"Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" ★★★ 1/2

So what, exactly, were Mary Godwin — at the age of 18, already calling herself Mrs. Shelley — and friends really doing in Switzerland in the rainy summer of 1816? At Lord Byron's admonition, everyone was obliged to come up with a ghost story, which ended up producing the most famous horror story ever written. "Frankenstein" is the summer offering at Lookingglass Theatre, where David Catlin has billed his evening "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein." Catlin's premise is that you can't understand "Frankenstein" without looking hard at what Mary was doing, and feeling. *Through Sept. 1 at Lookingglass Theatre at Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$45-\$86 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglass.org*



MATTHEW MURPHY

Megan McGinnis, Emily Walton, Becky Gulsvig, Christine Toy Johnson, Julie Johnson and Daniele K. Thomas perform in the touring company of the Broadway musical "Come From Away," in Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre.

HOT TICKET

"Come From Away" ★★★★★

"Come From Away" is the Broadway musical about what happened in Gander, Newfoundland, after dozens of jets were forced to land on Sept. 11, 2001. The essential theme of Irene Sankoff and David Hein's show, now on tour in Chicago, is that in times of crisis, ordinary human beings pull together and are willing to share what they have with complete strangers. Especially if those human beings happen to be Canadian. The opening night audience at the Cadillac Palace Theatre greeted this show with more warmth and intense approval than any other tour to come through town in a very long while. "Come From Away" very much has a Chicago sensibility. *Through Aug. 18 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; \$35-\$105 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Miracle" ★★★★★

Now at the Royal George, "Miracle" is a musical with a score by Michael Mahler and book by Jason Brett, officially blessed by the Chicago Cubs. *Through Sept. 1 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$59-\$79 at 312-988-9000 or www.miracletheatrical.com*

"Pomona" ★★★★★

Alistair McDowall's riveting "Pomona," the stuff of nightmares, is directed by Robin Witt at Steep Theatre, the most fearless theater in town. There is a man and a woman in a car in Manchester, England. The desperate Ollie (Amber Sallis) is trying to find her missing sister and senses that this man (Peter Moore) might know something about her twin's fate. But first he wants to talk about chicken nuggets — and there is an alien in the

back seat. If you want to see a play that captures the horrors of this moment, this is your show. *Through Sept. 14 at Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.; \$10-\$38 at 773-649-3186 or www.steeptheatre.com*

"Southern Gothic" ★★★★★

A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse for a summer run of "Southern Gothic" at its Playhouse South location. Not the usual stage set. As you walk into the theater for Leslie Liautaud's play, directed by David Bell, you're asked to enter what looks like a lime house, replete with a lime-green kitchen. You and your fellow audience members join four couples, variously loving, scheming, cheating and feuding. *Through Sept. 1 at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"True West" ★★★★★

Playwright Sam Shepard's "True West" is a masterful tale of two warring brothers, one slick and over-educated and the other a raging, wild-eyed artist. At Steppenwolf in the early 1980s, Gary Sinise and John Malkovich filled in these roles and defined Chicago-style theater for a generation. "True West" has been revived at Steppenwolf for the first time with Namir Smallwood and Jon Michael Hill as Lee and Austin. *Through Aug. 25 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$96 at 312-335-1650 or www.steppenwolf.org*

"The Wizard of Oz" ★★★★★

For years now, Chicago Shakespeare Theater has been producing daytime musicals during the summer and for many people, these high-quality shows are a first foray into Chi-

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"Women of 4G": Seventy-five years into the future, an all-female crew and male captain depart on a seemingly routine mission to Mars, until the captain is murdered. *Through Sept. 14 by Babes With Blades at Factory Theater, 1623 W. Howard St.; 773-904-0391 and www.babeswithblades.org*

"Boogiban": This two-person play centers on two soldiers from different eras. *Through Aug. 31 by None Too Fragile at Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago; 330-962-5547 and www.nonetoofragile.com*

Monday

Broadway in Chicago Summer Concert: Broadway in Chicago presents its annual free summer concert in Millennium Park. Performances will include songs from "Come From Away," "Dear Evan Hansen," "Frozen" and "Hamilton." *Aug. 12 at Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"All That He Was": This musical homes in on one man's struggle with AIDS as his friends and family gather to pay final respects. *Through Sept. 9 by Pride Films and Plays at the Pride Arts Center, 4147 N. Broadway; www.pridefilmsandplays.com*

ago theater. Where else can you see no less than Hollis Resnik play the Wicked Witch of the West? I caught "The Wizard of Oz" the other morning alongside a full house of summer campers, all perfectly willing to sit and listen to "Over the Rainbow." There aren't any surprises in director Brian Hill's short, 75-minute production, but thanks in no small part to Leryn Turlington as Dorothy and Emily Rohm, as Aunt Em, the emotional resonance survives the rush. *Through Aug. 25 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Navy Pier; \$24-\$38 at 312-595-5600 or www.chicagosshakes.com*

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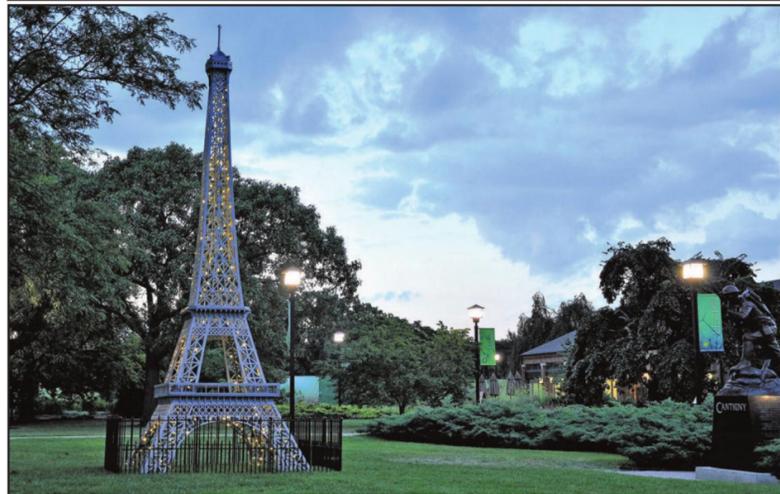
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The Top 3 have claim rates more than five times the average for 2016-2018 model year cars, according to Highway Loss Data Institute. (HLDI).

"The models most likely to be stolen tend to be powerful, pricey or pickups, but vehicle theft is also a crime of opportunity," HLDI Senior Vice President Matt Moore said in a statement. "Better security features on all vehicles would be the best way to address the problem."

The survey also said July and August are the top two months for vehicle claims.

On the other side of the equation, the BMW 3-series four door, Tesla Model S 4WD, Tesla Model X 4WD, Chevrolet Equinox 4WD and the Buick Encore 4WD were the least stolen cars, according to the study.

The institute found it "somewhat puzzling" that the BMW fared so poorly with car thieves given it, like the Dodge models, is a mid-sized luxury sedan.

The electric cars, the Teslas however, proved resistant to theft for several reasons, the institute said.

"Their low theft rate may be related to the fact that, as electric vehicles, they are usually parked in garages or close to a house to be near a power supply, HLDI said.

The nationwide HLDI study was not broken down by state. But the 2018 Hot Wheels study done by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) found that the full-size 2006 Ford Pickup was the most stolen car in Florida.

The 2016 Nissan Altima, 2017 Toyota Camry, 2017 Honda Accord, and 2016 Toyota Corolla rounded out the Top 5 most stolen cars in Florida, WINK News reported.

Florida was also third among states with the most car thefts during holiday weeks when people are out and about, according to the Hot Wheels report. California and Texas topped Florida.

Among holidays, in order, New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Halloween, Memorial Day and Labor Day were the busiest days for car thieves in that study.

What should you do?

Before giving up that Dodge, try the basics like locking your car doors and never leaving the engine running (why make it easier for a thief to hop in and take off?)

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ACROSS

- 1 ___ the fat; chat
- 5 Exhibit
- 9 Shapeless mass
- 13 Witches' spells
- 15 Georgia ___; Atlanta university
- 16 Vesuvius' output
- 17 Pontificate
- 18 Poison remedies
- 20 Cribbage marker
- 21 Henpeck
- 23 Sellers & Fonda
- 24 Air freshener brand
- 26 Mrs. Nixon
- 27 Says hello to
- 29 Aviators
- 32 Mysterious
- 33 New Orleans athlete
- 35 FedEx rival
- 37 Afternoon socials
- 38 "___ Low, Sweet Chariot"
- 39 Combo
- 40 Toward a ship's stern
- 41 White line creator
- 42 Not smashed
- 43 "I've Got a ___" of old TV
- 45 Hubby or wife
- 46 Actor Linden
- 47 Expertise
- 48 Firstborn child
- 51 Facial twitch
- 52 Conclusion
- 55 Adviser
- 58 Bert's pal
- 60 Vigorous
- 61 Playbill listing
- 62 Paper bags
- 63 Exclusively
- 64 Murdered
- 65 Unassuming

DOWN

- 1 Use an ax
- 2 In this place
- 3 Overstate
- 4 Damp
- 5 Part of a theater
- 6 Egg producer
- 7 Two months from now: abbr.
- 8 ___ cream; pie topping
- 9 Drunk
- 10 Past due
- 11 Finished; done
- 12 Lowest singing voice
- 14 Legislative body
- 19 Disbursed
- 22 Commercials
- 25 Hula dancers' accessories

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- 27 Wooden shoe
- 28 Rocky ridges at water's edge
- 29 Flamingo's color
- 30 Great agitation
- 31 Secret agents
- 33 Kill flies
- 34 Feel sick
- 36 Peevish
- 38 Places of refuge
- 39 Implement
- 41 Uncouth
- 42 Cinnamon & nutmeg
- 44 VP Dick ___
- 45 Jet ___; personal watercraft
- 47 Scatter about
- 48 Parrot
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IN THE INTEREST OF
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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alnika Williamson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00692 19JA00693 19JA00694 19JA00695

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 9, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Autumn Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angel Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00749

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kevin Johnson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **08/29/2019, 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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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE INTEREST OF
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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Khaliah Hussain (Mother) AKA Khaliah Asjanea Renee Hussain

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00338

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antwan Wylie (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/29/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Maribel Perez Carlisa Perez Alberto Perez Jose Perez Yolanda Perez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Christina Hernandez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00636 19JA00638 19JA00639 19JA00640 19JA00637

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Alberto Perez-Garcia (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 17, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **08/29/2019, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 9, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Autumn Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angel Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00749

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kevin Johnson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **08/29/2019, 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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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Wylie AKA Kianaan Wylie Hussain AKA Kianaan Shameer Wylie AKA Kianaan Hussain

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Khaliah Hussain (Mother) AKA Khaliah Asjanea Renee Hussain

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00338

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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