



Critics call CTU group's trip a 'propaganda tour'

Self-appointed 'delegation' traveled to Venezuela, praised socialist leader

BY HANNAH LEONE

The recent trip to Venezuela by a group calling itself a Chicago Teachers Union delegation has upset some union members and expats who question the point of the tour and take issue with the group's praise of the country's disputed government.

The four travelers, who crowd-funded the July trip under the

banner of the CTU, met with Venezuelan government officials and educators, visited a commune and were featured in local media.

They wrote online about wanting to connect with Venezuelan teachers, students and unionists, criticized U.S. economic sanctions against the South American nation, and wrote admiringly of its socialism, its communes and high literacy rates.

But critics say the group glossed over Venezuela's ongoing political and economic crises and were excessively complimentary of President Nicolás Maduro, whose administration has been accused in recent United Nations reports of "grave" human rights violations and violence against dissenters.

"I am appalled a delegation

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Karen Moody, a longtime CPS teacher, called the trip to Venezuela a "state-chaperoned propaganda tour."

Chicago casino's fate tied to taxes

Who's willing to take smaller cut of revenue — city, state or both?

BY DAN PETRELLA, JAMIE MUNKS AND JOHN BYRNE

After years of failed efforts, a Chicago casino seemed within reach this spring when Illinois lawmakers approved massive gambling expansion.

But after a report raised questions about whether a city casino would be profitable because of the heavy tax burden exacted by the city and state, the players may need to go back to the table.

Moving ahead, and striking a new deal if necessary, figures to be a major test for rookie Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who came into office just as casino bill negotiations were nearing a conclusion in Springfield, as well as for first-year Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

The proposal's future could hinge on whether the city or the state — or both — is willing to take a smaller cut of tax revenue, and whether supporters can round up the votes to alter the gambling legislation that was frantically put together as the General Assembly's spring session went into overtime.

The proposed mega-casino is supposed to generate money to help the city pay down some of its pension debt and to help the state fund building projects as part of Pritzker's \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" infrastructure plan.

None of that revenue would be realized if taxes are so high they scare away investors, as suggested in a study from a Las Vegas-based industry consultant.

Making changes for the city casino could be a real political feat in Springfield because the legislation that authorizes it also created licenses for new casinos in Waukegan, the south suburbs and three other locations, approved the addition of slot machines and table games at horse tracks, and legalized sports betting.

Pritzker and Lightfoot were among politicians who signaled they were open to possible changes in the gambling legislation to address issues highlighted in the consultant's report.

Reopening negotiations on one part of the package likely would bring other gambling interests back to Springfield to push for other changes that would benefit them.

State Sen. Terry Link, a Vernon Hills Democrat and key architect of the largest gambling expansion in state history, said it's "a little too early" to be talking about renegotiating the package.

However, Link, a longtime advocate of a Waukegan casino, suggested it will be up to Chicago to decide whether it wants to give

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Akua Njeri, formerly called Deborah Johnson, and her son Fred Hampton Jr. stand near a painting of Fred Hampton at their home in Maywood.

LEGACY A BATTLEGROUND

Descendants of iconic black Chicagoans struggle to manage story, tributes to their relatives

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

Her name is now emblazoned on a major downtown thoroughfare, attached to a nationally recognized journalism training program and even used by a soul food restaurant in Baltimore.

For decades, crusading journalist, civil rights activist and women's rights pioneer Ida B. Wells-Barnett's legacy and story lingered in the shadows of history. But in recent years, as historians, activists and scholars brought her story to light and a new generation embraced her, that obscurity has lifted.

Now, her descendants find themselves grappling with how to control her image and her name to ensure that projects in her honor properly salute her. The families of civil rights icons



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Michelle Duster, left, great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, is embraced by Ald. Sophia King, 4th, at a ceremony in February.

Emmett Till and Fred Hampton are facing similar issues, as they work to both promote and protect the names of their forebears.

These descendants carry a unique burden because their loved ones gained fame for their roles in the struggle for social

justice, which means the families feel they have to be particularly careful about how those names and images are used.

"There are people out here that love Ida and they want to make clothes and wear things with her image on it," said Michelle Duster, the great-granddaughter of Wells-Barnett who has emerged as the spokeswoman for her family.

But the family sometimes learns only in passing that Wells-Barnett's name has been used for murals, posters, causes and events, Duster said. As one example, she pointed to Ida's Legacy, a Bronzeville political organization that supports and endorses African American women running for public office. The family has no

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CHICAGO SPORTS



ADAM ROUNTREE/AP

Cedric Benson killed in crash

Cedric Benson, the Bears' first-round draft pick in 2005, was killed in a motorcycle crash Saturday night in Texas. He was 36. Benson played eight seasons in the NFL, finishing with the Packers in 2012.

IS claims Kabul wedding bombing; Afghans worry about postwar safety

BY RAHIM FAIEZ AND CARA ANNA
 Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The suicide bomber stood in the middle of the dancing, clapping crowd as hundreds of Afghan children and adults celebrated a wedding in a joyous release from Kabul's strain of war. Then, in a flash, he detonated his explosives-filled vest, killing dozens — and Afghanistan grieved again.

The local Islamic State affiliate claimed responsibility for the deadliest attack in the capital this year, with 63 killed and 182 wounded, while outraged Afghans questioned how safe they will be under an approaching deal between the United States and the



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Relatives grieve Sunday near coffins during a mass funeral for victims of the wedding hall bombing in Kabul that killed 63.

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Illinois State Police investigate a vehicle in Chicago after a chase that began in Lake County on Wednesday.

Gun owner fatally shot a 14-year-old boy; police should take a closer look



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Most people who have a license to own a gun will never know what it is like to shoot and kill another human being. That's exactly how it should be.

But increasingly, since Illinois became the last state to pass a concealed carry law in 2013, people are killing other people with legal guns. And no one, it seems, is all that interested in determining whether the shootings are justified.

When a legal gun owner kills someone, people tend to be willing to give that person the benefit of the doubt. They assume that because the gun owner was able to pass rigorous requirements to obtain a weapon in Illinois, he or she must be an upstanding, law-abiding citizen. And their word is their bond.

Illinois has some of the toughest requirements in the nation for obtaining a legal firearm, and the firearm owner's identification card requirement gives Illinoisans an extra layer of protection that other states don't have.

That doesn't mean gun owners are infallible. They can panic or have poor judgment like anyone else. And whether we acknowledge it or not, some have a vigilante mentality. Instead of calling 911, they'd rather take matters into their own hands.

All too often, authorities take the presumption of innocence too far. That's not how gun laws are supposed to work. Any one who kills someone, whether with a legal gun or an illegal one, should be scrutinized the same way.

That means the 75-year-old man who used his legal gun to kill a 14-year-old whom he believed was trying to steal a car from his driveway in Lake County should undergo the same thorough interrogation as the 25-year-old man who shot a 9-year-old boy to death with an illegal gun in a South Side Chicago alley.

In the case of the Lake County shooting, though, it appears law enforcement officials made up their minds almost immediately that the

gunman was in the right. Even while stating publicly that the shooting was under investigation, they wasted no time charging the five teenagers who were with the victim with first-degree murder.

The controversial felony murder rule allows authorities to charge accomplices when someone is killed during the commission of a serious crime though they did not actually pull the trigger. Meanwhile, the actual shooter gets to walk free.

It goes without saying that the teenagers should not have been stealing cars if, in fact, that's what they are proved to have been doing. There is no excuse for their behavior after the shooting, leading authorities on a high-speed chase that ended in Chicago. They never should have been all the way up in Lake County at 1:15 in the morning in a stolen SUV to begin with.

It would be foolish to deny the teenagers of all culpability. But it is just as foolish to assume that the shooter has none. This was not a home invasion or a carjacking. It was a man standing outside his house firing at a group of teenagers who at the most may have been trespassing. They have not been charged with burglary or attempted burglary.

While Illinois does not have an official "castle doctrine" like many other states, it does give people the right to protect their home and property with force if they are being threatened. However, there are stipulations.

To justify the use of deadly force, a person must reasonably believe that it is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another. Shooting someone, however, should always be the last resort. The decision whether to charge the shooter is at the discretion of prosecutors.

It is easy to defend legal gun shootings when the imminent danger is clear. A Chicago woman, for example, shot and killed a would-be attacker in January when he pulled a gun and tried to rob her at a bus stop on the South Side. In another incident, a man fatally shot a would-be carjacker in the Chicago Loop in April.

The circumstances of these shootings seemed clearer, and after an investigation, both shooters were

absolved of wrongdoing. The Lake County case, however, isn't as clear-cut as it might seem on the surface. The claim of imminent danger deserves a closer look by authorities.

Though Lake County officials have attempted to place all of the responsibility for the shooting on the five teenagers who were charged, the circumstances surrounding the shooting raise some obvious questions.

Having occurred in a "dark and secluded" area, how did the 75-year-old shooter manage to see "something" in one of their hands? Early police reports indicated that the teens parked on the street and that 14-year-old was shot in the head while standing outside the SUV.

The exact timing and the distance from which the shots were fired are important. If the teens were fleeing at the time, was there imminent danger? And if they were far enough away from the shooter that they posed no threat, was the shooting justified?

Every gun owner knows that the imminent danger argument is the only thing that can save him or her from being put behind bars. Police have a duty to find out whether that danger actually existed, or whether the shooter simply panicked or overreacted.

A Tribune probe last year found that the Illinois State Police, the agency that issues FOID cards, does a lousy job of investigating concealed carry shootings that occurred in public places in the Chicago area. In the first four years since the concealed carry law went into effect in Illinois, there were nearly 40 shootings, half of them involving alleged attempted robberies.

Each time, the shooter claimed to have fired in self-defense. And most times, authorities took them at their word.

If shooting a 14-year-old boy in the head was indeed the only option this man had under the circumstances to save his own life, then he has nothing to be concerned about, other than the despair most people would have after taking someone's life.

But if this kid ended up dead for any other reason, then the shooter should be held accountable.

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Six months after shooting in Aurora, emotions remain raw

Lives of police, victims' families forever changed after employee opened fire inside Henry Pratt warehouse

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
AND MEGAN JONES

A fellow Aurora officer had already been shot inside the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse, so police split up as they searched the building. John Cebulski and another officer ran upstairs and into a hallway, past the spot where five employees had been killed.

Cebulski saw something out of the corner of his eye and stopped, he told the Beacon-News last week. He turned and began to yell, "Aurora police," but before he could finish, the gunman opened fire, hitting Cebulski in the knee.

"God, is this a sign? Are you telling me to retire?" the 30-year veteran of the force asked himself. "A postcard would have been easier."

That afternoon, Feb. 15, an employee who had just learned he would be fired from Henry Pratt opened fire inside the building. He killed employees Trevor Wehner, Josh Pinkard, Russell Beyer, Clayton Parks and Vicente Juarez, injured a sixth employee, and wounded five police officers. He later died in a shootout with police.

Six months later, the intensity and emotion of that Friday afternoon haven't faded for the officers, their families and the families of those killed. Police Chief Kristen Ziman has vowed her department will come back stronger, but it will take time.

For now, emotions remain raw.

'Our lives will never be the same'

Not a day goes by that Trevor Wehner's mother, Bonnie Rich, doesn't think about her son. Wehner was killed on the first day of an internship.

"It's hard sometimes because my thoughts get consumed by him, and I can't focus on other things," she said.

Wehner was 21 when he was killed. Juarez was 54, Beyer 47, Pinkard 37 and Parks 32.

Now, as the rush of funerals, fundraisers and events come to an end, families are faced with prospect of everyday life without their loved ones.

Rich's community, the university and high school Wehner attended, and Henry Pratt have been supportive, she said. The community dedicated a bench on what would have been Wehner's 22nd birthday, and she and Wehner's father received a degree awarded posthumously to their son by Northern Illinois University, where Wehner had been a student. The university and his high school remembered him with tributes, she said.

She is focusing on the Trevor Melvin Wehner Scholarship Fund created in her son's memory. She organized a golf outing in early August to raise money and is now working on the guidelines for the scholarships



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Members of the community stand in front of the Aurora police station after carrying five crosses almost four miles from the Henry Pratt Co. in February.

it will award and providing information about how people can continue to donate.

"(I'm) just trying to stay positive and work on that," she said. "Raising money and awarding students is pretty much what's kept me going."

Vicente Juarez's family is devastated, his daughter, Diana, said in a statement.

"As we try to piece our lives back together, there is a hole in our hearts that can never be filled. We miss him every day," she said.

The Juarez family has filed one of two lawsuits against Illinois State Police for issuing the gunman a firearms license and then failing to enforce its revocation.

Josh Pinkard left behind a wife, three children and other family. His wife, Terra, said their world "came crashing down" the day he was killed.

"I lost my best friend, the love of my life, and the most beautiful soul I've ever met," she said in a Facebook message to the Beacon-News. "Our lives will never be the same. We will always miss Josh, but we grieve with hope because we know we will see him again. The last six months have been a very hard uphill struggle, but with the love and support of wonderful family, friends and even strangers, we have started rebuilding a life that I believe would make Josh proud. We will forever be grateful for the love shown to us during this difficult time."

Scrap of paper and a photo

Leaning against a lamp behind Ziman's desk at the Aurora Police Department is a scrap of lined, yellow paper. It bears the names of the employees killed and was handed to her shortly after the shooting, when she first learned who had died. Next to the paper is a group photo of other Henry Pratt



JON LANGHAM/THE BEACON-NEWS
Officer John Cebulski was given a Blue Star Award in April.

employees.

She can't help but see the names and faces of those killed and those who survived each morning when she turns on the lamp and every evening when she turns it off as she leaves.

Ziman feels the effects of the shooting in other ways as well. High-profile shootings since Feb. 15, such as one in Virginia Beach and those earlier this month in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, now cause an angry, visceral reaction, she said.

"Nobody should ever have to go through what the families of these victims have gone through," she said. "No officer should have to get shot responding to these incidents. This is ... a national health problem now."

Police officers Officers Cebulski, Marco Gomez, Adam Miller, Reynaldo Rivera and James Zegar were injured in the shooting. Aurora police officers have been shot in the line of duty before, but this time stands out because of the scale of the entire event, Ziman said.

Workers returned to Henry Pratt 10 days after the shooting, but the ripple effects of the shooting radiated in the community for months.

At least two people have been arrested after separately threat-

ening to "pull a Pratt" or "pull a Henry Pratt."

The community rallied around the families of those killed and police. Restaurants and businesses held fundraisers, and Pratt and its parent corporation helped set up a fund for employees and those killed and injured. Officers, injured and not injured, were honored for their actions at a ceremony in April.

People brought officers' food for some two months after the shooting, and cards and letters poured in, Ziman said.

The Police Department has drawn together since the shooting, as has the community, Ziman said. The outpouring of well wishes has reminded officers that the city values them. It has helped realign officers with their purpose, she said.

The shooting also served as a reminder to officers and their families, especially those who may have settled into their role over years of service, that their training matters, and that they could face danger any day, Ziman said.

Since the shooting, some officers are struggling with the possible consequences of the job, she said. Though she hasn't seen it affect their work and she isn't aware of any officers who have left the department because of the shooting, she has heard from some families who are worried about their relatives continuing to go out on the streets.

The Aurora Police Department is working on small tweaks it learned from the shooting, Ziman said. They involve improving communication with the city and school districts and searching for a way to better keep officers' families informed during an event such as the Pratt shooting.

The department is also looking at whether to purchase ballistic helmets, to accompany the ballistic shields officers

used at Henry Pratt. Ziman wonders if a helmet would have protected one officer whose eye was hit by shrapnel.

Ziman is focusing on physical and emotional healing for both the injured officers and the ones who didn't get hurt or who never made it to the scene, many of whom are experiencing their own guilt, she said.

"It's going to take a while," Ziman said. "But in the meantime, we still have a job to do, to protect this community."

One officer has returned to full duty, and three of the others who were injured are on light duty. One officer has not yet returned to work.

Months of recovery

Cebulski, who questioned whether the shooting was a sign he should retire, grappled with the suggestion he might not be able to come back, but he is eager to fully return, he said.

He thought he would be back on the streets by July but remains on desk duty. He can move around better, but he still couldn't go hiking or exploring caves with his family when they took a vacation in June.

He's undergone rounds of physical therapy and surgery, and soon expects to start conditional therapy.

"There are times I get frustrated" he said. "And other times it's not so bad."

Cebulski had been shot at before, in 1992. He wasn't injured, though a bullet flew through his hair, he said. That time he met up with fellow officers and drank, their wives went to church, and they all went back to work the next day.

This time, he and the other officers check in with each other as they recover. They have all gone to lunch and gotten to know each other better. They ask each other what seeing a psychologist is like, and what to expect from conditional therapy, Cebulski said.

Cebulski was called to Pratt 40 minutes before his shift was over. After he was shot, he called his daughter and his wife. A son came home from Ohio, where he was at college. Cebulski remained in the hospital for three days with his wife beside him the whole time.

He received emails, texts, calls, letters and drawings from across the country. Friends brought food, and church members ask how he is doing and offer support. If his wife can't take him to a doctor's appointment, other officers will pick him up.

He talked to his children about what happened. He asks them if they're OK, and they seem fine, he said.

But his youngest son, a teenager, has adopted a new habit. Anytime he says goodbye or goodnight or goes to a friend's house, he tells his dad he loves him.

Family of missing teen feels 'extreme relief' she is alive

Suspect in Crown Point girl's disappearance is in custody, police say

BY KATHERINE
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Authorities and a relative of a 16-year-old girl for whom an Amber Alert was issued by Indiana State Police said she was found safe in Arkansas about 24 hours after she was last seen in Crown Point, and an arrest has been made in connection with her disappearance.

About 1:40 p.m. Sunday, state police canceled the teenager's safety by canceling the Amber Alert. The Lake County Sheriff's Department is the lead investigating agency, and it was assisted by FBI offices in Indianapolis and Little Rock, Arkansas, where Madison Eddlemon, 16, was found

safe Sunday morning, said FBI spokeswoman Chris Bavender, who is based in Indianapolis.

"She was recovered safely, and there is a subject in custody in connection with her disappearance," Bavender said.

Judith Eddlemon, Madison's grandmother, said she got word from her stepson, Madison's father, about 11 a.m. Sunday that her granddaughter was located safe in Arkansas.

Judith Eddlemon said she and other family members were feeling "extreme relief. It was a nightmare."

About noon, her stepson still was getting details from Lake County Sheriff's Department detectives and the FBI, Judith Eddlemon said, but he was able to start phoning family members to let them know Madison was found alive.

"It was pure torture. You wait

for the phone call, you wait for something," Eddlemon said. "All you do is pray, and you pray for her safety and you want her home and you try to get the word out every way you can. You hope and pray that somebody sees them — and somehow it happened. Somehow our prayers were answered."

Authorities early Sunday issued a statewide Amber Alert for Madison, which included a description of a person of interest and a vehicle description. Madison's grandmother said she believes the teen was taken against her will by a man who previously had stalked the 16-year-old.

Authorities did not provide the name of the person who was arrested in connection with her disappearance, Bavender said.

Crown Point and Lake County, Indiana, authorities searched nearly 24 hours for the teenager, who was last seen alone in her car

about 9 a.m. Saturday. A communications representative with the Lake County Sheriff's Department said he was not in a position to comment on the investigation. Bavender said she expected the lead agency would provide additional details.

Judith Eddlemon did not know whether Madison was found alone or who had been arrested, but she was steadfast in her belief Madison had been kidnapped.

Madison's car was found abandoned near Magnolia and Sherwood drives in Crown Point with some of her belongings still inside, and the window was cracked, according to a Facebook post from the Crown Point Police Department.

Judith Eddlemon did not know what Madison may have left behind in the car but said it was stopped at a stop sign as if preparing to enter the intersec-

tion.

"It was still in the road, and other cars had to go around it," Judith Eddlemon said.

The Amber Alert stated that she may have been with Alexander Curry-Fishtorn, 22.

The Police Department's Facebook post separately went on to say Madison's family has an order of protection against a 22-year-old man for stalking the teenager, and they believe she may have been forced to go with him.

Judith Eddlemon did not have details about the order of protection, such as when it was issued or what prompted the family to seek the court order. She had few details about how and where her granddaughter was located.

"It's so new. We still have so few details," Judith Eddlemon said. "I just know that she's alive."

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4 female Markham cops file complaints over discrimination

BY ZAK KOESKE

Four female Markham police officers have filed complaints of alleged gender discrimination with the Illinois Department of Human Rights in the past six months, according to state documents.

The complaints, which were filed between February and May and remain under investigation by IDHR, came after Terry White's promotion to chief of police in October.

The female officers — who represent the majority but not all of the department's female cops — alleged White demoted them or took them off special assignments, refused to allow them to attend trainings, switched their shifts involuntarily, refused to let them take days off, and generally treated them with disdain and disrespect.

White and Mayor Roger Agpawa declined to answer specific questions about the officers' allegations, but released a statement to address the charges.

"We stand by the chief and will let the matter be resolved through the proper channels and not the media," the statement said. "Though we take these matters very seriously and support our men and women in uniform, we will rely on the process to guide us on a resolution in this matter."

In his first month as chief, White allegedly involuntarily changed a veteran female officer's shift from days to midnights; removed other female officers from special details or roles; denied a female officer's request for time off; and refused to provide a female officer the equipment she needed to attend a training class, according to the officers' complaints.

No reasons were given for the alleged actions, according to their complaints, and male officers in

similar situations allegedly were treated more favorably.

Female officers said they also felt belittled and disrespected by White, who, according to one of the officers' IDHR complaints, called her "dumb on account of being a woman" and yelled "violently" at other female officers for "little to no infractions."

In addition to facing alleged gender-based discrimination, female officers also said they experienced retaliation for speaking up for themselves.

One female officer, whom White allegedly demoted to patrol in December without cause, alleged in her IDHR complaint that she was not assigned a patrol car for nearly three months after filing sex discrimination complaints with human resources and the Department of Human Rights.

The officer alleged that without her own assigned car she was told in one instance to drive a vehicle that did not have working heat and in another was refused the keys to a vehicle, according to her complaint. She also alleged in her complaint that she was not provided proper uniforms for her new position as patrolman and had to wash and wear a single uniform for two months as a result.

Agpawa appointed White to replace former Police Chief Mack Sanders within days of being sworn into office last year.

"Mayor Agpawa believes the best course of action is to allow the complaint(s) to go through the proper process to a resolution," a city spokesman said in a statement Friday.

Last year, a female firefighter in Country Club Hills, where Agpawa served as fire chief, was awarded more than \$11 million in damages after suing the city over alleged gender discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation.



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Show delights despite delays

U.S. Navy Blue Angels jets fly over lifeguard Kacper Sip, 20, as he patrols spectators at North Avenue Beach who gathered Sunday to watch the 2019 Chicago Air and Water Show. The second day of the free show began about two hours later than originally scheduled, marking consecutive days that adverse weather affected the annual event that draws thousands of spectators along the lakefront from Fullerton Avenue to Oak Street.

Union

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representing themselves as CTU went to Venezuela, not to support striking teachers, not to object to human rights violations, but to go on what appears to be a state-chaperoned propaganda tour," said Karen Moody, a teacher and union member.

And though the four travelers regularly called themselves a "CTU delegation" online, the union representing close to 25,000 people has sought to distance itself from the trip, stating the CTU did not endorse, sponsor or fund the trip.

Asked on WTTW's "Chicago Tonight" last week about "some controversy" surrounding the excursion, union President Jesse Sharkey said: "Members go all kinds of places in the summer. This was neither an official trip nor something that was funded by the union. This is a group of people who are members of the CTU who decided to go to Venezuela."

Yet, the official CTU Twitter account retweeted some of the group's updates, including a blog post titled "Introduction to CTU Delegation to Venezuela."

CTU also retweeted another post by teacher Sarah Chambers, one of the travelers and a member of the CTU executive board, which read: "While staying in #Venezuela, we didn't see a single homeless person. USA is the richest country in the world; yet, there are homeless people everywhere. Over 17k CPS students are homeless... This is why @CTULocal is fighting for fair housing #CTUAgainstVezIntervention."

That prompted a rebuke from another Twitter user: "What the Delegation fails to acknowledge is they used the CTU name to raise the funds, to set up meetings, to blog their 'findings.' This was never voted on. They don't get it. Irresponsible and reckless."

Chambers, who appears to have made her Twitter account private, responded by referencing a resolution passed by CTU's House of Delegates to "oppose the invasion of Venezuela."

She added in her tweet: "Have you visited Venezuela & spoke to 100s there? As



RADICAL EDUCATOR COLLECTIVE PHOTO

The Chicago Teachers Union retweeted a link with this photo from the blog Radical Educator Collective, which was created by the group that called itself a "CTU delegation" to Venezuela.

a teacher, I teach my students to be critical thinkers, to get primary sources, listen to ppl's stories & do research before just believing any news. I suggest you do the same."

When contacted by the Tribune, Chambers deferred to the group's blog, Radical Educator Collective. The three who traveled with her — two other educators and a union organizer — did not respond to interview requests. Online, the group was clear the union wasn't helping pay for the trip. At least 55 people donated to a GoFundMe campaign titled "Send CTU Strikers to Venezuela," an apparent reference to their involvement in the CPS charter school strikes last school year.

In the photo accompanying the campaign, the three educators are wearing CTU hats. In comments, some donors expressed solidarity. One \$50 donor wrote of admiration for his colleagues: "Proud of the CTU for their brave and visionary anti-imperialist resolution and enactment of 'teacher-to-teacher' solidarity between Chicago and Venezuelan teachers!"

A July 9 blog post titled "Introduction to CTU Delegation to Venezuela" states, "This blog represents the members delegation of the Chicago Teacher's Union that are currently in Venezuela to learn from educators and activists on the ground. We are three rank and file charter school teachers and



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Teacher Rebecca Testa-Ryan said the union "has no business involving themselves in foreign policy."

one CTU organizer. We organized this delegation ourselves and fundraised for the trip independent of the CTU."

In the latest post, one member of the group wrote that she'd wanted to observe a method for teaching reading that combines numeracy and literacy skills. She was also curious about if and how educators incorporated the country's social movements into their curriculum, she wrote.

They visited a commune and talked to educators involved with Misión Robinson, a social welfare program to improve literacy started under former President Hugo Chávez.

Though the group was inspired by the resolution, the opinions on the blog are their own, they wrote.

Ana Gil-Garcia, who co-founded the Illinois Venezuelan Alliance and teaches in the College of Education

at Northeastern Illinois University, said the trip was unacceptable, though it would be different if they'd gone on their own, without using the CTU brand.

"Once you go there as a delegation of a very powerful union like the Chicago Teachers Union, it's questionable," Gil-Garcia said, adding the trip could come off as the union endorsing the Maduro regime, which she said has killed and imprisoned opponents and contributed to widespread food shortages in the country.

"That's what makes me really upset about it," she said. "The Chicago Teachers Union should be very objective because the membership is formed by people with different ways of thinking."

Gil-Garcia said more than 50 people, many CTU members, contacted her, displeased by the group's actions.

Adding its own spin, the conservative Breitbart News picked up the story using the headline, "#RedforEd Activists from Chicago Teachers Union Go to Venezuela in Support of Maduro's Socialist Regime."

In one article about the trip, Chambers was quoted comparing Maduro with former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

"Through major economic hardships, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro never closed a single public school or a single health clinic. This stands in stark contrast to our experience

in Chicago, where Mayor Rahm Emanuel closed 50 public schools and several mental health clinics in a single year," Chambers said in the story for Fight Back! News, a publication that bills itself as "News and Views from the People's Struggle."

As U.S. sanctions continue against the country estimated in 2018 to have almost 32 million citizens, recent reports indicate millions have fled the country in recent years. Earlier this month, President Donald Trump issued an executive order freezing all Venezuelan government property in the U.S. and saying he "is directly targeting those who enable the illegitimate Maduro regime and undermine the National Assembly of Venezuela and Interim President Juan Guaidó."

And despite the United Nations' criticism of the Maduro government, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, said the sanctions were too broad, could hinder humanitarian aid and "fail to contain sufficient measures to mitigate impact on most vulnerable people."

Maduro and his supporters have claimed that Guaidó's attempts to declare himself president were part of a U.S.-led effort to oust Maduro, and the resolution passed by the CTU House of Delegates echoes that sentiment.

The resolution calls out the Trump administration and other world leaders for "menacing pronouncements against the sovereign state of Venezuela by discrediting the result of the May 20, 2018, Venezuelan presidential election of Nicolás Maduro, and have backed the self-declared 'Presidency' of Juan Guaidó."

Moody, who has taught in CPS for 18 years, called the resolution's "pro-Maduro" tone "heavily biased."

"Both the resolution and the trip reflect the personal politics and world view of (CTU) leadership and their inner circle — not the majority of rank-and-file teachers," Moody said. Saying she's not anti-socialist and leans "pretty far left" politically: "What I personally object to is not the word socialism — but the support of an extremist anti-democratic autocratic lunatic who rules by fear."

Another Chicago Public Schools teacher, Rebecca Testa-Ryan, said she found out about the trip when a fellow CTU member showed her the fundraiser.

"My first thought was, 'Why would you voluntarily go to Venezuela when so many Venezuelans are fleeing the country?'" Testa-Ryan said.

Testa-Ryan said she recently returned from a trip to her native Panama, where she "had the chance to speak to many Venezuelans about the horrific conditions" there. Noting her own family had to endure the dictatorial rule of Panama's Manuel Noriega, she said the Venezuela trip was disrespectful to Latino people and their history. She also took issue with the union resolution.

"CTU has no business involving themselves in foreign policy," she said, adding that should be left to groups like the United Nations "and experts who have a handle with what is occurring on the ground in Venezuela."

As a union member, Testa-Ryan said, "I did not vote for this type of representation nor am I comfortable (with) delegates supporting a dictator."

Gil-Garcia, who moved to the U.S. 25 years ago, said she visits family in Venezuela twice a year. She wrote a letter to CTU leadership detailing her concerns with the delegation and questioning how the travelers got Venezuelan visas.

"The Illinois Venezuelan Alliance demands from Chicago Teachers Union an objective position concerning Venezuela and its humanitarian crisis," Gil-Garcia wrote. "In Chicago Public Schools, there are Venezuelan teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, staff and many children who are members of the imposed Venezuelan diaspora. It is our expectations that CTU respects not only the views of the delegation ... but also the views of hundreds of well-informed teachers who oppose the use of CTU forces and energies to support anti-democratic and criminal regimes."

Moody said she wants Sharkey to apologize to teachers, students and other Chicagoans of Venezuelan descent.

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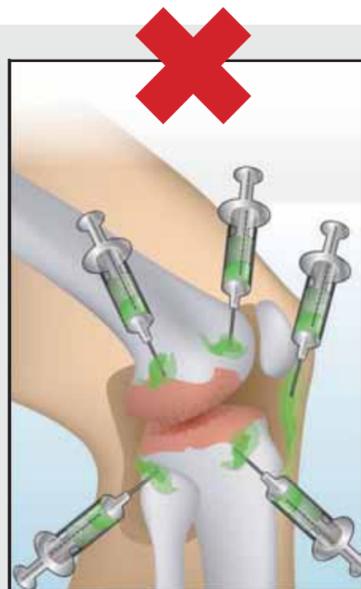
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Legacy

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affiliation with the group, she said.

“We have the Ida B. Wells Memorial Foundation. And they are Ida’s Legacy, operating in the same city,” Duster said. “It has caused so much confusion for our family.

“I never thought I needed to protect Ida’s name. These situations are making us say, ‘Wow, we need to be more formal about things.’”

It was the goal of Mamie Till Mobley to keep her son Emmett Till’s story in the spotlight and to never let the public forget how the 14-year-old was brutally beaten and lynched by two white men in Money, Mississippi, in 1955.

But in some cases, people invoke Till’s name for various projects without informing the family or seeking their input, said Airicka Gordon-Taylor, a cousin of Till Mobley who says she’s more like a surrogate daughter.

“We never get contacted,” she said. “Eighty-five percent of the time our family isn’t contacted for projects in memory to quote-unquote honor him. Or to honor Mamie.”

She acknowledged that there is a split among Till’s surviving family, in part because of differing visions on how to preserve the Till name and legacy. His descendants in Minneapolis run the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, which focuses on using Till’s story as an educational tool.

In Chicago, his descendants control the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation, which is attached to her estate and tells the story from her viewpoint. Till Mobley never had any other children and devoted her life to talking about her son and what happened to him the summer she sent him from Chicago to visit relatives in the South. His brutal murder and treatment was a catalyst for the civil rights movement.

Last month, the Chicago descendants placed balloons on Till’s grave at Burr Oak Cemetery to commemorate what would have been his 78th birthday. They



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Fred Hampton Jr. with a painting of his father, Black Panther Fred Hampton, who was killed in 1969 at age 21.

are currently campaigning to get permission to place a bench near his grave site.

Even with two organizations, there are too many fundraisers, films and mentions in books or movies about Till to police and critique, or to even applaud and celebrate, Gordon-Taylor said.

“There are organizations and people that want to represent Till this way or that way,” Gordon-Taylor said. “Some may try to profit from the story. And it could be in a good way, but it’s still disrespectful when they don’t acknowledge Mamie’s surviving family. It causes conflicts.”

In June, a photo of Emmett Till appeared on the big screen at Guaranteed Rate Field during a White Sox game along with images of game show host Pat Sajak and actor Orson Welles under the banner “Other Famous People from Chicagoland.” The display was criticized, and the team admitted it was “in bad form.” Gordon-Taylor said the family was never consulted for their take.

“It’s OK for others to honor the history, but there should be decency and order,” Gordon-Taylor

said. “It amazes me. To know that it’s been almost 64 years since Emmett Till’s murder and he is mentioned almost every day. Mamie got what she wanted. That was her desire, that he not be forgotten. Still there is a way to continue to honor someone and their family when they are gone.”

Fred Hampton Jr. has made it part of his life’s purpose to protect the story of his father, the Black Panther and revolutionary who was killed in a hail of gunfire during a West Side raid by law enforcement in December 1969.

That has meant organizing commemorative events, hosting rallies and speaking publicly. But it has also meant confronting those who use his father’s portrait on shirts and tote bags without authorization, as well as reminding the public that the family often has nothing to do with museum exhibits or lyrics from rappers and singers that reference Hampton.

“Our position is, a legacy is more important than your life. We have a certain amount of time to be here. But a legacy is a prototype that informs others on how to deal

with a particular situation,” Hampton Jr. said.

For his family, even the words used to describe what happened to Hampton are important. They use “assassinated” rather than “killed.” And they are careful to include his Black Panther Party title of “chairman” and talk about more than just how his life ended. They discuss him as a gifted speaker who taught political classes in Chicago, was deeply concerned about poverty and helped run the Panthers’ free breakfast program. Those are considerations others may not remember to highlight.

“Too many people play Panther when it’s profitable,” Hampton Jr. said. “There is no out for me. This is all I have – it’s not a phase, it’s not a costume party that I can be a part of when it’s fashionable. I’ve seen people get grants, resources and book deals. And they haven’t checked in with us, thought about us.”

Hampton Jr. and his mother, Deborah Johnson, who is now known as Akua Njeri, have been working to restore the childhood home of their family patriarch in

Maywood. Yet as the 50th anniversary of Hampton’s death nears, they have been watching the public discourse to make sure Fred Hampton’s story is told with the proper context.

“When you see people come, make T-shirts and bags and profit and then leave ... it takes a toll,” Hampton Jr. said.

In some ways, it’s also affirming, he explained.

“It reinforces what we think: The system doesn’t want the public to fully know who he was. For us, that means he must have been doing something right.”

Ida’s Legacy was started by Delmarie Cobb, who decided in 2017 to create an organization centered around grooming black women for public office.

She immediately thought of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, she said. Not only was Wells-Barnett the first black woman to run for office in Illinois, but Cobb has lived for 50 years on the same block where Wells-Barnett resided.

It wasn’t until after Cobb established her organization that she connected with the family descendants. Once she did, she invited them to the group’s gatherings.

“The descendants are doing their thing, and we are doing something too,” she said. “Our work doesn’t dishonor Ida B. Wells or the family. We don’t see ourselves in competition in any way.”

Earlier this year, the descendants asked that a disclaimer be placed on the website to differentiate between their efforts, and Cobb has obliged.

She looks at all efforts named for Wells-Barnett as separate causes with a cohesive mission — to raise awareness about this great and iconic Chicago woman.

“All some people knew of her was the housing projects. Now they see the layers of her work,” Cobb said.

“There is an excitement, an energy that has been created over the last two years. I hope that this sudden interest in Ida B. Wells lasts and is sustainable. She is someone who deserves our respect and honor.”

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Casino

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up some of its share of the money — a 33.3% tax on post-payout revenue earmarked for police and firefighter pensions — to attract companies interested in building a city casino. He also suggested the consultant’s wet-blanket report won’t be enough to deter investors.

“If they want to give more of their money to the developer, I don’t know why they would want to do it, but if they want to do it, fine,” Link said. “I firmly believe that if a (request for proposals) was out, you’d still see a lot of developers want to go there.”

The study from Union Gaming Analytics, released Tuesday by the Illinois Gaming Board and paid for by the city, pointed to the city’s one-third share of revenue as a major obstacle to attracting investors. Combined with the state’s cut, the tax rate would total roughly 72%. Assuming operating expenses of about 30%, that would create “an expense structure that could exceed casino revenue,” according to the study.

The city suggested five sites on the South and West sides for Union Gaming to study as potential casino locations, and the consultant found that none was feasible given the “very onerous” tax structure set up in the law. Even if the taxes were lowered, the five sites would be less than ideal because they’d fail to attract enough tourists to maximize revenue, according to the study.

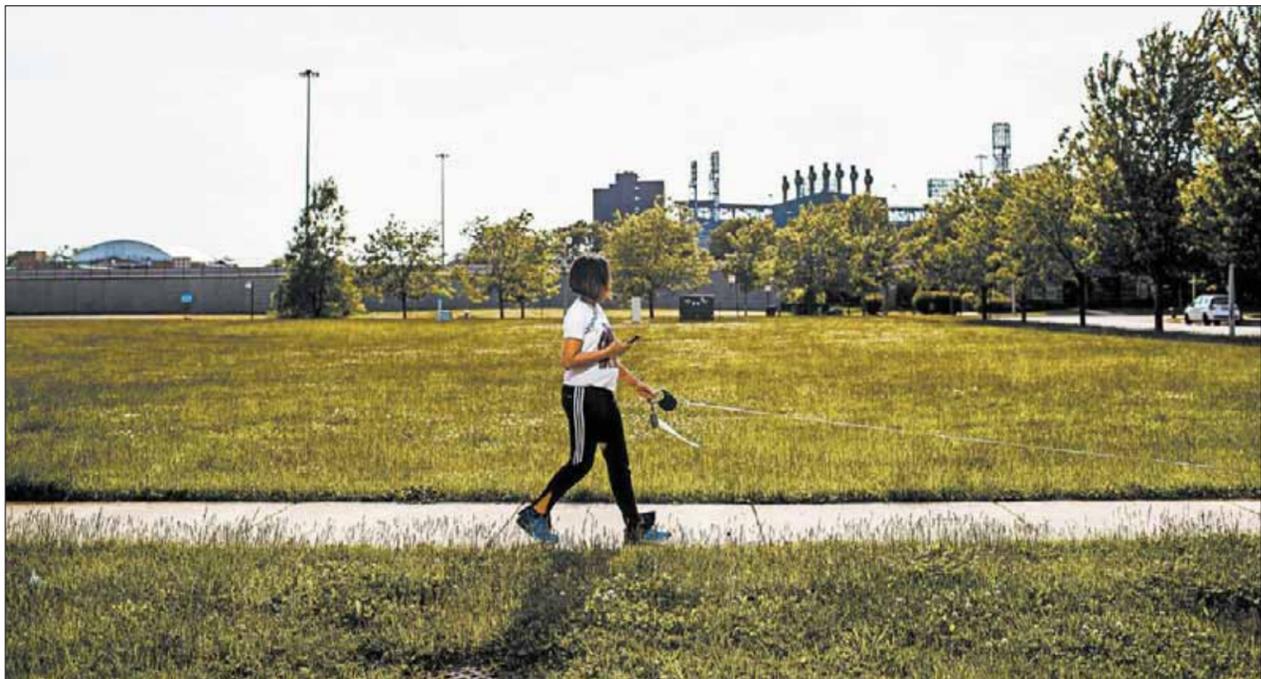
Link said the city might have seen different results if Lightfoot hadn’t offered five “undesirable locations” for the study.

“The last thing I’m ever going to do is to tell the city of Chicago what to do in their location,” he said. “But I think if you were putting it in a survey — and you don’t have to specify the exact location, but if you put Navy Pier, McCormick Place, the Loop — you know, just throw some of those areas in and then did a study on it, I think you’d see different results.”

The study, however, while noting the potential merits of a site closer to downtown, says that under the proposed tax setup, a centrally located casino “would have thin profit margins at best and would likely also have a subpar, or even negative return on investment” when also taking development costs into account.

Lightfoot isn’t tipping her hand on the city’s next move. She told reporters last week that she knew the proposed tax structure wouldn’t work when the legislature passed it in the spring — and said she insisted on the Union Gaming study to prove her point.

But her administration won’t say what reductions she will seek



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A woman walks near the intersection of West 36th Street and South Dearborn Street, near a potential site of a casino in the Douglas neighborhood.

from lawmakers to the long list of payments a Chicago casino operator would currently be required to make to the city and state.

Her reticence is understandable. After settling for a deal she said she knew was bad in the first round of casino negotiations, Lightfoot will be under a brighter spotlight and be working with less leverage as she tries to revamp the agreement to Chicago’s advantage during the the legislature’s two-week veto session this fall.

Critics are already wondering whether veteran Springfield dealmakers played the new mayor by larding the Chicago casino with such high taxes and fees.

Lightfoot publicly dismissed that idea, saying she thinks negotiators in Springfield acted in good faith and will continue to do so. But if she asks lawmakers to reopen negotiations and fails, those critical voices are certain to grow louder.

Lightfoot addressed her position as a political newcomer last week when asked whether casino negotiators in the General Assembly had underestimated her.

“I would hope that nobody underestimates me ever, but we’ll see,” she said. “I’m the new kid on the block. And look, I’m learning. Just as they are learning about me, I’m learning about them. And I think we’ll have a very good working relationship. I don’t have any doubt about that.”

After the release of the study, Pritzker said he intends to work closely with Lightfoot “to get this right for the city and the state.”

Link said he doesn’t envision changing any provisions in the law

aside from those dealing with the city casino, but the measure’s House sponsor, Democratic Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island, acknowledged the possibility.

“Anytime you do anything, it opens up areas for all different types of changes,” Rita said.

Tweaks to other parts of the law may end up being necessary to gather enough votes to support changes to make the Chicago casino more attractive to developers, Senate President John Cullerton said, because “it doesn’t do any good if nobody invests in it.”

“We have to understand this is a big state,” said the Chicago Democrat. “We’ve got casinos down in deep southern Illinois, on the Kentucky border, and now on the Wisconsin border. And so, anything we do, we need to get people to vote for. So there’s always been an issue about Chicago getting any special deal. But the point is, that’s where most of the money would be generated. So, we just have to compromise.”

Aside from lowering the city’s 33.3% share of the revenue, any changes to make a Chicago casino more financially feasible likely could mean creating a unique set of rules. Other casino towns get only 5% and in some cases have to split that with nearby localities.

In addition to city’s share, the Chicago casino operator also would have to pay a \$250,000 application fee upfront, a \$15 million “reconciliation” fee when the license is issued and up to \$120 million in gambling position fees — which cost \$30,000 each. The casino is authorized to have up to 4,000 gambling positions — such

as slot machines and blackjack tables — with some slot machines possibly going to O’Hare International and Midway airports.

After three years, the casino would have to pay a fee equal to 75% of its post-payout revenue from its most lucrative 12-month period, minus the fees paid upfront per gaming position.

Similar provisions apply to all of the new casinos authorized in the law, although casino owners outside Cook County will pay only \$17,500 per gaming position. Many suburban and downstate lawmakers are traditionally reluctant to give Chicago special breaks, so convincing them to support lowering fees just for the city casino would be a challenge.

One solution would be to lower or eliminate the 75% fee due after three years for everyone, said Tom Swiok, executive director of the Illinois Casino Gaming Association, which represents nine of the state’s 10 existing casinos. Swiok said the retroactive payment on top of all the other fees and taxes is “just totally uncalled for.”

Reducing or doing away with that one-time fee would also be a tough sell for lawmakers because that money, along with the other new revenue from gambling expansion, is earmarked for building projects at public schools, state universities and other facilities through Pritzker’s infrastructure plan.

If lawmakers are going to reopen negotiations on gambling, Swiok said, casino owners want to see clarifications on a provision that gives short-term tax breaks to existing locations to offset in-

creased competition and on the bidding procedures if multiple companies are interested in one of the new licenses.

“It’s just very, very confusing,” he said.

Other gambling interests aren’t interested in reopening the conversation, however.

After years of struggling through track closures and competition from out-of-state facilities that also offer casino-style gambling options, the state’s racehorse industry got nearly everything it was hoping for in the law Pritzker signed in June, said Tony Somone, executive director of the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association. The group represents about 2,500 members who raise and race standardbred horses.

The new law allows Illinois tracks to add slot machines and table games and requires track owners to put some of that money into the purses won in races. It also authorizes a new standardbred track in south suburban Cook County and guarantees that live races will continue, among other provisions.

Somone said his association will be on guard against potential changes that would undo any of that progress.

“We’re going to work hard to keep it exactly how it is,” he said.

As for changes to make a Chicago casino more feasible, Somone said, “whatever they do is their business, as long as it doesn’t get into the racing end of it.”

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Voters press Republicans to act on guns

GOP candidates eye new ways to address anxieties

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

GILBERT, Ariz. — Following the news has grown stressful for Angela Tetschner, a 39-year-old nurse raising four children in this sprawling Phoenix suburb of tile roofs, desert yards, young families and voters who are increasingly up for grabs.

"Sometimes I do think about the school shootings," said Tetschner, who doesn't pay much attention to politics but has been disappointed in President Donald Trump, days after sending her 5-year-old boy to kindergarten. She'd like to see Congress tighten gun laws, but her expectations for action are low.

"You can't not put your kid in school," she said. "I just hope and pray that nothing happens."

Tetschner's worries are weighing heavy on Republicans in Arizona and elsewhere in the wake of recent mass shootings. The party has seen once-reliable suburbs turn competitive as women worry about their children's safety and bristle at Trump's harsh rhetoric on race and immigration, and they embraced Democratic alternatives in last year's midterm elections.

GOP candidates looking ahead at tough races increasingly are eyeing new ways to address anxieties about gun violence, and to do that without crossing the party's base, which sees gun restrictions as an infringement on the constitutional right to bear arms.



JONATHAN J. COOPER/AP

A supporter of gun rights who once called universal background checks unconstitutional, Sen. Martha McSally, R-Ariz., now says she is open to talking about new gun laws.

"Republicans' backs are already against the wall among suburban voters, particularly college-educated women," said Whit Ayres, a Republican consultant. "And the inability of our political system to pass what most Americans see as common-sense reforms related to gun violence only makes the matter worse."

That tension is palpable in Arizona, a state with an ardent gun culture as well as a growing population of newcomers seeking sun, jobs and affordable housing in the suburbs that ring

Phoenix.

Republican Sen. Martha McSally's challenge is to navigate that divide. The freshman senator is facing a difficult reelection fight, probably against Democrat Mark Kelly, a former astronaut who became a prominent gun-control advocate after his wife, then-U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, was shot in the head in an attempted assassination in Tucson in 2011.

While gun control often fades from the conversation weeks after a high-profile shooting, the issue is likely

to be a steady presence in this race, but not determine the outcome by itself.

"It's a part of their decision-making process, but it's only a part of it," said David Winston, a Republican pollster who advises GOP congressional leaders.

Pressure on McSally has been evident since shootings in California, Texas and Ohio. She has adopted a softer tone and spoken forcefully against hate and domestic terrorism. A vocal supporter of gun rights who once called universal background checks unconstitu-

tional, McSally now says she is open to talking about new gun laws.

She also says she intends to introduce legislation to make domestic terrorism a federal crime.

"We all need to do our part, whether there's a federal element, a state element, a society element," McSally told reporters in Phoenix on Thursday. "Let's figure out what we can do that's meaningful, that's thoughtful, that's not political theater in order to stop these crimes."

McSally's message ech-

oes what other Republicans are saying.

After two shootings killed 31 people in less than 24 hours, President Donald Trump started talking about tougher background checks on gun buyers and prominent Republicans expressed support for laws that make it easier for authorities to seize weapons from people deemed suicidal or dangerous.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., a longtime opponent of gun control laws, said the Senate could not fail to act, although he ignored a push by Democrats to call lawmakers back from summer recess to debate the issue.

McSally said her talk about changing gun laws is not new. She said that as a congresswoman, she sponsored a National Rifle Association-backed bill to improve background checks by making sure the database of people barred from owning guns is complete.

But her openness, at least rhetorically, to new restrictions is a departure from her responses to earlier large-scale shootings.

Tetschner, the mother who lives outside Phoenix, said she is not against gun ownership, but would like to see "strict rules" to ensure people with psychological issues do not buy them.

"It's kind of getting old," she said, keeping a close eye on her two younger children chasing jets of water shooting from the ground of a splash pad on a hot morning. "It's to the point where I guess I assume nothing's going to get done, because it's happened a few times and nothing's been done."

Trump, economic adviser dismiss fears of recession

BY KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. — President Donald Trump's top economic adviser is playing down fears of a looming recession after last week's sharp drop in the financial markets and predicting the economy will perform well in the second half of 2019.

Larry Kudlow said in Sunday television interviews that consumers are seeing higher wages and are able to spend and save more.

"No, I don't see a recession," Kudlow said. "We're doing pretty darn well in my judgment. Let's not be afraid of optimism."

A strong economy is key to Trump's reelection prospects. Consumer confidence has dropped 6.4% since July. The president has spent most of the week at his golf club in New Jersey with much of his tweeting focused on talking up the economy.

Kudlow acknowledged a slowing energy sector, but said low interest rates will help housing, construction

and auto sales.

Kudlow also defended the president's use of tariffs on goods coming from China. Before he joined the administration, Kudlow was known for opposing tariffs and promoting free trade during his career as an economic analyst.

Kudlow said Trump has taught him and others that the "China story has to be changed and reformed."

"We cannot let China pursue these unfair and unreciprocal trading practices," Kudlow said.

Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke said the U.S. needed to work with allies to hold China accountable on trade. He said he fears Trump is

driving the global economy into a recession.

"This current trade war that the president has entered our country into is not working," O'Rourke said. "It is hammering the hell out of farmers across this country."

Last month, the Federal Reserve reduced its benchmark rate — which affects many loans for households

and businesses — by a quarter-point to a range of 2% to 2.25%. It's the first rate cut since December 2008 during the depths of the Great Recession.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell stressed that the Fed was worried about the consequences of Trump's trade war and sluggish economies overseas.

"Weak global growth and trade tensions are having an effect on the U.S. economy," he said.

Breaking with historical norms, Trump has been highly critical of Powell as he places blame for any economic weakness on the nation's central bank for raising interest rates too much over the past two years.

Peter Navarro, who advises Trump on trade policy, shared that sentiment.

"The Federal Reserve chairman should look in the mirror and say, 'I raised rates too far, too fast, and I cost this economy a full percentage point of growth,'" Navarro said.

Navarro also said that U.S. consumers are not affected by the administration's trade war with China, despite tariffs being taxes paid by U.S. importers, not



NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-AFP

President Donald Trump speaks to the media Sunday before boarding Air Force One in Morristown, New Jersey, enroute to Washington, D.C.

by China, and are often passed along to U.S. businesses and consumers through higher prices.

Trump acknowledged a potential impact when he paused a planned 10 percent tariff hike for many items coming from China, such as cellphones, laptops, video game consoles, some toys, computer monitors, shoes and clothing.

"We're doing (it) just for Christmas season, just in case some of the tariffs could have an impact," the

president told reporters in New Jersey.

Navarro would not go that far, saying Sunday "there's no evidence whatsoever that Americans consumers are bearing any of this."

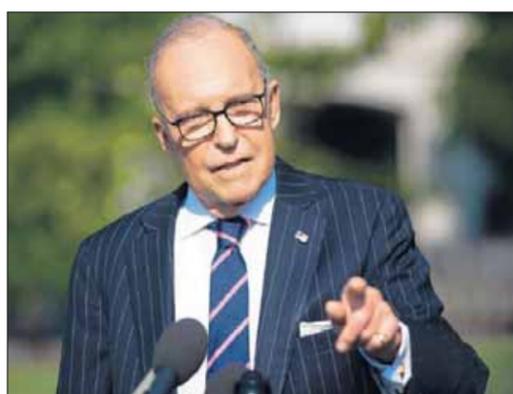
Kudlow was interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press" and "Fox News Sunday." O'Rourke spoke on NBC, and Navarro appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" and CBS' "Face the Nation."

Trump's trade war with China has been a target of

criticism by Democrats vying to challenge him in 2020.

"There is clearly no strategy for dealing with the trade war in a way that will actually lead to results for American farmers or American consumers," said Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, a Democratic presidential candidate.

He said on CNN that it was "a fool's errand" to think tariff increases will compel China to change.



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White House adviser Larry Kudlow noted that President Harry Truman's administration tried to buy Greenland.

Kudlow: US 'looking at' buying Greenland

BY FELICIA SONMEZ AND DAMIAN PALETTA
The Washington Post

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow on Sunday confirmed that the Trump administration is exploring trying to buy the country of Greenland, noting the self-governing country is a "strategic place" that is rich in minerals.

"It's developing. We're looking at it," Kudlow said on "Fox News Sunday." "Denmark owns Greenland. Denmark is an ally. Green-

land is a strategic place ... I'm just saying the president, who knows a thing or two about buying real estate, wants to take a look."

President Donald Trump's desire to buy Greenland, which is part of the kingdom of Denmark, was first reported last week by The Wall Street Journal.

Two people with direct knowledge of the directive told The Washington Post that Trump has mentioned the idea for weeks, and aides are waiting for more direction before they decide

how seriously they should look into it.

Trump is scheduled to visit Denmark in two weeks. In the days since news of Trump's interest in Greenland broke, the idea has been ridiculed by politicians in Denmark, and Greenland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Friday that the island is not for sale.

Kudlow noted Sunday that after World War II, President Harry Truman's administration offered to purchase Greenland from Denmark for \$100 million.

The U.S. military had a presence in Greenland during the war as a means to protect the continent if Germany tried to attack.

With melting ice making the region more accessible, the United States has been firm in trying to counter any moves by Russia and China in the Arctic.

China declared itself a "near-Arctic nation" last year and has defended its desire for a "Polar Silk Road" in which Chinese goods would be delivered by sea from Asia to Europe.

'May God ruin' Trump, Tlaib's grandmother says

BY DAVE GOLDINER
New York Daily News

The 90-year-old Palestinian grandmother of Rep. Rashida Tlaib hit back at President Donald Trump, calling on God to "ruin him" for helping to bar the Michigan Democrat from visiting the West Bank.

"Trump tells me I should be happy Rashida is not coming?" Muftia Tlaib told Reuters. "May God ruin him."

The matriarch of Tlaib's clan sat beneath an olive tree in the garden of the family's home in the village of Beit Ur Al-Fauqa. They had planned to slaughter a sheep but the welcome party has been canceled.

Israel initially barred Tlaib and another Democrat, Rep. Ilhan Omar, from visiting over their support for the international boycott movement following an appeal from Trump to deny them entry.



Muftia Tlaib, the grandmother of Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., took umbrage at Trump's words.

Israel then reversed course and said Tlaib could visit relatives in the West Bank on humanitarian grounds. But then the Inter-

rior Ministry released a letter purportedly signed by Tlaib in which she promised not to advocate boycotts during her visit. That ap-

pears to have led her to cancel the visit Friday.

Trump then ripped Tlaib as "obnoxious" for not accepting the Israeli offer.

He also took a shot at the Tlaib family, saying the grandmother should be happy not to host her U.S.-born granddaughter, whom she has not seen since 2006.

Muftia Tlaib has been looking forward to seeing Rashida Tlaib for months, and the congresswoman said she was looking forward to picking figs with her grandma. The village celebrated in 2018 when their favorite daughter became the first Palestinian American woman ever elected to Congress.

Israel had originally said it would allow Tlaib and Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., to enter the country and visit the West Bank, to which it controls all access.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reversed course and said they were not welcome because of their support of economic boycott to pressure Israel into ending the occupation and negotiating an inde-

pendent Palestinian state.

The unprecedented move provoked a major split between Israel, which gets more than \$3 billion in U.S. aid annually, and usually reliable allies in the Democratic Party.

The Mideast conflict also reared its head in the Democratic presidential primary fight as major candidates slammed Netanyahu. Bassam Tlaib, the lawmaker's uncle, said Trump's support for Israel's effort to block the trip by Tlaib and Omar is ironic in view of the racist "send her back" chants of his supporters.

"Yesterday he asked them to leave and today he asks that they aren't let in," Bassam Tlaib told Reuters.

Despite the impasse, Muftia Tlaib hopes she will still see Rashida someday: "My heart tells me that she will come."

Associated Press contributed.

Bombing

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Taliban to end America's longest war.

Stunned families buried the dead, some digging with bare hands. One wounded survivor, Mohammad Aslim, still wore his bloodied clothes the day after the blast late Saturday. He and his friends had already buried 16 bodies, among them several close relatives, including a 7-year-old boy.

Aslim looked exhausted, and said he was waiting to bury more. Nearby, a man named Amanullah, who lost his 14-year-old son, said in anguish that the explosion had mangled the boy's face so badly he could no longer recognize it.

"I wish I could find the pieces of my son's body and put them as one piece into the grave," he cried.

The emergence of the Islamic State affiliate in recent years might be the greatest threat to Afghan civilians as the U.S. and Taliban seek an agreement to end nearly 18 years of fighting. While the U.S. wants Taliban assurances that Afghanistan will no longer be used as a launchpad for global terror attacks, there appear to be no guarantees of protection for Afghan civilians.

The Taliban, which the U.S. hopes will help curb the IS affiliate's rise, condemned the attack as "forbidden and unjustifiable."

The blast took place in a western Kabul neighborhood that is home to many in the country's minority Shiite Hazara community. IS, which declared war on Afghanistan's Shiites nearly two years ago and has claimed responsibility for many attacks targeting them in the past, said in a statement that a Pakistani IS fighter seeking martyrdom targeted a large Shiite gathering.

The wedding, at which more than 1,200 people had been invited, was in fact a mixed crowd of Shiites and Sunnis, said the event hall's owner, Hussain Ali.

Ali's workers were still

finding body parts, including hands, in the shattered wedding hall, its floor strewn with broken glass, pieces of furniture and victims' shoes.

"We have informed the police to come and collect them," he said.

The bomber detonated his explosives near the stage where musicians were playing and "all the youths, children and all the people who were there were killed," said Gul Mohammad, another witness.

Survivors described a panicked scene in the suddenly darkened hall as people screamed and scrambled to find loved ones.

"I was with the groom in the other room when we heard the blast and then I couldn't find anyone," said Ahmad Omid, who said the groom was his father's cousin. "Everyone was lying all around the hall."

The blast at the wedding hall, known as Dubai City, shattered a period of relative calm in Kabul.

On Aug. 7, a Taliban car bomber aimed at Afghan security forces detonated his explosives on the same road, a short drive from the hall, killing 14 people and wounding 145 — most of them women, children and other civilians.

Kabul's huge, brightly lit wedding halls are centers of community life in a city weary of decades of war, with thousands of dollars often spent on a single evening.

Messages of shock poured in on Sunday.

"Such acts are beyond condemnation," the European Union mission to Afghanistan said. "An act of extreme depravity," U.S. Ambassador John Bass said. A deliberate attack on civilians "can only be described as a cowardly act of terror," U.N. envoy to Afghanistan Tadamichi Yamamoto said.

The explosion came just ahead of Afghanistan's 100th Independence Day on Monday. The city, long familiar with checkpoints and razor wire, has been under heavier security. A planned event marking the anniversary was postponed because of the attack, the

president's office said.

The attack also comes at an uncertain time in Afghanistan as the U.S. and the Taliban appear to be within days of a deal on ending the war after several rounds of talks this year. Afghanistan's government has been sidelined in those talks as the Taliban refuse to negotiate with what it calls a U.S. puppet.

The U.S. envoy in the talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, said on Twitter Sunday that the peace process needs to be accelerated, including holding talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government and other Afghans. He said that will put Afghanistan in a "much stronger position" to defeat the IS affiliate.

President Donald Trump was briefed on the talks on Friday but few details have emerged.

Top issues in the talks have included a U.S. troop withdrawal and Taliban guarantees they would not allow Afghanistan to become a launchpad for global terror attacks. In that, the Islamic State affiliate's increasingly threatening presence is the top U.S. concern. Other issues include a cease-fire and intra-Afghan negotiations on the country's future.

Many Afghans fear that terror attacks inside the country will continue, and their pleas for peace — and for details on the talks — have increased in recent days. Few appear to believe that the Taliban will step in to protect civilians from IS or anyone else after years of killing civilians themselves.

"Taliban cannot absolve themselves of blame, for they provide platform for terrorists," President Ashraf Ghani said on Twitter, declaring a day of mourning and calling the attack "inhuman."

Frustration at the authorities was evident as well, amid a fresh wave of grief.

"We want the government to stop arguing about power and act like a human being to bring peace to this country," one worker at the wedding hall, Hajji Reza, said. Several of his colleagues remained missing.

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Gibraltar rejects US request to seize Iranian oil tanker

BEIRUT — A Gibraltar court rejected a U.S. attempt to seize an Iranian oil tanker on Sunday, clearing the way for the ship to resume its journey in the Mediterranean.

The Grace 1 super-tanker, renamed the Adrian Darya 1, has been anchored off Gibraltar since it was intercepted by the British navy July 4 on the grounds that it was carrying oil to Syria in violation of European Union sanctions. Gibraltar lifted the

detention order last week after Britain received assurances from Iran that the tanker would not take its cargo to Syria.

But late Friday, the United States intervened, issuing a warrant for the ship and its cargo, claiming it was violating not only U.S. sanctions against Syria but also those against Iran.

The Gibraltar court ruled that the U.S. sanctions on Iran do not apply in the EU.

Bail set at \$200,000 for NYC subway scare defendant

NEW YORK — Bail has been set at \$200,000 for a homeless man from West Virginia who was charged with placing two devices that looked like pressure cookers in a New York City subway station.

The bail was set Sunday when Larry Kenton Griffin II of West Virginia, appeared in court.

A message seeking comment was left with a lawyer for Griffin.

Griffin was scheduled

to return to court Friday.

His bail was set by Criminal Court Judge Keisha Espinal two days after Friday morning's commute was disrupted by a police investigation that began after two large cooking pots were spotted at Manhattan's Fulton subway station.

The 26-year-old Griffin was charged with two counts of placing a false bomb. He was arrested Saturday in the Bronx.

Funeral for lost ice: Iceland bids farewell to one of its glaciers

It was a funeral for ice. With poetry, moments of silence and political speeches about the urgent need to fight climate change, Icelandic officials, activists and others bade goodbye to what once was a glacier.

Icelandic geologist Oddur Sigurdsson pronounced the Okjokull glacier extinct about a decade ago. But on Sunday he brought a death certificate to the made-for-me-

dia memorial.

After about 100 people made a two-hour hike up a volcano, children installed a memorial plaque to the glacier, now called just "OK," minus the Icelandic word for glacier.

The glacier used to stretch 6 square miles, Sigurdsson said.

"The symbolic death of a glacier is a warning to us, and we need action," former Irish President Mary Robinson said.



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In Bangladesh: A resident rests in a temporary shelter in the Mirpur slum in Dhaka on Sunday. At least 10,000 people are homeless after a massive fire swept through the crowded slum in the capital and destroyed thousands of shanties, officials said.

Far-right and antifa groups both claim victory in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — With both the left and the right declaring victory following a long-hyped rally that had Portland, Oregon, on edge it seems the liberal city will continue to be a flashpoint in an increasingly divided country.

City officials were relieved that a downtown gathering Saturday of more than 1,000 far-right protesters and anti-fascist counterdemonstrators wasn't as violent as feared.

"I'm grateful this was largely a peaceful event," Mayor Ted Wheeler said.

There were 13 arrests and police seized bear

spray, shields, poles and other weapons. But by using barriers and bridge closures authorities were able to mostly keep the two sides apart. Six minor injuries were reported.

Joe Biggs, the organizer of the right-wing gathering that featured the Proud Boys and other far-right groups, said they accomplished their goal of drawing attention to black-clad anti-fascist protesters, known as antifa, who showed up to meet them.

President Donald Trump tweeted early Saturday that "major consideration is being given to

naming ANTIFA an 'ORGANIZATION of TERROR.'" It wasn't immediately clear what he meant by that because there's no mechanism for government to declare a domestic organization a terror group.

Biggs told The Oregonian/OregonLive he was pleased the rally attracted Trump's attention.

But Eric Ward, executive director of the Portland-based Western States Center, said the right-wing rally was a bust.

Ward said Biggs' groups cut short a planned five-hour rally after only one hour and left.

4 La. men to plead guilty in Miss. bribery scheme

Four Louisiana men say they'll plead guilty to charges that they tried to bribe a Mississippi sheriff with \$2,000 in casino chips, seeking lucrative jail contracts.

Michael LeBlanc Sr. of Baton Rouge, Michael LeBlanc Jr. of Prairieville, Tawasky Ventroy of Ope-

lousas and Jacque Jones of LaPlace have filed notices saying they will change their pleas.

All are accused of scheming to win contracts to sell inmates phone service and commissary goods at a jail in Mississippi's Kemper County. The indictment also says the men

paid former Mississippi Corrections Commissioner Christopher Epps \$2,000 for help in getting contracts. Epps was convicted of taking more than \$14 million in bribes and is serving a nearly 20-year prison sentence.

All four remain free on bail.

3 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces near fence

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops killed three Palestinians and severely wounded a fourth near Gaza Strip's heavily guarded perimeter fence, the Gaza Health Ministry said Sunday.

The Israeli military said a helicopter and a tank fired at armed suspects near the fence overnight.

After weeks of calm, Palestinian militants have attempted a number of raids in recent days. They fired rockets into Israel on two occasions over the weekend, without wounding anyone. Israel struck Hamas targets in response, without causing casualties.

Israel holds Hamas responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, which the Islamic militant group has ruled since 2007. Hamas has said recent attacks were carried out by individuals frustrated by the Israeli-Egyptian blockade.

In Honduras: A fight between fans of rival soccer teams Motagua and Olimpia at the National Stadium in Honduras' capital of Tegucigalpa left four people dead and led to the suspension of the game. The violence began when fans of the Olimpia team threw stones Saturday evening at a bus carrying Motagua players to the stadium, breaking windows and injuring three players. Former Celtic player Emilio Izaguirre, a Honduran national, suffered a cut near an eye. Paraguayan Roberto Moreira and Argentine Jonathan Rougier were also injured. A fight broke out between fans of the teams, with gunfire heard. Police used tear gas to disperse the crowd, which took their fight inside the stadium as well.

KATHLEEN BLANCO 1942-2019

La.'s 1st female governor, served during Katrina

BY MELINDA DESLATTE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Former Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, who became the state's first female elected governor only to see her political career derailed by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, has died.

After struggling for years with cancer, Blanco died Sunday in hospice care in Lafayette. She was 76.

"Our hearts are broken, but we are joyful in knowing that she is rejoicing in her heavenly reunion with Christ. Please pray for God's peace to carry us through the coming days and months of sorrow as we mourn her absence from our lives," Blanco's family said in a statement released by Gov. John Bel Edwards' office.

Blanco had a rare eye cancer that she battled successfully in 2011, but it later returned and spread to her liver. Her death came more than a year after the Democrat who served in state government offices for more than two decades announced in December 2017 that she was being treated for the incurable melanoma. Blanco described being in a "fight for my own life, one that will be difficult to win."

Blanco held Louisiana's top elected job from 2004 to 2008. Until her campaign for governor, she spent much of her political career moving steadily and quietly through state politics, rarely creating waves or controversy.

Katrina raised her profile nationally and forever impacted her legacy. The devastating August 2005 hurricane killed more than 1,400 people in Louisiana, displaced hundreds of thousands and inundated 80 percent of New Orleans.

Historians will continue



BILL HABER/AP

Former Gov. Kathleen Blanco held Louisiana's top job from 2004 to 2008.

to debate whether any governor could have been prepared for such a catastrophe, but Blanco shouldered much of the blame after images of thousands stranded on rooftops and overpasses were broadcast to the world, and the government was slow to respond. Blanco was criticized as unprepared, overwhelmed and indecisive. The recovery she guided moved ploddingly.

As the devout Catholic asked in the letter announcing her terminal condition for prayers in her final months, she also thanked Louisiana residents for their "abiding love" during her years of service, and described the challenges of responding to Katrina and the follow-up blow of Hurricane Rita a month later.

"Katrina certainly left its mark and Rita left her mark on Louisiana. It made us tougher people though. It made us stronger," the former governor said in July.

Edwards, a Democrat in his first term as governor, called Blanco a mentor to him and a trailblazer to women. He ordered flags at state buildings around Louisiana flown at half-staff

through Blanco's funeral, scheduled for Saturday.

"She led Louisiana through one of our darkest hours, when hurricanes and the failure of the federal levee system devastated much of our state," he said in a statement Sunday. "I hope history will remember Gov. Blanco as a tireless advocate for Louisiana, who fought fiercely for our state to rebuild."

A former high school business education teacher from the small Cajun village of Coteau, Blanco launched into politics as a consultant with her husband Raymond on local redistricting issues before going on to serve 24 years in elective office. Her first, in 1984, was a seat in the state House. Then came positions on the state utility regulatory commission and as lieutenant governor.

Political insiders dismissed Blanco as a lightweight — honest and hardworking but lacking in substance as a serious gubernatorial contender. She dropped out of the governor's race in 1991, then stunned many political prognosticators in the 2003 election by defeating Republican Bobby Jindal. She successfully attacked Jindal's record as a former state health official and made a memorable final debate appearance when — asked about a defining moment in her life — she tearfully recounted the 1997 death of her 19-year-old son Ben in an industrial accident.

Jindal later succeeded Blanco as governor after Katrina stopped her plans to seek a second term.

"Kathleen loved Louisiana and served the state for decades. She faced every struggle, including her last, with good cheer and a strong will. She will be missed," Jindal said on Twitter.

Leaked memo warns of 'no-deal Brexit' fallout

BY HANNAH KNOWLES
The Washington Post

An increasingly likely "no-deal" Brexit could wreak far-reaching havoc on Britain's economy, infrastructure and social fabric, according to classified government documents leaked to a British paper.

Food and social-care prices would rise, while medical supplies could face severe delays given the fact that most of the Britain's medicines come through English Channel crossings, the Sunday Times says the documents indicate.

Border delays would interrupt fuel supplies. Ports would only partially recover after three months of severe disruptions, leaving traffic at 50 to 70% of the current flow.

Those are a few of the impacts predicted by "Operation Yellowhammer," which the London-based paper says was compiled this month by Britain's Cabinet Office and available to those with security clearances on a "need to know" basis.

The leak comes as Brexit critics warn that crashing out of the European Union without an agreement will damage the British economy, devalue its currency and create instability. British leaders have sought unsuccessfully since the divisive 2016 Brexit vote to negotiate and pass a "divorce" plan.

Newly elected Prime Minister Boris Johnson, a leading voice in the Brexit movement, has promised to get his country out of the E.U. — deal or no deal — within his first 100 days in office and said a redo of the 2016 independence vote would undercut public faith in the country's democracy.

The Yellowhammer



VUDI XHYMSHITI/AP

Anti-Brexiters demonstrate in London. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has vowed to leave the EU, deal or no deal.

documents provide a sobering view of what Johnson's plan could mean for Britain.

According to the Times, they predict the need to restore a "hard border" with lim-

ited, controlled crossing points in Ireland, which could cause protests and block roads. Johnson has maintained that a "can-do spirit" can help avert such a change. But the Yellowhammer findings anticipate that measures to avoid a hard border will probably "prove unsustainable."

The documents say tariffs on petrol imports could close two oil refineries, cause the loss of 2,000 jobs and further disrupt fuel supplies. The litany of anticipated impacts also in-

cludes delays at airports and protests around the country that would suck up police resources.

With hopes for a plan to ease Britain's departure by Johnson's deadline, the government has been secretly preparing for the fallout, according to the Times.

But the leaked documents say Britain is mostly unprepared amid "EU exit fatigue" after the country missed a planned departure date in March, according to the paper.

The Times cites a senior government source as saying that the Yellowhammer findings present not a worst-case scenario but a "most realistic assessment of what the public face with no deal."

"This is not Project Fear," the government source reportedly said.

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EDITORIALS

Beware, Chicagoans. City crews might be coming for your trees.

Residents of Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood awoke one day earlier this summer to a startling sound: buzz saws. The city had ordered the removal of more than a dozen trees along a residential street for a citywide water main project.

In a matter of hours, freshly sawed tree limbs piled up in the parkway as work crews dismantled healthy oaks and elms from the top down. The canopy of mature trees that residents along a stretch of Hermitage Avenue enjoyed — the swish of leaves in a summer breeze, the hum of cicadas in the evening — gone. This, in the city whose 1937 incorporation motto is “Urbs in horto,” a Latin phrase for “City in a garden.”

The water department has insisted trees located above water mains have to come down as part of an ongoing and necessary overhaul of the city's crumbling water delivery system. But aldermen on the City Council finally are stamping down their collective feet. Not only do trees enhance the beauty and quality of life for Chicago residents, they are a treasured source of carbon reduction. Chicago should be planting more trees, not encouraging a landscape of nakedness.

New Ald. Andre Vasquez, 40th, heard a collective outcry from Edgewater residents, some of whom stood in the street in their pajamas gobsmacked by the tree massacre unfolding on their block. Vasquez is now the chief sponsor of a proposed pilot program to test a promising alternative.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, is the chief co-sponsor among some 35 aldermen backing a proposed order, to be voted on in September, that would force the city's water department to halt tree removals and launch a pilot program to test new technology. The technology, which some suburbs and other cities have employed with success, requires little to no disruption of green space when replacing water mains. Instead of digging up streets, work crews install a new lining into the existing main to strengthen it.

But as with most issues at City Hall,



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The city of Chicago insists trees above water mains must come down as part of an overhaul of the city's water delivery system.

change is slow and often resisted. Unionized city workers and the contractors hired for tree removal prefer the more labor-intensive process of full water main removal and replacement. More work, more workers, more pay. The water department has resisted launching a meaningful pilot program of the new technology, known as cured-in-place pipe. So aldermen feel they have no choice but to make the water department do it through the order. Welcome to Chicago.

Aldermen: Pass the order and then be

sure the pilot program is overseen with integrity. Under the order, the pilot program would run until July 2020 with a report due back to the council. Tree removal in the public way would stop, or at least slow, between now and Dec. 31, 2020.

“Let's test the (liners) with the conditions we have here in Chicago and have professionals evaluate the results,” Hopkins says. “This technology can be adapted to water supply lines too, so with all the lead problems ... this could solve the lead problem without having

to dig up every front yard in Chicago. We can't afford not to try it.”

Hopkins is right. Tree removal is not just an issue for Edgewater. All of Chicago has been or soon will be exposed to the city's massive water main upgrade. This summer, Andersonville residents also have been trying to protect trees along their leafy blocks, and we don't blame them.

Trees are more than shade-providers for city residents. They are a sacred amenity deserving of protection.

Include measles vaccine on your checklist of back-to-school supplies

Worry about measles fades over the summer. Kids scatter to parks and beaches instead of congregating in classrooms and cafeterias, where a cough or sneeze can leave the virus hanging in the air for up to two hours. By late August, with school back in session or nearly so, the scarring pox pops back into view.

Amid misinformation repeated by anti-vaxxers and a jump in the tally of families receiving exemptions from the vaccines required of school-age children, Illinois is trying a good-cop approach to bolstering immunity.

It has increased access to vaccines and invested in public awareness. The Illinois Department of Public Health is promoting

the hashtag #VaxToSchool to urge parents to place vaccinations on the list of essential school preparations, a counterpoint to aggressive use of social media by anti-vaxxers.

If those efforts work, perhaps Illinois can avoid the next escalation: removing the option to receive a religious exemption, as a handful of states have already done.

So far, the gentle approach hasn't been effective. Illinois tightened the procedure for religious exemptions in 2015. What happened? Many more Illinois students — more than 19,000 in 2018, up from 13,000 in 2013 — have since been denied the protection of vaccines by parents claiming faith-based reasons.

The measles vaccine is safe and effec-

tive, yet the spike in the disease in the United States has been dramatic 19 years after it was declared eliminated.

By early August, nearly 1,200 cases of measles had been confirmed in 30 states, reports the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's the most cases since 1992 and up from just 63 cases in 2010.

Just last week, a 43-year-old Israeli flight attendant died after contracting measles and developing the complication encephalitis, or swelling of the brain.

Illinois child care facilities and schools require a variety of immunizations, including diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Medical

exemptions are allowed for children who have compromised immune systems or other health issues. Illinois also allows nonmedical exemptions, almost always based on religious grounds. Illinois does not, at least, allow a “philosophical” exemption, which some states still do.

Illinois has strong “herd immunity,” which holds widespread outbreaks in check. But concern is rising over the number of schools that fall under the benchmark 95% vaccination rate.

Tolerance of vaccine avoidance should end well before children reach the school door, where that choice puts others in danger. Let the semester begin with an easy ethics and civics lesson: Maintaining public health is mandatory.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Although cognitive stratification and other causes of income inequality make America in some ways less egalitarian, do not ignore some hugely egalitarian aspects of modernity. Anyone can have as much access to the internet as Bill Gates has; Jeff Bezos and you have the same access to one of the 20th century's greatest blessings, antibiotics. The devices and medicines that have vast leveling effects on the distribution of well-being have been produced by cognitive elites whose capabilities are not resented by the multitudes who benefit from the results of those capabilities.

Two centuries ago, the great source of wealth in America was land. It was so plentiful that eventually, with the Homestead Act of 1862, it was essentially given away.

A century ago, the distinctive source of wealth was heavy fixed capital: Think of Andrew Carnegie's steel mills, Cornelius Vanderbilt's New York Central Railroad, and then Henry Ford's River Rouge assembly plant.

Today's distinctive source of wealth is what is called human capital — knowledge, information, cognitive skills. Although these are widely distributed by nature and augmented by universal free public education, there are limits to how much education — even if competently conducted, which it not always is — can do to equalize the ability of individuals to thrive in a competitive society.

George F. Will, The Washington Post

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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PERSPECTIVE



A candlelight vigil on Aug. 7 honors victims of the mass shooting that left at least 22 people dead in El Paso, Texas.

MARIO TAMA/GETTY

Oh, my America, so red, white and bruised. Scars and strife forever. Beautiful for specious lies. My country 'tis of thee, what has become of thee? You have exhausted me with your guns and ammo, and your bombast and bluster. Your empty jingoism is tiring; your patriotic preening embarrassing. I hardly know you anymore.

Oh, my America, my heart breaks every day as you lock, load and fire. My brothers and sisters fall in your houses of prayer, in your stores and your schools. Is this the necessary sacrifice for the right to bear arms? Then come the thoughts and the prayers. Then the predictable silence from the quivering politicians who look up ever so briefly before returning to their real jobs: to polish the boot heels of the NRA. Rinse, repeat, reload. Rinse, repeat, reload. Recoil.

Oh, my America, you have always been violent. Wounded Knee. Hiroshima. My Lai. Selma. And now Columbine, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Orlando, Parkland, El Paso, Dayton. What to call this? Here, I will name it for you. I will say the word out loud so there is no longer any doubt. This is *madness*. Are you even listening?

MY AMERICA, I HARDLY KNOW YOU ANYMORE

BY STEPHEN J. LYONS

Oh, my America, no more yellow ribbons for me. No more moments of silence. No more hand over heart as the fighter jets roar above an oversize flag in some tricked-out stadium bursting with inebriated fans drunk from the strange brew of sports and war. Instead, I will take a knee.

Oh, my America, you have traded my goodwill for your bad deeds. Pawned my obedient childhood pledges of allegiance for extended ammo clips, open carry and body armor. You sold me a hologram of life, liberty and the pursuit of freedom. But when I needed protection you handed me a shiny Glock and said, "Here's your protection, pal. Aim for the heart. Trust me, you will get the hang of it."

Oh, my America, my eyes are filled with the endless tears of the

traumatized. When I look at you today I see the coffins and the mounds of teddy bears stacked up at curbside vigils. I also see the dead-end faces of the 20-year-old white shooters who are high on hate and racism. I see the cynical profiteering pimps of the gun industry, cashing in on the latest mass shooting. "See?" they lecture us. "We told you only a gun can protect you from each other." #guns-savelives, they bellow. Tell it to the grieving families, I say. Look into their grieving eyes and tell them.

Oh, my America, you have told me over and over again that I am nobody to you. I am not a lobbyist, a senator, nor billionaire. I am not a brand name or media megaphone. I am invisible to you, the next statistic in your casualty count. But I am your American boy, the one

from the mythical Heartland that you ally yourself with when you need to serve your political agenda. What will you do with me now that your fair-haired native son no longer believes in you?

Oh, my America, you will dismiss me as ungrateful. As simply noise that can be silenced with another slick public relations campaign. It's all about the right messaging, you whisper. You will slur me as a radical leftist. Yet, I am more patriotic than you. I believe in what was once special about this beleaguered nation. I believe in that shining city on the hill. I believe in Lady Liberty's torch and the immigrant's dream. I believe in welcoming the stranger to my door. I believe I should have the right to buy groceries without the fear of ending up as another chalk outline in some crime scene. I believe my grandchildren should not have to wear bulletproof backpacks to class and be forced to participate in live shooter drills. And, yes, I believe no one has the right to own an assault rifle.

Oh, my America, I ask, what is it you still believe in?

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Netanyahu could have avoided showing a 'great weakness' in the Omar-Tlaib affair

BY DANIEL PIPES

It was understandable but unfortunate that the Israeli government on Thursday banned a visit by two of its most hostile congressional critics, Reps. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., and Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich. On Friday, the reasons it wasn't a good idea became even more apparent.

The decision to block Omar and Tlaib was understandable because Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cannot afford to rile an emotional and unpredictable U.S. president. Last month, the Israeli ambassador to the United States, Ron Dermer, said his country would allow a visit by the duo, who in 2018 became the first Muslim women elected to Congress and are ardent supporters of the boycott, divest and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

But after President Donald Trump on Thursday morning criticized the Israeli decision, saying it showed "great weakness," Netanyahu deferred to Trump and canceled the visit.

After a torrent of criticism from across the political spectrum, Israel on Friday climbed halfway down by granting Tlaib permission, on humanitarian grounds, to visit her 90-year-old grandmother in the West Bank. Tlaib quickly rejected that offer, denouncing Israel's stipulation that she not "advance boycotts against Israel

during her visit."

The decision on Thursday to block Omar and Tlaib was unfortunate because the reversal harmed Israel. Yes, of course, the government has the sovereign right to let in or exclude whomever it wishes. But, as is often the case, an emotionally satisfying step turns out not to be the savvy or strategic one. Here are five reasons:

For starters, the possibility exists that the congresswomen would have learned something during their travels to diminish their hostility toward Israel. It has happened before. Jesse Helms, the longtime Republican senator from North Carolina who died in 2008, was renowned for his hostility to Israel, for example, calling in 1982 for "shutting down" U.S.-Israel relations. But he was strongly affected by a 1985 trip to the Holy Land, and became a staunch supporter of Israel. In a more recent case, former Islamist Maajid Nawaz recalled on Twitter on Thursday that a "trip to Israel & engagement with Israeli humans changed me profoundly."

Second, excluding Omar and Tlaib hands them a shiny new grudge to deploy against the Jewish state: its intolerance of criticism. Now, in addition to alleging Israel's oppression of the Palestinians, the congresswomen can publicize their own per-

sonal maltreatment by Netanyahu. Permitting Tlaib to visit her grandmother will not change that fact.

Third, mere criticism is not an acceptable reason for retribution. By allowing critics to visit, Israel enhances its reputation as an advanced, strong and modern country that welcomes full freedom of speech. Barring critics undermines that perception.

Fourth, permitting the duo to visit would have allowed the Israeli government to take the initiative and control the narrative. It could have lavished them with hospitality and good will, making any hostile statements appear churlish and ill-mannered.

Finally, excluding persons because of their political opinions, or deplatforming, is a mug's game for Israel. Given that deplatforming pro-Israel speakers and critics of the BDS movement is commonplace on college campuses and elsewhere, Israel weakens the case against deplatforming when it does the same with members of Congress.

No doubt Netanyahu weighed such arguments and concluded, not unreasonably, that staying on the good side of Trump, the U.S. president with a uniquely pro-Israel record, was the more urgent priority.

The subsequent reversal-of-the-reversal worsened matters. It made obvious that the Israeli government wanted to let them in, but in "great weakness" had bowed to Trump. Tlaib's angry rejection of the conditions placed on her visit made Israel look petty. And Trump could still turn his anger against Netanyahu for partially defying his will.

Netanyahu's Trump dilemma is one that U.S. allies routinely experience: Either pursue your national interests as you see them, thereby annoying the American president, or you cave in to him against your better judgment.

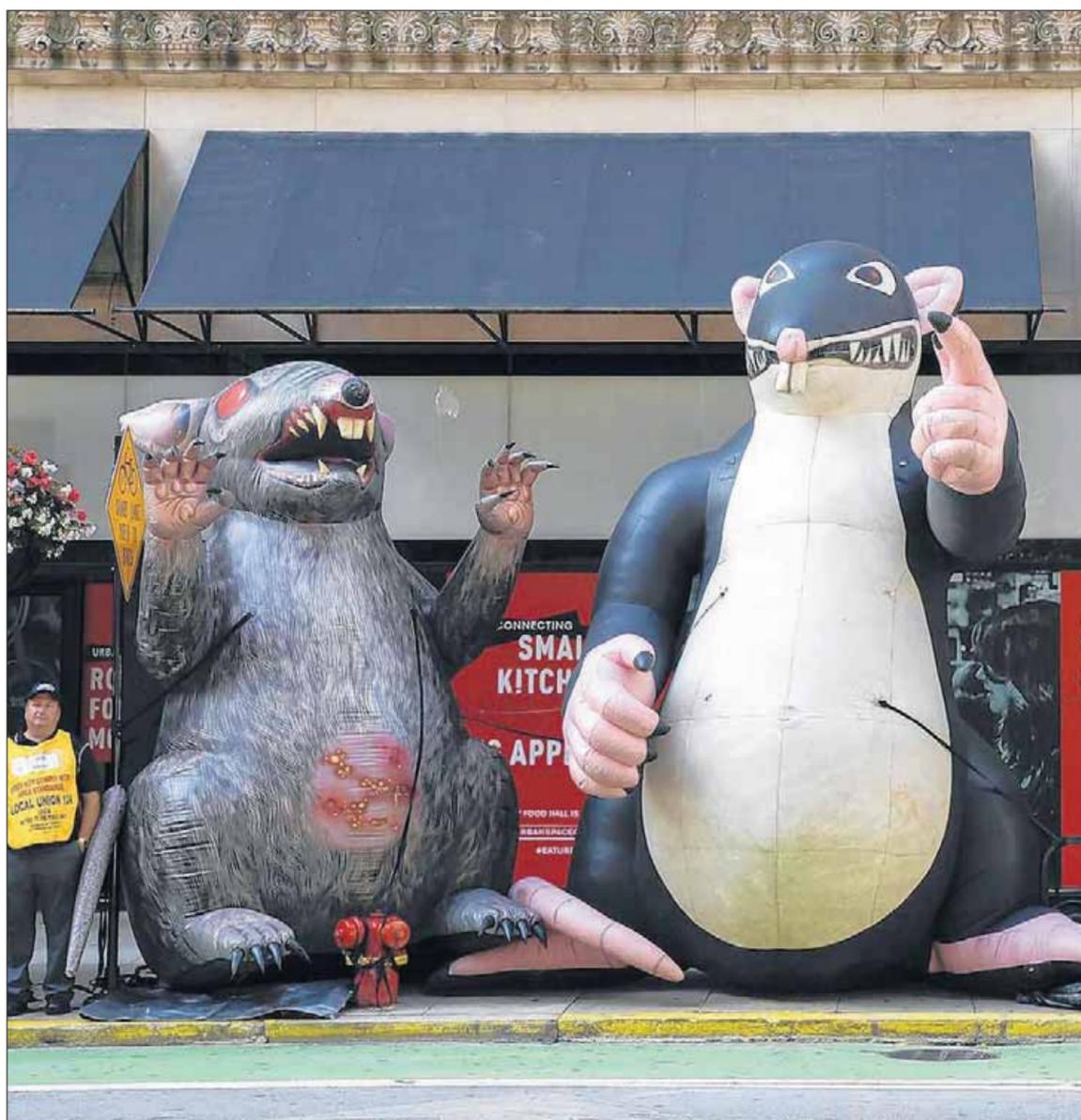
Another dramatic example of this dilemma occurred just over two weeks ago, when, under thunderous threats from Trump, Guatemala's president, Jimmy Morales, felt compelled to sign a migration agreement with Washington against both his own and a large majority of his countrymen's wishes.

Not for the first time, nor for the last, Trump has harmed himself and his friends by taking steps that are impetuous, spontaneous and careless. If only he would learn from his mistakes.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Inflatable rats sit outside a building in Chicago's Loop on Aug. 7.

Does Scabby the Rat cause fear, or is the NLRB inflating the balloon's power?

BY MICHAEL M. OSWALT

Labor Day is always a time to honor the nation's workforce, but this year, we should also reserve some recognition for Scabby the Rat, the inflatable rodent who for nearly 30 years has served as the universal symbol of a labor dispute. Because, if the Trump administration gets its way, Scabby won't be around much longer.

The National Labor Relations Board's general counsel recently argued that Scabby violates a provision in federal labor law that prohibits unions from unfairly pressuring people or businesses not central to an employment fight.

The legal issue is whether, perched on hind legs and stretching upward of 25 feet to the sky, the displays "coerce" passersby, suppliers and other neutral businesses to take the union's side.

Put otherwise, if the wobbly rat causes people to think twice about patronizing a business, is that because they've been reminded to support workers — or because they're totally freaked out?

Over the years, judges and the previous labor boards tended to view various pests, pets and other objects that vary from traditional picket signs as tools of persuasion. For the current general counsel, the presence of claws, fangs and fiery eyes

"mere feet, and sometimes inches, away" from onlookers adds something much darker to the message.

The key question in the litigation should be "how." If it's the fangs, then Count Chocula is presumably off the table. Would Yogi the Bear's sunny demeanor cancel out his claw problem? Oscar is a lovable grouch, but what about that beady stare? Marshmallows are delicious, but the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man terrorized New York in *Ghostbusters*.

The reality is that the general counsel will not be forced to account for any of these issues. Labor law has never developed a standard for measuring how any cartoon or prop actually impacts decision-making.

This has allowed coercion to be analyzed in abstract based on stories invented by lawyers. That people seem to enjoy the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade — with balloons that include a toothy bulldog and an escaped convict named Tough Guy — is beside the point.

Escape from this cycle is possible. Scabby the Rat, Fat Cat and other floating cartoons are encountered in public by real people. If the legality of inflatable objects rests on how customers or neutral parties react to them, the inquiry should center

on what science says actually causes them to flee: fear. Specifically, the labor board could require the general counsel to elicit testimony that Scabby the Rat caused someone to credibly fear a consequence labor protest law prohibits, like confrontation, disruption or violence.

Determining how much fear should be illegal is a difficult question. However, considering the options a person has to reduce or eliminate fright in the moment might help draw a line. In fact, research suggests that the more control over a situation someone perceives, the less fear he or she feels.

So, interviews may show that for some people, Scabby is indeed scary. And if people find themselves surrounded, with no escape hatch in sight, that's coercive. But if they, like everyone else, could easily walk past the display, it's probably not.

No test is perfect, but the NLRB's current approach to cartoon balloons risks the agency's credibility. When my toddler saw Scabby the Rat for the first time, she laughed. And that should count for something.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Chicago casino plan comes up snake eyes

You would think that the research Union Gaming Analytics did, which determined the tax structure of the new gambling law (for a Chicago casino) to be financially untenable, should have been done *before* state lawmakers drafted and passed that legislation.

— Jim Kindel, Chicago

Airport in Peotone would be redundant

A number of years ago, while taking a commuter flight to Cleveland, we passed over the Gary airport. I asked my seatmate why a new airport in Peotone was needed when the Gary facility was so close. His reply: Because Gary's airport is not in Illinois.

— Allan Kautz, Naperville

Reader's lament is purely partisan

Letter writer Sally R. Campbell ("Letting America's foundation erode," Aug. 12) wants to know why Donald Trump supporters are allowing America's foundation to erode. We cannot put up a wall between the U.S. and Mexico because they are long-time allies? We already have hundreds of miles of wall; the GOP wants more legal — less illegal — immigration so that we can make sure gangs like MS-13 don't get here and so people don't think they can make the dangerous trek and skip the immigration line, endangering children's lives. We don't say scientists exaggerate global warming; we say, let the private sector figure it out like companies did with fracking and look for new cleaner energy.

We still have three equal branches of government. President Trump hasn't overridden myriad court decisions. Campbell wants an attorney general who adheres to the Constitution. Does she want to go back to the Barack Obama days when Eric Holder was, as he stated, Obama's wingman? We have been in a trade war with China for decades; Trump is the first president to fight back against China's stealing intellectual property.

No, America's foundation is not eroding. That's just more partisan ranking.

— Ken Nelson, Chicago

Commentary misleads on Japan's action

Ivo Daalder, president of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, in his Aug. 2 commentary ("While the US looks away, Asia stirs with turmoil") mentioned the recent update and approval of Japan's licensing policies and procedures on exports of controlled items to South Korea.

Mr. Daalder suggested that Japan implemented this update to satisfy the country's "own immediate interests" and without regard for the potential impact the decision might have on the region. That is misleading. To accurately portray the updated policies and procedures, one must first recognize the background behind Japan's decision.

Since 2004, South Korea has been classified as a non-risk country where Japan has applied less stringent export procedures based on Japan's trust in South Korea's export control authority.

However, there have been incidents of inadequate management regarding the transferring of certain sensitive items to South Korea. In addition, prior to the update, despite Japan's repeated requests, the regulatory authorities of Japan and South Korea were not able to exchange views and information for quite some time through which sufficient trust between Japan and South Korean authorities should be fostered.

The actual purpose of Japan's recent update is to take strict measures against circumventions and other illicit exports as a responsible member of the international community. This update simply reclassifies South Korea as having equal status with other Asian countries and Taiwan. It is not an export ban, which was clearly proved by Japan's announcement to provide an approval for an individual export case Aug. 8. The update is fully compatible with the free trade regime including World Trade Organization rules and international export control regimes, and it is not assumed to have any impact on the global supply chain.

Additionally, Mr. Daalder relates the recent update to historical issues, though the two are wholly unrelated. He refers specifically to "the two countries have long feuded over history, including over possible Japanese reparations" related to former civilian workers from the Korean Peninsula during World War II. The reality is that any problem concerning property or claims between Japan and South Korea was settled — completely and finally — by the treaty titled Agreement on the Settlement of Problems concerning Property and Claims and on Economic Co-operation, which took effect Dec. 18, 1965. Therefore, it is essential to understand that the updated policies and procedures with regard to the recent export control are not retaliatory measures in any way.

— Consul-General of Japan in Chicago Naoki Ito

If a recession is coming, how will Trump handle it?

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

President Donald Trump inherited a good economy, and for roughly 2 1/2 years managed (mostly) not to mess it up. As with his business empire, he also somehow convinced much of the public that this windfall was due to his personal talents rather than luck.

But right now his luck — and ours — might be running out.

Bond markets are flashing warning signs. Stock prices are whipsawing. Some troubling economic data are rolling in, both here and abroad. All this suggests that the risk of a U.S. recession is rising.

Trump seems to be worried about getting blamed for what is coming. For months, he has been setting up the Federal Reserve as a scapegoat — including for market swings caused by his own foolish trade wars. When stocks go up, Trump claims full credit; when they go down, it's the Fed's fault. Personal responsibility and all that.

My view on what he (and the rest of us) should be fixed on is slightly different. If indeed we have a downturn, Trump might or might not be the cause; the exact triggers of recession are often hard to pinpoint. But you know what would unequivocally be his fault, rather than fickle fortune?

A badly mismanaged recession. Which seems inevitable if, indeed, recession strikes.

If things go south, this administration doesn't have a plan. It never had a plan. And it doesn't have competent personnel in place to come up with a plan.

Trump's economic brain trust consists of a guy who plays an economist on TV, a

crank who has been disowned by the (real) economics profession and the producer of "The Lego Batman Movie."

For those unfamiliar with this particular dream team, the first person on that list is National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow, an affable former CNBC personality. Kudlow has one skill that actually *could* be useful in a crisis: being able to communicate clearly to financial markets. That skill has been rendered moot, however, by Trump's inability to settle on any consistent message worthy of communicating.

Next is senior White House aide and trade adviser Peter Navarro. When profiled in *The New Yorker* in 2016, Navarro could not name a single other economist who agreed with his views on trade. More recently, he suggested *The Wall Street Journal* editorial page sounded communist.

That's a first, for sure.

And finally, there's Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Bankrolling "Suicide Squad" and other movies — whatever their artistic merits — and earning the coveted title of greatest sycophant in Cabinet history bear little relevance to rescuing the world from economic crisis.

Moreover, Mnuchin's Treasury Department is rife with vacancies. Many senior jobs lack even a nominee. There is likewise no nominee for the Senate-confirmed job of chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. The acting chair is a health expert.

The only competent economic policy-makers we have right now are over at the Fed, an institution that Trump is spending all his energy trying to discredit. He has done this by questioning Fed officials'

abilities (a theme of his blow-by-blow tweetstorm of Wednesday's market rout, which referred to Trump's own hand-picked Fed chair as "clueless"); and he's done it by compromising the central bank's perceived political independence.

Whenever the Fed has refused to bend to Trump's will, he (alongside other members of his team) has taken to the airwaves to complain, in violation of a multidecade norm for the White House to never comment on monetary policy. This means that even if Fed officials cut interest rates further next month solely because they believe that would be best for the economy — which in my view, would be the *only* reason this group of professionals would ever cut rates — at least some Fed-watchers will instead interpret the action as a response to the president's bullying.

In other words, regardless of what the Fed does, Trump is eroding its credibility just when we need it most.

Additionally, with interest rates already low and some powers taken away by the Dodd-Frank Act, the Fed also has fewer tools at its disposal than in recessions past. Fiscal policy, too, is somewhat limited. Trump already spent nearly \$2 trillion on tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy, leaving relatively little powder left in the keg when we'll actually need it.

Trump — like the rest of us — had better hope and pray that we don't have a recession anytime soon. Because if we do, it's gonna be bad.

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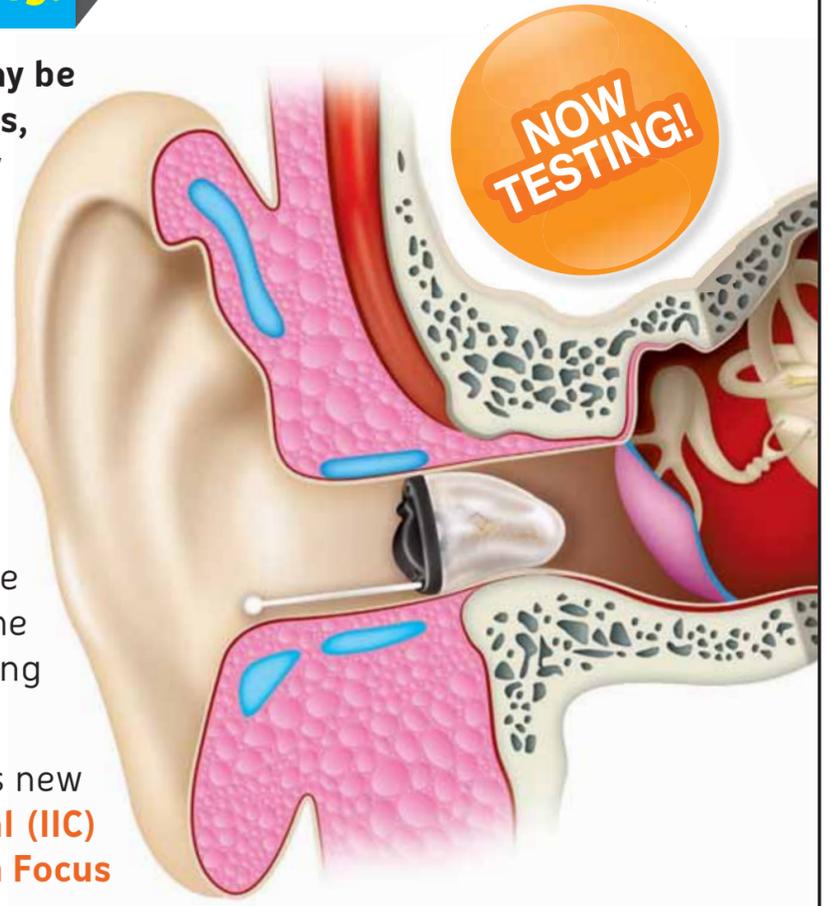
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JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

What would Medicare for All mean?

With all the campaign talk about Medicare for All, it may be worthwhile to review the existing Medicare program, which was enacted more than 50 years ago on July 30, 1965.

Medicare is the government's health care plan for those over age 65 and for those who are permanently disabled; in 2018, it covered 60 million people and cost \$583 billion in net spending. There are four different parts of the program: Part A (hospital services and skilled nursing), Part B (doctor visits/outpatient services/lab work/preventative services), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans or private insurance alternatives to Original Medicare Plans) and Part D (prescription drugs).

The combination of an aging population and rising health care costs has put Medicare under significant financial pressure. The program is financed by a combination of general revenues (43%), payroll tax contributions (36%), beneficiary premiums (15%), and other sources, like taxation of Social Security benefits, payments from states, and interest (6%).

The portion of the financing that garners the most attention is FICA payroll deductions, because American workers feel that one directly. Every employee (and employer) pays a 6.2% tax on earnings up to a limit, which is currently \$132,900 to fund Social Security retirement benefits. On top of that, employees and employers pay a Medicare tax rate of 1.45% each, for a total of 2.9% — and there is no limit to the wages subject to the Medicare tax.

Employee wages paid in excess of \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples) are subject to an extra 0.9% Medicare tax; employers do not pay the extra tax.

While all of that sounds like a lot, it is not enough to pay future benefits. According to the 2019 annual report of the Social Security and Medicare programs, "Notwithstanding the assumption of a substantial slowdown of per capita health expenditure growth, the projections indicate that Medicare still faces a substantial financial shortfall that will need to be addressed with further legislation."

This Trustee statement has been relatively consistent over the past two decades and has led to a number of potential solutions that often get lumped into one headline reform plan called Medicare for All.

That said, the various ideas are all over the map, ranging from the introduction of a single national, government-run plan that would cover every American and eliminate private coverage; to an overhaul of Medicare that would allow those under age 65 to buy in to the plan, or continue to buy private insurance, if they chose to do so; to a new public plan option that would be offered to individuals through the ACA marketplace.

To compare the various proposals, The Kaiser Family Foundation has grouped them into five general categories, which may be useful, especially considering KFF's recent poll about major features of the Medicare for All proposals.

The findings were not surprising, given the complexity of the topic: A majority "of Americans are unaware of the kind of dramatic changes that the plans would bring to the nation's health care system." While 78% correctly understand that the various Medicare for All proposals would increase taxes, 69% incorrectly believe that they would continue to pay deductibles and co-pays when they use health care services and 54% erroneously think that they would continue to pay health insurance premiums.

There's a reason that the Trustees "recommend that lawmakers take action sooner rather than later," because the clock is ticking on the ability of the country to manage this huge and important program.

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Walker & Company founder Tristan Walker speaks during TechCrunch Disrupt in 2015 in New York.

Atlanta's allure

Southern city growing as hub for black founders

By **J.J. MCCORVEY**
Fast Company

Tristan Walker sits in his back yard and forms his thumbs and index fingers into a rectangle, then squints through it at the seven-bedroom literal house on a hill before him.

Walker and his family have been in this house, in Atlanta's northern Buckhead neighborhood, for two weeks. It's the first time the New York native has had a back yard, and he's been stringing lights and kicking around a soccer ball with his 4-year-old son. "When I was 20 years old, and I was like, 'What does the vision of (my) world look like?'" he recalls. "This frame is it."

Atlanta is where the Walkers were supposed to end up after they graduated from New York's Stony Brook University, on Long Island, 14 years ago. His wife, Amoy, had hoped to be surrounded by a like-minded community in the Southern city.

Instead, Walker took a risk on Silicon Valley, lured by its promises of meritocracy and innovative business thinking. After making his name as the business-development lead for Foursquare, he became an entrepreneur-in-residence at the Menlo Park-based venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz, then raised more than \$30 million to create Walker & Company, a hair-and-skin-care product company focused on people of color.

As a rare black founder raising money on Sand Hill Road, he got a lot of attention and smartly used it to raise awareness for his brand and advocate for inclusive hiring and product development in the Valley. (Palo Alto, where Walker was headquartered, is only 1.9% black; San Francisco's black population has dropped from 9% in 2017 to just 5% today.) He also co-founded Code2040, which trains black and Latino college students in STEM and places them in Bay Area internships.

By 2018, though, Walker realized that he'd been recruiting other young minorities to a place he was no longer so keen on himself. He had difficulty raising additional capital, even as his investors sowed hundreds of millions into mass-market competitors like Harry's. Meanwhile, as the Bay Area's inequity came into fuller view, big tech was doing little to address racial bias on its platforms or within its walls.

"Walker & Company should not have been built in Silicon Valley," he



JESUS ARANGUREN/AP

Jewel Burks Solomon

says.

Walker sold Walker & Company to Procter & Gamble, staying on as CEO, and moved the company to Atlanta rather than to P&G's corporate headquarters, in Cincinnati. Reports placed the acquisition price between \$20 million and \$40 million.

Now, with the backing of P&G's corporate infrastructure, including its \$2 billion R&D budget, Walker is laying plans to learn from the nation's black capital, and to send those findings back to new parent company.

The Walkers have joined an exodus — what some have called the "reverse Great Migration" — of black Americans who are leaving dense and expensive northern metropolises to seek harbor in the same Southern cities that many of their ancestors fled. According to the Brookings Institution, the Atlanta area has attracted the majority of these migrants, the population quintupling since 1970.

The Atlanta metro area also has the second-fastest-growing economy in the country (behind San Francisco), spurred by its tech industry, which accounts for nearly 12.5% of the city's revenues, according to CompTIA. Twilio, Salesforce and Pandora have set up outposts, drawn by the talent coming out of Georgia Tech and the Atlanta University Center, the largest and oldest consortium of historically black colleges and universities.

And here's the kicker: In Atlanta's tech industry, an impressive 25% of employees are black. In San Francisco, it's 6%.

As San Francisco's high rents and dusty emphasis on "culture fit" repel enterprising talent, new innovation hubs are emerging across the country

to threaten its dominance. But Atlanta stands apart — and is uniquely positioned to fundamentally change the trajectory of entrepreneurship in this country — thanks to the community of black founders coalescing here over the past decade.

"Atlanta is just so black, like blackity-black," says Iris Nevins, a 26-year-old software engineer for Mailchimp. In February, she left the company's Oakland, California, offices to join its Atlanta headquarters. "And I love that."

When visitors arrive at the Gathering Spot, a private-membership club on the northwest side of Atlanta, they're greeted by a sign that reminds them what they're joining: "A diverse community of thinkers, creatives and connectors driven to leave their mark on the world."

Ryan Wilson, who co-founded the Gathering Spot in 2016, says, "This is one of the few places where you can be black and not be wholly focused on solving the problem of figuring out how to be included. Is it exclusive? No. But are we highly interested in making sure that people who have traditionally been excluded from these environments have access? Yes."

All over the Gathering Spot, you find folks who agree; Jewel Burks Solomon among them. Having built a computer-visualization company that was picked up by Amazon, she's something of an icon to local tech founders. I spot her at a table giving advice to a young app developer.

"If there's a black tech startup doing something in Atlanta, I've probably met with them or heard of them," she says. "That's how you build up an ecosystem."

This year, the 30-year-old launched an investment firm called Collab that offers funding and mentorship to new entrepreneurs. While it's true that venture capital is pouring into Atlanta — startups raised \$625 million in Q4 of last year, up \$71.25 million year over year, according to Pitchbook — black entrepreneurs aren't seeing much of it yet.

When Burks Solomon sold Partpic to Amazon, in 2016, she said it was "nonnegotiable" that her 14-person team stay in Atlanta.

"I do think Atlanta is the best place for black people to build any business," she says. Atlanta is "the last remaining Chocolate City. There are people here really trying to build something special, and it's a work in progress."

How to sell that old baseball card collection

By **RIVAN V. STINSON**
Kiplinger

Q. I have collected nearly 8,000 baseball cards and now want to sell them. How do I find buyers?

A. You have a few options for locating buyers for your collection of baseball cards. You can auction them yourself on eBay, sell them to a local card shop or dealer, or go to an auction house and have it sell the cards as one lot. But before you start selling, it's best to take stock of what you own to see what the cards are worth.

That may determine the best place to sell them.

Generally, cards fall into three categories based on when they were printed: Prewar (generally through the end of World War



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II), Vintage (through the early 1970s) and Modern (mid-1970s and later). Prewar cards tend to fetch a higher price than those printed in the 1980s or 1990s, when

cards were often mass-produced.

The condition of the card is also a major factor in the price it can command. Frayed or damaged cards will fetch less than those in mint or good shape. There are three big players that grade the condition of baseball cards: Professional Sports Authenticator, SGC and Beckett Grading Services. Each service grades cards on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being pristine condition.

Not every card is worth grading, which can cost \$10 to \$15 for a card that might be worth only \$25, says Michael Osacky, president of Baseball in the Attic, an educational website for sports memorabilia. So do some research first.

When it's time to find a buyer, note that eBay takes a bit of legwork if you've never sold on the site before, Osacky says. You

must photograph each card, write a description, set up a PayPal account to receive payment, and more. Plus, eBay charges 10% of the total sale amount for listings.

You can, of course, shop your cards around to local card dealers to see what you can get. But if you do have a rare gem — say, a Mickey Mantle rookie card in flawless condition — you're likely best off selling it through an auction house, which can attract more potential buyers with deep pockets to bid up the price. An auction house will take up to a 15% commission from the seller.

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Does a buyout make sense?

Other options to ensure spouse is covered



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Q: I am a male who just reached 65. My health is good. I have been receiving over \$3,500 per month tax free from an insurance company because of a disability. My insurance company has offered me a \$250,000 buyout.

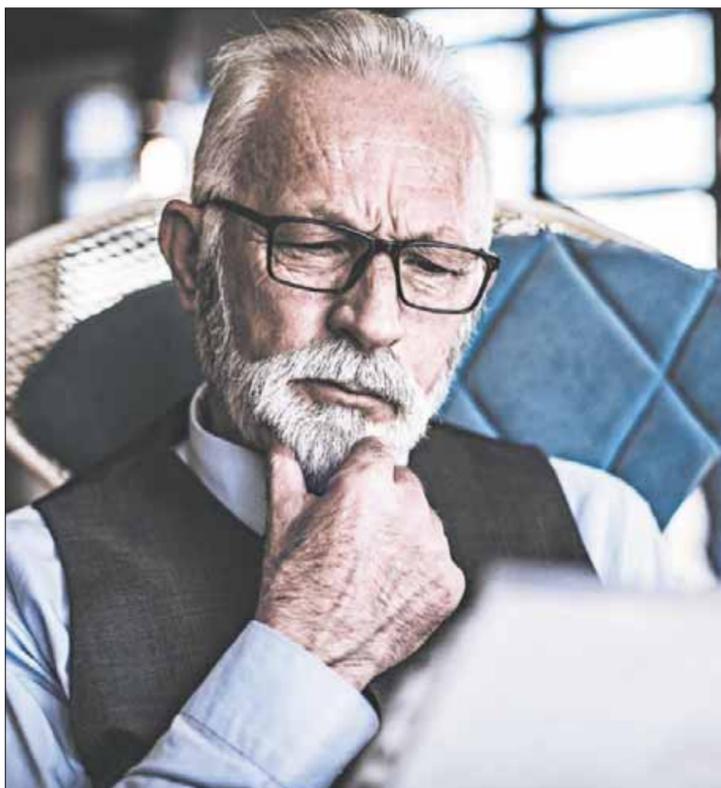
What I am concerned about is that if I don't accept the buyout, and I die in the near future, the disability payments end, and my wife would have a problem regarding income. Her Social Security payments would only be about \$2,100 a month after I die. Although I have some investments, my wife would be not be able to maintain the standard of living we have now without some additional income.

I don't need the \$3,500 a month to live on. I have enough assets so that our standard of living is fine, and I only need a small portion of the \$3,500 I now receive to maintain our standard of living. Should I accept the \$250,000 buyout?

A: I don't think the \$250,000 buyout is generous, given your good health. I believe you have other options that are more attractive. When I reached 65 (17 years ago), I was faced with a similar problem. I was retired and no longer had life insurance coverage. I was receiving about \$3,000 per month in pension payments and Social Security that my wife would no longer receive after I die. (Her Social Security payments exceeded mine, so she would not be eligible for widow's benefits that would be greater than what she was already receiving.)

I recommend that you consider purchasing a 20-year term life insurance policy for \$250,000. (Naturally, you could select a different amount of coverage.) When I turned 65, I was able to purchase a \$250,000 20-year term policy for a little more than \$200 per month. (The premium varies based on the health of the applicant.)

With that insurance, your wife would receive \$250,000 if you die



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within 20 years. In the interim, you could invest some of the \$3,500. If you live more than 20 years, which is not unlikely, since your health is good, it is very likely that your investment would grow to much more than \$250,000. If you accept the \$250,000 buyout, you would no longer receive the \$3,500 per month, and it is unlikely that after 20 years the amount that would remain from the \$250,000 buyout would be greater than the value of your investment if you just invested part of the \$3,500 monthly income.

For example, if you invested only 50% of the \$3,500 per month, you would have invested \$420,000 over 20 years. Even a very conservative investment plan would result in much more than the \$250,000 buyout offer.

Q: My accountant suggested that I roll over \$15,000 from my IRA account into a Roth IRA because my income is low, so I would not have to pay any income taxes on the conversion. Others have told me this information is not true. Who is right? Also, I will be reaching 70 1/2 soon. What should I do with the proceeds

from my required withdrawals?

A: When you do a conversion from a traditional IRA to a Roth, the amount of your rollover will be taxable at ordinary income tax rates. So, if you roll over \$15,000 this year, the \$15,000 will be added to your other taxable income and you will incur additional income taxes based on your marginal tax bracket.

Regarding what do with the proceeds remaining from a required minimum distribution (after you put aside the amount associated with federal income taxes due), it depends on your investment objectives. You no longer have the advantage of tax-deferral on any interest, dividends or capital gains. If you want tax-free income, you can consider investing in municipal bonds or municipal bond funds.

If you are interested in growth, you can consider investing in index mutual funds that have growth potential, but you will incur tax liability on any interest, dividends or capital gains.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Your long run is what's important to know

My recent column on investors seeking safety resulted in many questions at TerrySavage.com. The questions were more revealing than any answers I could give. After all, a good answer would require knowing a broad range of information about the questioner.

That information includes the big picture of your financial situation — your age, total assets, percentage of assets invested in the stock market and your risk tolerance at this stage of life. It includes knowing your income and spending plans, now and in the future. That's why a fiduciary financial planner (not a financial salesperson) can be so valuable at moments like this.

But here's what your questions revealed:

1. You don't know your own risk tolerance. That's not surprising because most people don't confront this question until they get scared about the possibility of losing money. So the first question to ask yourself is: How much of my money am I willing to lose? If your answer is "nothing," then you don't belong in the stock market.

But please don't answer that question out of emotion. Perspective is essential.

If I told you there has never been a 20-year period when you would have lost money with a diversified portfolio of large-company American stocks (the S&P 500 stock index) with dividends reinvested, then your answer might be different, depending on your age, time horizon and self-discipline.

2. You don't really know what you own. In fact, many people can't specify whether their stock investments are held inside a retirement plan — a 401(k), 403(b) or IRA — or in their own name.

The difference is enormous. If you sell stocks held in your own name, you need to be aware of the tax implications. Even if you have long-term capital gains, 20% of the profits could go to the government.

If you die owning these stocks, your heirs will likely pay no taxes under current law — unless your estate is worth more than \$11.2 million.

On the other hand, there is no tax consequence for trades made inside your retirement plan account because all withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income when the money is taken out.

Suppose you want to reduce your stock market exposure in your retirement accounts. With an IRA, it's easy enough to move funds to a money market fund. But do you know the safest places to "hide" inside your 401(k)? You need to find out.

3. You don't know whom to trust.

That's scary because these are the times you need advice that puts your interests first. There's an old saying: "Never confuse a bull market with genius!" Every salesperson or adviser looks good when the market is going up. But do they have your best interests at heart when the market is falling? A bear market is a tough time to find out.

I hope that you have made a sensible investment plan and have both the perspective and self-discipline to stick with it. But scary times tempt all of us to deviate. So here's one way to deal with the uncertainty. It's not necessarily the best way, but it is guaranteed to make you feel only half as bad — or half as good — in the end.

Sell half your position. That way, you'll only kick yourself half as hard in hindsight. Remember, no one has the answer for sure about whether any decline is just a temporary setback — or the beginning of a devastating bear market that could easily wipe out half your stock market wealth.

Over the long run, I always believe in the future of America, and that the stock market will create wealth. But how long is your long run?

That's the question to ask yourself now. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Jumping the gun

Study finds many claim Social Security benefits at sub-optimal time

BY EILEEN AMBROSE | Kiplinger

One of the biggest financial decisions you make on the road to retirement is when to claim Social Security benefits.

You can take benefits as early as age 62, but that means your checks will be up to 30% less than if you wait until full retirement age (which is 66 1/2 for today's 62-year-olds). For every year you delay Social Security beyond your full retirement age, your benefit grows by 8% until age 70.

That's a lot of leeway, and a lot of room to make a decision that can trim benefits over a lifetime. In fact, according to a new study, today's retirees have rarely made the right call, with only 4% taking Social Security at the financially optimal time.

Collectively, these retirees stand to lose out on \$3.4 trillion in income throughout their retirement, or about \$111,000 per household. Almost all of that income is being forfeited because retirees are claiming benefits too early, concluded a study by United Income, an

online investment management company.

There is no single optimal time to claim benefits for everyone. If you are in poor health and unlikely to have, say, two or three decades in retirement, claiming early may be best. Or perhaps you were forced into early retirement by a layoff and had no other choice but to claim early. But "for the vast majority of people, delaying until 70 is best," says Jason Fichtner, an author of the study and former chief economist at the Social Security Administration.

Given the dollars at stake, why do most retirees claim Social Security by age 63? "They hear the words 'early eligibility age of 62,' and they think that's the first day they're eligible without understanding that it's a reduced monthly benefit for life," says Fichtner.

He wants to change that mindset. One way to do that, he says, is to revise how the SSA describes claiming. Instead of labeling 62 the "early eligibility age," the agency should name it the "minimum benefit age," while calling 70 the "maximum benefit age," he says.



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"What I want people to start thinking about is how they can minimize the risk of running out of money in retirement, especially given that longevity is increasing for so many people."

James Bayard, a certified financial planner in Baton Rouge, La., says some clients want to take benefits early, but then are persuaded to delay claiming after he runs the numbers for them.

Bayard tells them how their benefit can grow each year they delay, and that future cost-of-living adjustments will be based on that bigger benefit. Once some spouses learn they will have only one Social Security check — the larger of the two — when one of them dies, they delay claiming.

And when confronted with longevity statistics showing they may live longer than anticipated, Bayard says, "the vast majority of clients will say, 'OK, let's play it safe.'"

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Damage caused by wind, wind-driven rain and water that comes in your home through the roof, windows or doors is usually covered by your homeowners insurance policy. But your policy won't cover water that comes from the ground up. For that, you need flood insurance.

You can buy insurance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program. The average cost is \$699 per year, but higher-risk areas can cost much more (see www.floodsmart.gov for details).



Tornadoes and fires

Most homeowners policies cover damage from tornadoes and wildfires (but not earthquakes, for which you need a separate policy). Still, your insurance may not cover the cost of rebuilding your home. For that, you'll probably need extended replacement-cost coverage, which typically pays 25% to 50% above your policy's limits.

An inventory of your belongings will speed up the claims process. An app such as Sortly will help you create an inventory. Or, you can conduct a room-by-room narrated video of your belongings.

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Kids dream of conquering YouTube, not space

Survey finds more would rather be vloggers than astronauts

BY JESSICA STILLMAN | Inc.

What did you want to be when you grew up? Police officer, veterinarian, ballet dancer? According to a new survey, childhood dreams are changing dramatically.

While lots of children in the age of the Space Race dreamed of becoming astronauts, more kids today are dreaming of being stars on YouTube than exploring space.

According to a new LEGO and Harris poll conducted to mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, children were three times as likely to want to be a YouTube star than an astronaut. Only 11 percent of Americans ages 8 to 12 said they wanted to work for NASA, while 29 percent wanted to broadcast their life online.

At the risk of sounding like a grumpy old person shaking her fist at the tech habits of kids these days, this is one finding that's downright terrifying. And not just because it bodes poorly for humanity's space-faring future.

What scares me about this statistic is the Youtuber part. Sure, some young people make eye-popping amounts of money online, but there also are many who struggle to get by and there's plenty of evidence that being an online celebrity is one of the least mentally healthy careers out there.

If the likes of Neil Armstrong and Sally Ride are paragons of resilience, the Casey Neistats and PewDiePies of the world continually go public with vlogging-related crackups.

That makes sense. Being a vlogger is a tough job for practical reasons. You're at the mercy of the Google algorithm and your fans, and you have to churn out tremendous amounts of content constantly.

"The internet never sleeps, so often we don't really either," psychologist and YouTuber Kati



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Morton explained to Business Insider. "Working around the clock, we're not taking care of ourselves, no matter how much the reward. It can never add up to the amount of effort that we're putting in."

Plus, there's the pressure of having to endure a hail of commentary and criticism from strangers. "Human brains really aren't designed to be interacting with hundreds of people every

day," YouTuber Matt Lee pointed out to the Guardian.

The results of that pressure can be painful, as Elle Mills, a YouTuber with more than a million subscribers, expressed in a video from last year entitled, "Burnt out at 19."

"My life just changed so fast," she says. "My anxiety and depression keeps getting worse and worse. This is all I ever wanted, and why the ... am I so ... un-

happy? It doesn't make any sense. It's so stupid. It is so stupid."

But the eventual costs of relentlessly packaging your life for consumption online might not even be the scariest aspect of the new survey results. Kids, after all, are probably too young to understand the real aspects of a job they idolize. This just seems cool and interesting and people watch your videos and you make money.

What might be even scarier is what these ambitions suggest about our kids' values today. What kind of person wants to be a vlogger in the first place?

My Inc.com colleague John Rampton pointed out that research shows the least happy couples post the most on social media, and it's generally true that people who seek validation online have some hole they're trying to fill. They're unsure of their self worth or inherent value and are trying to quiet that anxiety with likes and comments.

Some YouTubers even acknowledge this truth. Chris Boutt, a vlogger who focuses on mental health, told Business Insider that many in his line of work build their careers on a belief that more money and fame will make them happier.

"Imagine looking for a treasure chest your entire life, and you finally find it, and you open it up and there's nothing in it," he says. "What I often see is, when they get to that point, and it's not what they thought, they put all this pressure on themselves — 'Maybe I need to make more videos, maybe I need to make better videos' — because they keep trying to fill this happiness void."

That's not a pathology that's unique to YouTubers, of course, but when this outlook is coupled with the pressure and insecurity of the job, the mental health consequences can be grim. At a conference for YouTubers, one even joked, "I think every YouTube career should come with a coupon for a free therapist," the Guardian reports.

It's only funny because it's true. Which is why we should all be concerned that so many American kids dream of vlogging fame. It's also why parents might want to start encouraging their kids to dream of space (or firefighting or computer programming or literally anything else) rather than subscribers.

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AMY SEELEY 1970-2019

Meteorologist came from a long line of weather watchers

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

National Weather Service meteorologist Amy Seeley, who worked at the weather service based out of Romeoville for 29 years and was committed to community outreach, died Saturday morning at age 49.

Raised in Downers Grove, Seeley's love for tracking the weather began at a young age, said her mother, Jackie Gustafson.

"She started out wanting to be a chef and at some point she changed her mind," Gustafson said. "We as a family had always followed weather. Her grandfather kept weather records, and we did the same thing. It just stuck. She came from a long line of weather watchers."

Seeley went on to attend Northern Illinois University, where she began her career as an intern at the weather service. During her time at the weather service she worked as a meteorological officer and forecaster and had recently been promoted to observation program leader, according to her longtime partner, Richard Jenkins.

"She was a loving person, she really loved being on the move or on the go," Jenkins said. "She couldn't stay still. I was jealous of all the friends she had and organi-



FAMILY PHOTO

Meteorologist Amy Seeley worked at the National Weather Service in Romeoville for 29 years.

zations she worked with." Jenkins said Seeley helped coordinate community outreach among volunteers in the region. She also enjoyed giving speeches about weather and held activities and events for women in science, technology, engineering and math.

Jim Allsopp, a retired meteorologist for the weather service, remembers Seeley as a college student interning for the weather service in 1991. "She was just a great person and always had a smile on her face," Allsopp said.

As the unofficial office party planner, Seeley organized Allsopp's retirement

party and would coordinate the office's social events. Seeley also enjoyed working with the marine community in the Great Lakes and helped volunteer weather observers collect data for a national database. Seeley regularly commented on stories for the Tribune.

"Her nickname was Queen of the Lakes because she did a lot of work with the shipping community," Allsopp said.

Seeley was an avid White Sox fan and loved animals. She named one of her three cats Sox.

Seeley died as a result of a stroke, according to Jenkins.

Tom Skilling, a meteorologist for WGN-TV, said Seeley's death has shocked the community of meteorologists in the area.

"I called her up with weather questions over the years," Skilling said. "She was easy to work with and bent over backwards to retrieve any information. Everyone who knew Amy is heartbroken over her passing."

In addition to Jenkins and her mother, Seeley is survived by father Dale Gustafson; sister Kristen Bassam Helou; stepson Charles Jenkins; and stepdaughter Rachel Jenkins.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

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ON AUGUST 19 ...

In 1848 the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1883 designer Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel was born in Saumur, France.

In 1886 eight men were found guilty of murder in connection with the May 4 Haymarket Riot in Chicago. (The next day, seven were sentenced to death and the eighth to 15 years in prison. Of the eight, four were hanged, one committed suicide and three were pardoned in 1893.)

In 1902 poet Ogden Nash was born in Rye, New York.

In 1921 Gene Roddenberry, creator of the "Star Trek" TV series, was born in El Paso, Texas.

In 1929 the comedy program "Amos 'n' Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its coast-to-coast radio debut on NBC.

In 1931 Bill Shoemaker, considered the greatest American jockey of the second half of the 20th century, was born near Fabens, Texas.

In 1934 a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1942 about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Di-eppe, France, suffering about 50% casualties.

In 1946 Bill Clinton, the 42nd president of the United States, was born in Hope, Arkansas.

In 1951 the owner of the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck, sent in 3-foot, 7-inch Eddie Gaedel to pinch-hit in a

game against Detroit. (Gaedel, whose function was to draw walks, was later barred from play by American League President Will Harridge.)

In 1955 severe flooding in the Northeast caused by the remnants of Hurricane Diane claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960 a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1964 the Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1974 U.S. Ambassador Rodger Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976 President Gerald Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1977 comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles; he was 86.

In 1980 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency landing at the Riyadh airport.

In 1989 Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski formally nominated Tadeusz Mazowiecki to become Poland's first non-Communist prime minister in four decades.

In 1990 Iraqi President Saddam Hussein offered to free all foreigners detained in Iraq and Kuwait provided the United States promise to withdraw its forces from Saudi Arabia and guarantee that an international economic embargo would be lifted.

In 1991 Soviet hard-liners announced that President Mikhail Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup collapsed two days later.) **Also in 1991** rioting erupted in the Brooklyn, New York, neighborhood of Crown Heights after an African American 7-year-old, Gavin Cato, was struck and killed by a Jewish driver from the ultra-Orthodox Lubavitch community; three hours later, an African American mob fatally stabbed Yankel Rosenbaum, a rabbinical student.

In 1993 Dr. George Tiller was shot and wounded outside an abortion clinic in Wichita, Kansas, by Rachelle Shannon. (Shannon later was sentenced to 11 years in prison for the Tiller shooting, but also was ordered to serve 20 additional years for arson and acid attacks at abortion clinics in Oregon, California and Nevada.)

In 1994 President Bill Clinton abruptly halted the nation's three-decade-long open-door policy for Cuban refugees.

In 1995 three top U.S. diplomats heading to peace talks in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, were killed when their armored vehicle plunged off a muddy road and exploded.

In 1996 Ralph Nader accepted the presidential nomination of the Green Party in Los Angeles. **Also in 1996** a judge sentenced former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker to four years' probation for his White-water crimes.

In 1997 Carl Drega, a 67-year-old resident of Colebrook, New Hampshire, shot and killed a part-time judge, two state troopers and a newspaper editor before being killed in a gunbattle with police.

In 2001 an underground methane and coal-dust explosion in Ukraine killed 55 miners.

In 2002 a Russian military helicopter crashed after being shot down by rebels in Chechnya, killing 119 people.

In 2012 U.S. Rep. Todd Akin, a Missouri Republican nominee for Senate, said victims of "legitimate rape" rarely get pregnant because the female reproductive system shuts down in such cases, preventing conception.

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Amato, Edith

Edith Amato (nee DeMichael), 86, at rest August 15, 2019. Beloved wife of Mike; loving mother of Frank (Kathy) Amato, Carol (Sam) Calomino, Dede (Richard) Pacocha and Sunday (B.J.) Marrero; devoted grandmother of 13; dearest great grandmother of 5; dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin of many. Visitation Wednesday August 21, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. till 9:00 P.M. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral Services will be Thursday at 10 A.M. at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. For more information 708-456-8300

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Buffardi, Louis P.

It is with great sadness that the family of Louis P. Buffardi announces his passing into Heaven on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the age of 76. Lou is lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Claire L. Buffardi, nee Sasgen; his children Elizabeth (Kevin Smith) Buffardi, Ali (Dave) Zimmermann, and Christopher (Amy) Buffardi. Lou is fondly remembered by his 4 grandchildren; Luke and David Zimmermann, and Caiden and Alana Buffardi. Lou is also survived by his loving brother James (the late Lynne) Buffardi and his loving sisters Carmelynn Panzarella and Donna (Tom) Hornsby; dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, August 22nd, 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. Family and friends to gather for a Mass of Celebration on Friday, August 23rd at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange, Illinois 60525. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Louis Buffardi can be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 North Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.



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Cariola, Margaret M. 'Peggy'

Margaret M. "Peggy" Cariola nee Kennedy beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Cariola; loving mother of Laura (Peter) Holland, Joseph (Maureen) Cariola, Kathy (Kevin) Zurawski, Peter (Michael Jones) Cariola and Jennifer Cariola; dearest grandmother of Erin, Theresa, Daniel, Matthew, Brian, Michael, Joseph, Claire and Emma; devoted sister of Daniel (Mary) Kennedy, Colleen (Thomas) Scully and the late Barbara (Jim) Lusk and Patricia Muentzer; dear sister-in-law of Ralph Muentzer; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 1-6 P.M. Funeral Monday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il 60487 to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Engelberg, Phyllis

Phyllis Engelberg, nee Frey, age 87 of Northbrook. We will remember Phyllis as a loving one-of-a-kind human. She loved to dance, laugh, and sing. She was fiercely proud of her family and was always delighted to spend time with them. Beloved wife and best friend for 64 years of Norman; loving mother of Shelle (Steve) Hamer, Jodi (Jurg Zundel) Engelberg, and Lisa (Dave Moshel) Engelberg; adored Ma, Mops, Gram, and Grandma of Aaron (Lauren), Zach, Hannah, Asher, Max, Dylan, Thea, and Owen; proud great grandmother of Hugo and Hector; cherished sister of Ann (late Bernard) Sugarman, Joseph (Trey) Frey, and the late Sandra (late Norman) Rich; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Service Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment to Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, www.chicagolighthouse.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



Lisa (Dave Moshel) Engelberg; adored Ma, Mops, Gram, and Grandma of Aaron (Lauren), Zach, Hannah, Asher, Max, Dylan, Thea, and Owen; proud great grandmother of Hugo and Hector; cherished sister of Ann (late Bernard) Sugarman, Joseph (Trey) Frey, and the late Sandra (late Norman) Rich; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Service Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment to Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, www.chicagolighthouse.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Lipton, Marilyn

Marilyn Lipton nee Komornik, 80, beloved wife of Sherwin Packer and the late Howard Lipton; loving mother of Lisa Lipton and Stephanie (Jeff) Widman; cherished Grandma of Hannah, Josh, Jeremy, Ryan and Ben; dear sister of Michael Komornik. Chapel service, Monday, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Lopate, Dorothy

Dorothy Lopate, nee Solomon, age 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep the evening of August 17th. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Cherished mother of Sheldon (Barbara) Lopate, Sheree (Carl) Rosenthal and the late Steven Lopate. Devoted "Nana" of Leonard "Len" (Megan) Lopate, Dana, Aron and Bret Rosenthal, and great-grandchild Esme'. Dear sister of the late Seymour (Doris) Solomon. Fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Dorothy's greatest joy was spending time with her family. Graveside services Wednesday 10:30 am at Menorah Gardens, 2630 S. 17th Ave in Broadview. Contributions in Dorothy's name to the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org would be appreciated. Info: **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Lubow, Burton

Burton Lubow, 76, passed away on August 17, 2019. Beloved husband of Edie Lubow, nee Astrin. Loving father of Jason and Randi (Josh) Harwood. Proud papa of Noah and Ava Harwood. Dear brother of June (Joel) Levin. Caring son of the late Anna Lubow. Admired brother-in-law and uncle. Devoted friend and mentor to many. Our family is thankful for the caring and support of his lifetime friends and club brothers. Memorial service Tuesday, 2:00 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 www.journey-care.org and Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, (BJBE) 1201 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, www.bjbe.org Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Moloney, Robert

Robert "Bob" Moloney, 69, of Whitewater, WI (formerly of Norwood Park, IL, Arlington Heights, IL, Trout Valley IL) passed away of sarcoma cancer on August 17th, 2019 at his home with his loving family by his side.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Bob's life will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (7211 West Talcott Ave. Chicago, IL 60631) on Saturday August 24th, 2019. There will be a 10:00AM visitation, followed by a 10:30AM mass.

Gibson Family Funeral Homes of Eagle & Palmyra, WI is serving the family. To place an online condolence please visit gibsonfuneral.com

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Pascale, Mary McDonald



Mary Sara McDonald Pascale died on August 16, 2019, in Chicago after a courageous and hard-fought battle against cancer. She was 64.

Born May 29, 1955, Mary was the daughter of the late Robert F. and Mary C.

McDonald of Naperville, Illinois. Growing up as the fourth of their six children, Mary cherished being part of a big family and remained close to her siblings and family throughout her life.

Mary valued education and was a life-long learner. She graduated in 1973 from high school at Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois. After earning a bachelor's degree in education from Western Illinois University in 1977, she worked as a first grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School. In 1979, she received master's degrees in education and business administration. Mary then received a Juris Doctor degree in 1983 from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She frequently joked that her law degree was the only one she really needed because being a lawyer was such a good fit for her.

In one of her first legal jobs, Mary met her husband, Daniel Pascale. They were married on June 28, 1986, and spent many happy years together. Mary and Dan enjoyed restaurants and culture around Chicago. In 1993, they welcomed their son, Alexander. Mary loved being a mother, and the best years of her life were those she spent raising Alex.

For fourteen years, Mary worked as a career law clerk for the Hon. Ronald A. Guzman, a federal district court judge in Chicago. Because of her outgoing and friendly personality, Mary was well-known throughout the courthouse, and she made friends with nearly everyone who worked there. Mary then worked as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago in the Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division for thirteen years. In this job, she defended the City's police officers and took more than 15 cases to trial - an accomplishment for any lawyer. Even after Mary "retired" in 2018, she worked part-time as an attorney at the Thomas More Society.

Mary never missed a family event or an opportunity to connect with friends over dinner, preferably at a BYOB restaurant with great food. She had a unique ability to bring people together and make sure everyone had a good time. Mary always saw the best in people and believed that her loved ones could do anything they put their minds to. She was a true friend and gave the best advice. People knew that if they needed someone to talk to or wanted to hear an encouraging perspective, they could count on Mary.

Mary lived a full and meaningful life. She loved to visit new places and traveled the world in her lifetime, including Hawaii, Russia, and cruises to Europe and the Caribbean. She especially enjoyed visiting Florida, Arizona, and anywhere else she could spend time with family. Mary was deeply religious and volunteered at her church, St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. She mentored many young attorneys.

Mary leaves behind her husband Dan, son Alex, siblings Michaela, Patricia, Kevin, Mark, and Robert, and countless friends and family, who cannot imagine their lives without her.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2019, from 3 to 8 p.m., at McINERNEY CENTRAL CHAPEL, 4635 S. Wallace Street, Chicago, IL. A memorial service celebrating Mary's life will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 11 a.m., at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, 1424 N. Dearborn St., Chicago. The burial will be at Graceland Cemetery, with reception to follow, 2 p.m., at The Racquet Club, 1365 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Cancer Research Institute at: <http://fundraise.cancerresearch.org/MaryPascale>.

Please visit MARY MCDONALD PASCALE BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or facebook.com/funeralmc. For information, (773) 268-0703 or 773-581-9000.



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Roberts, Larry

Larry Dale Roberts, 55, of Chicago, passed away on August 13, 2019. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 10, 1963. He was the beloved husband of Laurie Roberts; incredibly talented artist, musician, and poet; kind, sincere, and compassionate mentor and friend. Larry and Laurie built an amazing life over the 30+ years they shared together. They truly treasured the time they spent as residents of the Pilsen art community when they first arrived to Chicago. Larry will be greatly missed by the countless lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a scholarship fund for the arts in Larry's memory at [gofundme.com / Larry Roberts Scholarship Fund](http://gofundme.com/LarryRobertsScholarshipFund)
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Schmittgens, Sr., Eugene P.
age 85, formerly of St. Louis, passed away August 16 in Chicago, Illinois. Devoted husband of 63 years to Mary (nee Martens). Dear father of Gene, Jr. (Jane) Schmittgens, Dan (Judy) Schmittgens, Terry (Neal Podell, dec.) Schmittgens, Linda (Mike) Lonergan, Mary (Dan) Lindberg, Rene (Graham) Swidenbank, David (Kim Ataide) Schmittgens, and Beth (Chuck) Palid. Loving grandfather to Daniel (Christie), Claire (Dave), Eric (Andrea), Rob (Teresa), Christine (dec.), Jake, Caroline, Nick, Jeff, Miriam (Jan), Andrew, Annie (AJ), Helen, Jason, Matthew, Graham, Zac, Lucy, Ben, Mary, Owen, and Henry. The son of Joseph and Helen Schmittgens, Gene was preceded in death by his brother Joe (Joyce), Leo (Mary Carol), Jack (Dodie, dec.), and Helen Schmittgens Richter (Harold, dec.). He is survived by his sisters Mary Agnes (Jack, dec.) Pudlowski, Annette (Ron) Wucher, Katherine Elz (Jule, dec.), Joanne Schlenk (Roy, dec.), and Claudine Wucher (Dave).

Like his father and grandfather before him, Gene spent his career in the railroad and transportation industry, beginning with Western Pacific Railroad in St. Louis, as a representative for Shippers Dispatch in Illinois, and then his own company, New Era Transportation—work he continued until his death. His career in transportation led to his decades-long membership in the Traffic Club of Chicago. A proud and long-time resident of Park Forest, Illinois, Gene was an active member of the St. Irenaeus parish as a lector, SPREAD program volunteer, leader of the high school religious education program, and the liturgy team. Last spring, Gene was inducted with his wife into the Park Forest Historical Society Hall of Fame, the result of their involvement with his numerous activities within the community. He served as a docent and board director for the Tall Grass Arts Association, coached baseball, chaperoned school trips, and volunteered at PADS, a local overnight shelter.

A 1952 graduate of St. Mary's High School in St. Louis, Missouri, Gene was a lifelong learner, with interests that spanned art, music, history, gardening, birding, and politics. He remained loyal to his St. Louis roots and the Cardinals, and he enjoyed travel, particularly a recent trip to his ancestral home in Elspe, Germany to connect with his relatives. His greatest achievements centered around his family and his devotion to his loving wife, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, siblings, and an extended procession of individuals who considered him their surrogate father. He opened his doors to friends and family near and far and will be remembered for his abiding faith, quick wit, hearty laugh, elegance, and relentless kindness. He leaves behind legions of admirers.

Visitation will be held at **Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home**, 50 Westwood Drive on Wednesday, August 21 from 3-8pm. Funeral Thursday 9:00 a.m. from the the Funeral Home to St. Irenaeus Church, mass 10:00 a.m. 207 S. Orchard Drive, Park Forest, Illinois. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to St. Mary's High School in St. Louis, Missouri, the Park Forest Historical Society, or the Tall Grass Arts Association.

Lain-Sullivan Funeral Directors

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Spitz, Mark B.

Mark B. Spitz, 91, beloved husband of Mae nee Liebman; loving father of Jeffrey (Susan) Spitz, Randi Spitz and Jimmy (Joyce) Spitz; cherished grandfather of Angelica (Jake), Michael (Melisa), Justin, Ariana (Juan), Danny and Ilana; great grandfather of Giovanni and Isaiah. Funeral service Monday, August 19, 1:00 PM at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Turf, William S.

William S. Turf, 92, beloved husband of the late Rita; loving father of Robert (the late Barbara) Turf and the late Leslie Eckerling; cherished and treasured grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. William was a proud United States Navy Veteran, serving in WWII. Memorial Service Wednesday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Private at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, www.aspc.org. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Warkenthien, Frederick C.

Frederick C. Warkenthien, age 85, of Chicago passed away August 17, 2019. Loving husband of the late Joan (nee Kuester) who passed away August 18, 2005; dear father of Robert M. (Jeanine), and Richard C. (Pam Gonzalez); proud grandfather of Amanda (Fiancee Andrew Stoll), Dustin, Bobby, Laura, Jacob, Daniel, and Stephen; great-grandfather of Espin and Henrik; fond brother of Dan (Carol) and the late Janet (the late Stanley) Obuchowski. Mr. Warkenthien retired as Superintendent of Graphic Arts Finishing Co. Visitation Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 3-9 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 3440 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Lying in state Wednesday from 9am until service time 10 am at St. John Lutheran Church, 4939 W. Montrose, Ave., Chicago. Interment Ridgewood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. John Lutheran Church appreciated. For info: (773) 545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Wheeler, Elaine M

Elaine M. Wheeler (nee Repplinger), 95 years young, at rest on August 13, 2019 at Scandia Village in Sister Bay, WI. Beloved wife of the late Albert F. Wheeler. Loving mother of Susan Schippits (Jack Deibel) and Dale (Melody) Wheeler. Cherished grandmother of Amanda Wheeler and Shannon (Keith) Zaffuto. Dear Aunt and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of prayers at 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. The funeral will then proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church in Chicago for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Irving Park Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberland-chapels.com

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Cedric Benson was the Bears' top draft pick in 2005, but he never panned out as a featured running back in Chicago.

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Benson, Bears' top pick in 2005, killed in motorcycle crash

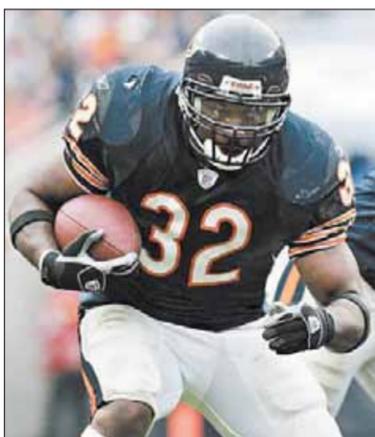
BY BRAD BIGGS

Cedric Benson, the Bears' first-round draft pick in 2005, was killed in a motorcycle crash Saturday night in Texas. He was 36.

Benson's attorney, Sam Bassett, said Austin, Texas, law enforcement confirmed the news. Benson's passenger also reportedly was killed and two others were injured in the accident that involved a minivan.

When the Bears drafted Benson with the fourth pick, no one could have imagined how difficult a situation the former University of Texas star was entering.

Veteran Thomas Jones had emerged as one of the most respected players in the locker room, so Benson was walking into a



position where there wasn't just a good player in place but one who had the full support of teammates.

That's part of reason Benson's career never took off in three years with the franchise before he went on to post three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons with the Bengals. Although Benson never lived up to draft expectations, he was a tough runner in a secondary role for the 2006 NFC champions.

"As a first-round pick, a highly touted rookie coming in behind a guy like Thomas Jones, it was a tough spot for him," said Jason McKie, the fullback on those teams. "It really was. He fit in well with us with our meeting room. He was a different personality that some guys

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CUBS 7, PIRATES 1

Rebounding
after 'torture'
of bad week

Little League diversion helps Cubs refresh by reconnecting with their baseball roots

BY MARK GONZALES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — After the Cubs wasted three sterling pitching performances, leading to three walk-off losses in the thick of the National League Central race, a one-day trip to the home of the Little League World Series provided some relief to team President Theo Epstein.

"It's baseball," Epstein said of the disheartening defeats in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. "It will torture you. That's the bottom line. If you're not prepared for weeks like that, you shouldn't get into the game."

"They happen more often than you'd like and there's a particular brand of cruelty mixed in. We were on the other end of that just as often. It doesn't feel like that this year. It will even out."

The Cubs and Pirates played Sunday night's series finale at 2,300-seat Bowman Field with the Cubs out to win their first road series since May 17-19 against the Nationals in Washington.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon, who relished taking a slide down the steep hill at the Little League stadium earlier Sunday, knows the Cubs can't slide much further or simply rely on their home success when they return to Wrigley Field for a six-game series starting Tuesday night against the Giants.

"In order to get to where we want to get this year, we have to be better on the road,"

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Justin Thomas celebrates after winning the BMW Championship at Medinah Country Club on Sunday.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

'Spectacular'
in every way
imaginable

Medinah's conditions led to an unforgettable tournament

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Justin Thomas was nervous driving to Medinah on Sunday with a six-shot lead. Nobody wants to shrink like Greg Norman did at the 1996 Masters.

Thomas scrolled through some texts wishing him luck. That didn't help. After arriving at Medinah, he came upon well-wishers who offered him unsolicited advice: *Talk to your caddie, stay relaxed, keep talking.*

Thomas offered thanks but acknowledged later what he was really thinking: "I'll be OK as long as you stop talking."

Thomas' lead shrank to two after 10 holes, but the Louisville, Ky., native played beautifully down the stretch. He birdied half of his remaining holes to finish at 25 under par, three better than a charging Patrick Cantlay.

Thomas, 26, not only won the BMW Championship, pocketing \$1.665 million for his 10th tour victory. By rising to first on the FedEx Cup points list, he opens the Tour Championship with a two-shot lead, at 10 under par. (Cantlay opens at 8 under. Brooks Koepka, 7 under.)

"I can 1,000 percent say I've never slept on a Wednesday lead," Thomas said to laughs in the media center. "I will try to win the tournament as if everybody starts at zero."

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BEARS

Pineiro last kicker left
(for now) after Fry cut

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Eddy Pineiro's tentative smile Sunday was not that of a victor. He knows he hasn't won the Bears' kicking competition, even after the team made him the only one on the roster by waiving Elliott Fry.

"I've still got to make kicks," Pineiro said at Halas Hall minutes after the decision to cut Fry was announced. "If I don't make kicks, I'm going to be gone like everybody else."

That much is true. For now, though, as the Bears finish the preseason with two games in the next 11 days, Pineiro is the last man in the ring after a seven-month Royal Rumble.

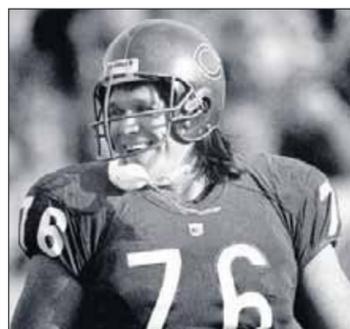
He'll have all the kicks in both games

and five practices for a final push to convince the Bears to keep him over the handful of kickers who will become available when teams reduce their rosters to 53 players at the league's Aug. 31 deadline.

All that work "is going to help me a lot," Pineiro said. There's a mental straightforwardness to being the only kicker. He can take ownership of the position for now, and he'll have more kicks with which to sharpen his technique.

Pineiro also feels a significant lift from winning at least the in-house portion of the competition.

"It does give me a confidence boost, like, OK, I have a shot to be the guy and

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NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

RANKING THE
BEST BEARS
PLAYERS EVER'Mongo' was part of
great tackle tandem

Steve McMichael, our pick at No. 18, teamed with Dan Hampton on defensive line, became a Ditka favorite. Page 5

TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Online gripes bum out Hahn

Bill Walton was the No. 1 trending topic on Twitter on Friday night, making the White Sox experiment a huge success.

Whether you enjoyed Walton's commentary during the Sox-Angels broadcast or found it incredibly annoying after only one inning, the Sox got the attention they craved, which was the point of inserting a weird celebrity into the TV booth with Jason Benetti.

The Sox need all the help they can get these final six weeks. They're virtually assured another sub-.500 season, and unless Luis Robert gets called up in September, they'll just be another rebuilding team playing out the string.

Some Sox fans have become impatient with the rebuild and have turned to their favorite outlets — blogs and social media — to vent about their unhappiness. That led to an interesting interview with Sox general manager Rick Hahn on an NBC Sports Chicago podcast, during which Hahn complained about the "negativity" from some fans.

Pointing to some unnamed Sox-related blogs and the "Twitter universe," Hahn said "everything is negative" with some fans.

"The glass is always half-empty and there's almost like this momentum towards (feeling) they want the rebuild to fail because they can say 'I told you so' more so than they want to celebrate a championship," he said. "And that's unfortunate.

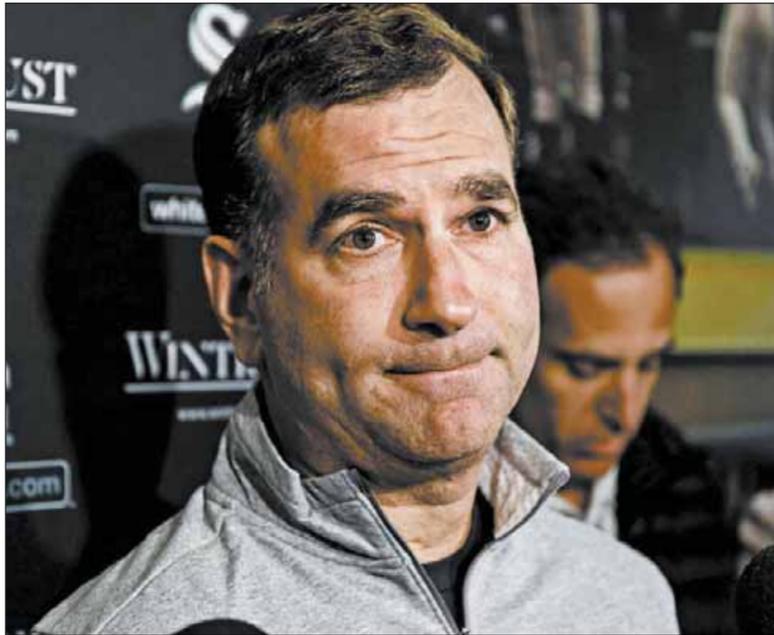
"(But) the fact is whether it's next year or the year after or whenever this run begins and we start getting closer to having parades around here, all that will be forgotten. They'll be able to enjoy. Everyone will be back to enjoy it."

These Twitter trolls clearly annoy Hahn. But when asked if he's "frustrated" by the angry tweets, he insisted he's not.

"What can I do about it?" he said. "The block button (on Twitter) is pretty powerful and you do that, and you move on with your life."

There's a lot to unpack there, including the possibility this "run" may not begin next year or even the year after.

Anyway, the fact is even if you don't agree with something Sox-related you can't tweet at Hahn about it. He may be on Twitter, but like most other baseball executives who want to follow what people are saying without being a target of their wrath, he uses an anonymous handle.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sox GM Rick Hahn, pictured during spring training, isn't thrilled with negativity from fans but expects that to change when the Sox start to win more as the rebuild matures.

There's nothing wrong with that, though I'm not sure whom Hahn is blocking since no one knows his real handle. If Hahn really wanted to start a block party, he could start a Twitter account using his real name as Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow (@jluhnow) has done for years.

Luhnow joined Twitter 10 years ago when he was a little-known executive with the Cardinals, and kept his social media account alive when he came to Houston to rebuild the Astros after 2011.

Last week during a Sox-Astros game on the South Side, Luhnow said Twitter is "a good way to get a feel for fan sentiment, player sentiment, media sentiment."

Luhnow watched the Astros lose 107, 111 and 92 games, respectively, the first three seasons of the rebuild, so he knows what Hahn is going through. Fans have told Luhnow he "sucks" on Twitter too often to count.

"If you use social media, you're going to have to be able to tune that stuff out," Luhnow said. "It's like driving on the freeway

in Los Angeles. You're going to have aggressive drivers who, if you met them in person, they'd be perfectly nice.

"But when they're behind the wheel and sort of anonymous, they can be, uh ... not nice. It's the same way on Twitter."

Mets GM Brodie Van Wagenen also is available for venting fans via his Twitter handle @GMBVW, where he recently posted an open letter to Mets fans.

Van Wagenen even sat in the stands at Citi Field last month with a group of vociferous Mets fans, winning some back with his ability to take the heat in person.

Luhnow said he also understands why most of his peers prefer to remain anonymous on Twitter.

"It's maybe not for everybody," he said. "But it is a good way to communicate directly to the fans, and also to hear directly from fans. But you have to be prepared for what comes with that."

Twitter is not going away any time soon. Instead of complaining about it, maybe it's time for Hahn to join the club.

LET'S PLAY 2

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| | Saturday @Colts Preseason 6, FOX-32 | Aug. 29 Titans Preseason 7, FOX-32 |
| | Tuesday Giants 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH | Wednesday Giants 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH |
| | Monday @Twins 7:10 p.m. WGN-9 | Tuesday @Twins 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH+ |
| | Saturday @Revolution 6:30 p.m. ESPN+ | Aug. 31 @Crew 6:30 p.m. ESPN+ |
| | Tuesday @Dream 6 p.m. WCIU-26.2 | Friday Mystics 7 p.m. WCIU-26.2 |

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

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|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
| BASEBALL | | |
| 6:30 p.m. Brewers at Cardinals | | MLB |
| 7 p.m. White Sox at Twins | | WGN-9 |
| | | WGN-AM 720 |
| NFL PRESEASON | | |
| 7 p.m. 49ers at Broncos | | ESPN |
| SOCCER | | |
| 1:55 p.m. Wolver. vs. Man. United | | NBCSN |
| TENNIS | | |
| 9 a.m. Bronx Open | | Tennis |
| 2 p.m. Winston-Salem Open | | Tennis |

ACES 100, SKY 85

DeShields' big night not enough for Sky

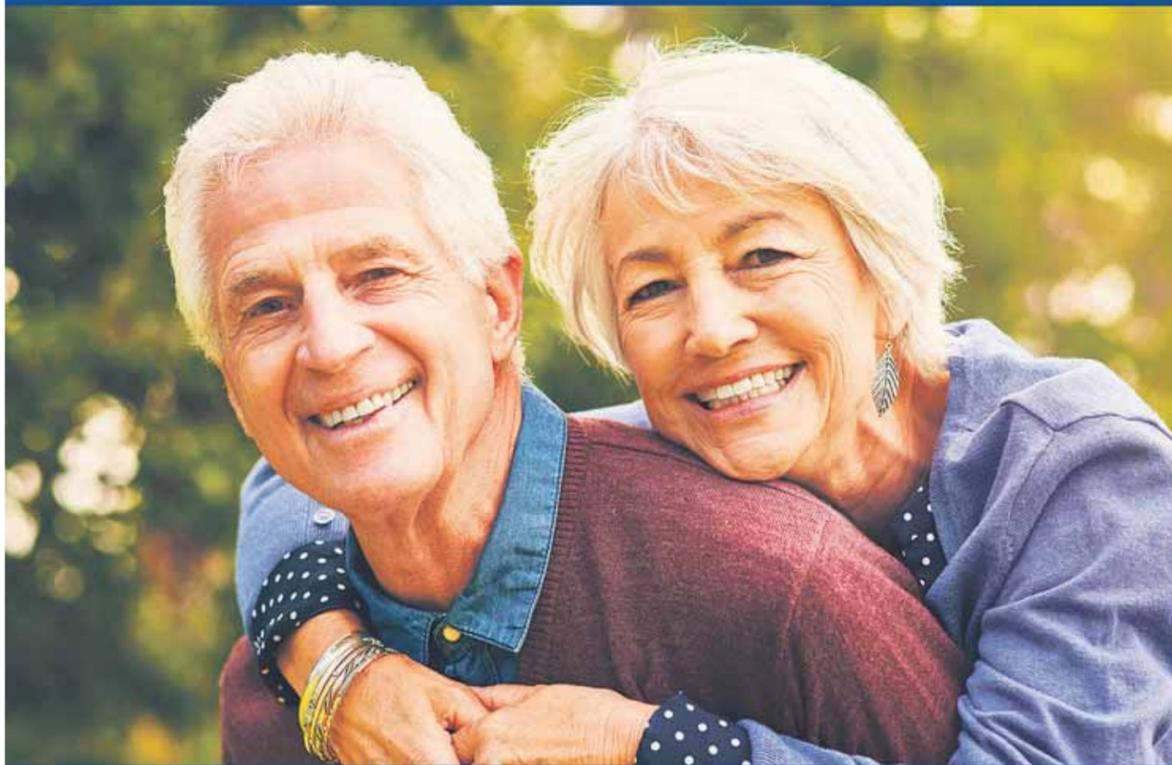
A'ja Wilson returned from a nine-game absence to score 25 points off the bench, Liz Cambage had 23 points and 10 rebounds and the Las Vegas Aces beat the Sky 100-85 on Sunday night at Wintrust Arena.

Wilson had not played since spraining her left ankle July 19.

Diamond DeShields tied her career highs with 28 points and five 3-pointers to lead the Sky (15-11). Cheyenne Parker added 16 points and Courtney Vander-sloot had 11 points and nine assists. — AP

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- Lebanon, New Hampshire
- Buffalo, New York
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CUBS



TOM E. PUSKAR/AP PHOTOS

Cubs shortstop Javier Baez takes a selfie with members of the team from Italy at the Little League World Series on Sunday.

Universal appeal

Little League baseball's message resonates with all ages, all backgrounds



MARK GONZALES
On baseball

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The caravan of vehicles started to cause several miles of backup off Highway 80 in a scene reminiscent of a fall Saturday in a college football town.

Only this time, there were rows of SUVs with license plates from up and down the East Coast and other U.S. regions, with parents painting the allegiance to their Little League All-Star teams on the windows on the 16-mile drive to Williamsport.

Parking on lawns within a half-mile of the stadium cost no more than \$10, a refreshing alternative to the seasonal gouging at big-league venues.

In this culture of building the gaudiest facilities and establishing turf wars, the Little League World Series brings a universe full of communities together for the singular purpose of enjoying the international sport of baseball.

"To a man, this exceeded all our expectations," Cubs President Theo Epstein said.

That was evident from the manner in which players from the Cubs and Pirates embraced their opportunity to mingle with the All-Stars and fans from all over the country — and beyond — as they walked in single file from their buses up the hill to historic Howard J. Lamade Stadium.

Pirates pitcher Chris Archer and his teammates answered questions from a group of curious Venezuelan players through the help of an interpreter.

"It was fun," Archer said. "There was no cultural divide."

Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish, one of Japan's greatest pitchers, seized the chance to talk to young players representing his country. The entire Pirates squad greeted play-



The Cubs' Kris Bryant talks with Grayson Newman of Bowling Green, Ky., at the Little League World Series on Sunday in Williamsport, Pa.

ers from Mexico before they took infield practice — a lost tradition in major-league baseball.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon, pitching coach Lester Strode, pitcher Cole Hamels and sluggers Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant fulfilled one longstanding custom largely reserved for kids sitting on the steep outfield berm.

They relived their youth by sliding down the hill on a large piece of cardboard.

"I was for it," Epstein said. "I did a little double take at first."

Maddon's jaunt was shown on the stadium video board — the only state-of-art feature in this quaint youth shrine.

This is the 73rd Little League World Series, but the 1969 event remains special to me. Santa Clara (Calif.) Briarwood, my hometown Little League team, advanced to the title game and provided numerous life lessons.

Carney Lansford, who started the title game in right field, went on to play 16 major leagues at third base and won an American League batting title.

Two other players from that team also were drafted out of high school but didn't fare as well in pro ball. Pitcher Chuck Carbis, who pitched the title game, signed as a 27th pick of the Twins in the 1975 draft but was released less than one month after signing.

And it sent shock waves through our high school freshman baseball tryouts when we learned that Joe Cesario, who hit 12 home runs during a 21-game Little League season, was cut from the local junior college team.

The camaraderie between the Little Leaguers on Sunday was reminiscent of what Yankees Hall of Fame slugger Mickey Mantle observed in 1969. Tsu-Yen Cheng pitched a three-hit shutout for Taiwan in the title game, and afterward several Santa Clara players gave him congratulatory pats.

"It almost makes you want to cry," Mantle, serving as a commentator, told a national television audience on ABC's "Wide World of Sports." "Too bad the whole world couldn't get along like these boys right now."

Cubs

Continued from Page 1

said Maddon, whose Cubs were 24-39 away from Wrigley entering Sunday night. "You want to anticipate the good result at home, but you can't take anything for granted. Playing the Giants and Nationals, that's no walk in the park, and then you've got to go play the Mets (at Citi Field).

"So it's something we're very capable of doing. It's almost inexplicable why we're so disparate as far as home (41-19), day (33-18) and night (23-40), road day (10-7), and road at night (14-32) seems to be the fly in the ointment. There's nothing to calibrate with that. But we have to get better. We're running out of time to get better with that."

The Cubs regained a key member of their bullpen when closer Craig Kimbrel was activated before the game, and reliever Steve Cishek could return Tuesday.

Epstein also said catcher Willson Contreras, who has been sidelined since Aug. 4 with a strained right hamstring, is "beyond discomfort at this point" and working on strengthening work in Chicago.

Contreras could return Sept. 5 — when the Cubs face the division rival Brewers in a four-game series at Miller Park.

"But there are no excuses," Maddon said. "We have a good team, regardless of injuries. We have a good team on the field on a nightly basis, and we have to somehow will that victory and starting willing series wins as we move forward."

Playing at a Class A park presented its share of challenges, but they pale in comparison to what the Cubs encountered last season when they were scheduled to play 42 games in a 43-game stretch.

Maddon observed the light towers



TOM E. PUSKAR/AP

CUBS RECAP

The road-weary Cubs put on a show Sunday night at a Class A ballpark filled with Little League All-Stars from around the world. Jose Quintana pitched seven shutout innings and the Cubs beat the Pirates 7-1 in Williamsport, Pa., to win their first road series since May 19 in Washington. Nicholas Castellanos, Jason Heyward and Anthony Rizzo (above) homered to back Quintana, who is 7-0 in his last nine starts. Quintana has a 1.38 ERA with 33 strikeouts and only 19 hits and one walk allowed in his last 26 innings pitched. The Cubs, who blew three ninth-inning leads last week, took a road series from a division rival for the first time all season. They had been 0-10-2 in their previous 12 road series overall. The Cubs return home Tuesday night. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

weren't as high as at major-league parks, but that was offset by Major League Baseball adding two towers and strengthening the light wattage.

Besides, after blowing three winnable games last week, the opportunity to relive their youth and meet youngsters dreaming of following in their footsteps provided a refreshing diversion in the heat of a division race.

"It brings everyone back to why they fell in love with the game in the first place," Epstein said. "Kids are treated so great. You're having so much fun playing the game, put a smile on everyone's faces and hope that carries over and start to play with a little joy."

"Remember it's a game, and all that good stuff. That helps you a lot, especially during a time when things weren't great."

WHITE SOX

ANGELS 9, WHITE SOX 2

2nd-inning jinx harms Cease again; Angels roll

It's not all bad as McCann, Giolito enjoy good weeks

BY LAMOND POPE

Here are four takeaways from the White Sox-Angels series at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., where the Sox lost three of four games.

1. The long ball costs Dylan Cease.

Sunday's second inning began well for Cease, as he struck out Justin Upton.

But the Angels grabbed momentum, and the lead, with the next three batters. Kole Calhoun doubled, Luis Rengifo got hit by a pitch and then Matt Thaiss hit a three-run homer.

It was the first of four home runs the Sox allowed in a 9-2 loss.

Cease (2-6) surrendered two home runs. He allowed five runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and one walk in five innings.

The three-run second served as a springboard for the Angels. It's an inning that gave the rookie trouble in July starts against the Rays and Twins. He allowed four second-inning runs July 21 against the Rays and five in the second July 26 against the Twins.

The Sox haven't given Cease much run support. He entered Sunday receiving an average of 2.77 runs of support per nine innings, including no runs three times.

The only offense for the Sox on Sunday came via Eloy Jimenez, who went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs.

2. James McCann had a grand week.

Bill Walton had a request as McCann stepped to the plate with the bases loaded in the eighth inning Friday.

"Put one out, right here," Walton said during the NBC Sports Chicago telecast. "Just crush it."

McCann followed through with his second grand slam in three days. His eighth-inning slam on Wednesday put the Sox ahead for good in a wild 13-9 victory against the Astros at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Friday's slam gave the Sox a five-run cushion on the way to a 7-2 victory.

McCann became the first Sox player with multiple slams in a season since Carlos Quentin in 2010, and he joined Sherm Lollar (1958) and Ed Herrmann (1970) as the only Sox catchers with multiple grand slams in a season.

The slams continued McCann's memorable season. The first-time All-Star has been critical behind the plate, and he has supplied much more offense than the Sox envisioned.

Friday's slam gave him a career-high 14 homers. McCann had a sluggish start to the second half, but he has hit safely in 11 of his 13 games since Aug. 4, and his average has increased from .276 to .294.

3. Lucas Giolito adds to his exceptional season.

The Sox led by a run in the sixth inning Friday, but the Angels had runners on the corners with one out.

Giolito got Brian Goodwin to fly out to shallow left. The ball wasn't hit far enough for Albert Pujols to tag up from third.

Giolito then struck out David Fletcher to end the inning. Giolito allowed two runs on six hits with 11 strikeouts in six innings in the 7-2 victory.

Giolito reached double figures in strikeouts for the second consecutive start. He had a season-high 13 strikeouts Aug. 11 against the Athletics.

Giolito (13-6) has had a breakthrough season, with the 182 strikeouts just one of the impressive stats.

Giolito is fifth in the American League with an average of 11.48 strikeouts per nine innings. That is the second-best mark in Sox history among qualifying pitchers, behind Chris Sale (11.82) in 2015.

4. The Sox tried to contain Mike Trout.

The Sox had some ups and downs trying to contain the best player in baseball.

Trout went 4-for-4 Thursday with a solo home run.

The Sox limited him to one hit Friday. It was a solo homer off Giolito in the fifth.

Trout struck out twice Friday. And Hector Santiago struck Trout out two more times Saturday.

But Trout had a crucial hit in the seventh, driving in two runs with a single against reliever Evan Marshall to bring the Angels within a run. The Angels scored four times in the inning to rally for a 6-5 victory.

Trout had the day off Sunday.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

White Sox rookie Dylan Cease delivers Sunday against the Angels. The Sox lost 9-2 and Cease's record fell to 2-6.

BASEBALL

American League

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| New York | 83 | 43 | .659 | — | — | 7-3 | L-1 | 49-20 | 34-23 |
| Tampa Bay | 73 | 52 | .584 | 9½ | — | 7-3 | W-2 | 33-29 | 40-23 |
| Boston | 67 | 59 | .532 | 16 | 6½ | 7-3 | W-5 | 33-32 | 34-27 |
| Toronto | 52 | 75 | .409 | 31½ | 22 | 5-5 | L-2 | 25-39 | 27-36 |
| Baltimore | 39 | 85 | .315 | 43 | 33½ | 1-9 | L-7 | 18-43 | 21-42 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Minnesota | 76 | 48 | .613 | — | — | 6-4 | W-4 | 36-26 | 40-22 |
| Cleveland | 74 | 51 | .592 | 2½ | — | 5-5 | W-1 | 39-26 | 35-25 |
| Chicago | 55 | 68 | .447 | 20½ | 17 | 4-6 | L-2 | 30-31 | 25-37 |
| Kansas City | 44 | 80 | .355 | 32 | 28½ | 3-6 | L-2 | 24-39 | 20-41 |
| Detroit | 37 | 84 | .306 | 37½ | 34 | 4-6 | L-2 | 17-43 | 20-41 |

| WEST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Houston | 79 | 46 | .632 | — | — | 4-6 | W-1 | 43-15 | 36-31 |
| Oakland | 71 | 53 | .573 | 7½ | 1½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 40-24 | 31-29 |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 64 | .492 | 17½ | 11½ | 6-4 | W-2 | 33-31 | 29-33 |
| Texas | 60 | 64 | .484 | 18½ | 12½ | 2-8 | L-4 | 35-26 | 25-38 |
| Seattle | 52 | 73 | .416 | 27 | 21 | 5-5 | W-2 | 27-36 | 25-37 |

Late games noted below

MONDAY'S 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 |
| Was Ross (R) | 3-3 5.91 3-1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 3-0 18.0 0.50 |
| Pit Williams (R) | 6:05p 5-5 4.25 10-8 | 0-0 6.1 2.84 | 2-1 16.0 7.88 |
| SD Lauer (L) | 6-8 4.55 11-11 | 0-1 5.0 3.60 | 1-0 15.0 4.80 |
| Cin Bauer (R) | 6:10p 10-9 4.17 14-13 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-1 16.0 7.31 |
| Mil Davies (R) | 8-5 3.74 13-10 | 0-0 4.2 3.86 | 0-3 13.0 11.77 |
| STL Hudson (R) | 6:45p 11-6 3.82 16-8 | 0-1 8.0 10.13 | 1-1 13.2 3.29 |
| Col Freeland (L) | 3-10 7.09 7-12 | 0-1 15.0 10.80 | 1-1 17.0 5.29 |
| Ari Gallen (R) | 8:40p 2-3 2.58 4-5 | 0-0 4.0 4.50 | 1-1 16.0 2.25 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | 2019 | 2019 VS. OPP. | LAST 3 STARTS |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| TEAM PITCHER | TIME W-L ERA TR | W-L IP ERA | W-L IP ERA |
| KC Lopez (R) | 1-7 6.51 1-10 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-2 8.0 15.75 |
| Bal Means (L) | 6:05p 8-8 3.76 7-12 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-3 10.2 10.97 |
| Sea Gonzales (L) | 12-10 4.26 13-13 | 0-0 6.1 2.84 | 0-2 17.1 4.67 |
| TB McKay (L) | 6:10p 2-2 4.81 3-4 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-1 14.1 6.28 |
| LA Peters (L) | 3-1 3.37 2-2 | 0-0 1.1 6.75 | 1-1 16.0 3.94 |
| Tex Allard (L) | 7:05p 1-0 4.50 1-1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-0 10.0 4.50 |
| Det Jackson (R) | 3-5 8.62 2-5 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 2-1 14.2 3.07 |
| Hou Miley (L) | 7:10p 11-4 3.11 17-8 | 1-0 6.0 6.00 | 2-0 15.0 3.60 |
| Chi Nova (R) | 8-9 4.51 13-12 | 1-1 12.0 3.00 | 2-0 22.0 4.41 |
| Mil Gibson (R) | 7:10p 11-5 4.28 15-9 | 2-0 13.0 1.38 | 1-1 16.0 5.63 |

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 Seattle 7, Toronto 0
 Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 4
 Boston 13, Baltimore 7
 Cleveland 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
 N.Y. Mets 11, Kansas City 5
 Minnesota 6, Texas 3
 Houston 4, Oakland 1
 L.A. Angels 9, Chi. White Sox 2

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Kansas City at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 G1: L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Chi. White Sox at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 9:07 p.m.

TORONTO AT L.A. DODGERS, 9:10 P.M.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 5
 Seattle 4, Toronto 3
 Oakland 8, Houston 4
 Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0 (13)
 N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 1
 Boston 4, Baltimore 0
 Minnesota 12, Texas 7
 L.A. Angels 6, Chi. White Sox 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 Colorado 7, Miami 6 (10)
 St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4
 San Diego 3, Philadelphia 2
 Atlanta 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Washington 16, Milwaukee 8
 N.Y. Mets 11, Kansas City 5
 Arizona 6, San Francisco 1
 Chi. Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 1

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
 Milwaukee at St. Louis, 6:45 p.m.
 San Francisco at Chi. Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
 Chi. Cubs 2, Pittsburgh 0
 Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 1
 N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 1
 San Diego 5, Philadelphia 3
 Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Colorado 11, Miami 4
 San Francisco 11, Arizona 6
 Milwaukee 15, Washington 14 (14)

Aug. 31: Last day to be contracted to an organization and be eligible for postseason roster.
Sept. 1: Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 1-2: Wild-card games.
Oct. 3: Division Series start.

BOX SCORES

L.A. ANGELS 9, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 2

| CHICAGO | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Garcia cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .275 |
| Jay rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .287 |
| Abreu dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .292 |
| McCann c | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .275 |
| a-Cordell ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .228 |
| Jimenez if | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .240 |
| Skole lb | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .259 |
| Anderson ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .328 |
| Goins 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .269 |
| Sánchez 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .249 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 12 | |

| LOS ANGELES | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------|
| Goodwin cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .278 |
| Fletcher 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .289 |
| Ohtani dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .298 |
| Upton if | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .215 |
| Calhoun rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .232 |
| Rengifo 2b | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .240 |
| Thaiss 1b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | .179 |
| Tovar ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .188 |
| Bennett c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .125 |
| TOTALS | 37 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 8 | |

COLORADO 7, MIAMI 6 (10)

| MIAMI | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------|
| Diaz 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .182 |
| Castro 3b-5b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .261 |
| Anderson rf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .257 |
| Cooper 1b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .287 |
| Ramirez if | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | .262 |
| Taillon cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| Garcia p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| b-Granderson ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .187 |
| Holaday c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .301 |
| Alfaro c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .288 |
| i-Berti pr-ss | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .177 |
| Brinson cf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .182 |
| Yamamoto p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .063 |
| Walker 3b-1b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .258 |
| TOTALS | 40 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 7 | |

| COLORADO | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Blackmon rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .325 |
| Story ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .293 |
| Arenado 3b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .301 |
| Murphy 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .283 |
| c-Daza ph | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .143 |
| Taillon cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .247 |
| McMahon 2b-1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .269 |
| Desmond if | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .260 |
| Núñez c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .250 |
| a-Alonso ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .277 |
| Hampson 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .211 |
| Lambert p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .389 |
| Walters c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .283 |
| TOTALS | 38 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 15 | |

a-struck out for McCann in the 9th. **LOB:** Chicago 5, Los Angeles 7. **2B:** Anderson (20), Sánchez (12), Calhoun (2), Goodwin (22), Tovar (4), Rengifo (15), Thaiss (2), 3B: Jiménez (4), HR: Jiménez (2), off Mejia; Thaiss (5), off Cease; Harmon (26), off Cease; Ohtani (15), off Detwiler; Bennet (0), off Detwiler. **RBIs:** Jiménez (49), Thaiss (4), Calhoun (60), Ohtani (250), Bennet (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** 2 (Skole, Abreu); Los Angeles 4 (Upton, Fletcher, Goodwin). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 4; Los Angeles 2 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Jay, Tovar. **IDP:** Anderson, Calhoun. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Sánchez, Skole); Los Angeles 1 (Tovar, Rengifo, Thaiss).

CHICAGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Cease, L 2-5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 5.54 |
| Detwiler | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3.72 | |

LOS ANGELES IP H R ER BB SO ERA

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|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Canning, W 4-6 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4.86 |
| Buttrey | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3.83 |
| Mejia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6.35 |

Inherited runners-scored: Detwiler 1-L. **HBP:** Canning 2 (Abreu, McCann), Cease (Rengifo). **WP:** Cease. **Time:** 2:55. **A:** 35,436 (45,050).

BOSTON 13, BALTIMORE 7

| BALTIMORE | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Villar ss | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .271 |
| Mancini dh | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .277 |
| Santander rf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .284 |
| Núñez 3b | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | .242 |
| Peterson if | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .227 |
| Alberto 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .318 |
| Davis 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .176 |
| Wilkinson cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .327 |
| Sisco c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .256 |
| Severino c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .228 |
| TOTALS | 34 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 10 | |

| BOSTON | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Betts cf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .284 |
| Devers 3b | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | .327 |
| Bogaerts ss | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | .308 |
| Hernández 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .307 |
| Martínez rf | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | .307 |
| Benintendi if | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .269 |
| Travis dh | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .289 |
| Vázquez 1b-c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .193 |
| León c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .231 |
| a-Moreland ph-1b | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | .293 |
| Owings 2b-ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .125 |
| TOTALS | 39 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 10 | |

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a-singled for León in the 6th. **E:** Villar (18), Moreland (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Boston 8. **2B:** Villar (27), Alberto (16), Devers (2), Bogaerts (34), Martínez (27), Vázquez (18), Betts (41), HR: Núñez (26), off Eovaldi; Travis (5), off Bellar; Devers (26), off Armstrong. **RBIs:** Núñez 4 (68), Mancini 2 (71), Alberto (36), Devers 4 (97), Bogaerts 2 (92), Travis (14), Vázquez (52), Moreland (43), Martínez 2 (73), Betts (64), SF: Villar 2 (26). **SF:** Núñez, Betts. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5 (Mancini), Wilkinson 2, Santander 2, Peterson. **Boston:** Betts (2), Martínez (2), Villar (2). **BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO ERA

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|---------------------|----|---|---|---|---|------|-------|
| Blach | 5½ | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 13.50 |
| Ynoa | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.93 | |
| Fry, L 1-4, BS, 3-5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4.53 | |
| Armstrong | 1½ | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4.38 | |
| Givens | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.63 | |

BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Eovaldi | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5.77 |
| Hernández | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3.72 | |
| Brasler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2.46 | |
| Taylor | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3.18 | |
| Walden, W 7-2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.59 | |
| Cahill, H 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7.52 | |
| Lakins | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.76 | |

Ynoa pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Villar 2-1, Fry 2-2, Armstrong 2-1. **HBP:** Hernández (Núñez). **Time:** 3:38.

TAMPA BAY 5, DETROIT 4

RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#18 Steve McMichael

'Mongos' rowdy persona, rugged style made him lifelong favorite of Ditka

BY WILL LARKIN

When the Patriots released Steve McMichael in 1981, giving up on their 1980 third-round pick after only one year, coach Ron Erhardt added an insult on the defensive tackle's way out the door.

According to McMichael, Erhardt told him: "We believe you're part of the criminal element in the league."

The Patriots didn't like the hours McMichael kept or the places he kept them. They hated how he would go all out during workouts against guard John Hannah, who just had been christened "The Best Offensive Lineman of All Time" by Sports Illustrated on its Aug. 3, 1981, cover.

"I'd go 'live' against him to see how I could do against the very best," McMichael told the Tribune's Bill Jauss on Dec. 14, 1983. "John didn't mind, but the coaches complained."

McMichael returned to his hometown of Freer, Texas, "to start the rest of my life," he said. The Bears called midway through the 1981 season and brought him on as a special teams player. He didn't get much action on defense that season or in '82, but he felt more at home than he had in New England.

That was thanks to three men in Chicago. Coach Mike Ditka encouraged his players to be themselves and didn't keep tabs on them too closely as long as they practiced hard and produced on Sundays. Dan Hampton, one of the best defensive linemen in the league and equally adept as a tackle or an end, served as McMichael's role model on and off the field. Defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan told his players to get after it on every snap — the way McMichael liked to practice and play.

Ditka and McMichael hit it off immediately as kindred spirits. Ditka pushed Ryan to insert McMichael into the starting lineup, and he advocated for him during and after his career.

"Steve transcended every era," Ditka told the Tribune's Rick Kogan on Aug. 28, 2005. "He could have played in the '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s. What he had, he gave to me, all of it. There was never a down where he didn't go all out."

Hampton and McMichael, born one month apart in 1957, might as well have been brothers. The big, brash linemen — Hampton from Arkansas, McMichael from Texas — raised hell at all hours on and off the field and became the best tackle tandem in the league.

In McMichael and Phil Arvia's 2004 book, "Steve McMichael's Tales from the Chicago Bears Sideline," he wrote: "I guess we got along because we were both country boys, small-townners, and had a lot in common. Thank God he was on the team at the time. He became my big brother, my guide through chaos, really.

"It especially motivated me in practice to dominate and kick ass. Impressing him was a big factor. I wanted to show him that I ... fit in with what he considered important about playing football. Every guy who plays that smash-mouth brand of football is impressing other guys who do."

Ryan was not as easy to win over. When McMichael joined the Bears, Ryan — who called players by their uniform number or a derogatory nickname until they proved they deserved better — asked him before his first practice whether he was in shape. McMichael responded that he regularly went jogging with his Great Dane.

"They worked my ass off," McMichael wrote. "I was taking every rep. ... So I was gassed after practice."

As Ryan walked off the field, he remarked to McMichael: "(Expletive), 76, we shoulda hired the dog."

Eventually, Ryan called McMichael "Tex," a big upgrade. Hampton nicknamed McMichael "Mongos" after the dimwitted and violent yet lovable "Blazing Saddles" character played by Alex Karras. Eventually, Hampton changed McMichael's moniker to "Ming the Merciless" after the "Flash Gordon" villain.

"'Mongos' was something Dan thought was funny," McMichael wrote. "'Ming' was a sign of respect."

McMichael moved into the starting lineup alongside Hampton in 1983 and produced immediately. Off the field he generally behaved like a professional wrestler, which he would become a dozen years later, even peppering his pronouncements by calling the person he was addressing "baby" or "brother."

Trace Armstrong, McMichael's teammate from 1989 to '93, told John Mullin in his 2003 book, "Tales from the Chicago Bears Sideline," that McMichael "had this Hollywood style. He bought a Rolls-Royce convertible, red with white interior. ... Here comes this red convertible, big guy driving with long hair flapping in the breeze, and this little chihuahua he's holding as he's driving. And the chihuahua's got some kind of outfit on. That was vintage Ming."

Mullin wrote: "Ming was a really intelligent guy. When he got on camera he understood that for notoriety, he had to push the envelope a little bit and he did. So he really developed a shtick and a persona that was his signature."

McMichael gained revenge on the Patriots by helping the Bears beat them 46-10 in Super Bowl XX after the 1985 season, and his profile grew. Those who paid attention only to McMichael's outlandish behavior missed the fact that he had become one of the game's best defensive tackles. He was named first-team All-Pro in 1985 and '87,



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

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McMichael recorded 10 or more sacks in 1984, '88 and '92. Since sacks became an official statistic in 1982, his career total of 95 ranks third among defensive tackles behind only John Randle's 137½ and Warren Sapp's 96½. McMichael's 92½ sacks with the Bears rank second since the team began tracking the stat in 1970 behind only teammate Richard Dent's 124½.

Armstrong played 15 NFL seasons as a defensive end with teammates who included Dent, Hampton and Mike Singletary with the Bears, Zach Thomas and Jason Taylor with the Dolphins and Charles Woodson and Rod Woodson with the Raiders. Those seven players combined for 51 Pro Bowl berths, 26 first-team All-Pro selections and five spots in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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McMichael played 191 games for the Bears — consecutive if the 1987 strike games are dismissed — to pass Walter Payton's team record of 190. He still ranks second, tied with Olin Kreutz behind long snapper Patrick Mannely's 245.

On Aug. 4, 1994, the Tribune's Don Pierson wrote: "To play the perilous inside position for such a long time at such a consistently high level puts McMichael in the company of Merlin Olsen and not many others."

McMichael never came out of the lineup

despite a collection of battered body parts, including knees that required eight operations. It was hard to get McMichael to even miss practice.

"Practice was a joy, baby," McMichael wrote. "I loved every aspect of the game. Preparing for it and playing it are the same. When they say I even loved wind sprints, it's kind of the truth. ... Pushing through the limits, that's what makes the games easy."

McMichael's athleticism was underrated to start, and his tireless workouts ensured he didn't lose much of it as he aged. In high school he lettered in six sports: football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis and golf.

"Every athletic event they had, I did," McMichael told the Tribune's Robert Markus on Dec. 12, 1991. "I think it's very important for a young kid to play all of them. The skills you learn will lead you into the one you like."

Vince Tobin, who replaced Ryan as the Bears defensive coordinator in 1986, called McMichael one of the most intelligent players he ever coached.

"He's extremely smart," Tobin told Markus. "He studies film; he reads offensive players. He has the ability to know if a guy is pulling, whether he's going to block him left or right, whether it will be a pass or run, before the ball is snapped."

McMichael added: "Quickness is deciphering the play and going instead of standing there waiting for it to happen. ... You're not born with that. Nobody knows the nuances of the game until he takes the time to learn."

In 2014, Pierson ranked McMichael the fourth-best defensive lineman in Bears history, behind Doug Atkins, Hampton and Dent. At No. 18, McMichael is the highest-ranked player on the Tribune's list of the top 100 Bears who is not in the Hall of Fame, just ahead of No. 19 Devin Hester, No. 21 Jimbo Covert and No. 23 Jay Hilgenberg.

McMichael played his last season for the

MCMICHAEL AS A BEAR

1981-93 | 13 seasons | 191 games

Bears record: 119-81 (.595).

Playoff appearances: 7. Super Bowl champion in 1985.

Acquired: Signed as a free agent in 1981

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THE LIST

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| 18. Steve McMichael | 59. Jim Osborne |
| 19. Devin Hester | 60. Willie Galimore |
| 20. Red Grange | 61. Mark Carrier |
| 21. Jimbo Covert | 62. Mark Bortz |
| 22. George McAfee | 63. Julius Peppers |
| 23. Jay Hilgenberg | 64. J.C. Caroline |
| 24. Bill Hewitt | 65. Ed O'Bradovich |
| 25. George Halas | 66. Mike Pyle |
| 26. Olin Kreutz | 67. Mike Hartenstine |
| 27. Joe Fortunato | 68. Keith Van Horne |
| 28. George Wilson | 69. Tommie Harris |
| 29. Lance Briggs | 70. George Wilson |
| 30. Ed Healey | 71. Jack Manders |
| 31. Link Lyman | 72. James Williams |
| 32. George Musso | 73. Jim Dooley |
| 33. Ed Sprinkle | 74. Robbie Gould |
| 34. Paddy Driscoll | 75. Bennie McRae |
| 35. Harlon Hill | 76. Johnny Lujack |
| 36. Rick Casares | 77. Bill Osmanski |
| 37. Ken Kavanaugh | 78. Jay Cutler |
| 38. Charles Tillman | 79. Jim McMillen |
| 39. Gary Fencik | 80. Khalil Mack |
| 40. Luke Johnsos | 81. Eddie Jackson |
| 41. Richie Petitbon | 82. Doug Plank |
| 42. Ray Bray | 83. Zuck Carlson |
| 43. Rosey Taylor | 84. Bill Wade |
| 44. Johnny Morris | 85. Kyle Long |
| 45. Joe Kopcha | 86. Brandon Marshall |
| 46. Fred Williams | 87. Lee Artoe |
| 47. Wilber Marshall | 88. Alshon Jeffery |
| 48. Doug Buffone | 89. Beattie Feathers |
| 49. Dave Duerson | 90. Kevin Butler |
| 50. Larry Morris | 91. Bill Karr |
| 51. Dick Barwegan | 92. Matt Suhey |
| 52. Wally Chambers | 93. Ed Brown |
| 53. Otis Wilson | 94. Gary Famiglietti |
| 54. Wilber Marshall | 95. Akiem Hicks |
| 55. Dick Gordon | 96. Joey Sternaman |
| 56. Jim McMahon | 97. Hugh Gallarneau |
| 57. Neal Anderson | 98. Tom Thayer |
| 58. Mike Brown | 99. William Perry |
| | 100. Patrick Mannely |

Packers in 1994, starting all 16 games after the Bears released him rather than pay his \$1 million salary.

He joined World Championship Wrestling as a broadcaster in 1995 and became a wrestler a few months later. In 2001 McMichael was ejected from Wrigley Field when he followed his rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" by criticizing umpire Angel Hernandez.

In 2013 he ran for mayor of Romeoville and earned 39 percent of the vote in a loss to incumbent John Noak.

McMichael, now 61, has been in and out of local broadcasting as TV and radio stations hire and fire him for being outrageous. His Wikipedia entry contains 230 words on his college and pro football careers and 855 on his time as a wrestler.

If McMichael's personality and antics overshadowed his fine play for 13 seasons with the Bears and the 26 years since, he figures it's all part of the same package, and it could not have happened any place else.

"Thank God New England got rid of me," McMichael told the Tribune's Bob Verdi on Oct. 14, 1984. "Some teams, they want you to have a certain image. Other teams, like this one, they just want you to get down and dirty. ... I'm really proud to be a Bear."

"The Patriots, yeah, they thought I was a little weird. And I guess I am. But here they don't care, long as you play hard. ... The town, the coach, the team — it's Steve McMichael. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE MONDAY
 Washington -126 at Pittsburgh +116
 at Cincinnati -157 San Diego +147
 at St. Louis -130 Milwaukee +120
 at Arizona Off Colorado Off

AMERICAN LEAGUE MONDAY
 at Baltimore -132 Kansas City +122
 at Tampa Bay -176 Seattle +164
 at Texas Off LA Angels Off
 at Minnesota -195 Chi White Sox +180
 at Houston -370 Detroit +340

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 pregame.com **SATURDAY**
 Florida 7 Miami
 Arizona 11 at Hawaii

NFL PRESEASON
WEEK 2 MONDAY
 at Denver 1½ San Fran.

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MLS EASTERN W L T PT GF GA

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|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Atlanta | 14 | 9 | 3 | 45 | 45 | 30 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 8 | 6 | 45 | 48 | 40 |
| N.Y. City FC | 11 | 5 | 8 | 41 | 45 | 32 |
| D.C. United | 10 | 8 | 9 | 39 | 34 | 33 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 11 | 10 | 5 | 38 | 44 | 39 |
| New England | 9 | 9 | 8 | 35 | 38 | 45 |
| Montreal | 10 | 13 | 4 | 34 | 39 | 50 |
| Orlando City | 9 | 11 | 7 | 34 | 35 | 35 |
| Toronto FC | 9 | 10 | 7 | 34 | 41 | 43 |
| Chicago | 8 | 11 | 9 | 33 | 42 | 40 |
| Columbus | 7 | 14 | 6 | 27 | 29 | 41 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 26 | 61 |

WESTERN W L T PT GF GA

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|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Los Angeles FC | 18 | 3 | 4 | 58 | 67 | 25 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 8 | 6 | 42 | 44 | 36 |
| LA Galaxy | 13 | 11 | 2 | 41 | 35 | 38 |
| Real Salt Lake | 12 | 10 | 4 | 40 | 38 | 34 |
| Seattle | 11 | 8 | 7 | 40 | 40 | 39 |
| San Jose | 11 | 9 | 5 | 38 | 42 | 38 |
| Portland | 11 | 10 | 4 | 37 | 41 | 38 |
| FC Dallas | 10 | 10 | 7 | 37 | 39 | 36 |
| Houston | 9 | 13 | 4 | 31 | 37 | 43 |
| Sporting KC | 8 | 11 | 7 | 31 | 39 | 45 |
| Colorado | 7 | 13 | 6 | 27 | 43 | 52 |
| Vancouver | 6 | 12 | 9 | 27 | 47 | 45 |

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULT
 Atlanta 2, Portland 0

NWSL

CLUB W L T PT GF GA

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| Portland | 9 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 36 | 22 |
| Chicago | 9 | 6 | 2 | 29 | 28 | 21 |
| North Carolina | 8 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 31 | 15 |
| Utah | 8 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 19 | 17 |
| Reign FC | 7 | 4 | 6 | 27 | 16 | 19 |
| Houston | 6 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 26 |
| Washington | 6 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 20 | 18 |
| Sky Blue FC | 11 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 24 | 24 |
| Orlando | 3 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 34 |

SUNDAY'S RESULT
 Reign FC 1, Sky Blue FC 1

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
 at South Williamsport, Pa. (double elimination)
e-eliminated
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 South Chungcheong (South Korea) 4,
 Willemsstad (Curacao) 0
 South Riding (Va.) 11,
 Coon Rapids (Minn.) 0
 Chofu City (Japan) 5,
 Guadalupe (Mexico) 0
 G16: Wailuku (Hawaii) vs.
 Elizabeth (N.J.), suspended
MONDAY'S GAMES
 GmA: Sydney (Australia) vs.
 Bowling Green (Ky.), 10 a.m.
 G17: Maracaibo (Venezuela) vs.
 Guadalupe (Mexico), noon
 G18: Barrington (R.I.) vs. G16 loser, 2 p.m.
 G19: Coquitlam (B.C.) vs.
 Willemsstad (Curacao), 5 p.m.
 G20: River Ridge (La.) vs.
 Coon Rapids (Minn.), 7 p.m.

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EASTERN W L PCT GB

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|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| x-Washington | 20 | 7 | .741 | — |
| x-Connecticut | 19 | 8 | .704 | 1 |
| Chicago | 15 | 11 | .577 | 4½ |
| Indiana | 9 | 17 | .346 | 10½ |
| New York | 8 | 18 | .308 | 11½ |
| Atlanta | 5 | 21 | .192 | 14½ |

WESTERN W L PCT GB

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|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| x-Las Vegas | 18 | 9 | .667 | — |
| Los Angeles | 15 | 10 | .600 | 2 |
| Seattle | 15 | 13 | .536 | 3½ |
| Phoenix | 13 | 13 | .500 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 13 | 14 | .481 | 5 |
| Dallas | 9 | 18 | .333 | 9 |

x-clinched playoff spot
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 Connecticut 78, Dallas 68
 Washington 107, Indiana 68
 Las Vegas 100, Chicago 85
 Phoenix 78, New York 72
 Seattle 82, Minnesota 74

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP
BASS PRO SHOPS/NRA RACE
Saturday night at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor
Speedway; Lap: .533 miles
FP SP DRIVER M LAP PT

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|----|---------------------|---|--------|----|
| 1 | Denny Hamlin | T | 500 | 40 |
| 2 | Matt DiBenedetto | T | 500 | 41 |
| 3 | Brad Keselowski | F | 500 | 42 |
| 4 | Kyle Busch | T | 500 | 40 |
| 5 | Chase Elliott | C | 500 | 46 |
| 6 | Kyle Larson | C | 500 | 41 |
| 7 | Clint Bowyer | F | 500 | 30 |
| 8 | Daniel Suarez | F | 499 | 38 |
| 9 | Kurt Busch | C | 499 | 40 |
| 10 | Ryan Blaney | F | 499 | 32 |
| 11 | Ryan Newman | F | 499 | 34 |
| 12 | Daniel Hemric | C | 499 | 27 |
| 13 | Martin Truex Jr. | C | 498 | 33 |
| 14 | Bubba Wallace | C | 498 | 23 |
| 15 | Alex Bowman | F | 497 | 22 |
| 16 | Logan Sargeant | F | 497 | 21 |
| 17 | Chris Buescher | C | 497 | 20 |
| 18 | Ryan Preece | C | 497 | 19 |
| 19 | Jimmie Johnson | C | 496 | 18 |
| 20 | Ty Dillon | C | 496 | 17 |
| 21 | William Byron | C | 496 | 22 |
| 22 | Erik Jones | F | 495 | 23 |
| 23 | Paul Menard | F | 495 | 14 |
| 24 | Corey LaJoie | F | 494 | 13 |
| 25 | Landon Cassill | C | 490 | 0 |
| 26 | Ross Chastain | C | 490 | 0 |
| 27 | Matt Tifft | F | 487-sp | 10 |
| 28 | JJ Yeley | F | 485 | 9 |
| 29 | Aric Almirola | F | 482 | 9 |
| 30 | Quin Houder | C | 478 | 7 |
| 31 | Kyle Weatherman | C | 474 | 0 |
| 32 | BJ McLeod | C | 410-f | 4 |
| 33 | Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | F | 391-d | 4 |
| 34 | Austin Dillon | C | 387 | 3 |
| 35 | Josh Billicki | C | 373-v | 0 |
| 36 | David Ragan | F | 371-a | 1 |
| 37 | Michael McDowell | F | 368-a | 1 |
| 38 | Reed Sorenson | C | 269-cl | 1 |
| 39 | Kevin Harvick | F | 244-cl | 8 |

a-accident; cl-clutch; d-DVPI; sp-suspension; v-fatigue; fh-front hub; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota
Winner's average speed: 94.531 mph.
Time: 2:49:09. **Margin:** 0.502 sec.
Caution Flags: 8 for 61 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D. Hamlin 0; D. Hamlin 1-4; K. Larson 15-23; D. Hamlin 24-38; K. Larson 39-45; D. Hamlin 46-83; K. Larson 84-129; B. Keselowski 130; C. Elliott 131-163; K. Harvick 164-191; B. Keselowski 192; M. Truex Jr. 193-244; K. Busch 245-253; K. Busch 254-264; B. Keselowski 265-349; K. Busch 350; B. Keselowski 351; K. Busch 352; B. Keselowski 353-354; K. Busch 355-365; B. Keselowski 366; K. Busch 367-372; E. Jones 373-395; M. DiBenedetto 396-488; D. Hamlin 489-500
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Matt DiBenedetto 1 time for 93 laps; Brad Keselowski 6 times for 91 laps; Denny Hamlin 4 times for 79 laps; Kyle Larson 3 times for 62 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 1 time for 52 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 33 laps; Kyle Busch 5 times for 30 laps; Kevin Harvick 1 time for 28 laps; Erik Jones 1 time for 23 laps; Kurt Busch 1 time for 9 laps.

NASCAR CUP DRIVER POINTS

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|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 932: | Kyle Busch | 686: | Ry. Blaney |
| 893: | J. Logano | 675: | A. Bowman |
| 855: | D. Hamlin | 665: | Ky. Larson |
| 838: | Truex Jr. | 664: | W. Byron |
| 830: | K. Harvick | 654: | A. Almirola |
| 794: | Keselowski | 646: | Erik Jones |
| 757: | Ch. Elliott | 603: | Ry. Newman |
| 741: | Kurt Busch | 591: | D. Suarez |

NFL PRESEASON

AFC EAST W L T PCT PF PA

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Buffalo | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 51 | 30 |
| New England | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 53 | 20 |
| Miami | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 48 | 43 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 41 |

AFC NORTH W L T PCT PF PA

| | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 47 | 35 |
| Baltimore | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 55 | 13 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 51 | 28 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 40 | 51 |

AFC SOUTH W L T PCT PF PA

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Tennessee | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 32 |
| Houston | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 56 | 51 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 53 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 34 | 45 |

AFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA

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|---------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Oakland | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 47 | 29 |
| Kansas City | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 45 | 34 |
| Denver | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 28 | 32 |
| L.A. Chargers | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 30 | 36 |

NFC EAST W L T PCT PF PA

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|--------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| N.Y. Giants | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 63 | 35 |
| Dallas | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 23 | 27 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 34 | 37 |
| Washington | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 23 | 53 |

NFC NORTH W L T PCT PF PA

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|-----------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Minnesota | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 59 | 44 |
| Green Bay | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 41 | 52 |
| Chicago | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 26 | 55 |
| Detroit | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 26 | 61 |

NFC SOUTH W L T PCT PF PA

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Carolina | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 37 | 40 |
| Tampa Bay | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 44 |
| New Orleans | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 51 |
| Atlanta | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 47 | 70 |

NFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA

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|---------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| San Francisco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 9 |
| Seattle | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 39 |
| Arizona | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 43 | 46 |
| L.A. Rams | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 13 | 28 |

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 New Orleans 19, L.A. Chargers 17
 Minnesota 25, Seattle 19

MONDAY'S GAME
 San Francisco at Denver, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

TENNIS

WESTERN AND SOUTHERN OPEN
At The Lindner Family Tennis Center; Mason, Ohio; outdoors-hard
MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
 #9 Daniil Medvedev d. #16 David Goffin, 7-6 (3), 6-4
WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
 #16 Madison Keys d. Svetlana Kuznetsova, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN
Ri at Wake Forest Univ courts; Winston-Salem, N.C.; outdoor-hard
 Roin Haase d. Denis Kudla, 6-4, 7-6 (3)
 Prajesh Gunneswaran d. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, 6-3, 6-4
 Floyd Harris d. Jaime Munar, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-1
 Tomas Berdych d. Andreas Seppi, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3
 Marius Copil d. M. Klizan, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
WTA NYTL BRONX OPEN
Ri at Cary Leeds Center; New York; outdoors-hard
 Bernarda Pera d. Veronika Kudermetova, 6-0, 6-2

GOLF

PGA FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS: BMW CHAMPIONSHIP
4th of 4 rounds; Medinah (Ill.) CC (#3); 7,613 yards, par 72

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 263 (-25) | \$1,665,000 |
| Justin Thomas | 65-69-61-68 |
| 266 (-22) | \$999,000 |
| Patrick Cantlay | 67-67-68-65 |
| 268 (-20) | \$629,000 |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 69-63-73-63 |
| 270 (-18) | \$444,000 |
| Tony Finau | 67-66-68-69 |
| 272 (-16) | \$351,500 |
| Jon Rahm | 68-69-66-69 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 66-71-67-68 |
| 273 (-15) | \$298,313 |
| Corey Connors | 69-66-69-69 |
| Lucas Glover | 66-69-69-69 |
| 274 (-14) | \$259,000 |
| Kevin Kisner | 68-68-69-69 |
| Adam Scott | 67-71-69-67 |
| 275 (-13) | \$196,100 |
| Tommy Fleetwood | 70-66-70-69 |
| Rickie Fowler | 67-70-68-70 |
| Sungjae Im | 70-72-66-67 |
| Louis Oosthuizen | 70-69-68-68 |
| Kevin Tway | 69-67-70-69 |
| 276 (-12) | \$148,000 |
| J.T. Poston | 68-74-66-68 |
| Rory Sabbatini | 67-68-67-74 |
| Vaughn Taylor | 73-70-67-66 |
| 277 (-11) | \$112,110 |
| Jason Kokrak | 65-73-70-69 |
| Marc Leishman | 72-71-67-67 |
| Rory McIlroy | 69-67-70-71 |
| Patrick Reed | 68-71-68-70 |
| Xander Schauffele | 67-68-70-72 |
| 278 (-10) | \$78,856 |
| Paul Casey | 70-70-67-71 |
| Joel Dahmen | 66-71-69-72 |
| Brooks Koepka | 68-71-72-67 |
| Webb Simpson | 70-72-67-69 |
| 279 (-9) | \$65,675 |
| Byeong Hun An | 71-70-69-69 |
| Abraham Ancer | 68-72-69-70 |
| Si Woo Kim | 70-67-71-71 |
| 280 (-8) | \$53,650 |
| Wyndham Clark | 69-73-65-73 |
| Emiliano Grillo | 72-70-68-70 |
| Joaquin Niemann | 74-65-69-72 |
| C.T. Pan | 71-67-70-72 |
| Ian Poulter | 70-70-71-69 |
| Gary Woodland | 70-73-64-73 |
| 281 (-7) | \$40,700 |
| Billy Horschel | 71-73-69-68 |
| Charles Howell III | 70-69-73-67 |
| Ryan Moore | 71-69-69-72 |
| Scott Piercy | 67-73-70-71 |
| Jordan Spieth | 70-71-70-70 |
| Tiger Woods | 71-71-67-72 |
| 282 (-6) | \$30,525 |
| Gregory Bradley | 69-74-68-71 |
| Adam Hadwin | 67-68-71-76 |
| Troy Merritt | 69-76-71-66 |
| Ryan Palmer | 68-72-70-72 |
| Andrew Putnam | 71-69-73-67 |
| 283 (-5) | \$23,865 |
| Bryson DeChambeau | 71-71-71-70 |
| Shane Lowry | 72-74-68-69 |
| Phil Mickelson | 70-73-69-71 |
| Collin Morikawa | 67-73-72-71 |
| 284 (-4) | \$21,571 |
| Jason Day | 70-71-69-74 |
| Dylan Frittelli | 72-69-71-72 |
| Matt Kuchar | 71-70-73-70 |
| Keith Mitchell | 72-74-67-71 |
| Justin Rose | 68-73-73-70 |
| 285 (-3) | \$20,628 |
| Jim Furyk | 66-72-75-72 |
| Dustin Johnson | 70-72-72-71 |
| Graeme McDowell | 69-72-73-71 |
| Chez Reavie | 67-68-74-76 |
| 286 (-2) | \$20,073 |
| Max Homa | 70-67-71-78 |
| Francesco Molinari | 72-73-68-73 |
| 287 (-1) | \$19,703 |
| Rafa Cabrera Bello | 69-72-74-72 |
| Sung Kang | 69-73-73-72 |
| 288 (even) | \$19,240 |
| Cameron Champ | 71-68-78-71 |
| J.B. Holmes | 69-71-76-72 |
| Adam Long | 72-70-71-72 |
| 289 (+1) | \$18,870 |
| Harold Varner III | 72-74-71-72 |
| 291 (+3) | \$18,685 |
| Nate Lashley | 72-73-70-76 |

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

3rd of 3 rounds at En Joo GC; Endicott, N.Y.; 6,994 yds; par 72

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 199 (-17) | \$307,500 |
| Doug Barron | 65-68-66 |
| 201 (-15) | \$180,400 |
| Fred Couples | 70-68-63 |
| 203 (-13) | \$147,600 |
| Woody Austin | 68-68-67 |
| 204 (-12) | \$110,700 |
| Scott McCarron | 69-66-69 |
| Colin Montgomerie | 70-68-66 |
| 205 (-11) | \$73,800 |
| Miguel Angel Jimenez | 65-72-68 |
| Scott Parel | 66-69-70 |
| Kevin Sutherland | 67-70-68 |

D+D REAL CZECH MASTERS
4th of 4 rounds; Albatross Resort Prague; 7,467 yds; Par: 72

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 269 (-19) | 67-67-66-69 |
| 270 (-18) | 71-65-65-69 |
| 272 (-16) | 69-66-69-68 |
| 273 (-15) | 68-68-71-65 |



BEARS

Bears

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prove to the coaches that I can be the guy they want me to be," he said.

Pineiro having superior leg strength to Fry's affected the decision. Coach Matt Nagy, however, referenced both kickers' "body of work" instead of a decisive factor in keeping Pineiro.

Statistically, Pineiro and Fry were almost identical this pre-season. By the Tribune's count, Pineiro made 58 of 69 field goals in practice (84.1 percent), while Fry made 58 of 71 (81.7). Pineiro is 3-for-4 on field goals in preseason games; Fry was 1-for-2 on field goals and perfect on two extra points. Pineiro's miss was from 48; Fry's was from 47.

"To me, there wasn't just one ... that just blew it out of the water," Nagy said. "It's probably close to a lot of people, and it was a tough decision for us."

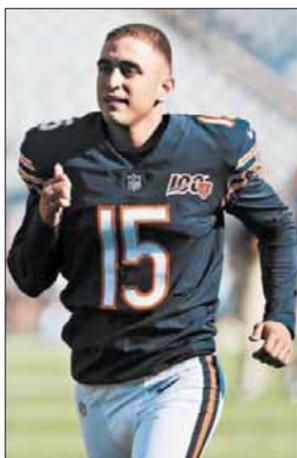
Nagy explained the timing of the decision by indicating the Bears have decided they prefer Pineiro to Fry, but they want to see more of Pineiro in this final stretch of the pre-season.

Fry's departure means the Bears have jettisoned all nine kickers who participated in the famous rookie minicamp tryout in May. Fry was the only kicker of that bunch with professional experience, having kicked in the AAF during the startup league's brief life earlier this year.

After that tryout, though, the Bears were compelled to trade for Pineiro. He appeared to win the Raiders' job last summer before he injured his groin and missed the season. The Raiders traded him for a conditional seventh-round pick in the 2021 draft. The Bears must give that up only if Pineiro spends five games on the active roster.

Whether Pineiro has that much staying power remains a wide-open question. Ten teams currently have multiple kickers on their roster, and the Bears are scouting all of them.

They coveted kicker Kaare Vedvik and recently offered the Ravens a conditional fifth-round pick for him, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. But the Ravens traded him to the Vikings on Aug. 11 for a 2020 fifth-round pick to which no conditions were attached.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Eddy Pineiro has outlasted Elliott Fry, but it's not a guarantee he'll start the season with the team.

Nagy, as the optimistic team leader, wants the in-house candidate to win the job. More accurately, though, Nagy is rooting for Pineiro to prove he deserves it.

"If we feel like something is best for the Bears, that's what we'll do," Nagy said, referencing the upcoming glut of available kickers. "But at the same time, we appreciate, we like and we trust where Eddy is at right now. We've got to continue to give him opportunities to really build that trust even more."

For Pineiro, the way to do that is easily said, if not done.

"With the whole kicking struggle from last year, they've got us on thin ice here," he said. "Just try to make all my kicks and move forward."

Extra points: Guard Kyle Long is expected to join his teammates at practice Tuesday when the Bears next take the field. Long was left home from the team's trip to play the Giants on Friday because he swung his helmet at teammate Jalen Dalton during a fight in practice. Long apologized to the team, and Nagy reiterated Sunday the team is moving on.

The finger injury guard Cody Whitehair suffered Wednesday in practice is not serious, Nagy confirmed. Tackle Rashaad Coward, however, is not expected to play Saturday at the Colts because of the elbow injury he suffered against the Giants.

Chicago Tribune's Brad Biggs contributed

Benson

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gravitated to and some guys didn't. I know a lot of people always brought up the fact that him and Thomas Jones didn't have the best relationship, but that wasn't necessarily true.

"Those guys really complemented each other well and they pushed each other on the field. We were all brothers in that room. What brothers do you know in life that don't fight? It's just a sad day for us."

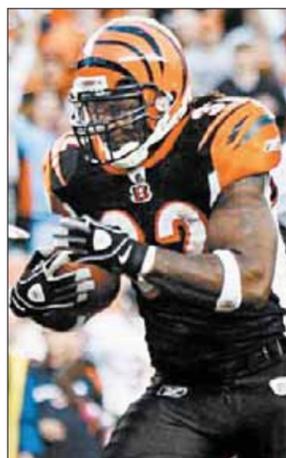
Benson was one of the most prolific rushers in NCAA history and a Texas high school legend at Midland Lee, the archrival of Odessa Permian, the school featured in "Friday Night Lights." His high school coach, John Parchman, considered him family and Parchman's wife tutored Benson for the SAT.

Benson went on to play eight seasons in the NFL, finishing with the Packers in 2012 when he suffered a season-ending foot injury. He also was drafted in the 12th round as an outfielder by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2001. His best NFL season came in 2009 when he rushed for 1,251 yards with his finest game coming against his former team in what was dubbed the "Benson Bowl."

He carried 37 times for 189 yards and a touchdown in a 45-10 blowout of the Bears on Oct. 25 at Paul Brown Stadium, a resounding statement that all he needed to jump-start his career was the fresh start provided by Cincinnati. Benson hoped to shake hands with Lovie Smith on the field afterward but couldn't find his former coach. Smith, with Texas roots, was a leading voice in the decision to draft Benson.

"I tried hard the entire game to not ... I wouldn't call it taunt ... but not get too involved in language," Benson said after the game. "That was just an emotional moment for me. I mean, here we are in the fourth quarter and we are running down the clock and we have a lot of points on the board and everybody is having a great day. Just a wonderful feeling. I think there was just a small part of me that couldn't resist just going over there."

"Not everything went how I would have loved for it to go. But the way things went brought me



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With the Bengals, Cedric Benson ran for 189 yards on 37 carries in a 45-10 win over the Bears in 2009.

to where I am."

His Bears career started from behind as he missed the first 36 days of training camp — and all of the pre-season — in a contract stalemate. When Benson finally arrived, that put him further behind for a team that went on to win the division.

Jones rushed for 1,335 yards that season, which further entrenched him as the starter heading into 2006. Benson suffered an elbow injury in training camp before his second season, something he blamed on an overzealous defender. He was able to get more time in the backfield with Jones as the Bears marched to Super Bowl XLI.

At the end of the season, Jones was seeking a pay raise, and the Bears were eager to promote their premium draft pick to the leading role. That led the team to trade Jones to the Jets. The deal netted them little in return as the Bears shipped Jones and their second-round pick (63rd overall) for the Jets' second-round pick (37th).

The Bears turned around and traded that pick for a package of selections that resulted in defensive end Dan Bazuin, running back Garrett Wolfe and safety Kevin Payne.

Jones continued as a dominant runner in New York while Benson — and the rest of the offense — sagged in 2007. Benson started 11 games and rushed for 674 yards before suffering a season-

ending ankle injury. The Bears drafted Matt Forte the next spring and wound up releasing Benson after his second alcohol-related arrest in five weeks. Those issues and a failed appearance at the team's charitable gala led the team to release him. Neither arrest led to a conviction.

"Even when he was with us, when he got in games when he was healthy, he did some damage," McKie said. "You know how good he was when he went to Cincinnati. He was a great human being and a good friend to me. We always got along. He's going to be missed tremendously."

"Our lockers were right next to each other and we didn't even really talk about football a lot of time. We talked about life, and he had horses down there (in Texas). He was a care-free guy, easygoing. He loved the game of football and he loved to compete. He wanted to be great and he was. It sucks losing a brother. Gone too soon."

Benson fit in with the Bengals, and Jones excelled. The backs met in the playoffs in the 2009 season, an interesting dynamic as the Bears had just completed their third consecutive season out of the playoffs.

"He's good on his feet, good in the open field," Benson said of Jones before the wild-card-round game. "I'm a lot (more) downhill. We'd complement each other really (well). I'm sure a few people saw that in Chicago."

"There was some disagreement, largely for (Jones). He had been on different teams and ... in a situation similar where a guy came in. In Chicago, I guess he saw the same situation recurring. I don't think it was toward me so much as it was toward the situation. It indirectly (spurred) a bad situation, a controversy between us."

"Now that we're both in different places and he's doing great in New York and I'm doing well here, we were able to put all of that behind us and be cool."

Jones reacted on Twitter to Benson's death Sunday morning, writing: "Woke up to the horrible news of Cedric Benson's passing. My heart aches for him and his family. Sending love, peace and blessings their way. Gone way too soon my brother. Rest well young King. You will truly be missed... #GoneButNeverForgotten #BearDown"



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BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

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Here are five takeaways from the week:

1. Medinah yielded crazy-low scores.

Hale Irwin shot 8 under to win the 1990 U.S. Open at Medinah. Tiger Woods finished 11 under in winning the 1999 PGA Championship and 18 under in 2006. See a trend? Of course. The more pertinent question: Does it matter?

Conditions were perfect for scoring: Rain slowed the greens and effectively widened the fairways. And most holes were played with barely a breeze. Medinah has a SubAir system to suck moisture from the greens, but it's not as elaborate as the one at Augusta National. Perhaps the PGA Tour could have gone to extremes to speed the greens, but what would that have accomplished?

Some Medinah members might be perturbed that the course record fell twice — Hideki Matsuyama shot 63 (twice, actually) and Thomas fired a 61 that featured a hole-out from 180 yards. But as one Western Golf Association official put it: The tour never wants to make the golf course the story. It makes the players the story. The USGA has taken the opposite approach at some U.S. Opens and gotten roasted for it.

2. Give Cantlay some props.

The super-serious Californian shot 65 on Sunday despite bogeying No. 1. He showed some guts on No. 15 by choosing a driver and taking a line close to the pond short and right of the green. He executed the shot perfectly but missed the 19-foot eagle try. "Patrick put a lot of heat on me," Thomas said.

3. Phil Mickelson entertained ... but mostly on social media.

The storm that tore through the western suburbs yielded a lightning strike at Mickelson's hotel in Itasca. Nearly a dozen fire trucks arrived and the hotel had to be evacuated. Mickelson scurried from his room without the tools of his trade.

"I may miss my tee time because I am without clubs and clothes," he tweeted.

Asked if he was thinking he should have grabbed his clubs on the way out, Lefty replied: "No, I was thinking I'd be (home in) San Diego a little earlier than expected."

Mickelson got an assist from some Emergency Medical Technicians and made his tee time with 20-30 minutes to spare.

"Turns out my clubs acted as a fire retardant," he joked on Twitter.

Mickelson finished tied for 48th but said of the tournament and Medinah: "It was electric. I love it here."

4. Olympia Fields has a tough act to follow.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Patrick Cantlay fist-bumps a fan Sunday the BMW Championship in Medinah, Ill. He overcame an early bogey to card a 7-under 65.

Players praised Medinah, and more than 130,000 spectators showed up over the six days. The last three Chicago-area BMWs, at Conway Farms, yielded average crowds of about 122,000.

Nearly an inch of rain fell Sunday morning, but the course drained beautifully, allowing no delay in tee times. And all the public parking was on asphalt, so mud was only an issue for the golf balls.

"It has been spectacular in every way, shape and form," Western Golf Association CEO John Kaczkowski said Sunday. "Medinah is a huge property, but there were a lot of people here and it looked crowded on TV."

BMW will remain title sponsor for three more years, a coup for the tour and WGA.

"That doesn't mean it will only be three years," Kaczkowski said. "It means: Hey, let's go three more years and hopefully that leads to seven or 10."

Olympia Fields will host in August 2020, and longtime member Mike Bruni will serve as tournament chair.

Bruni said Medinah has "set a very high

bar in every category. And that's awesome for Chicago — spectators and golfers."

The 2021 and 2022 venues have yet to be determined, but Colorado clubs Cherry Hills and Castle Pines will be strongly considered. Conway Farms is among those interested in hosting in 2022.

5. The Tiny House will become a fixture at golf tournaments.

Medinah member Vaughn Moore rented it out for the week and turned it into an entertainment hub for friends, including Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky. Moore also welcomed visits from pros such as Paul Casey, who relaxed in one of the Adirondack chairs as if chilling in his own backyard.

Bruni said Olympia Fields members are already scouting potential spots on its grounds for multiple Tiny Houses, as many as four.

"It has been a huge hit," Bruni said Sunday from the site of Medinah's Tiny House, off the 14th tee. "We will maximize it."

Woods' season ends with whimper

Short game falters, won't defend Tour Championship

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Tiger Woods' season ended quietly Sunday, with a par on 18 and an even-par round. He remained the No. 1 attraction at Medinah, but there wasn't a whole lot to see.

He made no eagles all week and no birdies on the back nine Sunday. Needing to finish in the top 11 at the BMW Championship to have a chance to defend his title at the Tour Championship, he finished tied for 37th.

"It's disappointing," he said. "Last year culminated in a pretty special moment and it would have been nice to go back. I'll be watching the guys on TV."

Woods seemed fine physically and said he "drove the eyes out of it," averaging 310-plus yards in the final two rounds. But his short game failed him.

"I don't know if it's (a lack of) reps or not," he said. "I struggled out of the bunkers, especially today. I misjudged the sand. I thought the rain would have made them all pretty firm."

Woods, ranked sixth in the world, won't compete again until he ventures to Japan for a new PGA Tour event called the Zozo Championship. The 78-player tournament begins Oct. 24.

He also will continue pushing for progress on the Jackson Park/South Shore plan spearheaded by NBC/Golf Channel analyst Mark Roling. Significant political hurdles remain on a project that could bring a top-notch course and PGA Tour event to Chicago's South Side. Woods' TGR Design is the lead architect.

"It's exciting to create something for the public, right there in President Obama's backyard," Woods said in reference to the planned Obama Presidential Center. "It's an incredible piece of property. We're trying to do something unique and different and exciting. One of the things we've talked about is that all kids will play for free. That's something that we need to make happen."



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Alabama

Alabama's Jerry Jeudy, from Deerfield Beach, Fla., is one of many talented wide receivers from SEC country who have helped the Crimson Tide blossom into an offensive powerhouse under Nick Saban.



JOSHUA L. JONES/AP

Georgia

Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm, from Warner Robins, Ga., stayed home in SEC country.

SOUTHERN COMFORTS

Fueled by culture, South winning football race — as proven by 13 of last 14 national titles

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Sonny Dykes has spent most of his career coaching and recruiting football players in his home state of Texas and around the South. When he became a head coach in the Pac-12, he found an unfamiliar environment at some high school games in California.

"Kids have their phones during warmup and they're Instagramming, tweeting and stuff. On the field, you know, during warmup," said Dykes, who spent four seasons at Cal before returning to his roots to become coach at SMU. "I look on the sidelines (and) coaches are on their phones during the game. I mean guys taking phone calls during a high school football game. It was kind of an eye-opener for me at that point. I was just like, 'Wow this is going to be a little bit different experience maybe than what I was accustomed to in the South, in Louisiana or in Texas.'"

On the business side, college football has become a national enterprise, with comprehensive, multibillion-dollar media deals increasing exposure and a collaborative postseason system designed to crown a true national champion.

At its foundation, however, college football is still very much a regional sport. And because regions tend to go about their football differently, as they do with things like food, lifestyle and dialect, there is a simple explanation for why teams from the South have won national championships in 13 out of the last 14 years.

College teams from different parts of the country ostensibly compete for the same top players, but players tend to stay close to home. Those pipelines in the South, spanning from the Carolinas west to Texas, are pumping out rocket fuel.

"It just means more" is not just a slogan in the Southeastern

"There's a development that happens when you're young, like a mentality to compete. It happens when you're young before you even start playing with your high school team."

— Billy Glasscock, NC State director of player personnel

ers rated four stars or better in a year than California, where overall participation in football is dropping at a greater rate than in the other states that produce similar numbers of players.

So what's going on?

Weather, culture and resources. Mild weather all year in the South provides more opportunities for kids to be outside playing, and not just football. It's a natural breeding ground for athletes.

"I think there's a development that happens when you're young, like a mentality to compete," said Billy Glasscock, director of player personnel at North Carolina State. "It happens when you're young before you even start playing with your high school team. So many kids have the physical ability, but they don't have the mental ability so I think that plays a lot into it."

Players from the South are getting far more opportunities to play and practice with their high school teams. Glasscock used Minnesota as an example, where teams play eight regular-season games as opposed to the 10 or 11 across much of the South. Spring football practice and scrimmages are also common across the South. Not even Ohio, which traditionally produces the most players among Midwestern states, has spring football.

"So on an average year a kid in the South may play 18 to 20 weeks of football in an organized setting. Where a kid in the Midwest is playing 10 weeks of football in an organized setting," said Glasscock, who grew up in Illinois and previously worked at the University of Minnesota and Northern Illinois.

Recruiters say they typically find more sport-athletic athletes in the Midwest and North as kids go from football to basketball to baseball. Coaches and recruiters everywhere talk about how much they love multi-sport athletes, but nothing quite prepares football players like football.



BUTCH DILL/AP

Auburn

Auburn's Derrick Brown, from Sugar Hill, G.a., is one of the nation's top defensive linemen.



MICHAEL WOODS/AP

LSU

LSU running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire, of Baton Rouge, La., is going to college in his hometown.

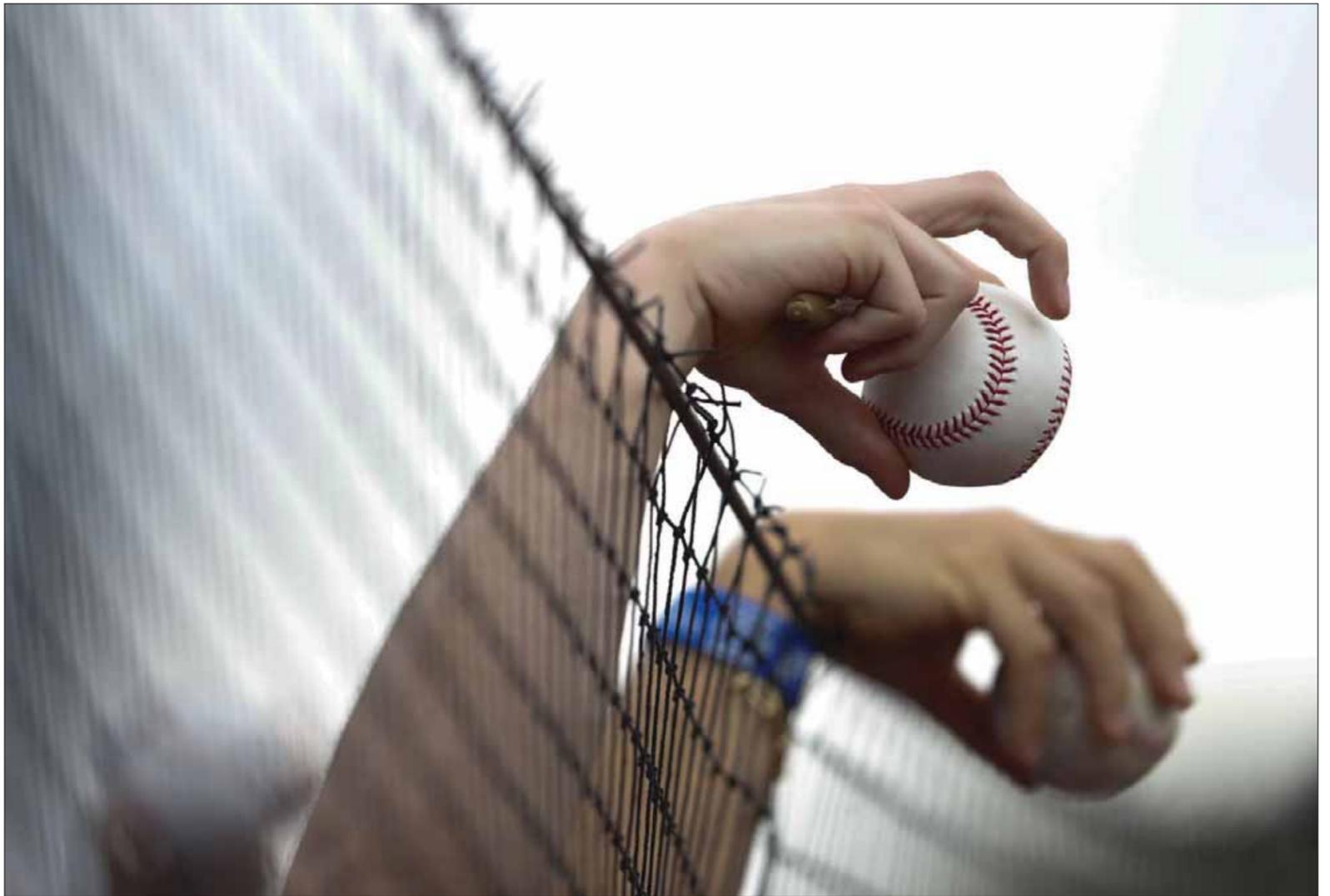


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Florida

Florida's Lamical Perine, from Mobile, Ala., crossed state lines but stayed in the South.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP FILE

Fans hold baseballs over the protective netting, which will become a more common sight as teams expand the use of such netting to help prevent injuries when balls sail into stands.

COMMENTARY

A move for safety's sake

MLB needs to commit to expanding teams' use of protective netting

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — There's always a surge of excitement when a foul ball comes your way, mixed with a sense of dread.

It's a thrilling souvenir to take home from the ballpark.

Yet too many fans have been left bloody and maimed by these projectiles hurtling into the stands.

One person even died.

But, for some reason, Major League Baseball is playing a dangerous game by dragging its feet on requiring all teams to put up protective netting from foul pole to foul pole.

"I think everybody that's got a uniform on would like to see that," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "You look up there, you can't even see the nets. I've got to think once people get there and start watching the game, they won't even notice it."

Commissioner Rob Manfred is leaving it to the individual teams to decide what should be done, saying there's no one-size-fits-all solution given the different dimensions of each ballpark. We can also safely assume that MLB is doing a cost-benefit analysis, given that extra netting would have to be installed in front of some of the best seats in the stadium, which might make them harder to sell if fans believe their view is obscured.

Given the attendance woes that baseball already is facing, the owners are sure to resist any changes that might further cut into their bottom line.

You know what's a potentially bigger drag on attendance?

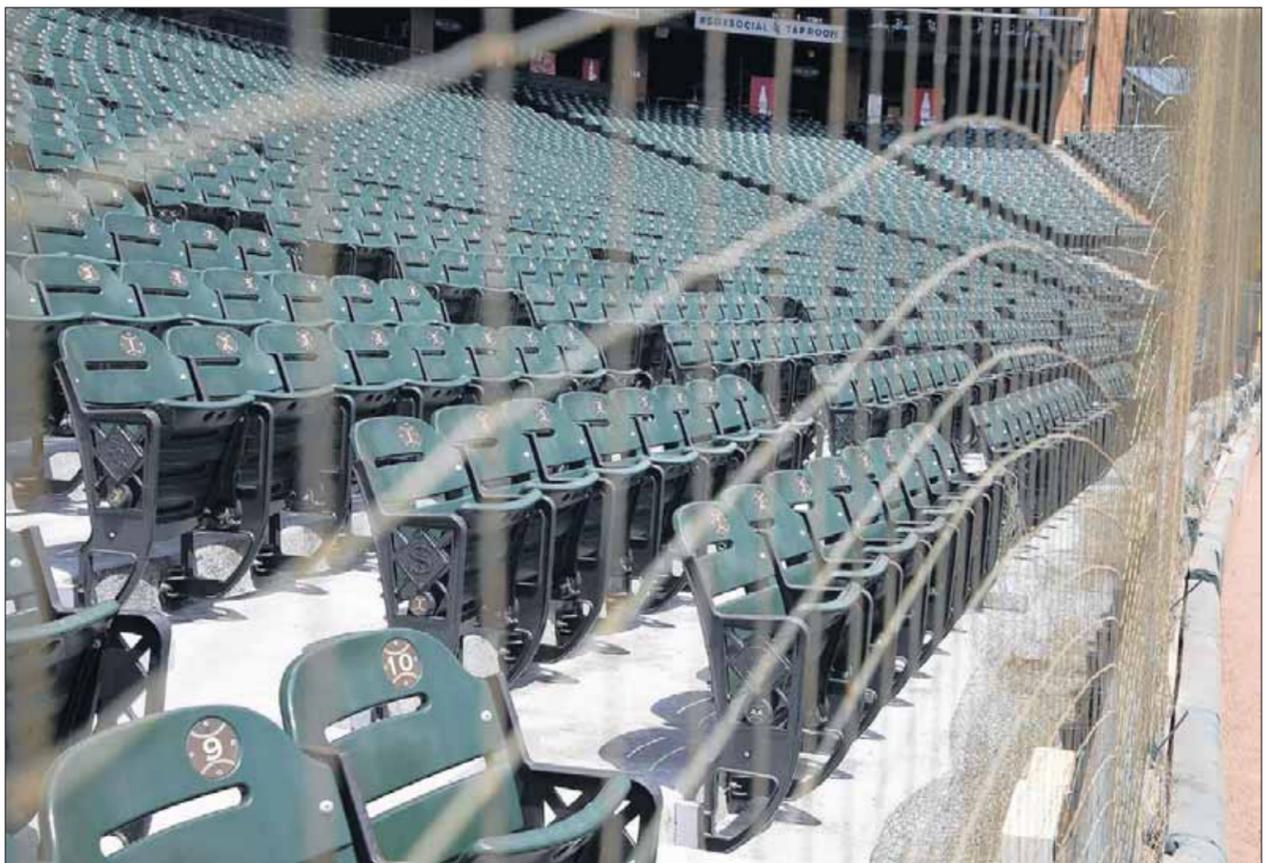
Watching someone being hauled out of the stadium on a stretcher, blood pouring from their head after being struck by a ball that left the bat at more than 100 mph.

No one will forget that excruciating scene in May, when Cubs outfielder Albert Almora Jr. sent a screamer into the stands that struck a 4-year-old girl. He immediately put his hands on his head and took a couple of steps toward the stands. Then he sank to his knees near home plate, breaking down as he was consoled by teammate Jason Heyward and manager Joe Maddon.

"Right now, obviously, I want to put a net around the whole stadium," Almora said.

Some teams have already moved in that direction.

Over the All-Star break, the White Sox became the first team



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Additional protective netting is seen along the left-field line at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago on July 10. The netting is being extended from the dugouts to the foul poles in right and left field.

to extend the netting all the way down each foul line after a liner at Guaranteed Rate Field opened a bloody gash on a fan's head, sending her to the hospital. The Nationals followed suit, and several teams, including the Orioles, Dodgers and Blue Jays, have announced that they will extend their netting by the beginning of the 2020 season.

That's a good start, but MLB should order all 30 teams to install the extra protection as soon as possible. No need to wait until next season if it can be done now.

And while we're at it, pass along the same edict to all minor-league affiliates, which have been overlooked in this debate but where fans are just as much at risk.

Last season, a 79-year-old woman was struck in the head by a foul ball at Dodger Stadium and died four days later, though news of her death didn't come out until February. Linda Goldbloom was reportedly sitting in the second level of the stadium when she was struck by a ball that sailed over the netting.

It's not clear what measures could've been taken to prevent her death.

But we do know something can

be done for those who sit close to the field with no protection.

Remembering his days as a third-base coach, Snitker said: "I stopped watching balls go in the stands because I did not want to turn around and see a young kid get hit. Because I did a couple of times. It makes you sick to your stomach to see that."

After several fans were injured by foul balls during the 2017 season, MLB ordered teams to extend the netting behind home plate to the far edge of each dugout.

But there are still far too many fans in the line of fire, especially when there's clearly a greater risk of being seriously injured these days.

The players are bigger and stronger. The pitchers are throwing harder. Every hitter in the lineup is swinging for the fences. There is speculation that the ball is livelier than it once was, which only increases the danger.

Stadium design is another factor. The stands are much closer to the field in pretty much every new ballpark that has gone up in recent years, in both the majors and minor leagues. Not to mention the times we live in, when attention spans are short

and fans are mesmerized by the glare of their smartphones rather than keeping an eye on the batter's box.

During a recent Braves game at SunTrust Park, where the netting only meets the minimum MLB requirements, I watched a couple of innings from unprotected seats along both the first- and third-base lines. While many kids were wearing gloves in hopes of catching a foul ball, and plenty of fans were locked in on the game, it was astonishing to see just how many weren't paying a lick of attention at all.

They were texting on their phones or watching the giant video boards or yukking it up with their friends or flagging down the constant stream of vendors going up and down the aisles, peddling soft drinks and beer and popcorn.

Only once did a foul ball even come in my vicinity, but the reaction of the crowd made it clear that plenty were caught off guard. A rising cheer from fans suddenly leaping from their seats, hoping to grab one of the prized souvenirs, was offset by a bit of a gasp from those who weren't watching the swing but merely reacting to those around them.

"There's all sorts of things going on," Braves catcher Tyler Flowers said. "It's a challenge to be attentive for an entire game, especially when you're talking about kids. There's no way they're going to be paying attention the whole game. C'mon, it's boring between pitches."

One fan, sitting alongside his 8-year-old grandson in prime seats down the first-base line, said there are pros and cons to extra netting.

"The screen cuts down on the visualization out there. It makes you a little bit distant from the game," said the fan, who would only give his name as Jeff. "But it's certainly a protector. I've seen too many examples of people getting hit with bats, much less balls."

Glancing over at his grandson, he said it's time for baseball to come down on the side of safety. "I've got a little guy here," he said. "A couple of balls already came out here. His father is on that side and I'm on this side. We're kind of keeping an eye on him just in case."

C'mon, baseball, there's no need for this carnage.

Do the right thing. Before someone else dies.



PATRICK GIPSON

Violinist Itzhak Perlman performs Saturday with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival, a venue he has played often.

IN PERFORMANCE

Classical combo

Perlman's triumph at Ravinia; Grant Park's disappointing finale

BY HOWARD REICH

Fifty-three years ago this month, violinist Itzhak Perlman made his Ravinia Festival debut performing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto.

On Saturday evening, he returned to the venue, which he has played often, drawing one of the summer's largest crowds for classical music, according to a Ravinia spokesman.

More important, Perlman performed Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 with a degree of spontaneity and commitment one might not necessarily expect in a piece he has performed uncounted times. Just last November, in fact, Perlman played it with the DePaul Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the opening of the school's spacious Holschneider Performance Center.

This time, Perlman shared the stage with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, led by guest conductor Krzysztof Urbanski. To hear a soloist of Perlman's stature joined by this remarkably sensitive, technically virtuosic

ensemble made an extremely familiar work sound fresher and more inviting than one reasonably could hope.

From Perlman's opening notes there was no mistaking the singing, soaring quality of his tone, the urgency of his high notes and his characteristically fleet technique. Because conductor Urbanski emphasized lyrical flow above all else, he gave Perlman a felicitous accompaniment.

In Perlman's hands, the adagio movement spoke with unmistakable melodic clarity and moments of intimacy and stillness not easily achieved in an outdoor setting. Perlman threw off the finale's technically challenging passages with apparent ease, and with a welcome musicality. The ardor of his final pages inspired many ovations, which were merited.

Conductor Urbanski opened the evening with the first Ravinia and first CSO performance of Wojciech Kilar's "Orawa," a minimalist romp well-suited to

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Mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges brought a performance of smoldering intensity to the Grant Park Music Festival on Friday.

RECORDINGS

Band has new sound, uncertain future

BY GREG KOT

In the midst of Sleater-Kinney's latest album, Corin Tucker sings ominously about a world in which humans feel increasingly disconnected from, well, everything. But the song's refrain might also apply to her band's new music: "The future's here and we can't go back."

Though Sleater-Kinney is one of the defining rock bands of the last two decades, it plotted a new course on its ninth studio album, "The Center Won't Hold" (Mom + Pop Music). The trio telegraphed its ambitions by hiring St. Vincent, aka Annie Clark, as a producer.

Coming off an art-rock peak with her 2017 album, "Mas-se-duction," Clark helped shift Sleater-Kinney's approach to arranging: a studio-as-instrument approach instead of rock-band-playing-together-in-real-time.

Singer-guitarists Tucker and Carrie Brownstein and drummer Janet Weiss assembled an album that's more like a pastiche than a performance, brimming with electronic percussion and textures, guitars that sound like violins, and keyboards that sound like guitars.

The title track announces the new direction with clanging percussion, murky atmospherics and eerie vocal interplay. In its second half, the song leaps into a full-on rock rampage, anchored by Weiss' drums, an after-and-before juxtaposition of the new-old Sleater-Kinney that's thrillingly executed.

Unfortunately, the rest of the album isn't nearly as accomplished. Sleater-Kinney at its best always suggested a triangle, an agitated musical conversation among strong-minded equals that sometimes barely could be contained by a three-minute song. The production on "The Center Won't Hold" disrupts that balance.

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'The Center Won't Hold'

Sleater-Kinney
 ★★ (out of four)

IN PERFORMANCE

Ali Wong back in Chicago — with sex on her mind

BY ZACH FREEMAN

In 2017, riding off of the success of her Netflix special "Baby Cobra," comedian Ali Wong sold out two shows at The Chicago Theatre, where she talked a lot about motherhood and a little about sex.

A busy two years later, after recording another Netflix special (last year's "Hard Knock Wife"), releasing a hugely popular Netflix movie that she both co-wrote and starred in ("Always Be My Maybe," which premiered in May) and announcing a book ("Dear Girls," due out in October), she's returned to the Chicago Theatre with her "Milk & Money" tour, doubling the bookings to four shows over two nights. This time she's trimmed back on the parent talk and doubled down on the sex.

In her first show Saturday night, after calling for a second round of applause for opener Sheng Wang, Wong wasted no time launching into the central



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Ali Wong performed four shows over two nights at the Chicago Theatre.

theme of her latest set: infidelity. In oversized glasses, black-and-white checkered shoes and a short bright pink dress with long

sleeves, she attacked the topic from all angles, starting with why male comedians will almost certainly cheat on their signifi-

cant others (namely, she posits, because their female fans conflate the ability to cause laughter with the ability to cause orgasms and act accordingly).

"I'm so jealous and bitter that when a man finds any ounce of success in comedy, they get to date these models," she complains, contrasting her male counterparts' fans with the types of fans of the opposite sex that she gets and the messages they send her (hint: they're not sexy). Here she declares definitively: "That's why you don't see more women doing stand-up: There is no reward; only punishment."

But you can't stop a lady from dreaming. And Wong has dreams. Constantly, she says. Usually about cheating on her husband. With the cast of "The Avengers." With a 25-year-old consultant on the set of "Always Be My Maybe." Even with a fellow comedian, as long as he's "as funny or funnier" than her. "And all those dudes are 50. Because that's how long it takes men to be funny," she says.

Here the 37-year-old claims she's reached her comedic potential quicker based on life experience. "Having two C-sections and being the breadwinner of my family has turned me into a 50-year-old man," she asserts.

With her signature strut-walk and staccato vocalizations, Wong lays out her case for cheating on her husband, despite the fact that there is no word for a male mistress, male prostitutes aren't worth the money (imagine paying someone and then having to fake an orgasm anyway, she says) and that society — though quick to forgive successful men for infidelity — would never forgive her.

Side note to the scandalized: though she dedicates a large portion of her set to enumerating her sexual desires and frequent fantasies of cuckolding her husband, Wong sings his praises toward the end of the show, celebrating how lucky she is that he

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Movie a family affair for Julianne Moore

Julianne Moore, above, is accustomed to working with her husband, director Bart Freundlich, on set, but it was a real family affair when their daughter joined them for their latest collaboration.

Liv Freundlich, 17, was a production assistant on "After the Wedding," which was released this month. "We loved having her around more than she loved being around," Freundlich said. "The best part of it was just getting to be with each other constantly."

The film, written and directed by Freundlich, is a remake of director Susanne Bier's hit Dutch movie of the same name. To put his own stamp on it, Freundlich swapped the gender of the two leads to women, using Moore and Michelle Williams. Billy Crudup plays a role that was portrayed by a woman in the original.

In the movie, Williams plays Isabel, an orphanage volunteer living in India who comes to the United States to ask Moore's character, Theresa, to fund her organization. She ends up attending a wedding for Theresa's daughter and meets Theresa's husband, played by Crudup, with whom she has a history.

Moore also served as a producer.

"I'm usually used to going home and dropping it," Moore said. "But for a director it's constant. The amount of work that they have to do is really extraordinary."

"So, we would talk about it in the car on the way home, we would talk about it before we would go to bed, we would talk about it first thing in the morning. But, like I said, it was a shared passion, too, so that was wonderful."

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Good Boys," \$21 million
2. "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw," \$14.1 million
3. "The Lion King," \$11.9 million
4. "The Angry Birds Movie 2," \$10.5 million
5. "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark," \$10.1 million
6. "47 Meters Down: Uncaged," \$9 million
7. "Dora and the Lost City of Gold," \$8.5 million
8. "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," \$7.6 million
9. "Blinded by the Light," \$4.5 million
10. "The Art of Racing in the Rain," \$4.4 million

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VALERIE MACON/GETTY 2013

'Roger Rabbit' animator dies: Richard Williams, a Canadian British animator whose work on the bouncing cartoon bunny in 1988's "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" helped blur the boundaries between the animated world and our own, has died. He was 86 years old. The Oscar-winning artist died of cancer at his home in Bristol, England, on Friday, his daughter said Saturday. "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" was a commercial and critical hit and helped revitalize Disney's flagging animation department.

Aug. 19 birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 92. Actress Debra Paget is 86. Actress Jill St. John is 79. Singer Ivan Neville is 60. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 54. Actor Matthew Perry is 50. Rapper Fat Joe is 49. Actress Erika Christensen is 37.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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She can't beg ex to contact his kids

Dear Amy: My husband and I separated a while back because he had an affair and left me for another woman. He hasn't seen or spoken to our sons in over a month.

Must I contact him and beg him to speak to his kids? I don't want to do that. It shouldn't have to be up to me to reach out.

I feel that if he cared, he would contact his children. I don't understand how a father can be this way to his own kids. What advice do you have for me?

— *Saddened*

Dear Saddened: I have been through this, both as a child with a father who left and then as a parent with a spouse who left.

I watched my mother behave with dignity, maturity and good humor — never bad-mouthing, and always supportive of her children. In my adulthood, I tried to do the same. It's hard. I'll pass along my advice from the trenches: Get great, compassionate and family-centered legal advice. And always put your children first, even if it means surrendering a little of your well-earned and righteous anger.

I can imagine how disgusted you feel about your husband's behavior. He cheated on you (and the kids), and then he dumped the lot of you. Surely you shouldn't have to bear this indignity and then clean up after him! And yet you should. Because that's what good parents do. Your sons already have one crappy parent; you get to be the good one.

I'm assuming your children either wholeheartedly want to have contact with their father or are at

least conflicted about him. You should encourage them to talk about how they feel, without fear that they might trigger an angry reaction from you, or feel that they, too, are betraying you.

You and your children deserve better. They had no part in their father's betrayal, but they are paying the price.

You should do what you can to pave the way toward contact. I'm not suggesting that you beg but that you make sure their father understands that the kids miss him and would like to have contact with him.

Dear Amy: My husband and I have a 50-year-old son who is married with three beautiful children. We all live in the same town.

Four years ago, when I had breast cancer, my daughter-in-law became angry and would not let us see the children. We have tried everything we can think of to work this out: Letters, phone calls, offers to seek professional help.

They still want to blame us but neglect to tell us what the problem is! They have said (and texted) the nastiest things to us.

Do you have any suggestions? Our relationship with our son was fine until this started.

— *Forever Sad*

Dear Sad: Given that your narrative contains no hints of any possible role you might have played in this estrangement, I'm going to assume that your unwillingness to entertain the possibility of any responsibility might be part of the problem. I am not urging you to blame yourself for

the despicable behavior of others, but if you could search the history of your relationship with an open mind, you might have seen hints of trouble, and ways your actions might have contributed to the estrangement.

Obviously, you want to have contact with your grandchildren, but the way to them is through their parents, who want nothing to do with you.

Don't continue to contact them, until you have something new to offer. They see your efforts as pestering and pressure and easy to dismiss.

Definitely pursue counseling. Understand that you cannot change the other adults. Work on your own behavior and actions, and explore ways you can come to terms with this very painful situation.

Dear Amy: I was touched by the question from "Estranged Son," who wondered about attending his abusive parents' funerals.

This line in your answer made me tear up:

"But my own experience with family dysfunction, loss and grief was more like a spiral: As you make your orbit through life, you pass the same points over and over again, even as you create more distance from the events and people that caused you pain. Each orbit brings you more useful perspective."

— *Touched*

Dear Touched: Thank you. Me too.

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APPRECIATION

Peter Fonda role we should be talking about is 'Ulee's Gold'

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In the 1997 drama "Ulee's Gold," Peter Fonda plays a lonely beekeeper with a persistent limp, a gruff demeanor and a lifetime's worth of regrets. Nearly everyone in his small Florida town knows the troubles he's seen, though for the viewer meeting him for the first time, Ulee Jackson will initially read as something of a mystery. He's a sturdy, dependable family man — "an old-fashioned ties-that-bind kind of guy," in another character's half-mocking, half-admiring words — but there is much more to him and his life than can be gleaned from his unwaveringly solemn expression.

Over the course of this patient, stirring film from the writer-director Victor Nunez, the multitudes contained in that expression will be laid gradually bare. Ulee's face is the face of a Vietnam War veteran, a grieving widower and a surprisingly shrewd tactician in a life-and-death emergency. As more than a few classic Hollywood lovers noted at the time, it is also, hauntingly and unmistakably, the face of the son of Henry Fonda — an association that might have distracted from this quietly immense performance rather than lending it an even richer, stranger emotional dimension.

At the height of his popularity, Henry Fonda was a beloved Hollywood avatar of plainspoken decency and dignity. He was our Tom Joad in "The Grapes of Wrath," and he was one of the few lonely men willing to speak truth



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Fonda plays Ulee Jackson, an emotionally withdrawn Florida beekeeper, in the 1997 movie "Ulee's Gold."

to power in "12 Angry Men" and "The Ox-Bow Incident."

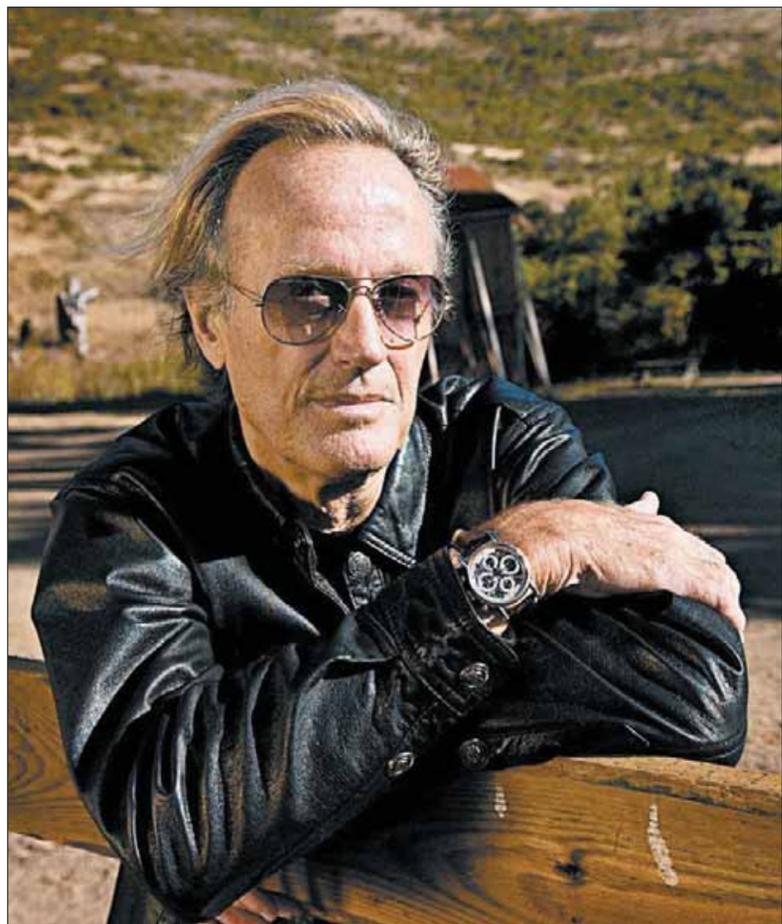
Peter Fonda, who died Friday at 79, didn't do anything so iconically heroic in "Ulee's Gold." But in investing Ulee with taciturn eloquence, steady resolve and an ability to show both vulnerability and courage in the face of danger, he seemed possessed by the spirit of his father in a way that he had never before attempted or managed on the screen.

The elegiac echoes of "On Golden Pond" aside, it was a performance that went beyond mere mimicry or homage. (Still, it is worth noting that Henry Fonda was a skilled beekeeper and once starred in an ill-fated 1978 killer-bee disaster flick called "The Swarm.") The story told in "Ulee's Gold" is that of a man whose devotion to his artisanal craft is easy and intuitive but whose commitment to his family is difficult and complicated. His love for his granddaughters and his

son, who is in prison for robbery, is a love that costs him dearly, and it expresses itself not through sweet sentiments but through blunt, decisive action. In ways that Fonda acknowledged at the time and that seem only more poignant now, the performance felt like an act of reconciliation — an attempt to make sense of an emotionally distant father who cast a lengthy shadow over his childhood and his career.

"Ulee's Gold" earned Fonda critical plaudits and industry accolades, including a Golden Globe win and an Academy Award nomination for lead actor. He lost the Oscar to Jack Nicholson ("As Good as It Gets"), with whom he had appeared nearly 30 years earlier in "Easy Rider," which Fonda also co-wrote and produced. In that 1969 classic of social and cinematic revolt, Fonda and Dennis Hopper didn't just play cocaine-dealing motorcyclists riding their way across a fast-changing America. Both having been forged in the B-movie cauldron of Roger Corman (who produced several Fonda vehicles including "The Trip" and "The Wild Angels"), they became poster boys for an equally fast-changing American film industry, ushering in an era of aesthetic restlessness and creative vitality.

The scion of a prominent Hollywood family thus became a lanky, long-haired icon of countercultural rebellion, an exemplar of a newer, nerverier Hollywood that would chase away the creaky, hoary spirit of the old. That narrative didn't entirely come to pass, of course. The '70s may still



RANDALL BENTON/SACRAMENTO BEE 2007

"Ulee's Gold" earned Peter Fonda industry accolades, including a Golden Globe win and an Academy Award nomination for lead actor. The actor died Friday at age 79.

be the most storied decade in American film, but audiences haven't lost their affection for the golden age of the Hollywood studio system and the many glories, several Henry Fonda movies included, that it committed to celluloid.

Despite the runaway success of "Easy Rider," Fonda's outlaw image didn't always endear him to the industry. He took some admirably adventurous steps of his own, including directing the 1971 western "The Hired Hand," the first of a few movies that paired him on-screen with Warren Oates. Lyrical and contemplative, it remains as movingly independent in spirit as any American film ever made, and a rare western of the era in which matters of feminism and family devotion, as embodied by Verna

Bloom in the role of Fonda's estranged wife, are more than a mere afterthought.

Fonda's subsequent work as an actor was often erratic, peppered with roles in horror and action pictures that exploited his biker image but seldom connected with audiences or critics. The success that greeted his older sister, Jane, even with her own controversial moments in the spotlight, largely eluded him. It wasn't until "Ulee's Gold" that he truly found his footing as a performer. That triumph brought about a late surge, the best of which may have been his turn as a slickly corrupt record producer in Steven Soderbergh's 1999 crime yarn "The Limey."

But Fonda's signature performance is memorable

for reasons that go beyond the recognition and goodwill it earned him, and even beyond the poignant echoes of his father's legacy. It endures because of the way Ulee Jackson scrapes honey from a hive frame, the practiced skill and no-nonsense pride he clearly takes in his work and the sense that he prefers the company of his bees to that of anyone else. It endures because of the way Fonda often seems broken down beyond the ability of tears to express, the way he can flood a single, spare line of dialogue with feeling.

"I'm just all worn out," Ulee says.

It's a fitting benediction for an actor who poured himself into his work, and for a character whose exhaustion was evidence of his humanity.

'NYPD Blue' changed Emmy landscape

BY MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

Variety

When "Game of Thrones" made history this year by scoring 32 Emmy nominations — the most ever for a series in a single year — it broke a record that had previously been held by the premiere season of "NYPD Blue."

It's been 25 years since the Steven Bochco and David Milch cop drama helped change TV storytelling, ushering in a new era of more sophisticated, commercially successful small screen that eventually led to its new "golden age." And it also altered the Emmy landscape: In 1994, "NYPD Blue" landed 27 nominations, a feat that wouldn't be topped until this year.

"NYPD Blue" pushed the primetime envelope as no other broadcast show had, testing the boundaries of sex and language, and presenting complicated characters whom you didn't always root for. Its TV DNA led to such shows as "The Sopranos" and "The Shield," that in turn, spawned the explosion in original series on cable and then streaming.

"NYPD Blue" made a big splash at the Emmys despite controversy over the show — which was considered so edgy at the time that several ABC affiliates initially refused to air it. While it may seem tame now, the show's use of nudity and language was enough to rile up cultural critics — and the FCC even initially fined the network for "adult sexual nudity" in one early episode. But that fine was eventually thrown out, and soon "NYPD Blue" was such a big hit that those ABC affiliates that had pre-empted the show reversed course.

By the end of Season 1, it was clear that "NYPD Blue" was a force, and Television Academy members couldn't deny the



NEAL SLAVIN/AP 1994

Dennis Franz, from left, David Caruso, Amy Brenneman, Nicholas Turturro and James McDaniel starred in "NYPD Blue," which landed 27 Emmy nominations for its first season in 1994 — a record broken by "Game of Thrones" this year.

show.

Among those 27 nominations was a nod for drama series, and nearly the entire cast was recognized, including Dennis Franz and David Caruso for lead drama actor; Gordon Clapp and Nicholas Turturro for supporting drama actor; and Amy Brenneman, Sharon Lawrence and Gail O'Grady for supporting drama actress.

What's even more impressive is "NYPD Blue"

pulled off a rarity: It took all five slots in the drama writing category. The only other show to ever do that was another Bochco series, "Hill Street Blues," in 1983.

The show ultimately won six Emmys in 1994, including drama writing, drama directing and lead drama actor for Franz — although it was Caruso who demanded to be released from his contract early to pursue a film career.

"NYPD Blue" picked up the drama series Emmy in 1995, for its second season. In fact, it was part of an early wave of critically acclaimed mid-1990s dramas that were in such short supply that they dominated the drama nominations for several years. In 1995, 1996 and 1997, the nominees were exactly the same: "NYPD Blue," "Law & Order," "Chicago Hope," "ER" and "The X-Files." "NYPD Blue" ultimately

won 20 Emmys, out of 84 nominations, during its 12-season run, and was the last cop series to win the drama series category. Ten years after "NYPD Blue's" 1994 breakthrough, the Emmys underwent another transformation when "The Sopranos" won for drama series — the first time a cable series had picked up the top prize. And so history changed again.

Broadcast TV, however, hasn't kept up with the

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— Steven Bochco, creator of "NYPD Blue"

promise of "NYPD Blue," and it shows in its ever-decreasing number of Emmy nominations. Back in 1994, Bochco and many industry observers believed "NYPD Blue" would transform TV and it did — but that transformation happened in cable.

A few years before he died, I sat down with Bochco and we discussed the legacy of "NYPD Blue." He seemed a bit disappointed that rather than leading broadcast TV into a new era, it wound up being a bit of an outlier. For one thing, he didn't think the broadcasters would take a chance on "NYPD Blue" today.

"It's not that they can't — they don't want to," he said when we spoke in 2014. "We were very successful. But you could argue that in the real grand scheme of things in broadcast, the reactionary forces won the battle. Because ABC took such a beating in the first several years of that process. They want to sell soap. They don't want to sell controversy. It's a very good business they're in. We're not holding a bake sale for them. A hit on broadcast still does quite well. They're not in the business of changing the culture. If they do something that inadvertently changes the culture, that's great."

COMMENTARY

Obituaries seem to be the only redemptive news anymore

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT
The Washington Post

Toni Morrison is dead. So are D.A. Pennebaker, Aretha Franklin, Philip Roth, Stephen Hawking, Ursula K. Le Guin, Milos Forman and too many others to name, even when limited to artists and writers who have perished in the past few years alone.

By some accounts, two people die every second, thousands every hour, tens of millions every year. But at this moment in American life, the death of our best people has become a collective lifeline and refuge for our anxieties. It sometimes seems that the obituary is the only news that makes us feel whole.

Morrison was our essential conscience, a writer of narrative brilliance and moral clarity. The magnitude of her loss, at this moment in our descent into barbarism, is incalculable. But to spend time today with her work, with memories of her life and the testimony of those who knew her, is infinitely more rewarding than reading about all the other terrible things that have happened in recent days.

The deaths of artists and other creators make us reflective, and we live at a moment when looking back is much easier than looking forward.

We also crave the reassurance that we are not, as a species, entirely spent. Morrison died only days after two mass shootings, which are not only a regular fixture of American life, but also a recurring reminder of our political paralysis and the corruption of our democracy. We are in the midst of a trade war, markets have plunged, Greenland is hemorrhaging ice and our president tweets racism to inflame a hungry audience of white nationalists who dream of a world without people like Morrison in it.

Death and remembrance, at least, come with the customs and norms that have been shredded in most of the rest of public life. If nothing else, death still inspires a pause in ordinary life and, in the case of artists, a respectful consideration of their habitually ignored accomplishments. The reflective look back on



Author Toni Morrison, seen during a 2003 book signing in Washington, D.C., died Aug. 5. The deaths of artists and other creators make us reflective. SARAH L. VOISIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

a life and a body of work such as Morrison's is ultimately celebratory, a chance to think the best of another person and, by extension, ourselves.

Artists, performers, scientists, writers and other creators rarely "make news" in the same way politicians do, even though their influence on our culture is greater, deeper and more meaningful. The obituary is a belated observation and acknowledgment that people such as Morrison, in fact, made news every day through their work.

They formed the deeper part of the minds that our pollsters seek to measure and quantify in the frenzied haste of the news cycle. They are the atmosphere of American culture, while all else is merely weather.

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But while Morrison shares space with the usual fire hose of bad news, her passing offers at least one impulse to go deeper, to read more, dig in, think more critically and disconnect from the ephemera. Obituaries like the ones that have been written about her are even better than the usual "good" news, which is often little more than a reminder that somewhere, somehow, someone has done an unnecessary kindness; obituaries are redemptive on a grander scale.

We seem capable of only two modes of existence:

panic and sadness, the former fast-paced and full of collateral damage to the world around us, the latter at least sometimes constructive and reflective.

America has experienced periods of intense reflection around death in the past, as when the last remaining veterans of the Revolutionary War were dying in the middle of the 19th century, leaving people to wonder whether there were any steady voices and clear heads to steer us away from, or through, the accumulation of civil strife and political violence.

The deaths of those who fought in World War II offered an occasion to think about the fraying of the old

20th-century social contract, the dissolution of the bond between the generations enshrined in key social-welfare programs, and the extinction of American optimism — that we might live in a society without poverty, without unnecessary suffering, with genuine opportunity and social mobility.

But the death of an artist is different from the loss of political leaders, no matter how wise or benevolent, or the larger passing of a generation, which has continued since the beginning of time. Morrison's work remains with us, intractable, urgent and uncompromising, and it is no less effective today than it

was on Aug. 5.

It is curious to listen to people on television debating the effectiveness of this policy or that plan, often arguing themselves into the absurdity that because nothing has yet worked, therefore nothing new should be attempted. Meanwhile, the work of artists outlives them, operating on minds too young to be cynical.

Politicians die and, if they're lucky, are memorialized for having fixed something in the broken world they inherited. Artists die, and we flock to what they left behind, reanimating it, refreshing its meaning and reincorporating it into the body politic.

If you want to change the world, authentically and for the better, would you live your life like a politician or a businessman or a pharmaceutical executive or Donald Trump? Or would you live it like Toni Morrison?

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be a light curtain-raiser or encore piece but rather too trivial for much else. Once you've encountered its simplistic rhythms and rudimentary licks, there's scant reason to hear it again.

Some might groan at the

thought of encountering Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," in the Ravel orchestration, one more time. But Urbanski's elegantly animated interpretation — in tandem with the CSO's nimble articulation of it — affirmed that there are still a few mysteries to be explored in this well-worn score.

The hushed strings and bloom of phrase Urbanski

conjured in "The Old Castle" movement (with exquisitely delicate playing from CSO flutist Jennifer Gunn), the unhurried manner and gentle touch Urbanski brought forth in "Tuileries" and the grandeur of the finale pointed to a conductor keenly attuned to color, texture, voicing and line.

So despite the familiarity of most of this evening's music, there were some pleasant surprises in store.

Grant Park closer

The Grant Park Music Festival's 85th season ended over the weekend with a message of hope and redemption, in the form of Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection."

With artistic director and principal conductor Carlos Kalmar at the podium on Friday evening, the Grant

Park Orchestra, Chorus and soloists created the sense of serenity and peace this masterwork attains in its final pages.

Unfortunately, most of the anguish, drama and visceral excitement that lead to this catharsis were lacking in Kalmar's surprisingly mundane, often anemic reading.

In the symphony's first movement, after all, Mahler ponders nothing less than the meaning of a person's life and death — a vast accounting of the trials, triumphs and defeats we all face during our mortal existence. Except for the tempestuous opening notes, however, Kalmar's performance proved straightforward at best, pallid at worst. The lack of crisply contrasting dynamics, vivid orchestral color and fervent rhetorical gesture rendered

much of Mahler's epic statement surprisingly gray and dull.

Kalmar drew some fine turns of phrase in the light-and-lyrical second movement, with deftly expressive pizzicato playing. But the conductor did not take the pause Mahler called for between the first two movements, perhaps because this concert was being broadcast live on WFMT-FM 98.7, and silence does not play well on radio.

The Grant Park Orchestra's winds produced aptly expressive playing in the third movement, but the performance didn't come to life until mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges appeared. The smoldering intensity of her phrases and the exquisite liquidity of her tone made you believe when she sang (in German), "I am of

God, and to God I shall return."

Soprano Amanda Majeski proved a well-cast foil, the purity of her high tones set against Bridges' seemingly bottomless well of sound. To hear these superb voices supported by the cushioned tones of the Grant Park Chorus, directed by Christopher Bell, was to sense some of what Mahler was striving for in the Second Symphony. Alas, Kalmar had not adequately summoned the travails and torments that must propel us to this moment. So the work's grand finish, radiant in Mahler's writing, did not capture the profound personal resurrection it was meant to represent.

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Wong

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lets her be herself and supports her (emotionally, that is; she makes it especially clear that she supports him financially).

"Right now while we're all here, my husband is at home," she says, taking a brief pause, "in the house that I bought..." Here she details his activities in said house while she's working, before adding, "You might all think that you're laughing at him, but really, he's laughing at me." She thanks him for believing in

her when her career wasn't certain, but complains that after all of her success, that's part of why she's stuck with him. "He bought low," she says. "And if we get divorced, he's gonna sell high."

As in her last two specials, Wong exudes both confidence and candor. Her stage persona is all id, popping off with angry outbursts and reveling in taboo topics, crisscrossing the stage and giving the lie with seeming effortless-ness to any comic who complains about comedy becoming "too PC" or audiences restricting what can be discussed.

Unlike her last two specials, however, she's noticeably not pregnant, saying she gets asked about that a lot, with people even asking her if she's sure she's not pregnant. "This is just what it looks like when you've been pregnant twice," she proclaims. "You just always look a little pregnant."

Early on in the show, she happily showed off her belly, pulling her dress up to her torso to reveal black underwear and an impressive dance routine.

"That's why we don't allow phones in here, OK?" she insisted afterward, straightening her dress and

referring to the increasingly common Yondr cases used to secure audience members' phones as soon as they entered the theater. "I can't have anyone taking a picture and then having the chance to super-zoom later."

Rest assured, if Netflix is playing its cards as well as Wong's husband, you'll be able to super-zoom soon enough, when the streaming service puts out her third special.

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Gunnison was born at Mount Sinai West in New York City, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 22 inches in length.

Gunnison is the fifth grandchild for Dave and Gail Peace of Naperville, IL, and the fifth grandchild for Susan Barr of Naperville, IL, and Michael Bender of Minooka, IL.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Helen Highfield

"I Ship It" (8:30 p.m., CW): Picking up the musical-comedy mantle previously held by the cult favorite "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," this new half-hour show follows the adventures of Ella (Helen Highfield), who pays the bills by working in a boutique shipping agency. Her private passion, however, is a TV show called "Superstition," for which she writes fan fiction in her off hours. Riley Neldam and Yasmine Al-Bustami also star.

"American Ninja Warrior" (7 p.m., NBC): Tonight's new episode takes the show to Cincinnati for the City Finals round of competition, wherein the competitors are scheduled to include Grant McCarthy, Jesse "Flex" Labreck and Michelle Warnky. The athletes will confront as many as 10 challenging obstacles, including Slam Dunk, which is new to the course this year. Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabamila are hosts; Zuri Hall provides sideline commentary.

"Beat Shazam" (7 p.m., FOX): Host Jamie Foxx closes out Season 3 of his hit game show with a finale called "Air ... Sea ... Hawaii," in which he welcomes teams made up of flight attendants, members of a Navy family and co-workers from the Hawaiian island of Oahu. As always, they'll compete to identify popular songs in as few notes as possible for a chance to go up against the song-identification app Shazam and a shot at winning a million dollars.

"Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (7 p.m., CW): Anca & Lucca, Tom Stone, Horret Wu, and Jon & Owen — The Passing Zone are among the guest magicians who try to stump Penn & Teller with one of their tricks, since anyone who succeeds gets to perform with the two veteran illusionists at their hit show in Las Vegas. Alyson Hannigan serves as host for a new episode titled "Magic Meatballs."

"Fast N' Loud" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): As an urgent deadline looms, the Monkeys are confronted by a grave hot-rod dilemma as they realize their 1950s flat-head isn't customized for the '33 Ford they're working on in the new episode "Monsters and Monkeys." Later, after Richard travels west to buy a truly far-out '70s-era van, the garage team packs up and heads to the Monster Jam.

"Family Restaurant Rivals" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): Valerie Bertinelli hosts this delightful new culinary competition series in which three families face off to prove which of their family-run restaurants offers the best food, while coping with real-world complications, with the results evaluated by a panel of judges. Clinton Kelly, Antonia Lofaso and Jet Tila are the judges.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Gerard Butler.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Dwayne Johnson; actress Issa Rae; Eddy Grant performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.); Incubus performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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In HBO's 'Shapes,' everyone — and everything — has a story

BY LORRAINE ALI
Los Angeles Times

The secret lives of inanimate objects are revealed in "My Favorite Shapes by Julio Torres," HBO's bizarre comedy special starring bric-a-brac, broken toys, a lone cactus and the peculiar talents of "Saturday Night Live" writer and "Los Espookys" star Torres.

The 32-year-old immigrant from El Salvador, best described as a goth pixie with a philosophical streak, spends most of the hourlong show seated at a desk, introducing an array of random objects that arrive via conveyor belt, which he controls with a foot pedal.

Dressed in a metallic suit and sprinkled in the faintest sheen of body glitter, Torres gives each item a complex backstory. He explains, earnest and matter-of-fact, that the plain oval disk is a fine shape — but when it stares at its own reflection, it wishes it were round.

A gaudy plastic jewel, the kind you'd find crushed into the carpet of Chuck E. Cheese after a princess-themed birthday party, is Jessica. She lives in LA, works in PR and begins and ends all her emails with "ASAP!"

And that small cactus? It's suffering an existential crisis.

The parade of absurdity is only the latest strange offering from Torres, a virtuoso of extraterrestrial humor.

The openly queer comedian and regular "Tonight Show" correspondent recently appeared on the Jimmy Fallon-hosted program during Pride month to address complaints from the straight community that it was being excluded. His solution: The Straight Pride Parade, with floats such as "A Salute to Polo Shirts, One Size Too Big."



BENNETT RAGLIN/GETTY

Comedian and "SNL" writer Julio Torres, 32, gives voice to many an inanimate object on "My Favorite Shapes by Julio Torres."

And that's about as conventional as Torres gets.

His preposterous wit also has given birth to "Los Espookys," HBO's first primarily Spanish-language series, co-created by and starring Torres, Fred Armisen and Ana Fabrega. The comedy follows a haphazard troupe of horror enthusiasts who stage hauntings, demon possessions, alien autopsies and the like.

And he's behind such memorable "SNL" sketches as the faux commercial for "Wells for Boys," co-written with Jeremy Beiler: a play set "for sensitive boys to wish upon, confide in and reflect by." As narrator Cecily Strong explains over an image of a thoughtful boy staring down a plastic well, "Some boys live unexamined lives, but this boy's life is full of questions."

In another skit written by Torres, "Melania Mo-

ments," the first lady gazes out the window of Trump Tower, pondering the meaning of sand and wondering if the woman who will replace her is being born somewhere in Latvia.

"My Favorite Shapes" — part performance art, part stand-up and part therapy session — highlights Torres the twisted storyteller.

The show takes place before a studio audience, most of whom appear transfixed and charmed as Torres brings scraps of paper to life by describing them as players in a "Flintstones" episode, conjuring a deep-seated conflict between Fred and Betty that we never knew existed ... until now.

Torres' specialty is projecting complicated feelings, relationship traumas, self-esteem issues and failed career tracts on his subjects, and his targets on the comedy special range from a weathered McDonald's Happy Meal toy to a piece of bent wire to a couple of Ferrero Rocher chocolate orbs.

Sometimes he tells stories of his own childhood as a boy who performed rituals on damaged toys, transferring their souls to a new "vessel," or as an immigrant who does what he does onstage because "no one else wanted the job."

The special's minimalist-meets-space-age-modern set — clear Plexiglas, neon swipes and white Formica — was designed by his mother and sister. They also designed his weird translucent plastic shoes.

Other contributors to the show include Lin-Manuel Miranda, who provides the Spanish-speaking voice of the cactus; Ryan Gosling as the Blue Penguin; and Emma Stone as the Shoe. Each subject gets its own short breakout video, where it ponders the purpose, or futility, of its existence.

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| | AMC | 5 American Sniper 卐 卐 卐 | The Terror (N) © | | | (9:01) Lodge 49 (N) © | | The Terror 卐 |
| ANIM | Alaska: The Last Frontier | Alaska: The Last Frontier | | | Alaska: The Last Frontier | | Alaska 卐 | |
| BBCA | Gladiator (R,'00) 卐 卐 卐 | Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. © | | | | | | |
| BET | 5:30 Alex Cross ('12) 卐 | American Gangster (R,'07) 卐 卐 卐 | | | Denzel Washington. 卐 | | | |
| BIGTEN | Nebraska | The BIG Show © | | | Nebraska | | BIG Show 卐 | |
| BRAVO | Below Deck | Below Deck Mediterranean (N) © | | | Below Deck | | Watch What | |
| CLTV | News at 7 | News (N) | News at 8 | News (N) | SportsFeed © | | Politics | |
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| CNN | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Cuomo Prime Time (N) | | | CNN Tonight (N) | | Tonight (N) 卐 | |
| COM | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | Daily (N) 卐 | |
| DISC | Fast N' Loud (N) | Fast N' Loud (N) | | | Aaron Needs a Job (N) | | Fast-Loud 卐 | |
| DISN | Bunk'd © | Bunk'd © | Raven | Raven | Coop | Coop | Raven | |
| E! | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Nightly (N) | |
| ESPN | NFL Preseason Football: San Francisco 49ers at Denver Broncos. (N) (Live) | | | | Broncos. (N) (Live) | | SportCtr (N) | |
| ESPN2 | 2019 Little League World Series (N) | | | | Baseball Tonight (N) © | | SpoCenter 卐 | |
| FNC | Tucker Carlson (N) | Hannity (N) © | | | The Ingraham Angle (N) | | Fox News | |
| FOOD | Kids Baking (N) | Kids Baking (N) | | | Family Restaurant (Series Premiere) (N) | | Chopped 卐 | |
| FREE | 6 WALL-E (G,'08) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | The Princess and the Frog (G,'09) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | (SAP) | | 700 Club 卐 | |
| FX | Passengers (PG-13,'16) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt. © | | | Passengers ('16) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | |
| HALL | 6 Summer Love ('16) | Summer of Dreams (NR,'16) | Debbie Gibson. © | | | | Golden Girls | |
| HGTV | Love It or List It © | Hidden (N) | Hidden Pot. | | Hunters (N) | Hunt Intl (N) | My First (N) | |
| HIST | American Pickers | American Pickers (N) | | | (9:03) Pawn Stars (N) | | Pawn 卐 | |
| HLN | How It Really Happened | How It Really Happened | | | Vengeance: Killer | | Forensic | |
| IFC | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | |
| LIFE | Movie © | | | | | | (9:33) Movie © 卐 | |
| MSNBC | All In With (N) | Rachel Maddow Show (N) | | | The Last Word (N) | | 11th Hour (N) | |
| MTV | Teen Mom OG © | Teen Mom OG (N) © | | | The Hills: New (N) | | Are You 卐 | |
| NBCSCH | White Sox | Beach Volleyball: AVP Tour. | | | World Class Championship | | Boxing 卐 | |
| NICK | Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel ('09) 卐 卐 | | | | Friends © | Friends © | Friends 卐 | |
| Ovation | The Librarians © | Failure to Launch (PG-13,'06) 卐 卐 | | | | | Little Blik 卐 | |
| OWN | Dateline on OWN © | 20/20 on OWN (N) © | | | Deadline: Crime | | Dateline 卐 | |
| OXY | The Backyard (N) | Snapped © | | | Buried in the Backyard | | Snapped 卐 | |
| PARMT | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | Cops (N) © | Cops © | Cops 卐 | |
| SYFY | The Hunger Games (PG-13,'12) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. © | | | | | Futurama 卐 | |
| TBS | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | American (N) Final Space | | Conan (N) | |
| TCM | The Great Buster: A Celebration (NR,'18) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | | The General (NR,'27) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | |
| TLC | 90 Day: Other (N) | 90 Day: Other (N) | | | The Family Chantel (N) | | Unexpect. 卐 | |
| TLN | Supernatural | Urban | Faith Chi | Pastor Greg | Robison | Billy Graham | Humanit 卐 | |
| TNT | Horrible Bosses (R,'11) 卐 卐 | Jason Bateman. © | | | (9:15) Horrible Bosses 2 (R,'14) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | |
| TOON | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Burgers | Burgers | Family Guy | Family Guy | Rick, Morty | |
| TRAV | Paranormal Survivor © | Paranormal Survivor (N) | | | Paranormal (N) | | Survivor 卐 | |
| TVL | Raymond | Everybody Raymond | Raymond | Two Men | Two Men | King | | |
| USA | WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) © | | | | | | Straight (N) 卐 | |
| VH1 | Love & Hip Hop (N) | Girls' Cruise (N) © | | | Love & Listings (N) © | | Love 卐 | |
| WE | Law & Order © | Law & Order © | | | Law & Order © | | Law 卐 | |
| WGN America | JAG: "A Tangled Webb." | JAG: "A Tangled Webb." | JAG: "Shifting Sands." | JAG 卐 | | | | |
| PREMIUM | HBO | Bohemian Rhapsody 卐 卐 卐 卐 | Our Boys (N Subtitled-English) | | | | Succession | |
| | HBO2 | Gemstones | (8:05) Boy Erased (R,'18) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | Lucas Hedges. | | | Widows 卐 | |
| | MAX | Quantum of Solace (PG-13,'08) 卐 卐 | Daniel Craig. | | (8:50) Blindspotting (R,'18) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | |
| | SHO | City on a Hill © | Escape at Dannemora | | | Mile 22 (R,'18) 卐 卐 | Mark Wahlberg. © 卐 | |
| | STARZ | The Rook | Sweetbitter | Sweetbitter | (8:29) The Equalizer 2 (R,'18) 卐 卐 卐 卐 | | | |
| STZNC | 6:28 Proud Mary ('18) 卐 | Power © | | | (8:58) Power © | | Express 卐 | |

Album

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Whereas the title track tries to meld the band's strengths into a new sonic context, much of the rest mutes the animated dialogue between the voices of Brownstein and Tucker, with one or the other dominating the track. And Weiss, one of the best rock drummers on the planet, is even less of a factor, her essential role diminished as both a driving force in the arrangements and as an astute, agile commentator — a third "voice" in the mix alongside the two singers.

Little wonder that after the album was completed, Weiss quit the band. "The band is heading in a new direction and it is time for me to move on," she announced on July 1. That came as heartbreaking news to many Sleater-Kinney fans, and for good reason. When Weiss was at



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Sleater-Kinney's Carrie Brownstein, left, and Corin Tucker.

her best, Sleater-Kinney roared. But that isn't her role on "The Center Won't Hold," as she takes a back seat to what sounds like a song swap between Brownstein and Tucker.

The album front-loads a few catchy pop songs, perfectly acceptable placeholders but nothing to rival the peak moments on classic Sleater-Kinney albums such as "Dig Me Out" (1997) or "The Woods" (2005). Even the band's post-hiatus reunion,

"No Cities to Love" (2015), packed more wallop.

Much of "The Center Won't Hold" doesn't sound like the old Sleater-Kinney, which is precisely the point. Brownstein and Tucker prefer to go charging into the future, but at the expense of some of the very attributes that made them so compelling in the first place.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 19): Expand the romance factor this year. Steady discipline energizes health and fitness. Get expert support with work and health this summer, for surging vitality by winter, followed by peaceful retrospection. Look at a creative or romantic challenge from another vantage next summer. Love arises triumphantly.

Aries (March 21-April 19): 9. Your past work speaks well for you. You've got the power and confidence to get things done. Discover a structural problem, and handle it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Your imagination flowers with creative ideas. Find a quiet place to get productive. Reduce stimulation and distraction levels. Take care of basics.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Harness team enthusiasm, and push to advance. Make sure what you're building is solid. Heed the voice of experience. You're making valuable connections.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. A professional goal is within reach. Show up, and do what needs to be done. You can figure out how to pay for it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your influence. Take new territory. Share thoughts and dreams with a fellow traveler. You're learning quickly. Find ways to mix business with pleasure.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Handle financial matters with your partner. Negotiate and bargain. Make deals, and sign contracts. Don't rush anything; better to be thorough now than confused later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Collaborate with a partner and coordinate efforts for ease and peace of mind. Learn a new trick from someone who thinks differently than you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Your excellent work reflects you well. Maintain healthy practices. Feed body, mind and soul with a walk down a beautiful trail. Exercise energizes you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Give in to a mutual attraction. Have fun with someone who makes your heart skip a beat. Get pulled magnetically into their beautiful orbit.

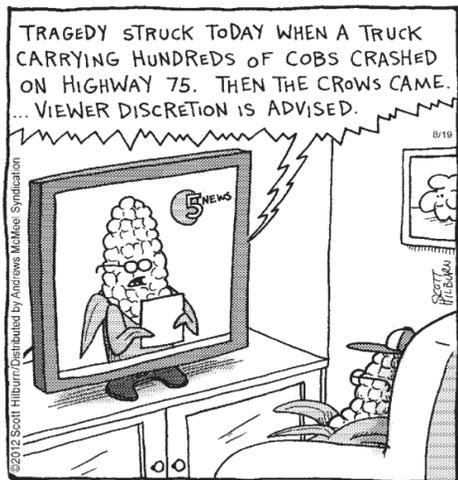
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. It may take making a mess to make a long-term domestic improvement. Imagine the finished result, and patiently navigate this temporary upheaval. Keep cleaning.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Share and post with your networks. What you need can be found in your circle of friends and community. Get buzzing, and invite participation.

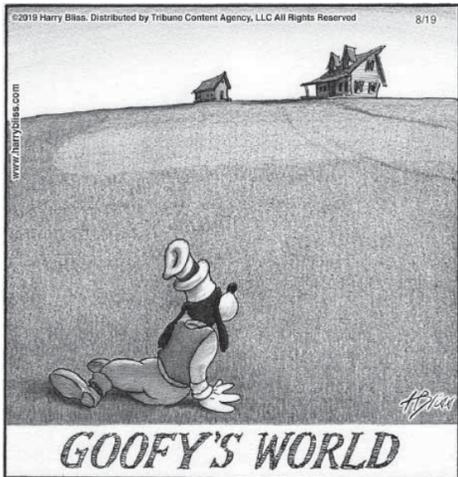
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Take advantage of good business. Get help if needed. Tap new revenue. Don't spend it before you get it. Put your talents to work.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2012.)



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KQ83 ♥ 6 ♦ J6543 ♣ J105

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | ? | |

What call would you make?

A.1—You may have a better spot somewhere, but there is nothing you can do about it. You're out of gas. Pass.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 84 ♥ AK ♦ AKQ10864 ♣ 65

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | ? | |

What call would you make?

A.2—Partner's bid asks for kings, but it is also a promise that your side holds all of the aces. You are free to bid a grand slam if you think it's a good idea. Bid 7D.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KJ92 ♥ AK95 ♦ 974 ♣ J4

Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

A.3—It's OK to double, in the modern game, when you are off shape in the other minor. 4-4 in the majors is good enough. Double.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 1076 ♥ 932 ♦ K1053 ♣ QJ10

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♣ | 1♠ | 1NT | ? |

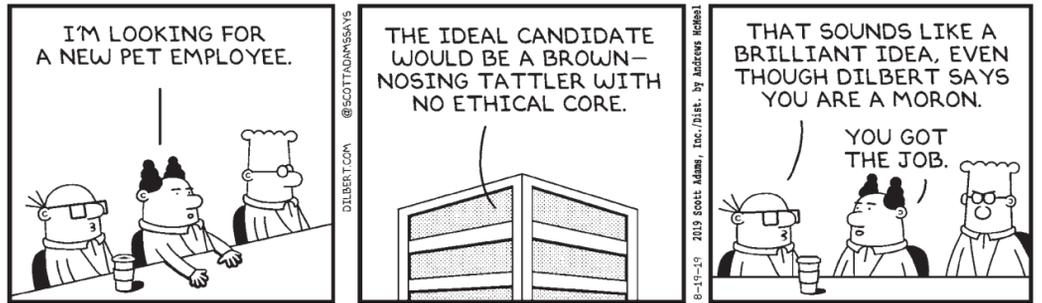
What call would you make?

A.4—The enemy auction is a little intimidating, but you still must take responsibility for your values. Bid 2S with an air of confidence.

— Bob Jones
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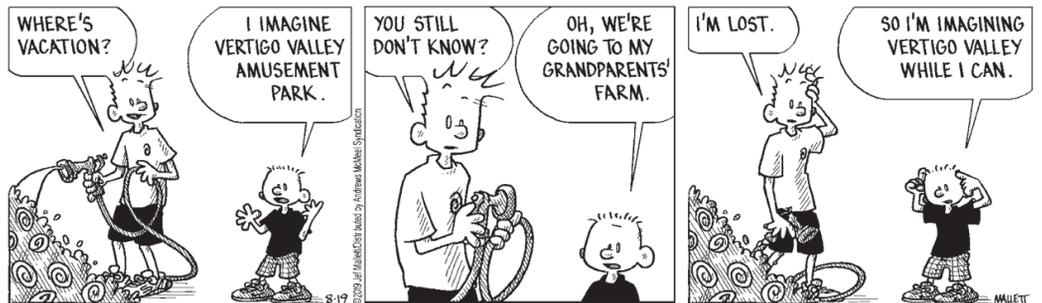
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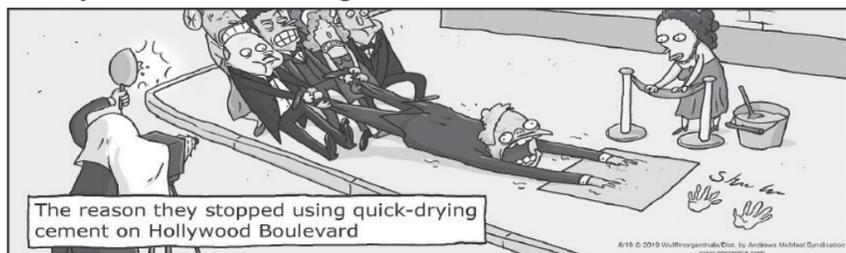
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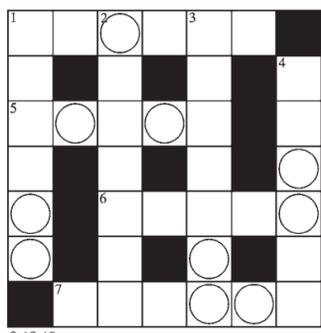
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

What flavor is the ice cream in Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey?
 A) Banana
 B) Chocolate
 C) Coconut
 D) Peanut butter
 Saturday's answer: Dr. John Watson did military service in Afghanistan before joining forces with Sherlock Holmes.

Jumble Crossword



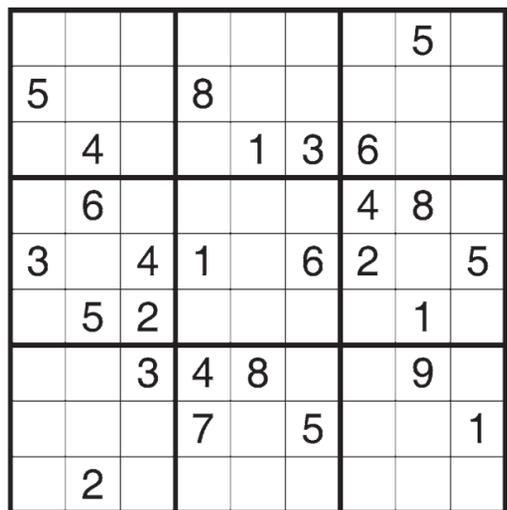
- CLUE** **ACROSS** **ANSWER**
- ___ wrench
 - Throb
 - ___ sign
 - ___ mix
- CLUE** **DOWN** **ANSWER**
- Furnish
 - ___ music
 - Luxurious
 - Materialize

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Circled letters: O, L, A, K, A]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 1 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 7 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
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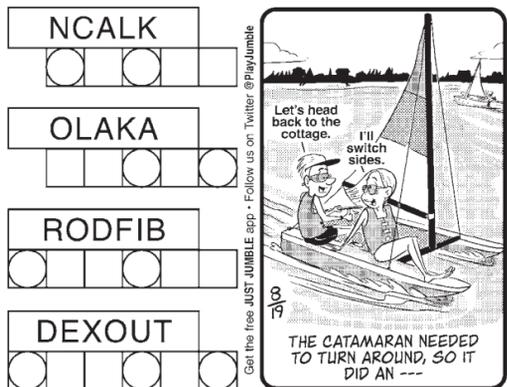
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



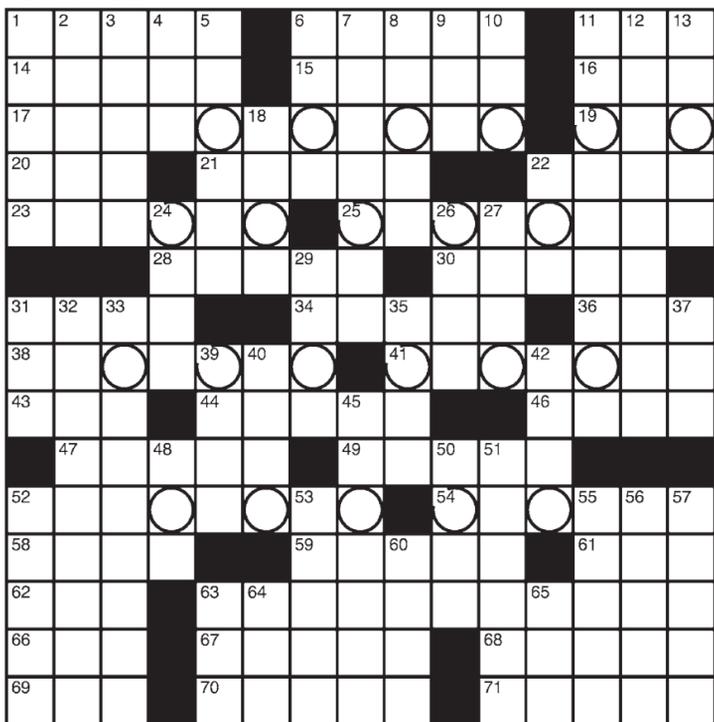
Answer here
 [Circled letters: N, C, A, L, K]

Saturday's answers
 Jumbles: KUDOS CRIMP SURELY ORIGIN
 Answer: The rooster had been working out and the result was — GOOD "PECKS"

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Paris eateries
 - Abyss
 - Birthday count
 - Rack flavoring
 - Hang in midair
 - Easter beginning?
 - Data-intensive branch of engineering
 - "Positively Entertaining" TV network
 - After-tax amount
 - Unveiling word
 - Iraq War worries, for short
 - God, in Judaism
 - Red-handed
 - Burning crime
 - "_ luego"
 - "Oh dear!"
 - Choir voice
 - Judge on "The People v. O.J. Simpson"
 - Camaraderie
 - Avant-garde music genre
 - Annoying kid
 - Greetings from Fido
 - Aired with sharper resolution
 - De-creases?
 - Lariat
 - Winter hike footwear item
 - Insect-sized superhero
 - Surfer's ride
 - Makeover result
 - Self-image
 - Approx. landing time
 - "Best thing" bakery metaphor ... and a hint to each row of circles
 - Fish in Japanese unadon
 - Aspect
 - Montana Tech city
 - NFL scoring stat
 - Slanted columns
 - Thumbs-ups
 - Pixar specialty
 - "Glad you spotted that error"
 - Surrealist Max
 - 18 Mineral hardness scale
 - Director Anderson
 - Stinging flier
 - Norse god with a hammer
 - Kevin of "Central Intelligence"
 - "The Simpsons" bus driver
 - MLB's Diamondbacks, on scoreboards
 - Covered with plastic, as an ID card
 - Yeses from bosses
 - Space-research org.
 - Gave the green light, briefly
 - Dominates totally
 - Hashanah: Jewish New Year
 - Tear gas situation
 - Bilked
 - Be in debt
 - DUI-fighting org.
 - Stuck-up
 - 1974 hit "___ Home Alabama"
 - Chilling in a cooler
 - Track competitions
 - Playing marble
 - Connection points
 - Moistens
 - "City by the Bay" airport code
 - Once around the track
 - Lament

Saturday's solution



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