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CTU rejects new contract proposal

Lightfoot counters there's 'real money on the table'

BY HANNAH LEONE
AND JOHN BYRNE

With eight days to go before students return to school, the Chicago Teachers Union rejected an independent fact-finder's recommendations for a new contract — placing the labor group one step closer to a possible strike.

Also on Monday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools officials unveiled their

latest offer, which would raise teacher pay by 16% over five years, as recommended by the fact-finder. The mayor said the proposal — an increase from the 14% raises she offered earlier — puts "real money on the table" for teachers.

"As I have said many times during this process, there's no reason a deal can't be reached by the start of the school year," Lightfoot said at a news confer-

ence with CPS CEO Janice Jackson at Webster Elementary School on the West Side.

The union has proposed a total 15% increase over a shorter contract term of three years.

"Though the wage and benefit proposals (are) said to be generous by the mayor and CPS' team, they come in the context of nearly a decade of austerity and cuts,"

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Mayor Lori Lightfoot, left, and CPS CEO Janice Jackson discuss negotiations with the Chicago Teachers Union at a news conference Monday.



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French President Emmanuel Macron and President Donald Trump shake hands during a news conference Monday in Biarritz, France.

G-7 ends with little to show

Consensus on major issues eludes world leaders at summit

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA,
MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
AND DAMIEN PALETTA
The Washington Post

BIARRITZ, France — A summit between President Donald Trump and other leaders of the world's biggest economies ended here without significant progress on any of the world's most pressing issues, laying

bare the widening gulf between the United States and other nations as they struggle to address issues like trade and climate change.

French President Emmanuel Macron said leaders at the Group of Seven summit agreed to endorse just a one-page document of issues and then to continue working on a range of other challenges that

have proved elusive, including trade imbalances, climate change, and Iran, among other things.

"There was a lot of nervousness at the outset," Macron said. He said that the three days of talks here had a "lot of tension and we had a lot of conflicts" but he considered it a success that they were even able to produce a one-page document.

Trump seemed pleased with the outcome.

"This was a very special, very unified two-and-a-half days," Trump said.

The final day was set to be pivotal for the leaders, as they sought to cap a summit marked more by whiplash, mixed signals and surprises than

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Officers accused of abuse fired

Action comes a decade after 2 cops allegedly struck an 8-year-old boy

BY JEREMY GORNER

Two Chicago police officers have been fired a decade after they were first accused of hitting a child in their care and failing to seek medical attention for the 8-year-old boy, who suffered fractures to the face and arm that the child said was inflicted by one of the officers.

In voting 9-0 to dismiss Officers Yasmina Vaval and Teresa Foster, the Chicago Police Board said it was "deeply troubled" that this case, and others, take so long to resolve.

"The Board continues to be deeply troubled by cases such as this, in which the charges were filed more than nine years after an incident occurs," the board wrote in a 28-page decision handed down last week. "In this case, the impact was particularly serious on the victim, who was eight years old when abused and is now an adult."

The alleged abuse occurred in 2008 and 2009. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services finally removed the boy and two other children from the officers' home at the end of 2009 after finding evidence of abuse. It took about six years for the now-defunct Independent Police Review Authority to complete its investigation and recommend the dismissal of Vaval and Foster. Nearly four more years passed before the Police Department filed disciplinary charges and referred the case to the Police Board.

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BUSINESS



Kraft Heinz to replace CFO

Two years ago, Kraft Heinz raised eyebrows when it named a 29-year-old as CFO. David Knopf, who was the youngest high-ranking executive at the company when he assumed the role in 2017, will leave the processed food giant. Taking his place is Paulo Basilio, who became CFO of H.J. Heinz in 2013 and continued in the role after the 2015 merger with Kraft Foods.

Financial adviser accused of swindling one of 'Dixmoor 5'

Feds say he stole from settlement in wrongful conviction case

BY JASON MEISNER

As one of the Dixmoor Five, Shainie Sharp spent years at the center of one of the state's most notorious wrongful conviction cases.

Sharp was convicted of the 1991 rape and slaying of a 14-year-old girl, but he was exonerated in 2011 after DNA evidence pointed to a known sex offender. A \$5 million legal settlement was supposed to help compensate him for the decade he spent behind bars.

But Sharp was allegedly victimized all over again.

Federal prosecutors on Mon-

day alleged that Sharp's trusted financial adviser stole a large portion of the settlement and used the money to fund a lavish lifestyle, from exotic international trips to theater tickets and dinners at posh restaurants.

Marcus Boggs, 49, a former senior financial adviser for Merrill Lynch, was charged in a criminal complaint with one count of wire fraud alleging he stole more than \$2 million in all from four clients. The charge carries up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Boggs was arrested by the FBI at O'Hare International Airport on Thursday night as he was boarding a flight to Germany with a one-way ticket, federal authorities said.

In asking that Boggs be held without bond pending trial, pros-

ecutors argued in court that he is a serious flight risk given his history of international travel and the lengthy prison sentence he potentially faces. "It's unclear if he was planning to come back," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Mitchell said.

Dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit, Boggs remained expressionless as his court-appointed attorney, Nancy Carlson, explained that he often books one-way tickets using frequent flyer miles. She also said he suffers from a possibly fatal heart condition brought on by a mosquito bite and may not get the medical attention he needs in jail.

But U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole ordered Boggs held in custody, saying he was particularly concerned about the allegations involving an "astonishingly



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Marcus Boggs is charged with wire fraud alleging he stole more than \$2 million from four clients.

susceptible" victim like Sharp.

"That really gives me some pause about somebody now saying, 'Oh, don't worry, my word is my bond,'" the judge said.

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Tom Skilling's forecast

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Bestselling author Bassey Ikpi will discuss her newest book, "I'm Telling the Truth, But I'm Lying." Ikpi is a Nigerian-born American spoken-word poet, writer, and mental health advocate. She has appeared on HBO's Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam five times and her poetry has opened shows for Grammy Award-winning artists. Following the conversation, Bassey will stay to sign copies of her book.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Convene, 16 W. Adams St.

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■ A photo caption on Page 1 Monday about finishers in the Chicago Triathlon incorrectly identified a male runner as Jake Hoffmann. In fact, that runner was Olivier Franz, 27, of Chicago.

■ A story Sunday about a new donation of Vivian Maier photographs and personal effects donated to the University of Chicago Library mistakenly attributed to Maier a diary detailing a child's daily progress that was among the effects. The notebook was not the work of Maier. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

President Donald Trump listens to French President Emmanuel Macron speak at the G-7 summit in France on Monday.

Are the Fake News Media trying to crash Trump's economy? Oh, yes. We really are.



REX W. HUPPKE

As a member of the news media in good standing, I would like to apologize for desperately trying to tank the American economy by accurately reporting on what's happening with the American economy.

That was a deeply unpatriotic thing for me to do. I should have known the correct path forward is to embrace everything President Donald Trump and members of the coequal branch of his administration at Fox News say, regardless of how false or glaringly inaccurate those statements might be.

My behavior has been foolish and I am probably a Communist. For that I am sorry and will report to the nearest federal prison upon completion of this column.

The error of my ways was pointed out earlier this month by noted truth-teller Lou Dobbs of Fox Business, who said: "Wall Street firms and the leftist national media (are) talking down the Trump stock market and the Trump economy today. Their focus, obviously, 2020 and putting a radical 'dim' in the White House."

Busted. Two things people in my thriving industry are known for are working in concert with "Wall Street firms" and wanting to crash the economy, on account of we journalists already being so financially stable and wealthy and whatnot. We also are known as huge supporters of "radical dims."

Trump, the first American president to adapt the innovative governing technique of watching Fox News all the time and simply repeating what his friends inside the TV box

say, quickly chimed in with a tweet: "The Fake News Media is doing everything they can to crash the economy because they think that will be bad for me and my re-election."

Honestly, when my Fake News Media friends and I cooked up this whole plot to crash the economy by relaying factual economic information and interviewing people who are experts in their fields, I never imagined it would unravel this fast.

Ainsley Earhardt, a host on the president's favorite morning newscast fantasy show "Fox & Friends," was quick to criticize us fact-spewing economic naysayers: "I'm watching this and I'm like, it's so obvious what they're doing. They do not want him to win again. And they don't like that the economy's doing well, apparently."

Darn us for being so obvious!

If there's one thing a person like me, in a business that has been about as stable as a rocking chair on a roller coaster, hates, it's economic stability. So, naturally, I exerted the immense power I wield over global markets and set off on a crusade to make the president of the United States look bad.

That was rude and selfish. My colleagues in the news media and I should not have reported on a recent 800-point drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average brought on by signals from the bond market that a recession could be coming. We should have kept that information to ourselves and simply said the Dow "had a whoopsie" or that it was Hillary Clinton's fault.

We should not have written anything about Trump's trade war with China or pointed out the harm it is doing to American farmers. In particular, we should not have repeatedly pointed out that Trump's claim that China is paying America billions of dollars in tariffs is a farcical lie and

that tariffs are effectively a tax on American consumers.

We should have just lied and agreed with the president. That's what a real American would do.

When President Trump recently said, "Our consumers are rich. I gave a tremendous tax cut," we should have smiled and agreed rather than pointing out that most Americans are not, in fact, rich and the "tremendous tax cut" only benefited the wealthiest Americans. We should have buried the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service report that found the tax cuts didn't lead to an increase in investment, aren't paying for themselves as promised and have had little if any impact on wages.

We should have stuck only to the positive elements of the economy: unemployment is low; the economy is growing at a decent clip; and wages are rising.

The fact that Trump himself is floating ideas that sound like the kind of things a president would do if he was worried about an economic downturn — things like pushing the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates and considering a temporary payroll tax cut — should be wholly disregarded as the conspiratorial ramblings of the malevolent left-wing media.

The non-truth is that the American economy is in great shape — the best shape in all of human history — and everything Trump is doing is fantastic and brilliant and 100% working just right.

I'm sorry if I ever suggested otherwise or presented information that in any way conflicted with President Trump's selfless comments about the amazingness of the American economy he single-handedly fixed.

I'm sorry I truthed on you, America. It won't happen again.

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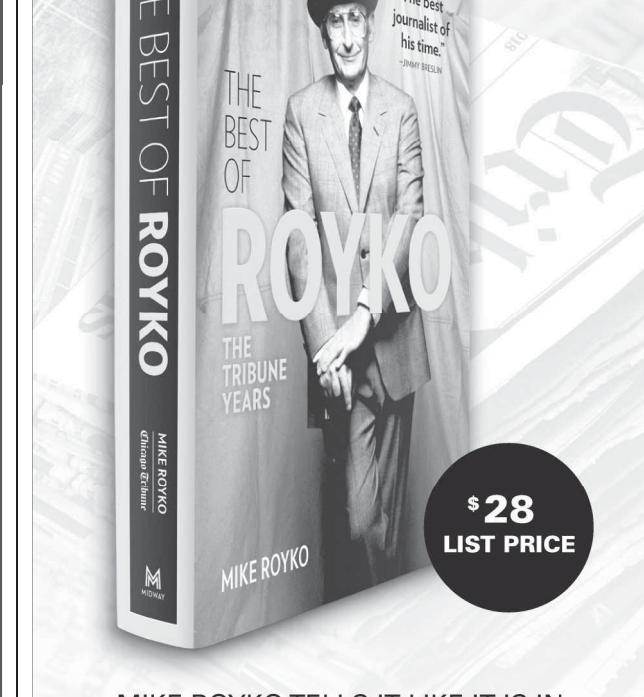
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Naperville City Council meeting sets record and leads to criticism

Session about weed sales didn't end until 2:27 a.m.

BY ERIN HEGARTY

The Naperville City Council meeting that began at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 and ended at 2:27 a.m. Aug. 21 set the record as the city's longest council meeting by 23 minutes, and has some questioning whether meetings that long are good for public participation.

Previously, a meeting in 2002 that began at 7 p.m. May 7 and ended at 2:04 a.m. May 8 held the record, according to Naperville City clerk's office.

A discussion on whether to opt out of allowing the retail sale of recreational marijuana — the topic that drew more than 20 people to speak during public comment — began after midnight.

City council members voted 5-4 to direct staff to come back with a plan for what allowing the retail sale of recreational marijuana would look like, in addition to bringing back the ordinance that would allow the city to opt out. The council in July voted 5-4 to request city staff write an ordinance to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries in the city.

Before the early morning discussion on marijuana, the city council allowed a resident to keep an enclosed porch that was built without a permit, denied the request to build a 7-Eleven on Ogden Avenue that would have been open 24/7, approved a new development with a drive-thru coffee shop on South Washington Street and listened to general public comment during which one resident opened his statement by signing Five Man Electrical Band's "Signs."

According to Naperville Municipal Code, all regular city council meetings shall conclude at 11 p.m. unless the meeting is extended by a majority of council members. The meeting Tuesday was extended multiple times.

City Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan did not support all of the extensions. At 1 a.m. it's just too late for everyone at the meeting,



Naperville City Council members Tuesday voted to direct staff to return with not only an ordinance to opt out of the retail sale of recreational marijuana, but also a plan that lays out what opting in would look like.

Sullivan said.

"We don't make our best decisions then. I know I don't. My brain turns off. That's why I just thought it was worth saying no," Sullivan said. "Public meetings are for the public. Is it really accessible to the public if you're meeting at 1 a.m.?"

Illinois Open Meetings Act requires meetings be held at times and places convenient for the public, but it doesn't necessarily touch on the end time of meetings, said Ben Silver, a community lawyer with the Citizen Advocacy Center in Elmhurst.

"This is certainly an extreme case," Silver said. "They always have the option of continuing the meeting later, especially for an important discussion like that. Short of being on a very tight deadline, I don't know why they couldn't."

It may be that the city council made a bad decision in not postponing the agenda item so the public could see it live, Silver said. The council also could have scheduled a special meeting for next week, he said.

"The other thing is it's a big impact on the public. It's also a big impact potentially on elected officials. They're not full time city council members. Most have day jobs; some have kids at home," Silver said. "Things like

that could discourage somebody from wanting to be an elected official."

The May 2002 meeting that previously held the record for Naperville's longest council meeting included discussion on a land-use plan for the southwest section of the city, a proposal to make all housing in Naperville accessible, North Central College's request for a fireworks display and discussion on a proposed Hawthorne Ridge Subdivision. The meeting also included a one-hour closed session from 1:03 to 2:03 a.m. to discuss

"the approval of minutes from a previous closed session, personnel, pending litigation, and land acquisition."

The Naperville City Council meets less frequently in summer months, which likely contributed to Tuesday's packed agenda.

Naperville's municipal code dictates "regular meetings of the city council shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month of the year and shall take place in City Council Chambers. No regular meeting of the City Council shall be held on the first Tuesday in the months of July and August."

Last month, the July 16 meeting began at 7 p.m. and concluded just before 1 a.m. July 17.

The first reading of the ordinance to opt out of allowing the retail sale of recreational marijuana was the last item under the section "Ordinances and Resolutions." City code lays out how each agenda is to be organized.

There is also a section in the municipal code that allows city council to change the order of agenda items. The process requires a motion and a second to take an item out of agenda order. The purpose is "to place an agenda item in a different position upon the agenda for city council consideration."

"Council can, and has in the past, moved items up in the agenda when there is a large number of speakers," said City Clerk Pam Gallahue.

Councilman Patrick Kelly has previously suggested having a workshop to discuss recreational marijuana.

Kelly said he heard of people who hired babysitters Tuesday night so they could be at the meeting for discussions on multiple agenda items, including the one on recreational marijuana, but had to leave before the item came up.

Several comments on social media posts during and after the meeting noted the length of the meeting.

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Chicago to Indianapolis bus to be permanent

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

OurBus, a transportation company that plans routes based on customer feedback, has decided to make permanent a new daily Chicago-to-Indianapolis run. The Chicago stop is near Union Station.

The New York-based company started a two-month pilot for the round-trip service on July 1, as a way to fill the gap left by the ending of the Amtrak Hoosier State train. The company said the route has proved popular, and at three hours and 45 minutes is faster than the Amtrak run it replaced. "We found a market," said OurBus co-founder Axel Hellman.

The bus leaves Indianapolis in the morning for Chicago, then returns to Indianapolis in the afternoon, making stops in Zionsville and Lafayette. Hellman said the two intermediate stops were picked based on customer demand. The bus makes two round trips on Sunday, and the company is considering adding an additional Friday round trip, Hellman said.

OurBus, which started in 2016, doesn't own any buses but instead contracts with tour bus companies for high-end vehicles with Wi-Fi and reclining seats, the kind of buses typically chartered for business conferences or traveling sports teams. The buses for the Indianapolis route come from Gold Shield Transportation in Indianapolis.

OurBus has 15 regular routes, mostly in the northeast and southeast. The Chicago-Indianapolis route is its first in the Midwest.

Hellman said the company is going to try a run between Chicago and Ann Arbor, Michigan, around Thanksgiving to serve University of Michigan students.

Prices for the trip are "dynamic," depending on demand, and range from \$10 to \$25, Hellman said.

Greyhound and Megabus also offer round-trip service between the two cities.

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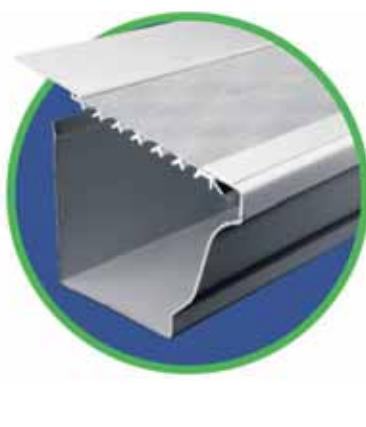


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'You don't expect it to hit this close'

Anti-violence worker grieves after father of his grandchildren killed in shooting

BY ALICE YIN

Michael Brunson is used to showing up for families and friends of shooting victims.

Clad in the signature highlighter-yellow shirts donned by the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago, the outreach worker says he dedicates his life to interrupting the cycle of violence that afflicts parts of the West Side.

On Sunday evening, Brunson was one of the grieving.

The father of his grand-

children, who Brunson said was like a son to him, was killed in a double shooting earlier that night in the Fifth City neighborhood.

Two men were standing outside in the 3200 block of West Congress Parkway about 9:30 p.m. when a group of males walked over and at least one of them opened fire, according to Chicago police.

A 33-year-old man was shot in the chest and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he died. Another man, 41, suffered a gunshot wound to his leg and was in

good condition at the same hospital, police said. No one was in custody.

The 33-year-old's name has not been released by authorities, but Brunson identified him as Adonta Scott, who lived in the neighborhood.

As a member of the institute, Brunson went to nine funerals in a two-week span this summer. But Scott's death inflicted a different type of sorrow.

"I work in the field," Brunson said. "It's like you know what's going on, but you don't expect it to hit this close. ... This is a whole new feeling because it's family."

Scott and Brunson's

daughter had an 8-year-old daughter and a son who turned 16 last week. The two met when they were in their preteens and dated until recent years, Brunson said.

"He was a nice, fun-loving guy who loved his kids," Brunson said. "And the kids love him."

Although the couple ultimately split up, Brunson remained close with his grandchildren's father, with Scott frequently turning to him for advice. The 33-year-old's own father was deceased, so he looked up to Brunson as a parent figure.

"He always called me Pop, gave me the utmost

respect," Brunson said. "He was a good, good guy."

Brunson said gangs have been feuding on the block where Scott was killed, and he sometimes advised Scott to stay away. But much of the 33-year-old's family lived nearby, Brunson said.

The crime scene on Congress stretched over an entire block, from Kedzie Avenue to west of Spaulding Avenue. A bright green playground sits in the middle. Two officers stood on the bridge over the Eisenhower Expressway, which ran below the site of the shooting. Another officer edged past the fence to the expressway embankment,

shining a flashlight into the bushes before returning to the sidewalk on Kedzie.

A police helicopter whirled above them.

Brunson spent most of the evening outside Mount Sinai, waiting to speak with Scott's mother, who was inside the emergency room. As he stood by the entrance, Brunson pondered the solution to the constant retaliatory shootings on the West Side.

"There's so much going on with this generation," Brunson said. "What is it going to take? What do we have to do? What does the city have to do?"

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U. of I. enforces new smoke-free campus policy

Broadens existing 2014 rules to add smokeless tobacco

BY MARIE FAZIO

CHAMPAIGN — Officials at the University of Illinois began enforcing an updated anti-smoking policy Monday.

The university's new rules revise a 2014 policy that banned smoke-producing tobacco products. Now all smokeless forms of tobacco, including chewing tobacco, snuff and snus and dissolvable forms such as orbs and strips also are prohibited.

"The only change to previous policy is that it now covers all tobacco products, including smoke-free tobacco products," said Allison Vance, a spokeswoman for the university.

Vaping devices, including Juuls and other electronic cigarettes, were prohibited in 2014 and remain so under the updated policy, Vance said.

"We are using this opportunity to re-educate people first of all that vaping is banned and second of all to educate people about the health risks," said Michele Guerra, director of Campus Wellbeing Services at the university. "Many people believe mistakenly that vaping is just flavored water but it's a nicotine delivery system and there are serious health concerns associated with it."

The policy doesn't apply to other state schools such as the University of Illinois at Chicago and Southern Illinois University, which have their own anti-smoking policies, Guerra said.

Smoking marijuana will remain prohibited at the U. of I. even after Jan. 1, when the state law allowing its recreational use goes into effect.

"Overall the policy is in place in part to create an environment on campus where everybody has the right to breathe clean air," Guerra said. "With grow-

ing research showing the terrible health detriments of tobacco products ... and the fact that people often become addicted by age 26, it's important for us to have policies in place to help people not become addicted."

The policy applies to students, faculty, staff and visitors anywhere on campus, indoors or outdoors. It also applies to private vehicles parked on campus. Campus maps have been updated to clarify campus boundaries.

In addition to the main campus, the policy covers Robert Allerton Park in Monticello, Willard Airport, satellite research and education centers located throughout the state of Illinois and property leased and occupied by the university, Guerra said.

Chancellor Robert Jones announced the changes in a campus email last fall. He said the change will promote healthy lifestyles.

Police will enforce the policy by issuing tickets. The first ticket will be a warning, and the second and third will result in \$25 and \$50 fines, respectively. The second fine can be waived if the person ticketed completes an educational program within 72 hours of the offense. All subsequent violations will result in a \$100 fine.

Campus officials say they will also offer tobacco-cessation programs and resources for the campus community. Campus Wellbeing Services offers individual consultation sessions and a group cessation program that uses the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking program, open to students, faculty, staff, retirees and their significant others.

The university's health center provides tobacco-cessation-trained physicians for students.

The Associated Press contributed.



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Pedestrians cross Wabash Avenue at Jackson Boulevard in Chicago as the sun breaks through after a day of heavy rain on Monday. An influx of humidity arrived to start the work week, helping to supply downpour-producing bands of shower. A beach hazards statement was issued for high waves, about 3 to 6 feet high, as well as dangerous rip and structural currents. Breezy conditions are expected to bring drier weather Tuesday.

Tinley Park starts bid for racino

BY MIKE NOLAN

Seeking help from consultants and filing for permission to host harness racing, Tinley Park has begun the process of what it hopes will bring a combination horse racing venue and casino to the village.

At the same time, the village and state continue negotiations regarding Tinley Park's purchase of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center, which closed in 2012 and is proposed as the site of the racino.

Documents posted at the village's website show Tinley Park is working with two New Orleans-based firms, Convergence Strategy Group and Innovation Group, to study the feasibility of a racino and its economic impact.

Separately, a newly established entity, Playing in the Park LLC, has filed with the Illinois Racing Board for approval of harness racing, according to the board.

Playing in the Park's officials are Rick Heidner, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and Timothy Carey, general manager of Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney, according to the Illinois secretary of state's office.

Heidner and Tinley Park, according to a July 31 letter from the village to Heidner, are negotiating a redevelopment agreement for the roughly 280-acre state-owned site northwest of Harlem Avenue and 183rd Street.

Previously, Heidner and others had been in talks with the village about a redevelopment that would

have brought hundreds of homes to the site.

The racino, as well as plans for a separate south suburban casino, are the result of legislation signed into law in late June that expands gambling throughout the state.

Chicago is in line for a casino, and existing horse racing tracks would be able to add casino games, something track owners have sought for years.

Existing casinos could increase their number of gambling positions from the current 1,200 to as many as 2,000 under the measure, and businesses that have video gambling terminals are now allowed to have a maximum of six terminals, up from the previous cap of five.

The application with the racing board is one step in the village's journey toward seeing a racino become a reality. Apart from the approval for harness racing, a facility also would need the OK from the Illinois Gaming Board.

"Obviously there is a ways to go" in the process, village manager Dave Niemeyer said Wednesday. "We're pressing ahead."

The law allows for tracks to have as many as 1,200 gambling positions, which is a combination of slot machines as well as seats at table games such as blackjack or poker.

The law allows new casinos to operate from temporary locations for up to two years, and it's expected that the Tinley Park Convention Center would be used while the racino is being constructed, according to the village.

Once applications for

new casino licenses are received by the gaming board, it would have up to a year to review them, according to the law.

Another wild card in the process is the purchase and cleanup of the proposed racino site.

A July 31 letter to the village from the state's Department of Central Management Services, which manages the property, notes it and the village are continuing to negotiate "the terms and process required to sell" the site to Tinley Park, with unresolved issues including the fair market value of the land.

In 2015, Tinley Park planned to pay the state what was then an asking price of \$4.16 million for the site, but eventually opted not to go ahead with the purchase.

Niemeyer said that "both sides are working very hard to make this happen," as far as acquisition of the property.

An estimate in 2014 put the cost of demolishing buildings on the property and removing any pollutants at more than \$12 million.

At a recent Tinley Park Plan Commission meeting, where a zoning change to allow a racino was discussed, Patrick Connolly, Tinley Park's village attorney, updated planners on the project, letting them know the application for harness racing dates had been filed.

He said a 4,000-seat grandstand is proposed and a $\frac{7}{8}$ -mile track.

"A lot of this is new uncharted waters," he said of the application process.

The racing board will consider the racing dates application at its Sept. 17 meeting, according to the board.

In July letters to the village outlining the scope of their work, Convergence Strategy Group and Innovation Group said that they would, among other things, examine what revenue a racino would generate as well as the impact it could have on other nearby businesses, such as restaurants and hotels.

Village officials have said the racino could be the centerpiece of an "entertainment district" that could include restaurants and a hotel.

In its July 12 letter to the village, Convergence notes the gambling market in the Chicago metro area "is competitive and is in a state of transition," and that the company's principals have performed hundreds of market assessments for casino clients in the U.S. and overseas.

Apart from the two consultants, Tinley Park also is working with Chicago-based Res Publica Group to assist the village with media and community relations tasks related to the racino project, according to a June letter from the firm to the village outlining the scope of its work.

The gambling expansion law allows a south suburban casino in one of six area townships — Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton or Worth. The racino would be permitted in one of those six townships as well as Orland Township, where the state property is located.



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Queen of Hearts raffle to offer \$2.7M grand prize

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

After living in Las Vegas much of his life, Ron Marlo knows what gambling fever looks like — and he sees it now at Queen of Hearts raffles throughout Illinois.

"It's festive, it's a party," he said. "Before each drawing, it's like going on a flight to Vegas. Everybody's talking and laughing and having a good time. Then on the flight home they're sad and asleep."

Marlo, who lives in southern Illinois, is part of a group of five men who pool their money to play the raffles. Four of them drove to McHenry recently to spend several thousand dollars buying tickets. They will watch on Facebook Tuesday night when officials keep drawing tickets until they get a winner of the \$2.7 million grand prize.

It's the conclusion of a condensed version of the game, which city officials set limits on, to avoid the traffic jams and crowds the game drew last year. The game's total pot has grown to nearly \$5.5 million, but the post keeps half of that, with some for improvements to the post and donations to veterans' causes, and 10% to start the next round of drawings.

With crowds growing recently, post officials gave 500 wristbands to those at last week's weekly drawing to attend this Tuesday's drawing inside the post's club. Everyone else will have to await the result outside in the beer garden, or watch the drawing stream live on Facebook. Winners need not be present.

This year the post has built a new parking lot and created one-way driving around the post to improve traffic flow. Lines to buy tickets this past weekend averaged about five minutes, much shorter than last year, according to the post's Facebook page.

McHenry Mayor Wayne Jett, who will pull the winning ticket, said the game has been operating much more smoothly this year and brought more customers to nearby businesses.

"It's like night and day," he said. "It's very organized. It's definitely put McHenry on the map."

The game board contains playing cards hidden in numbered envelopes. Players buy tickets for \$5 each and write their

names on the back, with the number of the envelope they think contains the queen of hearts.

Each week, a player's ticket is pulled at random. Normally, if the queen of hearts is not revealed, the pot rolls over and builds each week.

The McHenry City Council this year set a limit of a \$6 million total pot and \$3 million individual prize, with a deadline of the end of August, which is why post officials plan the drawdown Tuesday.

Twelve cards remain hidden, out of a starting deck of 22 that contained only face cards, 10s and two jokers. Each card is worth a prize ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 each, except the queen of hearts, which wins the top prize.

Last year's McHenry VFW raffle ended with a Schaumburg Park District employee winning more than \$4 million.

Queen of Hearts raffles first gained notoriety in the Chicago area when the Morris Veterans of Foreign Wars post reached a total pot of \$1.7 million in 2017.

Since then, numerous nonprofits around the state, including American Legions and Catholic churches and schools, have begun running their own games, which are allowed by state law but must be licensed by local authorities.

To capitalize on the growing popularity of the game, Marlo, 71, from downstate Sesser, created a website, queenofhearts-jackpots.com, which lists organizations holding raffles and the prize amounts.

One game in downstate Newton has a pot of more than \$400,000, and another in Aviston reached a prize of more than \$1 million this year.

Marlo said he gets calls from clubs asking for advice about starting their own games. He plans to expand his website to other states, and hopes to make money himself off advertising.

"Even small little towns can raise a lot of money," Marlo said. "It's saved all these clubs. They were going broke because of a lack of membership. Now they make more money on one night than the rest of the week."

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Lloyd and Sallie Slack, of Woodstock, fill out tickets for the Queen of Hearts raffle at the McHenry VFW in June.

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LOOKIN' COOL FOR SCHOOL

Volunteer Manny Otero, 32, puts a sheet over Stephon Lawson, 15, before cutting his hair during an event for the community at the 15th District Police Station in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood on Monday. Local Austin stylists gave free back to school haircuts and the Loyola University Medical Center provided a mobile healthcare van, offering free back to school checkups for students aged kindergarten to 12th grade. "We do realize there have been some areas broken between policing and communities and anything that we can do to restore it is huge. Today is a huge event because school is coming back, that room is packed because some parents can't afford to get their son's hair cut or their daughter's hair braided," says Commander Ernest Cato.

Cops: Man stole over \$500K in coins

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

A Chicago company that handles cash for other businesses last week called authorities after an audit showed more than half a million dollars in coins had disappeared and officials there confronted an armored car driver about the missing cash.

Investigators first were called to a business in the 4200 block of North Elston Avenue on the Northwest Side on Aug. 18 for a report of theft that occurred over several months beginning May 10, said Kellie Bartoli, a Chicago police spokeswoman.

"Officers met with the (caller) who related that during an audit, the company was found to be missing \$537,088.22 in coins," Bartoli wrote in an email, adding the company alleged the coins had been taken by an employee who was an armored car driver.

Cameron Bowman, 28, of Riverdale, later was charged with felony theft of between \$500,000 and \$1 million, she said.

Police report information in the case shows the business involved was Thillens, Inc., which has a facility at 4232 N. Elston Ave.

After the theft was discovered, a representative of

the business confronted Bowman, "who did not admit to any wrongdoing, but stated if he could leave, he would return with the money," Bartoli said.

A little more than an hour later, Bowman returned with a plastic baggie containing \$25,300 in \$100 bills and was arrested, Bartoli said.

Bowman, who is free on bond, appeared in court Monday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, according to court records. The charges against him were amended Monday, but information on the changes wasn't immediately available Monday afternoon. He was due to appear in Skokie branch court on Sept. 9, according to court records.

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Dixmoor

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A spokesman for Merrill Lynch said in a statement that Boggs was terminated in December, shortly after the company detected the fraud and he refused to answer questions. He'd joined the New York-based investment giant in 2006.

Merrill Lynch is cooperating with federal authorities and has already reimbursed Boggs' victims of any lost money, according to spokesman Bill Halldin, who declined to identify who has been paid back.

The online database Brokercheck.org indicated the company paid a total of \$5.6 million in compensation to three victims of Boggs in November and December, but it also does not identify them.

Sharp was one of five teens wrongfully convicted in the abduction and murder of Cateresa Matthews in south suburban Dixmoor — a case that came to be known as the Dixmoor Five. The complaint alleges that Boggs was introduced to Sharp after the \$5 million settlement was paid out in 2014, and that Boggs promised to invest it wisely so the money would "sustain him for the rest of his life."

In an interview with the FBI in June, Sharp described Boggs as "very charming," saying he often socialized with Sharp and his wife and told them their accounts were "performing well," the complaint alleges.

In May of 2018, however, Boggs abruptly told Sharp his funds had been depleted and he was closing the accounts, the complaint alleges. Sharp said he knew little about investing and trusted Boggs was telling the truth.

Sharp said losing the

money was devastating and that he soon "hit rock bottom," the complaint states.

Bank records later revealed that Boggs had been using Sharp's settlement money to make at least \$815,000 in payments on his personal credit card, according to the complaint.

In his 12 years in the Chicago investment scene, Boggs made a name for himself on the social circuit, often photographed at charity events modeling expensive suits. His social media accounts depict photos of trips around the world, including Spain, Monte Carlo, Mexico and Australia.

In 2013, Boggs was named by Crain's Chicago Business as one of the city's up-and-coming philanthropists, having served on numerous boards and committees including at the Lyric Opera and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Asked in the article if he liked to bring a date to events or go solo, Boggs said it was imperative to "always have a plus one."

"It's fun socially to have a partner in crime," Boggs was quoted as saying.

According to the criminal complaint, Boggs' victims included a woman who befriended him in 2015 and often socialized with him, according to the complaint. That woman later introduced one of her friends to Boggs, and he also stole money from the friend, the complaint states.

The fourth victim was referred by the victim's own daughter, who had attended college with Boggs and recommended him as a financial adviser, the charges stated.

From 2009 to 2018, Boggs used the victims' investment accounts to make 244 payments totaling \$1.93 million to his American Express card to cover charges for hotels, airfare,

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CTU

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union President Jesse Sharkey said at the CTU's own news conference earlier Monday outside Suder Montessori School, which the union said does not have a librarian or a case manager.

The union's rejection of the fact-finder report means the district could legally strike on or after Sept. 25.

"This is a union that is prepared to strike," Sharkey said Monday.

At the same time, he said his labor group is "serious about negotiating" and that talks have become more serious as of late, which he called "a good sign."

But he said the two sides have a long way to go toward reaching an agreement.

Asked whether she's taking steps to prepare for a strike, Lightfoot said there's no need.

"Listen, there's no reason that there should be a strike," the mayor said. "We have 30 days to get the job done. We could get this done today. We put, I think, a very robust offer on the table in accepting the fact-finder's (report). We built into our budget all the things they said they wanted, which we agree with: more social workers, more librarians, more nurses. The deal is there to be had."

But Lightfoot stopped short of agreeing to include contract language about addressing the school staffing concerns the union has identified as a key facet of any deal. The mayor said CPS has already shown its commitment to funding additional staff in the latest school budget.

"It's in the budget. We've made a significant commitment," she said. "If you look at the budget that's going to be voted on later this week by the CPS board, all the positions we've committed to, all the improvements in school infrastructure, that's all in this year's budget."

"So we've put our money where our mouth is in the most important place, which is allocating resources in it and documenting that in the budget."

CPS officials say the fact-finder's report — which they accepted, calling it "thoughtful and persuasive" — is closely aligned with their offer, which would increase salary spending by \$351 million over the proposed five-year contract. Including the annual raises that teachers receive based on years of service, the average teacher would see an increase of 24% over five years.

The average teaching salary in CPS was \$73,700 in 2018, according to the district's state report card.

The fact-finder, Steven Bierig, wrote in his report that CPS' earlier offer didn't give teachers "the opportunity to receive a genuine wage increase be-



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Teachers talk as they gather and prepare for the new school year at Webster Elementary School in Chicago on Monday.



Mayor Lori Lightfoot, left, stands with CPS CEO Janice Jackson and discusses the ongoing negotiations during a new conference Monday.

yond inflation" and that his recommendation would do that. He added that while the union has been dismissive of existing pay increases, he "cannot fully disregard such gains."

Responding to the report on behalf of CPS, labor relations managing attorney Paul Ciastko wrote that understanding CPS' financial situation was critical.

Prior to fiscal year 2018 and an increase in state funding, "CPS was on the brink of insolvency," he noted. "Since then, CPS' financial state has greatly improved, but it is not out of the woods yet." He cautioned the district needs to stay "vigilant" in taking on debt and unfunded pension liabilities, and make "fis-

cally responsible" decisions about operating costs such as employee wages, health care benefits and staffing levels.

The city's latest offer also includes no employee increase in health care contributions for the first two years and increases totaling 1% over the last three years.

The fact-finder stated the union's proposal to return health care to prior levels of costs and benefits was "not realistic."

The legally mandated independent fact-finder's role is to assess proposals on both sides and determine a recommendation that's fair to the union, the school district and its taxpayers. The fact-finder's report makes recommenda-

tions on three of the 21 disputed issues: wages, health care and term of contract.

Sharkey called on Lightfoot to fulfill her campaign promises and said that, in addition to adequate pay, the union is seeking enforceable class size limits and increased staffing of positions including school nurses, librarians and social workers.

The fact-finder determined that staffing, special education and class size are among the issues outside his jurisdiction, also recom-

mending some topics, such as paid time off and teacher evaluation and preparation time, be remanded to the city and union for further negotia-

tions.

In a dissenting opinion, CTU panel member Robert Bloch criticized the 75-day

fact-finding process and related procedures, saying they're "intended to depress contract financial settlements and impede the rights of Chicago Teachers Union members to bargain for adequate learning and working conditions for students and educators."

Bloch asserted that the fact-finding process proved to be a "total failure" in settling contracts during negotiations in 2012 — the last time the CTU went on strike — and 2015.

"The recommendation fails to find a fair balance of the parties' interests and is therefore of no use whatso-

ever to conclude a labor contract and avoid a strike by CPS educators," Bloch wrote.

In a subsequent statement Monday, the union called for an end to the fact-finding process and to a section of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act that leaves it up to employers to decide whether to bargain with unions on certain topics.

CPS students return to school for the new year on Sept. 3, and teachers got back to work Monday. The union's last contract expired June 30.

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Abuse

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Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city's Law Department, blamed "parallel investigations by other law enforcement and child welfare agencies" for why it took so long for IPRA to investigate the case and for city officials to ultimately bring several disciplinary charges against the officers, including for mistreatment, making false statements and bringing discredit to the Police Department. IPRA has since been replaced by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability under a series of reforms.

"While this matter may have spanned numerous years, the end result is that (city officials were) successful in separating these officers from the police department," McCaffrey said in a statement.

The officers have not been criminally charged, even though the board cited instances of the officers inflicting harm and lying to police and DCFS workers about it. The Cook County state's attorney's office reviewed the case in March 2010 and concluded there wasn't sufficient evidence to file criminal charges, the

office's spokeswoman, Sandra Simonton, said in a statement.

The officers and their attorney were unavailable for comment.

In April 29 of that year, the boy got into trouble at school and brought a note home for either officer to sign. The next day, he came to school with bruising on his arms and legs, the board reported. The boy told school staff that the officers had "whipped" him. The school's social worker contacted DCFS to report possible child abuse.

The officers, who are married, became foster parents to three boys — 6, 8 and 9 — at the end of 2007. The boy at the center of the allegations suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome and "had cognitive disabilities," according to the board's report. Foster also has two biological children.

The first allegation dates to the spring of 2008 when the boy was found to have a fracture to a bone that supported one of his eyes. There was a delay in treating the fracture and doctors were not able to correct the damage, according to the board's report.

While the boy accused one of the officers of punching him, the board said there was "conflicting evidence." As for the delay in seeking treatment, the board noted that it could not clearly blame the officers since DCFS workers were

also involved in the boy's care.

In February 2009, Vaval adopted the boy and the two other foster children.

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A DCFS investigator interviewed the boy, who told her Vaval whipped him on the hands and hurt his arm as he tried to protect himself. The boy also told the investigator that Foster beat him on his buttocks with his pants down, and that he used his hands to try and protect himself.

The two other adopted children corroborated his account. During a June hearing, the investigator testified that Vaval initially denied any physical contact with the boy. She claimed the boy sucked on his arms to create bruising and injured his legs by rubbing them on the rail of his bunk bed.

The investigator, however, saw no way the rails of the boy's bed could injure

him in the way Vaval described, according to the board. Vaval later admitted whipping the boy with a belt on his hands, while Foster denied hitting him at all.

The investigator urged Vaval to take the boy to a doctor. The boy was taken May 1 to an emergency room, where records show bruising on the back of each thigh and both forearms. The DCFS investigator reached out to the doctor, who examined the boy and had questions about his injuries. But the doctor never called the investigator, who could not reach the boy's therapist. She closed out the case without indicating child abuse, the board found.

While a Chicago police detective reported the boy told medical staff his injuries were self-inflicted, the board found the boy's "recantation" at the hospital "meaningless, given the presence of Officer Vaval."

The board cited the DCFS investigator's testimony that she believed Vaval and Foster caused the boy's injuries, a finding corroborated by the boy's account outside the presence of the two officers and the accounts of the two other adopted children. The board said it also considered the timing of the injuries after getting a note

from school.

"When the evidence is viewed in its totality, it is clear that Officer Vaval whipped (the boy) on his hands with a belt and Officer Foster beat him on the other parts of his body," the board wrote.

"The board finds that not only did Officer Vaval physically maltreat (the boy), but she also failed to protect him from the beating he received from Officer Foster."

The board determined that Vaval would never have taken the boy to a doctor unless told to do so by DCFS.

In November 2009, Vaval was accused of failing to seek medical treatment after the boy apparently suffered a seizure and, in another incident, lost consciousness after hitting his head in the bathroom. At least one of the officers claimed the boy did not have a seizure and, in the other incident, had faked passing out.

"It is apparent to the board that ... the officers attempted to minimize (the boy's) seizure and loss of consciousness," the report stated.

The same month, a staffer at the boy's school again saw bruising on his hands and reported that he was complaining of pain, according to the board. The staff reported suspected abuse to

DCFS and another investigator took the case.

A Chicago police detective saw bruising on the boy's right hand, right forearm, left shoulder, right shoulder blade, back and left thigh, according to the board. A doctor from La Rabida Children's Hospital on the South Side examined the boy and documented the bruising, along with "linear marks" on the back of his right hip and a fracture of the left arm caused by blunt trauma within the past week, the board said.

DCFS removed the three children from the home shortly after the November incident.

In firing Vaval, the board said she showed disregard for the boy's safety. "Officer Vaval's intentional and material false statement about criminal activity also render her unfit to be a Chicago police officer," the board wrote.

As for Foster, the board said she tried to cover up her abuse of the boy by "repeatedly falsely stating to Chicago police detectives that she did not inflict any injuries on the child."

The officers can appeal their firings to the Cook County Circuit Court.

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NATION & WORLD

Trump wants next G-7 at his resort

President claims it's about logistics, not making money

BY BERNARD CONDON
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MIAMI — President Donald Trump was in full sales mode Monday, doing everything but pass out brochures as he touted the features that would make the Doral golf resort the ideal place for the next G-7 Summit — close to the airport, plenty of hotel rooms, separate buildings for every delegation, even top facilities for the media.

There's just one detail he left out: He owns the place.

Government ethics watchdogs have long railed against the perils of Trump earning money off the presidency and hosting foreign leaders at his properties.

They say Trump's proposal to bring world leaders to his Miami-area resort takes the conflict of interest to a whole new level because, unlike stays at his Washington hotel, they would have no choice but to spend money at his property.

"It's ethics violation squared," said Kathleen Clark of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

Added Larry Noble, a former general counsel at the Federal Election Commission, "This is him making it perfectly mandatory that they stay at his resort."

Trump's proposal at the current G-7 Summit in Bi-



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Having the summit at Trump National Doral would be a conflict of interest, critics say.

arritz, France, portrayed the Doral resort in glowing terms.

"We have a series of magnificent buildings, very luxurious rooms," Trump told reporters. "We have incredible conference rooms, incredible restaurants, it's like — it's like such a natural."

Trump's pitch comes as several lawsuits accusing the president of violating the U.S. Constitution's emoluments clause, which bans gifts from foreign governments, wind their way through the courts.

It also comes as Doral, by far the biggest revenue gen-

erator among the Trump Organization's 17 golf properties, appears to have taken a hit from Trump's move into politics.

The trouble began soon after Trump announced he was running for the presidency in 2015 with a speech that called Mexican immigrants crossing the border illegally rapists and murderers. Businesses started cutting ties to the president. The PGA and NASCAR moved events that used to be booked at Doral elsewhere.

Eric Trump, who is overseeing the business with his older brother, Don Jr., told

The Associated Press last year that "the Doral is on fire." But a financial disclosure report filed with the federal government this year showed revenue at the club has barely been growing — up just \$1 million to \$76 million.

Trump's financial disclosure also shows he owes a lot of money to Deutsche Bank for the property, which helped him buy it in 2012. As of the end of last year, Trump had two mortgages on the resort, one for more than \$50 million, the other for as much as \$25 million.

A Trump Organization

consultant told the Miami-Dade Value Adjustment Board last year that the property was "severely underperforming" according to The Washington Post. The local government cut the resort's assessed value for 2018 from \$110.3 million to \$105.6 million, according to county records.

Another sign of trouble is the long list of former Doral members who quit the club years ago but are still waiting for their initial deposits back. New members have to join first for old ones to get refunds, but that isn't happening, according to Doral member Peter Brooke. He

says some former members have been waiting for 10 years or longer.

In an effort to assuage critics, Trump agreed before he took office to donate profits from foreign government spending at its properties. But the company is private, so it's not certain the \$340,000 donated so far is all of the profits, or even precisely how "profits" is defined.

The company has also said it doesn't actively seek foreign government business, and even tries to turn it away. Earlier this year, Eric Trump said the company goes "to great lengths" to discourage such spending.

It's not clear how hosting the G-7 would square with this policy. The Trump Organization did not respond to several requests for comment.

At Monday's news conference, Trump spoke as if the idea of making money off the summit never entered his mind. He said other people were pushing Doral as a venue — not just him. He said the Secret Service and the military have been visiting various sites and appear to have formed a bit of consensus.

"They went to places all over the country and they came back and they said, 'This is where we'd like to be,'" Trump said. "It's not about me. It's about getting the right location."

He then added: "I'm not going to make any money. I don't want to make money. I don't care about making money."

Biden falls in Dem primary poll; Warren, Sanders gain

BY MICHAEL SCHERER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden lost ground this summer to two of his more liberal challengers, Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, according to a national Democratic primary poll from Monmouth University released Monday.

The mid-August poll found a virtual three-way tie between the top candidates. Biden's support among Democratic voters for the party's nomination fell to 19% from 32% in June, while support for Warren, D-Mass., and Sanders, I-Vt., each rose slightly to 20%, from 15% and 14%, respectively.

The poll comes a week after Biden released a television ad that cited recent polling to boast of his own electability against Presi-

dent Donald Trump. "All the polls agree Joe Biden is the strongest Democrat to do the job," the ad's narrator declared, citing recent hypothetical matchup polls between Biden and Trump.

The Monmouth poll is the first major national survey to show Biden without at least a slight edge in primary preference. The survey found his support fell broadly across demographic groups, among liberals, moderates, white and nonwhite voters.

"The main takeaway from this poll is that the Democratic race has become volatile," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute. "Liberal voters are starting to cast about for a candidate they can identify with.

Moderate voters, who have been paying less attention, seem to be expressing

doubts about Biden."

The share of Democratic voters who have a favorable view of Biden has also steadily declined. His net favorability margin — the share of voters who have a favorable view of him minus those who have an unfavorable view of him — fell to 41 in August from 57 in May and 71 in January.

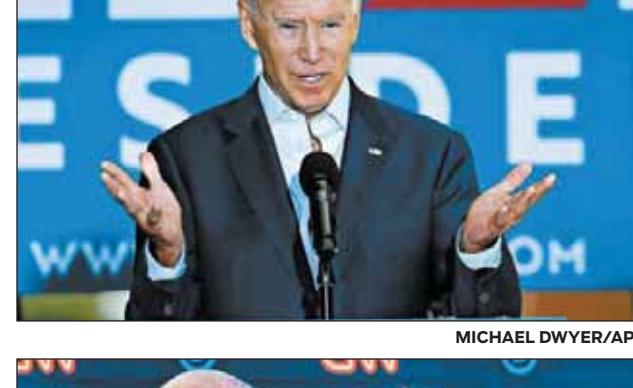
At the same time, the net favorability margin for Warren rose to 52 in August from 46 in May and 40 in January. Sanders support has been more steady, 40 in August, dipping from 44 in May and 49 in January.

The Monmouth poll contrasts with other national surveys this month showing Biden holding a steady advantage. A CNN poll released last week found 29% of Democratic-leaning voters supported Biden, compared with 15% for Sanders and 14% for Warren.

The Democratic National Committee has recognized the Monmouth survey as a qualifying poll for the next two debates, but the results released Monday had no effect on who will make the September debates. Author Marianne Williamson was the only candidate who has not qualified for that event to score 2% or more. She needs three more polls at 2% or higher by Wednesday to qualify.

Tom Steyer needs one more poll, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, needs two more polls and Sen. Kirstin Gillibrand, D-N.Y., needs three more polls.

The poll, conducted between Aug. 16 and 20 by telephone, surveyed a sample of 298 registered voters who identify as Democrats or lean toward the Democratic Party. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 5.7 percentage points.



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Former Vice President Joe Biden, top, has slipped in a national poll to a virtual tie with Sen. Bernie Sanders, above from left, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Trump seeks to duck primary challenge

BY WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Never Trump" Republicans are eager to see the president confront a credible primary adversary. But the party will likely erect structural barriers that make that kind of challenge exceedingly difficult.

And for good reason: Every incumbent president for four-plus decades who has faced a serious primary opponent was weakened enough to ultimately lose reelection.

Joe Walsh, a former tea-party-backed, one-term congressman from Illinois, on Sunday joined Bill Weld, the former Republican governor of Massachusetts, on the road to try to unseat President Donald Trump.

Other Republicans may join them. Mark Sanford, former governor and Republican congressman from South Carolina, has flirted with a 2020 presidential

bid, and Republican ex-Oio Gov. John Kasich is set to visit New Hampshire, which holds the nation's first presidential primary, in September.

So far, none of them seems to pose a serious threat. The president's supporters note that the ranks of outspoken "Never Trumpers" have dwindled substantially since Trump stormed a deep, 2016 presidential primary field of establishment Republicans and then toppled Democrat Hillary Clinton to win the White House.

Unlike some other incumbents who drew primary challengers, Trump now has the overwhelming support of his party's voters. Other incumbents — in both parties — "saw their base support erode a bit before reelection efforts," said Keith Appell, a Washington-based Republican strategist. "If anything, this president's support has grown within his party."

Weld has held out the prospect that a multicandidate Republican field might prompt primary campaign debates. But Republican National Committee members have done away with their standing debate committee ahead of next year's election, and scheduling debates could prove difficult since primary voting begins in about five months.

The RNC has also approved a nonbinding resolution declaring its "undivided support for President Donald J. Trump and his effective presidency."

Sitting presidents always exert control over the national party to try to quash would-be rivals, but GOP observers say Trump's reelection campaign already has heavily brought its influence to bear. It has had time to do so ahead of 2020, unlike in 2016, when Texas Sen. Ted Cruz used his Republican National Convention floor speech to anger Trump by refusing to

endorse him after a second-place primary finish.

Robin Armstrong, a Republican National Committee member from Texas, said the party won't tip the scales in anyone's favor, especially after seeing how 2016 played out.

"Frankly, many Republicans were concerned about President Trump. And so it took a lot of discipline for the party to say, 'Listen, we're going to listen to our voters, and that's ultimately what we did,'" Armstrong said. "Trying to have too much control over the process, usually it doesn't work out in your favor. So just trust your voters. I don't agree with all of our voters, but we still have to trust them."

Some states may yet move to guard against Trump Republican challengers catching fire during the 2020 primary.

As Sanford considers running, South Carolina's Republican Party has left

open the possibility of canceling its primary as soon as next month. The party did so in 1984 to help Ronald Reagan and in 2004 to help George W. Bush. Democrats did the same for Bill Clinton in 1996 and Barack Obama in 2012.

In September, Nevada's Republican Party will consider bypassing its 2020 presidential nominating caucuses and instead have governing members endorse Trump, preempting all primary challenges.

Not brooking even possible party division may pay off. History shows that facing any primary challenger able to gain some national traction can be harmful to a sitting president.

In 1968, Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota nearly upset Lyndon Johnson in the New Hampshire primary. Weeks later, Johnson stunned the nation by announcing he wouldn't seek another term.

In 1976, President Gerald



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Former U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh, R-Ill., could face hurdles erected by the GOP to thwart his challenge.

Ford survived Reagan's challenge from the right but lost to former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter. Four years later, it was Carter who had a strong opponent in Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Carter ended up losing to Reagan. In 1992, Pat Buchanan shocked President George H.W. Bush with a strong showing in New Hampshire. A bitter primary battle ensued, and Bush lost to Clinton.

One empty chair at G-7 climate meeting: Trump's

BY SYLVIE CORBET AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

BIARRITZ, France — U.S. President Donald Trump skipped a discussion on climate with other world leaders at the Group of Seven summit in France — then claimed to “know more about the environment than anyone.”

Trump left an empty chair as global power brokers debated Monday how to help the fire-stricken

Amazon and reduce carbon emissions.

“I’m an environmentalist,” Trump told reporters, even as he celebrated America’s oil and gas wealth.

Environmental activists declared the summit a failure, marching to demand tougher global emissions rules and more aid for the Amazon.

Trump was scheduled to attend Monday’s session on climate, biodiversity and oceans at the G-7 summit in

Biarritz, but didn’t. French President Emmanuel Macron, the summit host, shrugged off the absence, noting that Trump’s aides were there instead.

Trump is a climate change skeptic who once had claimed it’s a hoax that was invented by the Chinese. His decision to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris climate accord has severely damaged global efforts to reduce emissions.

Trump started the morn-

ing behind schedule, and held one-on-one meetings while others were in the climate discussions. However, his interlocutors, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made it to the climate meeting.

Macron said it wasn’t his goal to try to persuade Trump to rejoin the climate accord. “You can’t rewrite the past,” Macron.

But Macron said he and

Trump had a “long, rich and

totally positive” discussion on the Amazon fires and an international effort to invest in “reforesting” the area.

G-7 countries pledged

\$20 million on Monday to help fight fires in the Amazon rainforest, which threaten its ability to capture carbon released into the atmosphere by cars and other emitters. It’s a small sum overall but G-7 summit host France hopes it will bring more attention to the fires.

U.N. Secretary-General

Antonio Guterres — who attended the talks — expressed hope that Americans themselves would help fight climate change even if their president doesn’t.

“I am very optimistic about American society and its capacity to deliver in relation to climate action,” he told reporters afterward. “What matters here is to have a strong engagement of the American society and of the American business community and the American local authorities.”

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concrete results. They were unable to convince Trump to quickly resolve his trade fight with China, but instead urged him to wrap the fight up as quickly as possible.

“What’s bad for the world economy is uncertainty and the quicker an agreement is arrived at, the quicker uncertainty will dissipate,” Macron said.

This will likely mark only the second time since 1975 that the G-7 summit did not end with a substantive joint statement, known as a communiqué. The document is meant to reflect shared values between some of the world’s largest countries, but Trump has pulled the U.S. back from global consensus on trade, climate change, and Iran.

Trump has said that these past agreements disadvantaged the United States.

At least one joint commitment was made, a triumph for French President Emmanuel Macron, who has sought to demonstrate concrete results from the meeting. It was relatively modest: a \$20 million fund to be made available immediately to Amazon countries to combat forest fires and to launch a long-term initiative to protect the rainforest.



President Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel participate in a bilateral meeting Monday at the G-7 summit.

Trump said Monday that the meeting had been a success.

“We’ve had a lot of fake news where they’re saying, ‘Oh there’s no unity, there’s no unity.’ There’s total unity. I’m talking about all the seven countries, and it’s been really good,” Trump said Monday alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel before the two met for talks.

“We’ve had great unity even with Iran, a lot of

progress made in Iran,” Trump said. “The biggest part of the conclusion, they can’t have nuclear weapons.”

In addition to Merkel, Trump met Monday with Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al-Sissi and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He signaled on Monday that trade deals with multiple partners were in motion — although at least one country, Japan, quickly

undercut elements of his claims.

“China called,” Trump said. “They want to make a deal.”

He later said that one of the calls had been as recently as Sunday evening. It wasn’t clear how substantial the interaction had been.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said he was “not aware” of any weekend phone call.

And Trump also sought to boost what he called a trade deal “in principle” with Japan that he announced the previous day along side Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, saying that it would boost automobile manufacturing in the United States.

Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Takeshi Osuga said Monday that talks were still at a more preliminary stage.

The summit’s careful

choreography was punctuated on Sunday by a surprise: Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif made an unannounced visit to Biarritz that dominated news coverage on a day the United States had sought to focus the gathering on the economy.

Trump said that Macron had asked him over a Saturday lunch whether it would be OK to invite Zarif the following day.

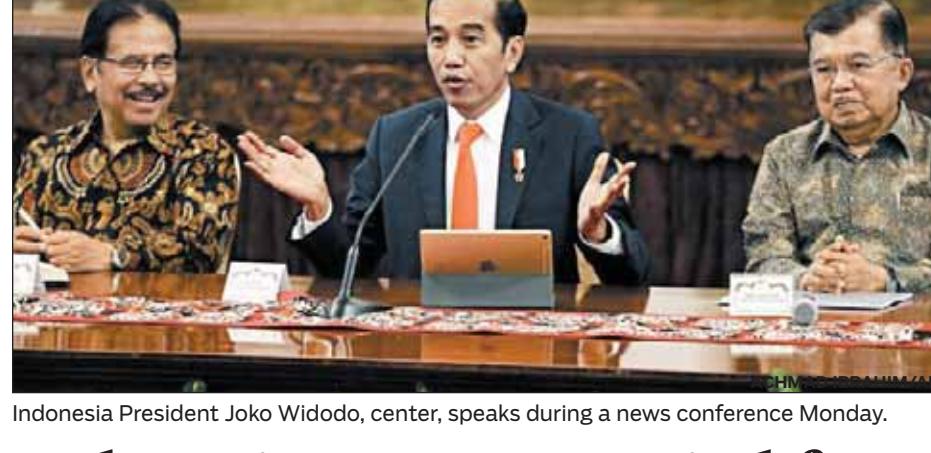
Macron “spoke to me, he asked me. I said, ‘If you want to do that that’s OK.’ I don’t consider that disrespectful at all, especially when he asked me for approval,” Trump said Monday.

“I think it’s too soon to meet, I didn’t want to meet,” Trump said. But he said “it’s truly going to be time to meet with Iran” soon.

Trump said Monday that next year’s summit, which will be hosted by the United States, will most likely be hosted at Trump’s Doral resort in Miami.

Hosting the summit will give Trump significant control over the agenda, strategy of the meeting, and what appeared to be a priority for Trump in his statements in Biarritz, the guest list.

Trump capped days of advocacy on behalf of Russian President Vladimir Putin by announcing Monday that he intends to invite the leader to the summit in 2020.



Indonesia President Joko Widodo, center, speaks during a news conference Monday.

Indonesia to move capital from sinking Jakarta to Borneo

BY NINIEK KARMINI
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia’s president announced Monday that the country’s capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted Jakarta to a site in sparsely populated East Kalimantan province on Borneo island, known for rainforests and orangutans.

President Joko Widodo said intense studies over the past three years had resulted in the choice of the location on the eastern side of Borneo island.

The new capital city, which has not yet been named, will be in the middle of the vast archipelago nation and already has relatively complete infrastructure because it is near the cities of Balikpapan and Samarinda, Widodo said.

He said the burden has become too heavy on Jakarta on Java island as the center of government, finance, business, trade and services as well as the location of the country’s largest airport and seaport.

Widodo said the decision was made not to move the capital elsewhere on Java because the country’s wealth and people are highly concentrated there and should be spread out.

Of the country’s nearly 270 million people, 54% live on Java, the country’s

most densely populated area.

“We couldn’t continue to allow the burden on Jakarta and Java island to increase in terms of population density,” Widodo said at a news conference. “Economic disparities between Java and elsewhere would also increase.”

In an interview with The Associated Press last month, Widodo said he wants to separate the center of government from the country’s business and economic center in Jakarta.

Jakarta is an archetypal Asian megacity with 10 million people, or 30 million including those in its greater metropolitan area. It is prone to earthquakes and flooding and is rapidly sinking due to uncontrolled extraction of groundwater.

The groundwater is highly contaminated as are its rivers. Congestion is estimated to cost the economy \$6.5 billion a year.

Mineral-rich East Kalimantan was once almost completely covered by rainforests, but illegal logging has removed many of its original growth. It is home to only 3.5 million people and is surrounded by Kutai National Park, known for orangutans and other primates and mammals.

Widodo said the relocation will take up to a decade and cost as much as \$32.5

billion, of which 19% will come from the state budget and the rest will be funded by cooperation between the government and business entities and by direct investment by state-run companies and the private sector.

He said the studies determined that the best site is between two districts, North Penajam Paser and Kutai Kartanegara, an area that has minimal risk of disasters such as floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, forest fires, volcanic eruptions or landslides in the seismically active nation.

Indonesia’s founding father and first president, Sukarno, once planned to relocate the country’s capital to Palangkaraya in Central Kalimantan province.

Infrastructure improvement has been Widodo’s signature policy and helped him win a second term in April elections.

Decades of discussions about building a new capital on Borneo island moved forward in April when Widodo approved a general relocation plan. He appealed for support for the move in an annual national address on the eve of Indonesia’s independence day on Aug. 16.

He said Monday that his government is still drafting a law on the new capital that will need to be approved by Parliament.

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Group to give nearly \$2M to Ohio shooting victims, families

DAYTON, Ohio — An Ohio nonprofit is convening more than a dozen volunteers to oversee disbursement of nearly \$2 million raised to help those affected by the recent mass shooting.

The Dayton Oregon District Tragedy Fund had received nearly 4,300 individual gifts within the first 12 hours of the Aug. 4 mass shooting in the city's Oregon District that left nine people dead and dozens injured.

The Dayton Daily News reports the donations will be given to the families of those killed as well as to people injured in the shooting.

Dayton Foundation President Mike Parks said the fund has a tentative gift deadline of Oct. 1.

The committee overseeing disbursement plans to draft a protocol for how the funds will be allocated and the organization said the public will be invited to review that draft.

Sarah Sanders hints at bid for governor with new website

WASHINGTON — Former White House press secretary Sarah Sanders on Monday unveiled a campaign-style website highlighting her close ties to President Donald Trump, a move that stoked speculation that she will make a 2022 bid for governor of Arkansas.

The site, which Sanders announced in a tweet, describes her as a "trusted confidante" of Trump and quotes him calling her

"irreplaceable," a "warrior" and "very special person."

Visitors are invited to sign up for email updates on Sanders's activities.

Sanders served as Trump's press secretary from July 2017 until late June, when she resigned. Her father, Mike Huckabee, is a former Republican governor of Arkansas.

Fox News announced last week that it had hired Sanders as a contributor.

Weinstein pleads not guilty to new indictment, trial delayed

NEW YORK — Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein pleaded not guilty to a new indictment Monday that includes revised charges of predatory sexual assault, a development that caused the judge to delay the start of his trial.

The change to the case was intended to open the door for an actress to testify against Weinstein in a rape and sexual assault trial that had been scheduled to start Sept. 9.

Weinstein, 67, has denied all accusations.

After the judge agreed with defense lawyers that the trial needed to be put off so they could have time to respond to the revised charges, he told them the new trial date of Jan. 6 was firm. To make the point, he stared at the defendant and asked, "Mr. Weinstein, do you want to go to trial?"

"Not really," Weinstein quipped.

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Oil on tanker pursued by US sold, Iran says; buyer not ID'd

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Monday announced that the 2.1 million barrels of crude aboard an Iranian oil tanker pursued by the U.S. has been sold to an unnamed buyer as the ship, at the center of a crisis roiling the Middle East, continued its voyage in the Mediterranean Sea.

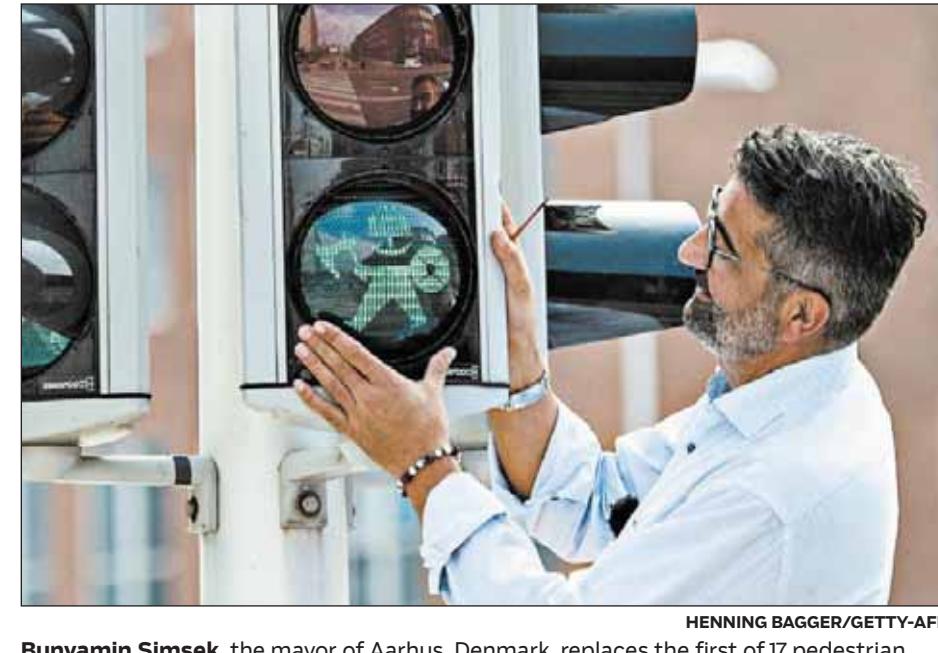
The announcement by government spokesman Ali Rabiei represents just the latest twist in the saga of the Adrian Darya 1, which had been known as the Grace 1 when authorities seized the vessel off Gibraltar on July 4, on suspicion of breaking European Union sanctions targeting Syria.

The seizure of the ship, and Iran's subsequent seizure of a British-flagged oil tanker, came amid heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran over the collapse of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

In Missouri: A federal judge said he will issue a ruling Tuesday that will determine whether the state's new law banning abortions at or after eight weeks of pregnancy will take effect this week.

During a court hearing Monday, Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union asked U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs to issue a temporary restraining order to stop the law from taking effect on Wednesday until a legal challenge against it is decided. Sachs told attorneys he had a draft of his written ruling ready, but that he wanted to consider Monday's arguments before issuing it.

The law would also ban abortions based solely on race, sex or a diagnosis indicating the potential for Down syndrome.



Bunyamin Simsek, the mayor of Aarhus, Denmark, replaces the first of 17 pedestrian signals with Viking-themed lights on Monday. The red and green signals represent the Vikings who founded what became Denmark's second-largest city in the 8th century.

War fears grow as suspected Israeli aircraft strike Lebanon

BEIRUT — Lebanese and Iraqi politicians denounced Israeli strikes on their territory as a "declaration of war" on Monday as a suspected Israeli aircraft struck another Iran-linked target in Lebanon, marking a new escalation in tensions.

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The other apparent Israeli attacks targeted a Hezbollah media office in Beirut's southern suburbs early Sunday morning and the convoy of a militia commander in the western Iraqi province of Anbar in the afternoon.

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The clout questions facing Webb as he probes the Foxx-Smollett case

What began as an accusation that Jussie Smollett faked a vicious hate crime has evolved into something more: widespread local and national suspicion that someone, or several someones, improperly influenced how the office of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx prosecuted, then dropped, the criminal case against the actor.

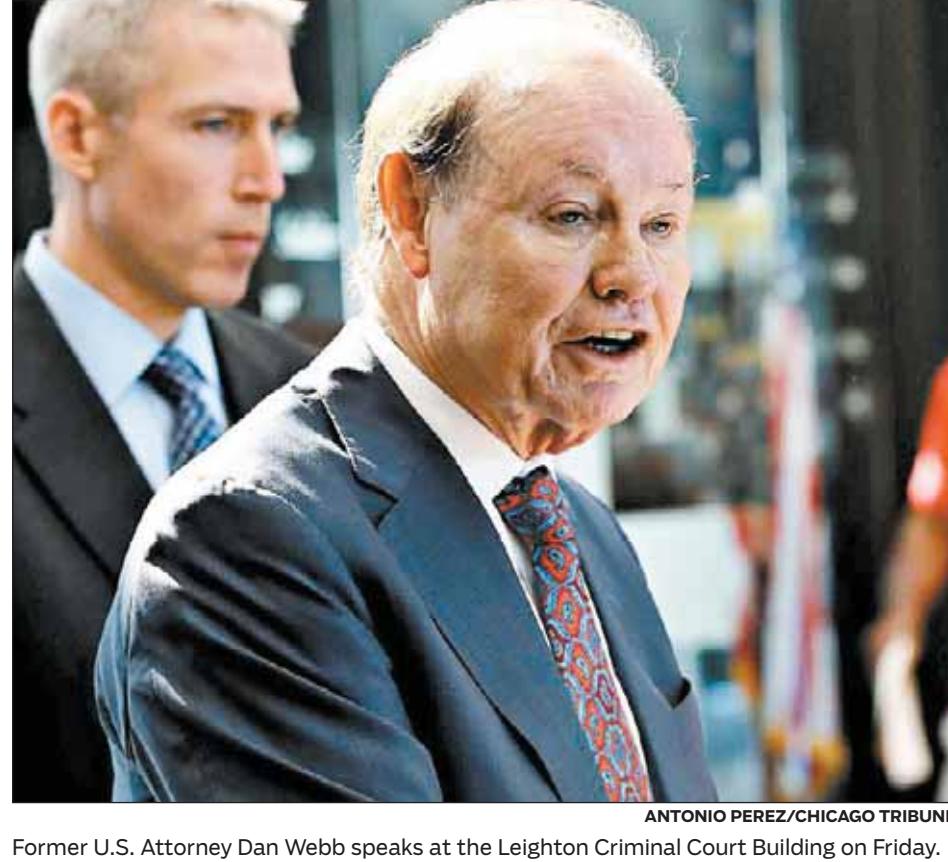
Judge Michael Toomin has appointed a special prosecutor, Chicago attorney Dan Webb, to investigate — Toomin's phrase — the actions of any person or office involved in all aspects of the case.

Good. That invitation ought to assure the people of Cook County that Webb won't make what should happen to Smollett the primary point of his probe. Many people in metropolitan Chicago now are focused instead on an issue more basic to the administration of criminal justice here:

At each point along the timeline of this case, what's the full list of outsiders — and their intermediaries — who tried to influence how Foxx's office handled it? What prime mover motivated a politically connected lawyer to contact Foxx? And from start to finish, which *other* persons directly or indirectly sought to shape the decisions of prosecutors, or of others in law enforcement?

The people of Chicago and Cook County have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this case. As citizens who want a justice system that treats every defendant equally, and as taxpayers who pay the costs, they deserve to know about all the pressures on Foxx's office.

And beyond these crucial questions of who all reached out to Foxx:
■ Foxx's office extracted charges against Smollett from a grand jury, then inexplicably



Former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb speaks at the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Friday. Cook County Judge Michael Toomin appointed Webb as a special prosecutor to investigate the case of actor Jussie Smollett.

ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

dropped the case. On March 26, First Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Magats denied that dropping the charges signaled weak evidence or a desire for secrecy. "It's a mistake and it's wrong to read into the decision that there was something wrong or that we learned something about the case that we didn't already know," Magats

told the Tribune. And on March 27, Foxx told the Sun-Times her office "had a strong case ... that would have convinced a trier of fact" that Smollett had lied about staging a hate crime. Yet two days later, on March 29, Foxx wrote to the Tribune that aspects of the evidence and testimony would have made the trial outcome "un-

certain." Mr. Webb, what forces drove all these switchbacks?

■ Who all engineered the secret decision of Foxx's office to drop the charges — and then seal official records — during an unannounced court session?

■ On March 27, Foxx told WBEZ: "But every single day on cases that law enforcement partners work diligently on, there are people who get similar arrangements, people who get diversion, people who get sentences that are probably not what some people would want. Every single day." Mr. Webb, how often do Cook County defendants facing 16 felony charges "get similar arrangements"?

These questions go to the heart of whether Cook County dispenses equal justice, in the public eye, to all defendants — not just those who have insider leverage. With help from testimony under oath, telephone records and wide latitude from Judge Toomin, Webb can determine that.

Tell us, Mr. Webb, what drove the peculiar prosecution of this case. Are public suspicions that a celebrity's friends intervened true or false? Did people whose names we haven't yet heard exploit their personal connections to persuade prosecutors? In what way, if any, is this a Chicago tale of politics, ambition and clout?

We won't be surprised if Webb faces suggestions that he instead limit himself to Smollett's behavior and whether the actor should be charged anew with criminal counts.

But whatever the temptation to dwell on Smollett, the crucial mission here is to tell the people of Cook County how Foxx's office gave one defendant such a sweet deal — and at whose urging.

Mr. Webb, for the people of Cook County, please find the truth. The whole truth. Under oath.

Joe Walsh, who ran his mouth, runs for president

In the 2020 primaries, Republicans will be able to vote for a presidential candidate who has questioned Barack Obama's birthplace, stoked hostility toward Muslims and mocked the sacrifices of war heroes.

Or they can vote to renominate President Donald Trump.

That first candidate may sound like Trump, but it's former GOP Rep. Joe Walsh of Illinois, who on Sunday announced his bid to unseat the Republican who now occupies the White House. As a radio talk show host, Walsh gained notoriety for nasty and bigoted comments, and even got suspended for using the N-word.

Now, however, Walsh admits he "demonized" politic opponents and says he is "ashamed" of his role in getting Trump elected.

Walsh is certainly on firm ground in faulting the president for his reckless, bullying political style and policy mistakes, including his trade wars. Whether there is a constituency among the party's rank and file for ousting an incumbent running for reelection, though, seems doubtful at this point. In the latest Gallup Poll, 88% of Republicans said they approve of Trump's performance.

Our general view is that primary competition is healthy. There's nothing wrong

with giving Republicans another option. Former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, a Republican who in 2016 ran for vice president on the Libertarian Party ticket, had already entered the GOP race, charging that Trump "doesn't believe in all the things that the real Republican Party used to stand for."

We'd certainly rather hear Walsh holding forth on Trump's many serious faults than mimicking him. The former congressman's willingness to confess to serious errors is refreshing. Walsh's tea party credentials may give conservatives a reason to hear him out, and he deserves credit for braving the abuse he will get from die-hard supporters of Trump — and possibly Trump himself.

But it's also reasonable to witness this surprising turnabout and wonder if Walsh may have been faking his old hard-right persona or may be faking his new disgust with Trumpism. Maybe his is a genuine case of self-examination leading to reform. Or maybe it's a marketing ploy by someone seeking attention, including regular time on cable news programs.

We hope Walsh's change of heart is sincere. And even if Republicans are not willing to vote for him, we hope they will seriously consider his valid criticisms of Trump.



Former GOP Rep. Joe Walsh of Illinois announced his bid to unseat President Trump.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

So President Trump thinks it's only logical to buy the whole of Greenland, lock, stock and smoked whale meat. ... But despite the fact that the people of Greenland could look forward to a much higher standard of living, they are adamant that Trump's offer is one they can afford to refuse.

The president doesn't seem unduly bothered, but he's always on the lookout for the next big deal. May I, then, suggest that he set his sights much, much higher and makes a bid for Britain instead?

Why not? With the pound plummeting towards parity with the dollar, Britain has never been better value. Last time anyone looked, the net worth of the United Kingdom was estimated at 10.2 trillion pounds. Given falling property prices and uncertainty over Brexit, that can probably be revised downward.

As for the Americans, they love the royals and would probably invite Her Maj to be honorary Joint Head of State — that is, until Meghan Markle was ready to run for the White House. ...

I started writing this as a joke, but the more I think about it, the more it appeals. ... Trump has only ever offered us friendship, free trade and support for Brexit, unlike our so-called European "partners" who seek to humiliate us at every opportunity.

Richard Littlejohn, Daily Mail, London

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PERSPECTIVE

The truth about race-baiting that Trump supporters don't want to hear



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

To the oblivious eye, the tattoos coloring Christian Picciolini's arms resemble intricate artwork — a color-by-number masterpiece from shoulder to wrist. But to the knowing, the ink thicket telegraphs something more sinister. White power.

For most of his teen years and into young adulthood, Picciolini, who grew up in Blue Island, led a white supremacist movement that attracted a global audience. He recruited other members, wrote and sold white power music, encouraged acts of violence against African American and Jewish people, got kicked out of several high schools, including Marist and Brother Rice on the Southwest Side, and admired and emulated Adolf Hitler. He began tattooing his body with white power symbols and quotes, now a permanent and painful reminder of his past.

Right-leaning Fox News talk show host Tucker Carlson, following the Aug. 3 mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, claimed white supremacy was a "hoax" perpetuated by Democrats and liberals to divide the country. Because he never met a white supremacist, Carlson concluded they don't exist. Huh.

Carlson, meet Picciolini. As founder of the nonprofit organization Free Radicals Project that counsels radicalized individuals and groups, a reformed Picciolini is inundated with pleas for help. Requests for speaking engagements, advice and intervention have increased under the Trump administration. Some days, Picciolini can't keep up with the calls and emails. Does that mean President Donald Trump is responsible for inciting acts of violence? No. Is our president a white nationalist? No. But his tweets, his remarks during interviews and at rallies, and his sluggish and insufficient responses to racially motivated violence feed "people on the fringes," Picciolini says.

He would know. He was one.

"Of course not every Trump supporter is a racist, a Nazi or a white nationalist," he says. "Racism is nothing new. It has always existed. But the rhetoric out of this administration, and specifically the president, at times mirrors almost identically what I used to say 30 years ago in the movement. Religious-based bans, the way immigrants are demonized, things like '---hole countries,' words like 'animals' and 'invasion.' They were the exact words of the neo-Nazi movement."

Chicago-based Picciolini and his group currently are juggling more than 400 cases and requests for help from white supremacists, reformed supremacists who feel shamed and traumatized, family members concerned about a loved one, colleagues worried about a coworker — you name it. Picciolini's group works with and trains law enforcement and also



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Christian Picciolini is the founder of the nonprofit Free Radicals Project, which counsels radicalized individuals and groups.

counsels and engages with hate group members to try to pry them free.

He does it with understanding and compassion, not disgust. How? He imagines each hater as a child, both visually and metaphorically. No one is born latched onto racist ideology, he says. But they often hit "potholes" in life — loss, addiction, isolation — and seek out a sense of community and purpose.

"As ugly as it is to think about Dylann Roof, at one point he was not a Nazi monster. He was some kid who over time found that path," Picciolini says of the South Carolina mass shooter who killed nine worshippers, all black, attending a prayer service.

Federal funding for Picciolini's organization through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has been drying up, prompting him to launch a grassroots fundraising campaign this week at www.freeradicals.org to help his outreach expand. The feds remain

focused on Islamic terrorism, not domestic. But domestic terrorism through white supremacy ideology is a public safety threat. Law enforcement authorities thwart potential attacks routinely. We just don't hear as much about it.

"The number of people reaching out to us for help is staggering," Picciolini says. "I get national security threats sent to my inbox. I'm the first (contact) for people who don't want to go to law enforcement right off the bat."

When he was 14, Picciolini, the son of Italian immigrants, was smoking weed in an alley near his house when the leader of a local white supremacy group approached him, smacked him on the head and told him he would save his life. Picciolini was intrigued. He went to a white power meeting and began to absorb the anger and race-based hatred of the group. It wasn't until he got married, had kids

and began interacting with people of different races and faiths that he made the decision to disengage.

"My whole life was the movement," he says. "That was my identity. My family. When my children were born, it had me asking myself, 'Am I a hater-monger or do I want to be a good dad and husband?' That hope of doing something better came through my kids. They saved my life."

Trump supporters bristle, often rightly, at wild, irresponsible leaps of blame that link Trump directly to mass shootings. I get it.

But when a former white supremacist warns of a posture from the White House that emboldens fringe groups, which he once led, shouldn't we all be listening?

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OP-ART JOE Fournier

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BY JOE "DOWN, BUT NOT OUT" Fournier

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PERSPECTIVE

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2018
Cellphones are charged and prepped for testing at the RF Exposure Lab in San Marcos, California, in October.

FCC needs to update tests for radiofrequency radiation

BY DEVRA DAVIS

The Chicago Tribune recently published test results indicating that some cellphones can emit radiation causing exposure up to five times higher than current limits allow. This shocking data comes on the heels of the government of France's revelations that phones emit radiation between four and 11 times their allowable limits.

For more than a decade, the Federal Communications Commission has knowingly relied on unrealistic test methods to evaluate radiofrequency radiation from a single phone selected for testing by major manufacturers. Repeated submissions and presentations to the FCC have documented numerous deficiencies in the current protocol, as noted in 2012 by the Government Accountability Office in a report mandated by Congress.

The system for testing cellphones constitutes a deceptive, improbable, unrepresentative and far-fetched scenario. As the Tribune documents, phones are placed up to 1 inch away from a phantom body of a heavy-set large man. This scheme fails to take into account the thinner skulls, developing immune systems and more vulnerable eyes of millions of infants, toddlers and young children for whom contact with phones has become commonplace.

FCC regulations for phone testing were first set in 1996 when a gallon of gasoline cost \$1.25 and the average cellphone cost a staggering \$2,000, which equals roughly \$3,200 today after adjusting for inflation. These expensive phones were used chiefly for business, medical and military purposes, with a typical call duration of six minutes.

It is astonishing that FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, leading an agency with no expertise in health, recently declared that current limits for exposure to cellphone wireless radiation do not need to be updated. This breezily offered press statement shows a reckless disregard for sci-

ence, ignores the ever-growing volume of independent scientific research indicating serious risks of harm to the environment and public health, and also ignores the Chicago Tribune independent test results.

As the scientific research submitted to the agency shows, the FCC's 20th-century standards were not set to protect us from known biological impacts of increased, and increasing, 21st-century radiofrequency radiation.

Would the American public agree to fly on airplanes or drive cars that adhered to safety or emissions standards set 20 or 30 years ago, disregarding necessary improvements that could be made? The FCC is proposing adherence to outdated test systems.

As the Tribune test results indicate, the old system relies on computer simulations that cannot represent the ever-increasing number of infants and toddlers for whom cellphones have become play toys — a point repeatedly made by the American Academy of Pediatrics in recommendations to the agency that it revamp testing to reflect these proliferating exposures.

The grounds on which the Food and Drug Administration determined that results from a 2018 \$30 million National Toxicology Program cellphone radiation study are not relevant to humans remain a mystery. The NTP study was designed by Swiss engineers to mimic human exposures as precisely as possible. Levels of cellphone radiation in this study did not produce heat yet did induce cancer, significant damage to the heart and significant damage to several other organs.

In contrast to the FCC's stale position, the federal government in France has progressed with modern legislation that requires steps be taken to limit children's exposure, removing Wi-Fi from kindergartens, labeling cellphone radiation and ensuring headsets are available. France has banned cellphone use in elementary and middle schools, including playgrounds. France's national testing agency

decided to radiation test hundreds of cellphones, and in 2015 found nine out of 10 phones tested next to the body emit more radiation than regulations allowed. Researchers have computed the excesses are up to 11 times U.S. limits. France is systematically recalling and changing test procedures for millions of phones as a result of these findings, which were brought to light by Marc Arazi, a French physician.

Most people are unaware phones can violate radiation limits at body contact.

Why isn't the FDA labeling cellphones and wireless devices? Why are manufacturer recommendations to keep phones off the body buried within operating system details that few people read?

For more than a decade the Cleveland Clinic has advised men who wish to father healthy children to remove phones from their pockets because there is growing evidence that current exposures damage human sperm quality and quantity. Sterility and infertility continue to rise in many countries. While factors accounting for this are complex and numerous, exposures to wireless radiation are certainly relevant.

The small nation of Cyprus provides one model of what can be done when independent expert medical advice is heeded. Cyprus has an awareness campaign running full-page ads on public buses. It also features one of the world's first hospitals to remove Wi-Fi from the pediatric units and pediatric intensive care.

It is no accident that the FCC has floated its consequential proposal — to stick with its outdated standards — in the midst of the summer doldrums when Congress and schools are out of session. Congress should demand a full and frank accounting of the FCC's flawed system.

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The government wants your DNA. Don't run away.

BY MAX NISEN

One of the U.S. government's most intriguing health programs is going to start bearing fruit soon. And the more people who join, the better.

The National Institutes of Health's "All of Us" project, launched last year, aims to collect genetic information from at least 1 million Americans and make it broadly available to researchers looking for medical breakthroughs. At least 230,000 people have enrolled in the free program, and 175,000 have contributed biologic samples.

It's not just about blood and spit. The program collects health questionnaires, electronic records, Fitbit data and physical measurements from people who opt in. And unlike other similar efforts, it's committed to giving data back to recruits in a useful way. The NIH recently announced a partnership with San Francisco Bay Area startup Color, which will provide genetic counseling services for participants. Color will help people understand how genetic test results might affect their health, adding a tangible benefit on top of the initiative's more abstract goals.

The NIH plans to incorporate health claims and even air-quality data, and will follow participants for at least a decade, making the program one of the most ambitious research projects ever attempted — some might even say intrusive. Yes, such a large-scale initiative raises significant privacy issues that will require strict safeguards. But the program's long-term potential to improve health across a wide swath of the population, particularly those in marginalized groups and under-

served areas, makes it an initiative worth rallying around.

The falling cost of genetic testing is already changing health care. Researchers have developed gene therapies that can alter the course of deadly diseases with a single treatment, as well as effective cancer drugs targeted at specific mutations. Consumer-oriented testing companies are offering genetic insights (of varying quality) into everything from dietary issues to vulnerability to disease.

So-called precision medicine that is informed by genetic data is still the exception rather than the rule, however, and there are considerable gaps in our knowledge. Like just about everything in health care, the benefits of these advances disproportionately flow to wealthy and well-insured Americans. The limited data that is broadly available to researchers isn't diverse and is often divorced from crucial information on the many environmental and lifestyle factors that impact health.

The NIH program is a promising step forward. Underrepresented groups, including ethnic minorities, make up 80 percent of participants so far. The program will continue to target those groups, which will help make future research findings significantly more reliable and easier to generalize. And the more expansive genetic data set, especially when connected to the variety of other information collected by the study, will help scientists ask and answer a wider range of questions.

While there are real privacy concerns related to the collection of genetic information, data security and privacy protection are a priority, and the data available to approved researchers will have identi-

fying information removed. The scientists at the NIH are also likely to be better stewards than the various for-profit companies that are already selling the genetic data they are collecting.

The program will provide useful data and support to participants as soon as next year, when genetic testing of samples starts. Genetic counseling will be broadly available through the partnership with Color, and will be targeted at people with genetic variations that link to serious diseases. Counselors will help participants decipher results and determine possible next steps. The potentially lifesaving benefits of the service extend beyond participating individuals to family members who might have the same genetic variation.

The NIH estimates that 30,000 people will get actionable information about a serious condition and that more than 90 percent of participants will get useful facts on how well they might respond to certain medicines. The available insights are likely to become more valuable over time as we learn more, possibly as a result of this effort.

This program isn't going to result in novel public health interventions or new drugs overnight. It may, however, make a difference in individual lives as soon as next year and will help many more in time. That's why it deserves support — and yes, by that I mean with a vial of your blood.

Bloomberg

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

We need rent control in Chicago

"Illinois should resist the rent control temptation"? Sorry, I disagree with Howard Husock's Aug. 21 guest commentary.

When I moved from my childhood home into a three-room apartment, the gentleman who bought my home offered me this garden apartment at a rent of \$600, and my utility payments would be taken from this. Since my only income was and still is Social Security disability, I accepted the offer.

Last spring, the son who took over his father's rental properties as landlord raised the rent from \$600 to \$900. This is most of what my total check is each month (\$1,351) and leaves me just so much for my life insurance payments, deductions for bank maintenance fees (insurance and account fees) and groceries. There is almost nothing left for extras or emergencies. I can't afford another rent hike.

Yes, I know about food stamps. Yes, I receive them: \$15 a month. I have already asked for a raise or maybe a cash supplement. It took me three separate applications and eight months to discover I did not qualify for either.

I need help — and I need it now. Not when the landlord again raises the rent and I am squeezed out of my present surroundings. Please put a ceiling on these out-of-the-world raises!

— Martha Grieashamer, Chicago

The ethical obligations of business

As a lifelong subscriber to the Tribune, I am well-acquainted with the Tribune Editorial Board's stand on the merits of the free market but have been impressed at times with its very enlightened editorials on such topics as the environment ("Climate change is a Midwest crisis in the making," Nov. 27).

So with great expectation I began reading the Aug. 21 editorial reacting to the Business Roundtable's expanded list of corporate obligations ("Was Milton Friedman wrong? No, just nuanced about the role of business in society"), hoping that the editorial board would have a "nuanced" view of Milton Friedman and his sole focus to "make as much money as possible." But the editorial starkly concludes with: "Companies exist to maximize profits." That's about as nuanced as the famous Gordon Gekko quote (from the film "Wall Street"): "Greed, for lack of a better word, is good."

Friedman himself did change his original qualifying quote, a quote the editorial includes: "There is one and only one social responsibility of business — to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits so long as it stays within the rules of the game, which is to say, engages in open and free competition without deception or fraud." He changed it to a much more nuanced statement to say: "... which generally will be to make as much money as possible while conforming to the basic rules of society, both those embodied in law and those embodied in ethical custom."

Ethical customs evolve, as evidenced in the Business Roundtable work. Without this movement by business, which often precedes the law, we would likely still be back with the "Gilded Age" of monopoly, income inequality, child labor and continued rampant destruction of communities and the environment. Positive ethical customs, as they evolve, are what save us from the government needing to intervene to correct so-called "market failures," something I know the editorial board objects to.

In other words, there is nothing more important than the "nuanced" conversation about the role of business in society, but unfortunately the Tribune editorial added nothing to it.

If nothing else, look toward — and encourage — a longer-term, broader horizon for business planning, especially concern for employees, communities and the environment ... as well as the investors. Without the former, there is nothing left for the latter.

— Ron Nahser, Director, Urban Sustainable Management Programs, DePaul University, Chicago

Democrats hope for a recession

The Democrats have lost it!

As a retired teacher and ex-Democrat, I can't imagine what my parents or relatives would think of today's Democratic Party. My family, on both sides, were railroad workers. They worked very hard for their money and were hardcore Democrats. They believed the Democratic Party was for the workingman, supported labor unions and believed people should be paid a decent wage for a day's work. That was then. Today, the Democratic Party is the party of entitlements, and now, in another effort to take down the president, it's hoping for our economy to go into a recession. This is what's best for the workingman?

— Pat Feulner, St. Charles

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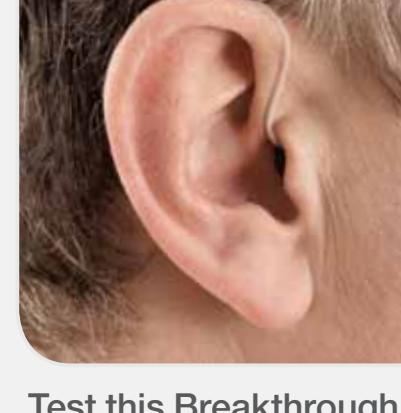
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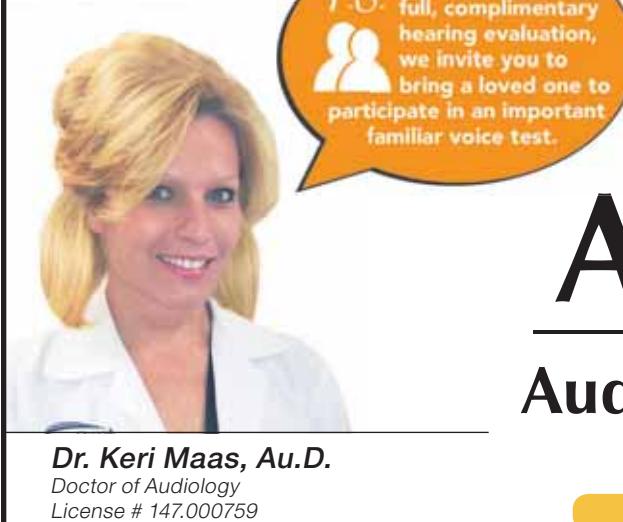
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BUSINESS

Knopf out as Kraft Heinz CFO

Two years ago, food giant raised eyebrows when it named the 29-year-old in a top role

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Amid a turbulent year, Kraft Heinz announced Monday that it will replace its young chief financial officer with the "seasoned veteran" who held the role before him.

David Knopf, who was 29 and the youngest high-ranking executive at the company when he assumed the CFO role in 2017, will leave the processed food giant to return to 3G Capital, where he has

been a partner since 2015.

Taking his place is Paulo Basilio, 44, who became CFO of H.J. Heinz in 2013 and continued in the role after the 2015 merger with Kraft Foods. Basilio has served as president of the U.S. commercial business since 2017 and last month was named chief business planning and development officer.

The change, effective Sept. 1, comes as Kraft Heinz, co-headquartered in Chicago and Pittsburgh, contends with changing

consumer tastes, private-label competition and internal missteps.

In February, Kraft Heinz wrote down the value of its brands by \$15.4 billion and disclosed that the SEC was conducting an investigation into accounting misstatements related to pricing agreements with suppliers. Delayed by an internal investigation, Kraft Heinz released its 2018 annual report in June, when it revealed it understated the costs of products sold by \$208 million over three years.

Meanwhile, net sales for the first six months of 2019 fell 4.8% from the prior year. Earlier this

month the company said it plans to eliminate 400 hourly jobs this year as part of a global restructuring, after cutting 1,400 jobs last year, mostly outside the U.S. The maker of the iconic ketchup and macaroni and cheese brands employed about 38,000 people worldwide as of December, and last year reported more than \$26 billion in sales.

Kraft Heinz counts billionaire Warren Buffett as its largest investor and Brazilian private equity firm 3G Capital as its second largest. 3G Capital is known for

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David Knopf was the youngest high-ranking executive at Kraft Heinz when he assumed the CFO role in 2017.



ERIC GAY/AP

Fans have been hotly debating Popeyes' new crispy chicken sandwich on social media, and some have reported long lines just to get a taste.

Who can be crowned the chicken dinner winner?

New Popeyes sandwich trending on social media

BY KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A nation already polarized finds itself divided once again, but this time politics isn't at the heart of it: The blame lies squarely on a fried piece of poultry.

People are choosing sides and beefing over chicken, thanks to Popeyes' release of its crispy chicken sandwich and the social media debate that has followed.

With just one addition to a fast-food menu, the hierarchy of chicken sandwiches in America

was rattled, and the supremacy of Chick-fil-A and others was threatened.

It's been a trending topic on social media, fans have weighed in with YouTube commentaries and memes, and some have reported long lines just to get a taste of the new sandwich.

"Our grandchildren will ask us where we were when the great Chicken War of 2019 began," Twitter user @MilesRodrigo1 declared.

While Popeyes has been selling chicken for a long time, the chain was a contender in the bone-in, skin-on, fried-chicken space, not the fried, boneless, skinless cutlet on a bun.

Popeyes announced the new sandwich on Twitter last week with hyperbole that would soon

define the social media commotion to come: "Chicken. Brioche. Pickles. New. Sandwich. Popeyes. Nationwide. So. Good. Forgot. How. Speak. In. Complete. Sandwiches. I mean, sentences."

And from that moment, it was ON. People began ardently advocating for their favorite sandwich, whether it be the new-kid-on-the-block Popeyes one, or the OG Wendy's or Chick-fil-A versions.

And the social media managers for the companies reveled in the green light to talk smack to each other.

"We Didn't Invent The Chicken, Just The Chicken Sandwich!" Chick-fil-A bragged on Twitter. "Bun + Chicken + Pickles (equals) all the (heart emoji) for the original."

As the week wore on, people debated on social media, in chat rooms, in person.

And even though the topic was the chicken, there were political overtones, with some throwing their backing to Popeyes because they disagreed with Chick-fil-A's

To which Wendy's responded: "Ya'll out here talking about which of these fools has the second best chicken sandwich."

Popeye's quick retort: "Sounds like someone just ate one of our biscuits. Cause ya'll looking thirsty." (Which frankly seemed as if they were bragging about dry over-salted biscuits? Wendy's thought so, too, tweeting, "lol, guess that means the food's dry as the jokes.")

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United halts HK, Chicago flights

Daily service to Hong Kong is suspended due to 'low demand'

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

United Airlines is suspending daily flights between Chicago and Hong Kong on Sept. 8, 25 years after starting the service between the two cities. United said it had seen "extremely low demand" for flights between Chicago and Hong Kong, which has faced ongoing protests throughout the summer, including demonstrations at the airport that led to hundreds of flight cancellations during two days earlier this month. Protesters have called for democratic elections and an investigation into police use of force to halt protests.

Meanwhile, United is maintaining or increasing service to Hong Kong from the East and West coasts. The airline has daily flights between Newark, New Jersey, and Hong Kong and plans to add a second daily flight between San Francisco and Hong Kong in October.

Chicago will still have nonstop flights to Hong Kong operated by Cathay Pacific.

United is also suspending flight between Newark and Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Oct. 26.

The aircraft freed up when those flights stop operating will be used on domestic flights and help fill in for the airline's idled Boeing 737 Max jets, said United spokesman Jonathan Guerin.

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Hong Kong International Airport suspended flights Aug. 13 due to protests.

Constellation Brands losing millions on investment in cannabis company

Beer, wine giant's investment in Canopy Growth is nearly \$4B

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Beer and wine giant Constellation Brands warned Monday it will lose \$54.3 million in the current quarter from its nearly \$4 billion investment in a Canadian-based weed company.

In 2017, Constellation, whose Chicago-based beer division imports Corona and Modelo beers, made an initial investment in Canopy Growth as it sought to capture a portion of the recreational marijuana market, a market expected to grow as states

legalized consumption. Constellation raised its stake to 38% in August 2018.

Earlier this year, Constellation wrote down \$160 million of its investment in Canopy. At the time, analysts said while Canopy would be a major player as the cannabis market continues to grow, perhaps Constellation had poured too much money into the company too soon. In July, Bruce Linton, Canopy's co-CEO, was fired as the company reconfigured its board and top leadership.

Constellation's current stake in Canopy, which produces and sells cannabis in dried, oil and soft-gel capsules, is 35.6%, according to securities filings. Its six-month loss will be \$132.5 million, Constellation said in Monday's filing.

Since Constellation took its stake in Canopy, other companies have followed it into the cannabis industry. Last year, Breakthru Beverage Group, the alcohol wholesale business co-led by Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz, said it would invest \$9.2 million in CannTrust, a Canadian marijuana producer. Also last year, Molson Coors Brewing's Canadian unit formed a joint venture with medical marijuana producer Hydroponics Corp. to make non-alcoholic cannabis-infused beverages.

Constellation Brands is based in Victor, New York, but its CEO, Bill Newlands, is based out of the company's Loop location.

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Bill Newlands, CEO of Constellation Brands, in Chicago. Constellation disclosed that it will lose millions from its investment in Canopy Growth.

ANALYSIS

Trump's China trade flip-flops heighten risks

**BY PAUL WISEMAN
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods are going up. Wait. President Donald Trump says he's having second thoughts. No, no, Trump may actually raise tariffs even higher. He's also demanding that U.S. companies leave China. Well, maybe not.

The communications on China from Trump and his administration since late last week — erratic, sometimes contradictory — are complicating their high-stakes talks with Beijing and elevating the risks to the fragile global economy.

The messaging has been confusing not just for Chinese officials as they formulate a response to whatever stance the administration is taking. It's also a problem for American businesses. Trump alarmed U.S. companies on Friday by threat-

ening to invoke his presidential authority to order them out of China — a market of 1.4 billion where many American companies have spent decades establishing operations and building relationships with suppliers and customers.

The shifting positions and threats could eventually weaken the U.S. and world economies by leaving businesses paralyzed by uncertainty over whether and where to situate factories, buy supplies and sell products.

"We are on Mr. Trump's Wild Ride," said Jay Foreman, CEO of Basic Fun, a toy company in Boca Raton, Florida, that imports from China. "Never have we ever experienced such an un-hinged practice of governance."

Speaking Monday at the Group of Seven summit in Biarritz, France, Trump was unapologetic.

"Sorry — it's the way I



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Analysts say President Trump's trade war with China is holding back businesses from planning growth.

negotiate," he said, adding, "It has done very well for me over the years, and it is going very well for the country."

Negotiating a trade deal with China was always bound to be contentious and subject to fits and starts.

"Trump's contradictory statements and erratic decision-making reflect the fact

that he is an undisciplined, tactical thinker who deals with issues and events one-by-one and is guided by no fixed principles or long-term strategic vision," said Jeff Moon, a former U.S. diplomat and trade official specializing in China who is now president of China Moon Strategies.

Beijing's negotiators are

reluctant to make commitments in the face of what they see as Trump's shifting demands, say economists and businesspeople.

After talks between the two sides collapsed in May, Trump accused Beijing of backtracking on its offers of regulatory changes and market-opening steps. Analysts suggested that Beijing was loath to make commitments without knowing whether the U.S. would soon make new demands.

"This constant flip-flop definitely makes it very hard for the other side to figure out what the American government actually wants," said Joerg Wuttke, president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, which represents 1,600 companies.

Chinese negotiators might be losing faith in Trump's willingness to make a deal and stick to it, agreed Tu Xinquan, director of the China Institute for

WTO Studies at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

"We used to have expectations for Trump," Tu said. "We hoped he was a businessman, more rational and less entangled in political issues. But now it seems his degree of rationality is far below our expectations. Constantly changing. The overall situation is getting worse. Simply put, we have no expectations now and don't expect him to make the right responses and decisions."

In the meantime, Trump's tariffs against Beijing and the uncertainty surrounding them are troubling U.S. businesses that have built complex supply chains in China or that rely on Chinese imports. Their worries are one reason U.S. businesses' capital investment fell in the April-June quarter for the first time in three years.

Oklahoma judge orders J&J to pay \$572M for state's opioid crisis

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN
The Washington Post

NORMAN, Okla. — A judge on Monday found Johnson & Johnson responsible for fueling Oklahoma's opioid crisis, ordering the health care company to pay \$572.1 million to redress the devastating consequences suffered by the state and its residents.

Cleveland County District Judge Thad Balkman's landmark decision is the first to hold a drugmaker culpable for the fallout of years of opioid dispensing that began in the late 1990s, sparking a nationwide epidemic of overdose deaths and addiction. More than 400,000 people have died of overdoses from painkillers, heroin and illegal fentanyl since 1999.

Balkman, who read part of his decision aloud in his courtroom Monday afternoon, said "the opioid crisis has ravaged the state of Oklahoma and must be abated immediately."

With more than 40 states lined up to pursue similar claims against the pharmaceutical industry, the ruling in the first state case to go to trial could influence both sides' strategies in the months and years to come. Its impact on an enormous federal law-

suit brought by nearly 2,000 cities, counties, Native American tribes and others, which is scheduled to begin in October, is less certain.

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, a Republican, sued three major drug companies in 2017, accusing them of creating "a public nuisance" by flooding the state with opioids, while downplaying the drugs' addictive potential and persuading physicians to use them even for minor aches and pains.

Before the late 1990s, physicians reserved the powerful drugs primarily for cancer and post-surgical pain and end-of-life care.

More than 6,000 Oklahomans have died of painkiller overdoses since 2000, the state charged.

Oklahoma settled with Purdue Pharma, manufacturer of OxyContin, in March, accepting \$270 million from the company and its owners, the Sackler family. Most of that will go to a treatment and research center at Oklahoma State University.

In May, two days before the trial began, the state settled with Teva Pharmaceuticals, an Israeli-based manufacturer of generic drugs, for \$85 million.

That left Johnson &



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Arctic turning into strategic hot spot

Region takes on political, economic importance amid climate change

By DAVID RISING
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Associated Press

TASIILAQ, Greenland — From a helicopter, Greenland's brilliant white ice and dark mountains make the desolation seem to go on forever. And the few people who live here — its whole population wouldn't fill a football stadium — are poor, with a high rate of substance abuse and suicide.

One scientist called it the "end of the planet."

When U.S. President Donald Trump floated the idea of buying Greenland, it was met with derision, seen as an awkward and inappropriate approach of an ally.

But it might also be an Aladdin's Cave of oil, natural gas and rare earth minerals just waiting to be tapped as the ice recedes.

The northern island and the rest of the Arctic aren't just hotter due to global warming. As melting ice opens shipping lanes and reveals incredible riches, the region is seen as a new geopolitical and economic asset, with the U.S., Russia, China and others wanting in.

"An independent Greenland could, for example, offer basing rights to either Russia or China or both," said Fen Hampson, the former head of the international security program at the Centre for International Governance Innovation think tank in Waterloo, Ontario, who is now a professor at Carleton University.

He noted the desire by some there to secede as a semi-autonomous territory of Denmark.

"I am not saying this would happen, but it is a scenario that would have major geostrategic implications, especially if the Northwest Passage becomes a



FELIPE DANA/AP

As higher temperatures cause the ice in the Arctic to retreat, the U.S., Russia and China are looking to stake a claim.

transit route for shipping, which is what is happening in the Russian Arctic."

In April, Russian President Vladimir Putin put forward an ambitious program to reaffirm his country's presence in the Arctic, including efforts to build ports and other infrastructure and expand its ice-breaker fleet.

Russia wants to stake its claim in the region that is believed to hold up to one-fourth of the Earth's undiscovered oil and gas.

China sees Greenland as a possible source of rare earths and other minerals and a port for shipping through the Arctic to the eastern U.S. It called last year for joint development of a "Polar Silk Road" as part of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative to build railways, ports and other facilities in dozens of countries.

But while global warm-

ing pushes the cold and ice farther north each year, experts caution that the race to the Arctic is an incredibly challenging marathon, not a sprint.

The melting of the Greenland ice sheet creates uncertainty and danger for offshore oil and gas developers, threatening rigs and ships.

"All that ice doesn't suddenly melt; it creates icebergs that you have to navigate around," said Victoria Herrmann, managing director of the Arctic Institute, a nonprofit focused on Arctic security.

On the other hand, while mining in Greenland has been expensive due to the environment, development costs have fallen as the ice has melted, making it more attractive to potential buyers, she said.

Strategically, Greenland forms part of what the U.S.

views as a key corridor for naval operations between the Arctic and the North Atlantic. It is also part of the broader Arctic region, considered strategically important because of its proximity to the U.S. and economically vital for its natural resources.

Hampson noted it was an American protectorate during World War II, when Nazi Germany occupied Denmark, and the U.S. was allowed to build radar stations and rent-free bases on its territory after the war. That includes today's Thule Air Force Base, 745 miles south of the North Pole.

After the war, the U.S. proposed buying Greenland for \$100 million after flirting with the idea of swapping land in Alaska for parts of the Arctic island. The U.S. also thought about buying Greenland 80 years earlier.

Trump "may not be as

crazy as he sounds despite his ham-handed offer, which clearly upset the Danes, and rightly so," Hampson said.

Greenland is part of the Danish realm along with the Faeroe Islands, another semi-autonomous territory, and has its own government and parliament. Greenland's 56,000 residents got extensive home rule in 1979 but Denmark still handles foreign and defense policies, with an annual subsidy of \$670 million.

Its indigenous people are not wealthy, and vehicles, restaurants, stores and basic services are few.

Trump said Sunday he's interested in Greenland "strategically," but its purchase is "not No. 1 on the burner."

Although Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called Trump's idea to purchase Greenland an "absurd

discussion," prompting him to call her "nasty" and cancel an upcoming visit to Copenhagen, she also acknowledged its importance to both nations.

"The developments in the Arctic region calls for further cooperation between the U.S. and Greenland, the Faeroe Islands and Denmark," she said. "Therefore I would like to underline our invitation for a stronger cooperation on Arctic affairs still stands."

Greenland is thought to have the largest deposits outside China of rare earth minerals used to make batteries and cellphones.

Such minerals were deemed critical to economic and national security by the U.S. Interior Department last year, and as demand rises "deposits outside of China will be sought to serve as a counterbalance to any market control that could be exerted by a single large producer," said Kenneth Medlock, senior director at the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University.

Off Greenland's shores, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates there could be 17.5 billion undiscovered barrels of oil and 148 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, though the remote location and harsh weather have limited exploration. Around the Arctic Circle, there's potential for 90 billion barrels of oil.

Only 14 offshore wells were drilled in the past 40 years, according to S&P Global Analytics. So far, no oil in exploitable quantities has been found.

"It's very speculative, but in theory they could have a lot of oil," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research Inc. "It's perceived as being the new Alaska, where the old Alaska was thought to be worthless and turned out to have huge reserves. And it's one of the few places on Earth that's lightly populated, and it's close to the U.S."

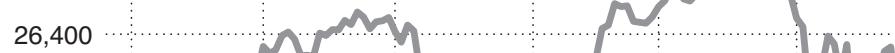
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Dow High: 25,941.25 Low: 25,716.39 Previous: 25,628.90

Dow Jones industrials

Close: 25,898.83
Change: 269.93 (1.1%)

10 DAYS



Nasdaq

+101.97 (+1.32%)

Close 7,853.73

High 7,856.04

Low 7,789.05

Previous 7,751.76

S&P 500

+31.27 (+1.10%)

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Previous 2,847.11

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LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
AbbVie Labs	N	83.12	+1.19	Equity Commonwealth	N	33.87	+.15	Middleby Corp	O	107.70	+.45
AbbVie Inc	N	66.46	+.49	Equity Lifesci Prop	N	135.08	-.07	Mondelez Intl	O	54.46	+.83
Allstate Corp	N	103.21	+.23	Equity Residential	N	83.61	+.86	Morningstar Inc	O	156.19	+.317
Aptargroup Inc	N	120.99	+.73	Exelon Corp	N	45.68	+.80	Motorola Solutions	N	178.35	+.308
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.81	+.38	First Indl RT	N	38.81	+.65	NiSource Inc	N	29.42	+.40
Baxter Intl	N	47.24	+.12	Gallagher AJ	N	88.39	+.38	Ntnh Trust Cp	O	84.81	+.10
Boeing Co	N	359.04	+.03	Grainger WW	N	267.47	+.145	Old Republic	N	22.77	+.08
Brunswick Corp	N	43.76	-.40	GrubHub Inc	N	58.50	+.64	Packaging Corp Am	N	98.89	+.80
CBOE Global Markets	N	120.70	+.85	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.05	+.175	Paylocity Hldg	O	109.45	+.77
CDK Global Inc	O	42.63	+.02	IDEX Corp	N	160.70	+.15	RL Corp	N	91.00	+.121
CDW Corp	O	112.77	+.54	ITW	N	145.30	-.06	Stericycle Inc	O	43.54	+.70
CF Industries	N	47.24	+.12	Ingredion Inc	N	76.91	+.93	TransUnion	N	82.67	+.47
CME Group	O	214.64	+.342	John Bean Technol	N	99.04	-2.04	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.52	+.05
CNA Financial	N	46.45	+.45	Freeport McMoRan	N	134.61	+.294	US Foods Holding	N	40.53	+.43
Cabot Microelect	O	120.67	+.151	Chesapeake Enrgy	N	67.85	+.36	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	330.22	.812
Caterpillar Inc	N	114.42	+.36	Kemper Corp	N	68.16	+.27	United Airlines Hldg	O	83.58	+.05
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.61	+.68	Kraft Heinz Co	O	25.58	+.25	Ventas Inc	N	72.93	+.94
Deere Co	N	150.81	+.37	LKQ Corporation	O	25.40	-.06	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	50.04	+.72
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.06	+.130	Littelfuse Inc	O	154.53	+.58	Wintrust Financial	O	61.95	+.20
Dover Corp	N	88.64	+.54	McDonalds Corp	N	216.91	+.225	Zebra Tech	O	198.41	-.08

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.93	+.11
Bank of America	26.78	+.31
Ford Motor	8.82	+.05
Alphabet Inc C	116.89	+.1760
Alphabet Inc A	117.18	+.1760
Amazon.com Inc	1768.87	+.1925
Apple Inc	206.49	+.385
Bank of America	26.78	+.31
Berkshire Hath B	200.20	+.0304
Disney	134.61	+.294
Exxon Mobil Corp	67.85	+.36
Facebook Inc	180.36	+.261
HSBC Holdings prA	26.42	-.01
JPMorgan Chase	106.87	+.85
Johnson & Johnson	127.80	+.102
MasterCard Inc	276.43	+.454
Microsoft Corp	135.45	+.206
Procter & Gamble	119.32	+.200
Visa Inc	177.59	+.236
WalMart Strs	111.99	+.116

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG.	1-YR %/RTN
American Funds AMCPa m	31.17	+.29	-.16
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OBITUARIES

JACK PERKINS 1933-2019

NBC newscaster became host of A&E's 'Biography'

BY MATT SCHUDEL

The Washington Post

Jack Perkins, a longtime NBC newscaster who later served as the urbane, deep-voiced host of "Biography" on the A&E cable network, died Aug. 19 at his home on Casey Key, Florida. He was 85.

He had Parkinson's disease, said a son, Eric Perkins.

Early in his career at NBC, Perkins was a foreign correspondent in Asia and helped cover many notable stories of the 1960s, including the Cuban missile crisis, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Vietnam War.

In 1968, as a California correspondent for NBC, Perkins covered the killing of the president's brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, at a Los Angeles hotel. He went without sleep for almost 36 hours, describing the chaotic events of June 1968, while Kennedy was campaigning for the presidency. Perkins later obtained a two-hour jailhouse interview with Kennedy's assailant, Sirhan Sirhan.

During his 21 years as a network correspondent, Perkins appeared on "NBC Nightly News," the "Today" show and other programs. With a penchant for whimsical, well-crafted feature stories, he was sometimes described as NBC's counterpart to Charles Kuralt at CBS News.

"Putting the mug on camera gets you recognized by strangers, and that's not unpleasant," Perkins said in 1986, "but the abiding gratification derives from the writing."

He became a local news anchor at the Los Angeles NBC affiliate in 1982, then stepped away in 1986, moving with his wife to an island off the coast of Maine. He returned to broadcasting in 1991, drawn by A&E's early mission to provide serious arts-and-entertainment programming on cable.

At first, Perkins was host of "Time Machine," a documentary series examining major historical events. After three years, he joined A&E's "Biography," sharing hosting duties with actor Peter Graves as the show expanded from one episode a week to five and eventually six.

In his white beard and wire-frame aviator glasses, Perkins was a genial presence on A&E's flagship series, speaking in a deep, cultivated voice once described as a combination of James Earl Jones and Lawrence Olivier. From week to week, he introduced hour-long segments on such diverse historical figures as George Washington, William Shakespeare, Geronimo, Lucrezia Borgia, Eva "Evita" Perón and Baby Face Nelson.

"This was before A&E morphed into a home for reality TV," Perkins said in 2012, "before it became the channel for 'Dog the Bounty Hunter' and Gene Simmons's family saga."

"Biography" won numerous Emmy Awards and, for several years, was A&E's top-rated show, drawing as many as 1.5 million viewers an episode.

"The ratings on that show were interesting," Perkins told the Venice (Florida) Gondolier in 2015. "As many people watched the show about F. Scott Fitzgerald as watched the one on [serial killer] Jeffrey Dahmer. Marilyn Monroe was popular, too."

Perkins officially left "Biography" in 1999, but he continued as an intermittent host until 2005. He was such a familiar figure to cable viewers that he was parodied on "Saturday Night Live" and other comedy shows.

Jack Morton Perkins was born Dec. 28, 1933, in Cleveland and grew up in Wooster, Ohio. His father was an electrical engineer, his mother a homemaker.

As a student at what is now Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland,

Perkins studied political science and religion and worked for the college radio station. In 1954, he began covering the case of Sam Sheppard, an Ohio doctor convicted (and later acquitted) of killing his wife.

Perkins's work on the Sheppard story put him a year behind in his studies. After graduating from college in 1956, he joined an ABC-TV affiliate in Cleveland. He went to NBC in 1961, becoming a writer for and protege of David Brinkley, the Washington-based anchor of the network's evening news show, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report."

"What Brinkley taught me was a master class in how TV news should be written," Perkins told the Longboat (Florida) Observer in 2012. "Say less, mean more. If a story is dramatic, you don't have to tell it dramatically. Be simple. Direct. None of this, 'The nation suffered a great tragedy' nonsense."

From 1986 to 1999, Perkins and his wife lived on an island near Bar Harbor, Maine, in a house called Moosewood. He wrote poetry and books about nature and in 2013 published "Finding Moosewood, Finding God," about his spiritual journey.

"We were left with no doubt," he wrote. "There is a chef in the kitchen."

They later settled on Casey Key, a barrier island near Sarasota, Florida. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, the former Mary Jo Kepplinger; three children, Julie Wong, Mark Perkins and Eric Perkins; and five grandchildren.

From 2004 to 2012, Perkins was the host of "A Gulf Coast Journal," a public television show featuring interesting regional characters, which won local Emmys in Florida.

"Of all the opportunities I had in TV," Perkins said in 2013, "A Gulf Coast Journal" was one of my favorites. In a lot of ways, it was the best thing I ever did."

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ON AUGUST 27 ...

In 1776, British forces led by Lt. Gen. William Howe defeated the Continental Army of Gen. George Washington at Long Island, New York, in the Revolutionary War.

In 1789, the French National Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Man.

In 1859, the first successful oil well in the U.S. was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania, by Col. Edwin Drake.

In 1871, Theodore Dreiser, author of "Sister Carrie" and "An American Tragedy," was born in Terre Haute, Indiana.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

In 1890, American photographer Man Ray was born Emmanuel Radnitzky in Philadelphia.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, which contained a provision for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the nation's 36th president, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1945, U.S. troops began landing in Japan after the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II.

In 1962, the U.S. launched the Mariner 2 space probe. (It would fly past Venus the following December.)

In 1963, sociologist and civil-rights activist W.E.B. DuBois died in Accra,

Ghana; he was 95.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills; he was 32.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83, almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, Lord Louis Mountbatten, 79, was killed off Ireland in a boat explosion; the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

In 1990, blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan, 35, and four other people were killed when a helicopter ferrying the group crashed near East Troy, Wisconsin.

In 1995, American and Chinese officials agreed to begin planning a fall summit between President Bill Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

In 2004, President George W. Bush signed executive orders designed to strengthen the CIA director's power over the nation's intelligence agencies and create a national counterterrorism center.

In 2015, a former papal envoy accused of paying young boys for sex died before his trial at the Vatican could get underway; Jozef Wesolowski, 67, faced seven years in jail. **Also in 2015** a truck found abandoned on the side of an Austrian highway contained the bodies of 71 migrants, likely Syrians fleeing civil war; four suspects were arrested in Hungary.

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Hoffman, Henry

Henry Darryl Hoffman, at the age of 87, died peacefully in his sleep on August 23, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen, nee McNeil; loving father to Tom (Jen), Julie(Todd) and Mike(Kathy), grandfather to Evan, Ally, Emma, Colleen, Michael, Toby and Caleb. He is survived by his brother Donald. After a long battle with heart ailments and Parkinson Disease, he is finally at rest. Born in Los Angeles on November 29, 1931 of Maurice (Papi) and Viola Hoffman, Darryl earned his bachelor's degree from UCLA and Master's Degree from USC. Darryl began his career at Bullocks & I. Magnin - Los Angeles, as Director of Data Processing, he spent the bulk of his professional life at Marshall Field & Co - Chicago, as Vice-President of Information Systems - an early pioneer of retail applications of computer systems. Involved in a variety of charitable and civic causes. Active at his parish Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, Illinois and at St. Hilary Church in Tiburon, CA. Most recently, Darryl's calm, steady guidance and leadership extended to Chair of the Residents Committee at Sunrise Assisted Living, San Rafael, CA. Our family is deeply grateful for the care and compassion extended to Darryl by the staff at Sunrise. He was dearly loved and respected by all.

Darryl was a culinary artist, widely known for his barbecue, turkey gravy and clam dip. He really loved the music of Kris Kristofferson, Neil Diamond and Jimmy Buffett. During their retirement, Mary Ellen and Darryl traveled extensively visiting family. Together they enjoyed many cruise ship destinations and a pilgrimage to The Holy Land. Visitation to be held on Thursday August 29, 2019 from 4-8pm at Keaton's Mortuary, 1022 East Street, San Rafael, CA 94901. Funeral services will be held at 11am on August 30th at St. Hilary Catholic Church, 761 Hilary Drive, Tiburon Belvedere, CA 94290. In Lieu of Flowers, donations in Darryl Hoffman's Memory can be made out to The Archdiocese of Chicago, and sent to Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, Healing Garden at 835 N. Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Bernstein, Donald David

Donald David Bernstein, 94. Beloved husband of the late Nettie nee Gold. Loving father of Marcy Wolf and Barbara (Allen) Weingarten. Cherished grandfather of Adam (Lauren) Weingarten and Zachary (Rachel) Wolf. Proud Great-grandfather of Easton and Tristin Weingarten. Dear brother of the late Carol (the late Bill) Krugly. The family would like to thank Dulcissima and Bonifacio Bautista for their wonderful care. Graveside service Wednesday, 11:00 AM at Zion Gardens Cemetery, 3600 N. Naragansett Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your charity of choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfunerals.com

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Catinella, Dorothy

Dorothy Catinella, nee Andrews, age 87, loving wife of the late David; beloved mother of Gayle Catinella, Charles (Jodi) Catinella and Carol (Kevin) Held; cherished grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 3. Visitation Thursday 3-8 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Lying in State Friday from 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 10:00 A.M. at All Saints Cathedral Parish PNCC, 9201 W Higgins Rd, Chicago. Interment at All Saints Polish National Cemetery. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Dolins, Max

Max Dolins, age 96. Beloved husband of the late Roslyn "Honey Doll" nee Branson. Loving father of Jerry (Karen), Barry (Linda Shusterman), Richard (Karen) and Steven (Judy). Proud grandfather of David, Cory, Hannah, Madeline, Jessica, and Daniel. Dear brother of the late Louis (the late Faye (the late Marv) Sadur. Cherished brother in law of Toby (the late Bernie) Meister. Devoted son of the late Harry and Rebecca Dolins, nee Ginsburg. Fond uncle and cousin of many. Max was the co-founder of H. Dolins & Co. and he was active in B'nai Brit, Niles Township Jewish Congregation, and the JCC in Skokie. Service Tuesday 11AM at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500W Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076. Interment Waldheim. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, www.ehnt.org or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfunerals.com

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Fein, Roberta A

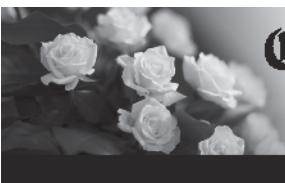
Roberta A. Fein, nee Tiersky. Beloved wife of the late Alfred Fein and the late Bert Caplan. Loving mother of Michael Caplan and the late Randall (Robyn) Caplan. Adored Bubbe of Alana (Zachary) Charnofsky and Kara (Matthew) Gruber, and great grandchildren Noa, Zev and Ezra. Dear Sister of Martin (Ethel) Tiersky. Services Wednesday 2PM at The Westlawn Cemetery Chapel, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge in lieu of flowers a donation to your preferred charity would be appreciated. Arrangement by Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MitzvahFunerals.com

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Gettes, Nancy

Nancy Gettes, MD, age 75, dedicated to family, medicine, and animals; beloved wife of Howard Blum; devoted mother of Rachel (Chris) Niewoehner and Dina (Jim McCormick) Blum; cherished grandmother of Benjamin and Ethan Niewoehner, Ranen and Gideon McCormick; dear sister of the late Andrew Gettes. Services Wednesday, 11 A.M. West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1040 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest



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Metallo, Wayne

Wayne Metallo, age 68, formerly of Glendale Heights, Illinois, died August 20, 2019. Wayne is survived by an aunt, uncle, many cousins and friends in Quincy and Chicago. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Virginia (Zoph) Metallo and Arthur Metallo, his sister Mary Jane and his grandparents. Interment in Our Lady of Heaven Mausoleum in Hillside, IL on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 1:30 PM. The Duker & Haugh Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Munson, Mary

Mary Munson, at rest August 24, 2019. Cherished wife of the late Lt. Richard W. Munson (retired C.F.D.), beloved mother of Mina Karagas and Anthony (Rose Yau) Karagas. Preceded in death by her daughter Elizabeth Karagas, her brother, Steven Hondros and her parents, James and Anna Hondros. Mary leaves behind many dear nieces, nephews, friends and her loyal German Shepherd; Noelle. Mary was a member of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society and former active member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Ladies Hellenic Society; Agia Paraskevi. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Anti-Cruelty Society or Shriners Hospitals for Children appreciated. Visitation for Mary Munson will be held on Wednesday, August 28, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m., Trisagion Service 6:00 p.m. at Hills Funeral Home, 10201 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL, 60465. Funeral Thursday, August 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m., from the funeral home. Service 11:00 a.m., at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Rd, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Entombment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park. "May Her Memory Be Eternal"

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Olson, Marguerite M.

Marguerite M. Olson, nee Reitemeier, 97, of Chicago, Niles, and Wheeling, IL passed away on August 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Deacon Carl Donald Olson for nearly 70 years. Devoted mother of Mary, Patricia Desire, Christine (Carl) Krzystofczyk, John (Peggy), and Paul (Christine). Loving grandmother of Danielle, Mo, Geoffrey, Annie (Tim), Alex, Natalie, Sara (Mark), and Eric (Sarah). Dear great grandmother of Nissa, Elle, Grace, and Ava. Marguerite was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She met her late husband at the Catholic USO and they married in 1946, after WWII. Proud member of the St. Cornelius Ladies Guild. Funeral services 9:30 AM, Thursday, August 29, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, to St. Cornelius Church for a Mass at 10 AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, August 28th, 3 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 or masses would be appreciated. Info, 773-736-3833 or visit Marguerite's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Pestrik, Dorothy

Dorothy Pestrik, nee Horyza, age 91, was the beloved wife of the late Chester S. Pestrik; loving mother of the late Victor (Sharon) Pestrik, David (Stephanie) Pestrik, Mark (Gina) Pestrik, and Marietta (Don) Coon; cherished grandmother of 8. Fond aunt of many. Preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Julia Horyza and siblings Victor Horyza and Bernice Wentland.

Visitation Thursday, 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Road at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Funeral will begin Friday at 9:30 A.M. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mount Prospect, for Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Powers, Pamela E

Pamela E. Powers, age 67. Beloved daughter of the late Walter J. Sr. & Rose Marie Powers.

Devoted mother of Grace, Patricia, & Earl Stanton. Cherished sister of the late Baby Walter James Powers, the late Walter J. Jr. (Mary) Powers, Roseanne (the late Lawrence) Lovell, & Janice (Curtis) Tokarz. Visitation Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the **Schmaedeke Funeral Home**, 10701 S. Harlem Ave, Worth, IL. Chapel Service at 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 29, 2019, **Schmaedeke Funeral Home**, 10701 S. Harlem Ave, Worth, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers masses preferred. For info 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com



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Salm, Gregory D.

Gregory Dean Salm, age 63, of Northfield, IL. Beloved husband of Jeannine Salm nee Fausek. Loving father of Amy (Jon) Wilson, Becky (Patrick) Mooney and Casey Salm. Proud 'Geeps' to Harper and Tamsin Wilson; Holly, Luke, Emma and Sophie Mooney; Jackson and Parker Russell. Loving son of Edie Salm nee Awad and the late Raymond Salm. Dear brother of Bob (Pam) Salm and the late Rick Salm. Fond uncle of Erica (Tyler) Rensch, Derek, Megan and Jonathan Salm; Katie (Andrew) Finley and Sarah Rustman. Grand uncle to Rick and Brighton Rensch. Kind brother-in-law of Meg (Bob) Rustman. Visitation Thursday, August 29, 2019, 4:00 p.m. until time of Memory Sharing at 7:00 p.m. by family and others welcome. **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Friday, August 30, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Philip the Apostle Church in Divine Mercy Parish, 1962 Old Willow Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NPH USA, 134 North La Salle Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60602-1036. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Sutton, Lucia L.

Lucia Langthorn Sutton, age 89, at rest August 26, 2019. Beloved wife of William R. Sutton for 67 years. Loving mother of William S. (Lynn) Sutton, Richard S. Sutton (Martha Stenstrup) and Katherine A. Sutton (Partner, Mark Murphy). Devoted grandmother of Justin and Jaime Sutton. Lucia was preceded in death by her parents Jacob and Katherine Langthorn and her brother, Jacob Stinman Langthorn, III. Lucia was an English Professor at College of DuPage and retired after 20 years of dedication to her profession. She also devoted her time to the Ministry Board and Social Issues Committee at The Union Church of Hinsdale, WSFPC and served as President of the Oak Brook Library Association and Member and Treasurer of the Oak Brook Library Foundation. Visitation Wednesday August 28, 2019 4:00p.m. ~ 7:00p.m. at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd. 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook. Memorials to The Union Church of Hinsdale would be appreciated. Memorial service Saturday August 31st 10:00a.m. at The Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale. Funeral info (630)325-2300 or adolfservices.com



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Terzian, Margaret "Dolly" "Arax"

Margaret "Dolly" "Arax" Terzian nee Moughamian; beloved wife of the late Simon "Sam" Terzian; loving mother of Richard and Diane Terzian; dearest daughter of the late Simon and Elizabeth Moughamian; Dear sister of Henry (Patricia), Simon (Phyllis) Moughamian, the late Christine (the late Charles) Marabedian, the late Virginia (the late Harry) Posigian and the late Rosie (Charles) Boyian; fond aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation at the Armenian All Saints Apostolic Church 1701 N. Greenwood Ave. Glenview. Thursday 10:30 am until the time of Service at 11:00 am. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Armenian All Saints Apostolic Church Appreciated. 847-966-7302 www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Thompson, Janie M. 'Honey'

Janie M. "Honey" Thompson, nee Ciaccio, age 93; beloved wife of the late James F. Thompson and the late John Frankowski; dear sister of the late Nicholas Ciaccio, the late Angela Ciaccio, the late Marie (the late Henry) Guzzino, the late Constance (the late Murray) Palmer, Ann (the late Richard) Worley and the late Joseph, Jr. (Audrey) Ciaccio; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, 9:00AM until time of Funeral Service 11:00AM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org are appreciated. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



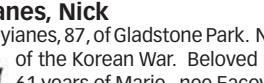
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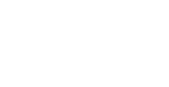


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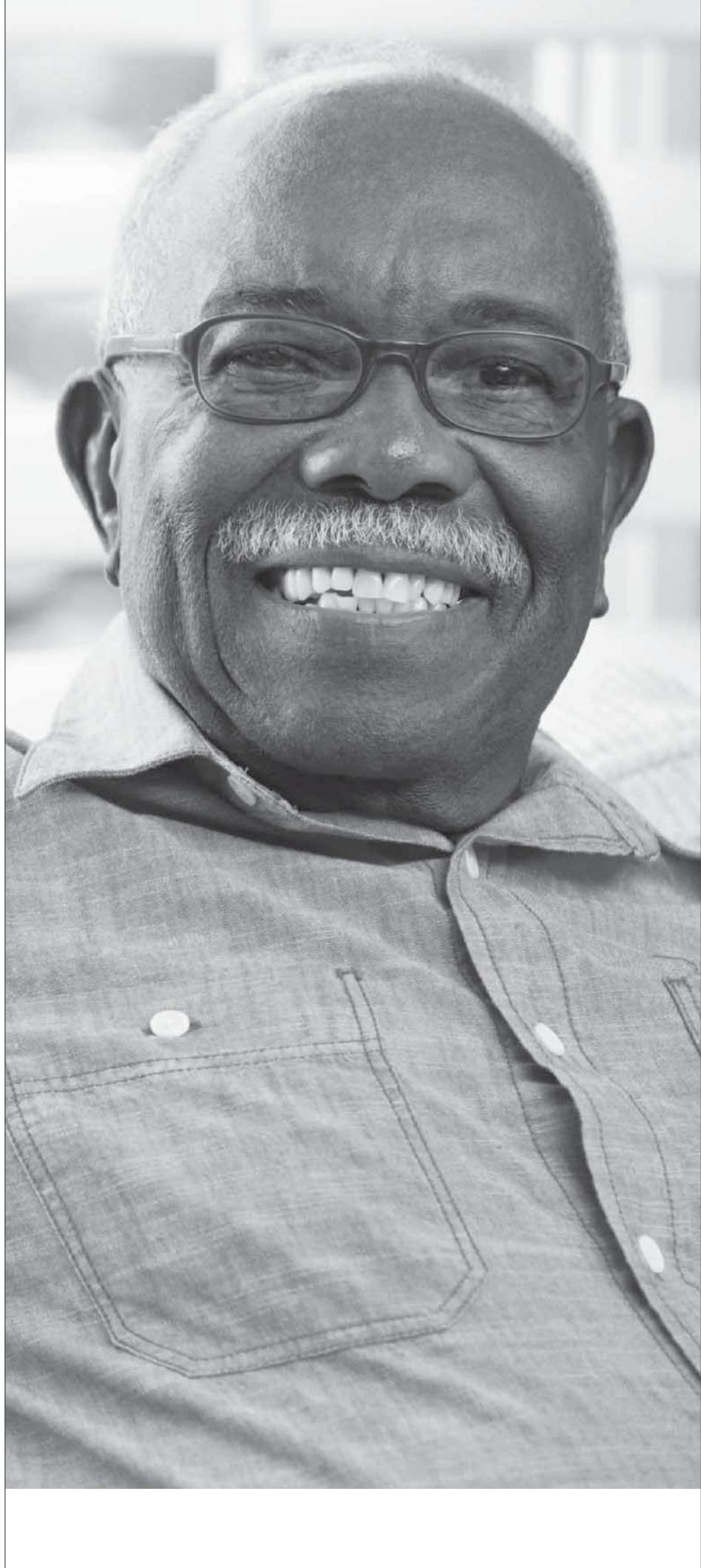
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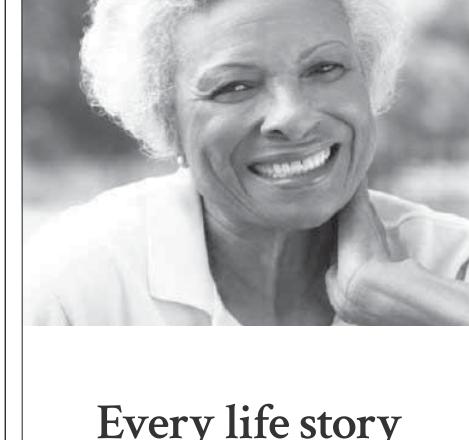


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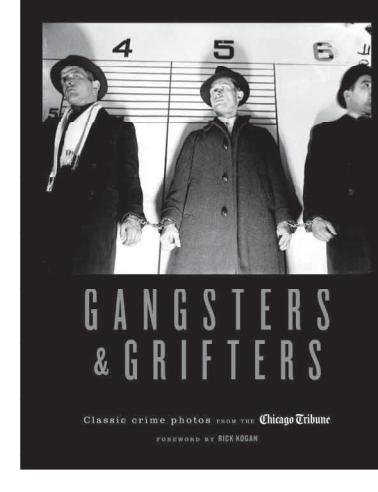
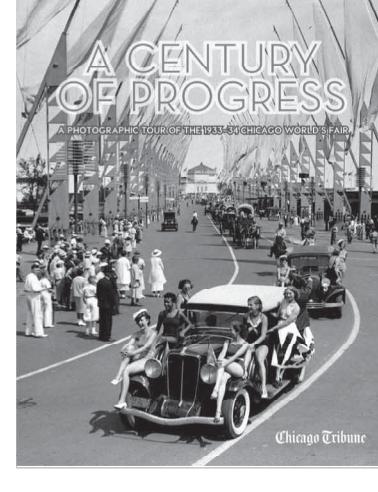
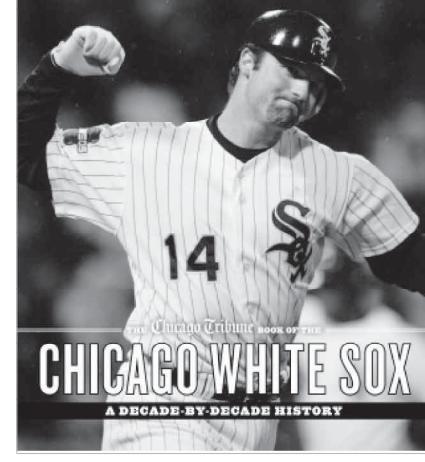
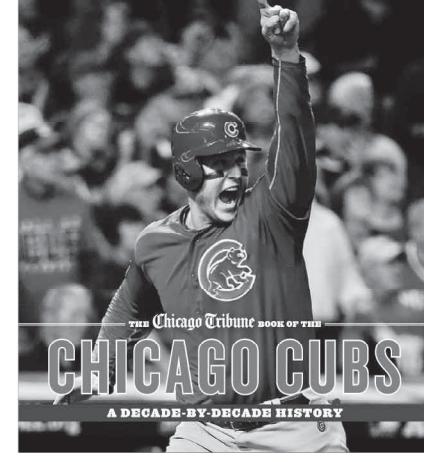
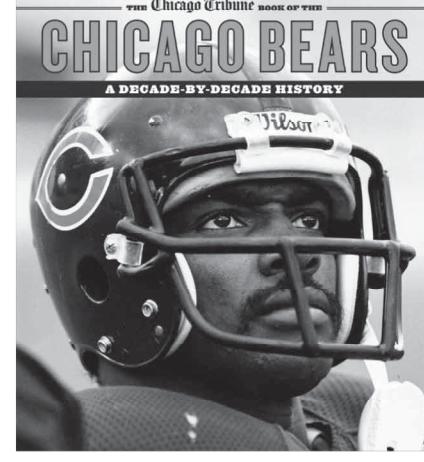
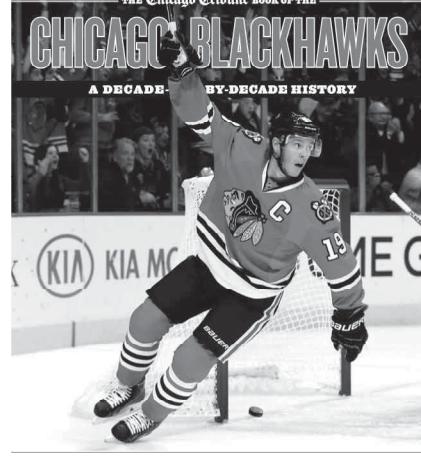
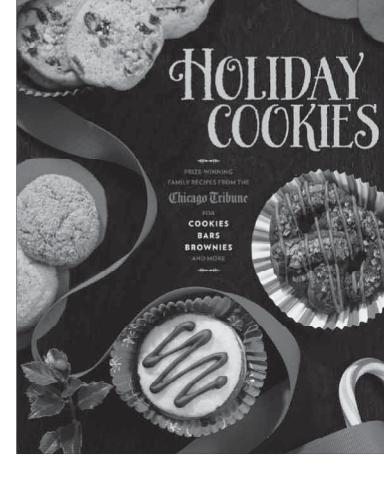
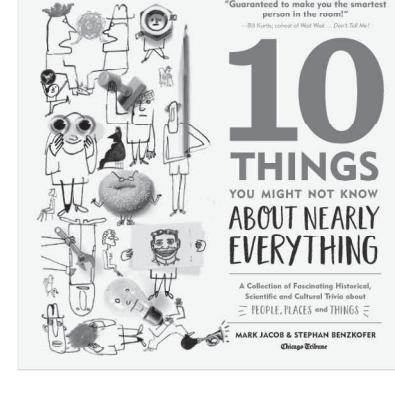
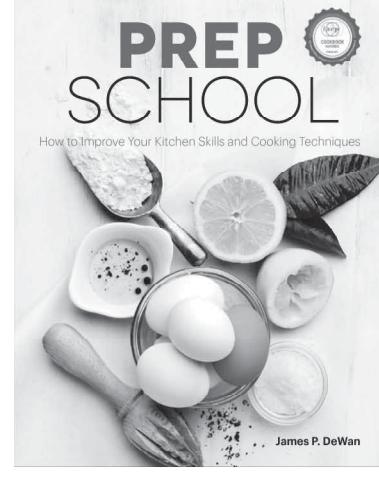
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Mitch Trubisky leaves the field after doing his job on the drive for an apparent win over the Eagles in last season's playoffs — before Cody Parkey blew it.

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Brick in the wall



Mitch Trubisky gives instructions during the Bears' playoff loss to the Eagles.

Though Parkey blew playoff game, Trubisky did just what he should have — and is building on that

BY RICH CAMPBELL

As Dave Ragone exited the Bears locker room the night of Jan. 6, shuffling down the row of stiff upper lips and quivering ones, he stopped at Mitch Trubisky's stall.

The Bears' season had ended suddenly with a 16-15 loss to the Eagles on a wayward field-goal attempt that was not part of the script. Not for a team that won 12 games and cultivated a deep belief in the magic it had created.

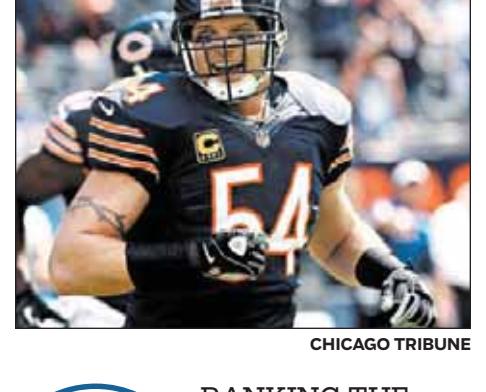
Ragone, though, sifted through the shock and anguish and found promise. As the quarterbacks coach and only member of the offensive staff who has been with the

Bears since Trubisky arrived in 2017, the pit in his stomach yielded a bit to pride. His guy had just balled out during the biggest moment of his young career.

In a playoff game, down by one to the defending Super Bowl champs with 48 seconds remaining and one timeout, Trubisky completed two of three passes for 33 yards to set up a decisive 43-yard kick.

"At the end of the day, you can't control if a guy catches it, tips a ball at the line of scrimmage, makes or misses," Ragone recalled saying to Trubisky. "The fact you made the right decisions on that last drive in a situation you've never been in, if you

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

RANKING THE
BEST BEARS
PLAYERS EVER

'The versatility and his athleticism was incredible'

Our pick at No. 10, **Brian Urlacher**, revolutionized the middle linebacker position and became a first-ballot Hall of Famer. **Back Page**

Plus: Anthony Miller hopes to be ready for season opener. **Page 5**

Cubs nearer sell-off than playoff berth

Postseason failure would portend drastic changes

Urgency enveloped spring training for the Cubs, especially after team President Theo Epstein's edict that "October really starts in March."

Epstein's urgent plea helped prod the Cubs to first place and a 31-24 record through May. What followed was a middling summer that produced as many questions as answers.

The conundrum continued last weekend with a soul-crushing sweep by the Nationals. Getting swept at Wrigley Field in late August suggested the all-too-comfortable Cubs felt all the urgency of a window-shopper



BY DAVID HAUGH

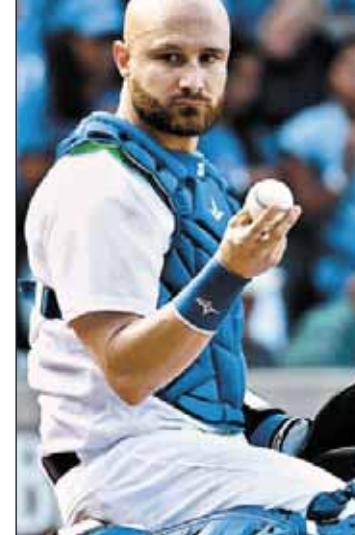
*In the Wake
of the News*

on Jewelers Row.

Sunday's loss dropped the Cubs to 12-11 this month. The White Sox, by comparison, are 14-11 in the same span — and all they're playing for is the future. The Cubs say they're playing for a pennant but have a funny way of showing it.

If players have grown numb to urgency, perhaps they will respond to reality: With 32 games left and in second place in the NL Central and the wild-card standings, the Cubs look closer to being dismantled in the off-

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
New addition Jonathan Lucroy and the Cubs are playing for more than just a spot in the postseason.

Twitter sinkhole can swallow ballplayers

Darvish engages critics — not always to his benefit

Yu Darvish takes the mound Tuesday night at Citi Field to face the Mets in the opener of another important series for the Cubs.

Whether he'll take to Twitter afterward to respond to critics remains to be seen.

Darvish, who has 2 million followers, engaged in a back-and-forth on Twitter with NBC Sports Chicago host David Kaplan on Wednesday night and Thursday morning after Kaplan questioned Darvish's pitch selection during the Cubs' 12-11 win over the Giants at Wrigley Field. The two maintained it was friendly banter, but Kaplan's hashtag, #YuTooPredictable, was



BY PAUL SULLIVAN

On the Cubs

a direct shot that struck a nerve with the Cubs pitcher.

Though Darvish, along with Jose Quintana, has been one of the Cubs' most effective starters of late, he served up four home runs Wednesday and failed to get out of the

sixth inning despite an early 7-2 lead. Citing stats, Kaplan questioned throwing off-speed pitches with two strikes, which Darvish responded to with his own set of stats.

The exchange was noticed by some teammates who follow Darvish, including fellow starter

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TOP OF THE SECOND



BIG TEN PRESEASON POWER RANKINGS | BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

New coach, QB, but OSU No. 1

The Big Ten won Week 0 by not being part of the bleep-show that was the Miami-Florida game.

We won't have to wait much longer to find out if the Big Ten's best are ready for prime time.

Here's the first of our weekly power rankings, with last season's final ranking in parentheses:

1. Ohio State (1)

New coach (Ryan Day), new quarterback (Justin Fields) and a new question: What was Urban Meyer, assistant athletic director for The Ohio State University, doing in a blue Florida polo Saturday night?

Opener: Saturday vs. Florida Atlantic, 11 a.m., FOX-32.

2. Michigan (3)

The new Fox Sports pregame crew treated Jim Harbaugh like a pinata Saturday. Meyer said Michigan "certainly has the players" and praised defensive coordinator Don Brown. Then Reggie Bush pointed to Harbaugh's 1-9 record against top-10 teams, adding: "I think Harbaugh is the issue."

Opener: Saturday vs. Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., BTN.

3. Northwestern (2)

The reigning Big Ten West champs have not won a nonconference game since Sept. 16, 2017. Now the Stanford of the Midwest matches wits with the Northwestern of the West Coast.

Opener: Saturday at Stanford, 3 p.m., FOX-32.

4. Wisconsin (5)

Jack Coan is the starting quarterback. Alex Hornibrook is the backup ... for Florida State.

Opener: Friday at South Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN.

5. Nebraska (10)

It's true: The Cornhuskers are ranked 24th in the preseason AP poll after going 4-8. I'm buying in too. Year 2 of the Scott Frost/Adrian Martinez combo will be special.

Opener: Saturday vs. South Alabama, 11 a.m., ESPN.



Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh took some hits on the Fox pregame show before Saturday's Florida-Miami game.

6. Michigan State (8)

The Spartans offense was terrible last season, even by their standards. Mark Dantonio reacted by keeping his entire offensive staff but changing everyone's role. Is that like picking names for a baseball lineup out of a hat?

Opener: Friday vs. Tulsa, 6 p.m., FS1.

7. Penn State (4)

Transfer Portal U had a weird offseason, losing quarterback Tommy Stevens to Mississippi State and receiver Juwan Johnson to Oregon. Sean Clifford stayed. Born in Barrington and raised in Cincinnati, he is the Nittany Lions' new starting quarterback.

Opener: Saturday vs. Idaho, 2:30 p.m., BTN.

8. Minnesota (7)

You know it has been a long offseason when people are watching a YouTube video titled: "Gopher Football Goes to Coach Fleck's Lake House!" (I, too, am guilty of clicking.)

Opener: Thursday vs. South Dakota State, 8 p.m., FS1.

9. Iowa (6)

The school that gave the NFL two first-round tight ends this year could have two top-10 picks in 2020. ESPN's Mel Kiper has sack master A.J. Epenesa going fifth and people mover Tristan Wirfs seventh.

Opener: Saturday vs. Miami (Ohio), 6:30 p.m., FS1.

10. Purdue (9)

I'm all for being near casinos, but is opening at Nevada, with the altitude change and a 9:30 p.m. kickoff (West Lafitte time), the wisest idea? On top of that, Purdue has 20 true or redshirt freshmen listed on its two-deep.

Opener: Friday at Nevada, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN.

11. Maryland (12)

In Locks We Trust gets its first test in the coming days. Will new coach Mike Locksley select holdover Tyrell Pigrome or Virginia Tech transfer Josh Jackson at quarterback?

Opener: Saturday vs. Howard, 11 a.m., BTN.

12. Indiana (11)

Michael Penix is the starting quarterback. Please do not ask Matt Nagy to pronounce his last name.

Opener: Saturday vs. Ball State, 11 a.m., CBSSN.

13. Illinois (13)

While Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts is following two Heisman Trophy winners, the Illini's Brandon Peters has to live up to the legacies of Chayce Crouch, Jeff George Jr., Cam Thomas, AJ Bush Jr. and M.J. Rivers II.

Opener: Saturday vs. Akron, 11 a.m., BTN.

14. Rutgers (14)

NJ.com reports that Rutgers season ticket sales have slumped from 31,168 in 2015 to 16,585 for this season. Coach Chris Ash's seat is so hot, it doubles as a grill.

Opener: Friday vs. Massachusetts, 6:15 p.m., BTN.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Thursday Titans Preseason 7, FOX-32	Sept. 5 Packers 7:20 p.m. NBC-5
	Tuesday @Mets 6:10 p.m. NBCSCH	Wednesday @Mets 6:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	Tuesday Twins 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH+	Wednesday Twins 7:10 p.m. WGN-9
	Saturday @Crew 6:30 p.m. ESPN+	Sept. 14 FC Dallas 2:30 p.m. Univision
	Tuesday @Lynx 7 p.m.	Thursday Wings 7 p.m. WCIU-26.2

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

BASEBALL	6 p.m. Cubs at Mets	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
6 p.m. Pirates at Phillies		MLB
7 p.m. Twins at White Sox		NBCSCH+ WGN-AM 720
9 p.m. Rangers at Angels		FS1

BASKETBALL

6 p.m. WNBA: Sparks at Mystics	ESPN2
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2 p.m. Crvena zvezda vs. Young Boys	TNT
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TENNIS

11 a.m. U.S. Open	ESPN
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Black uniforms rule on Players Weekend

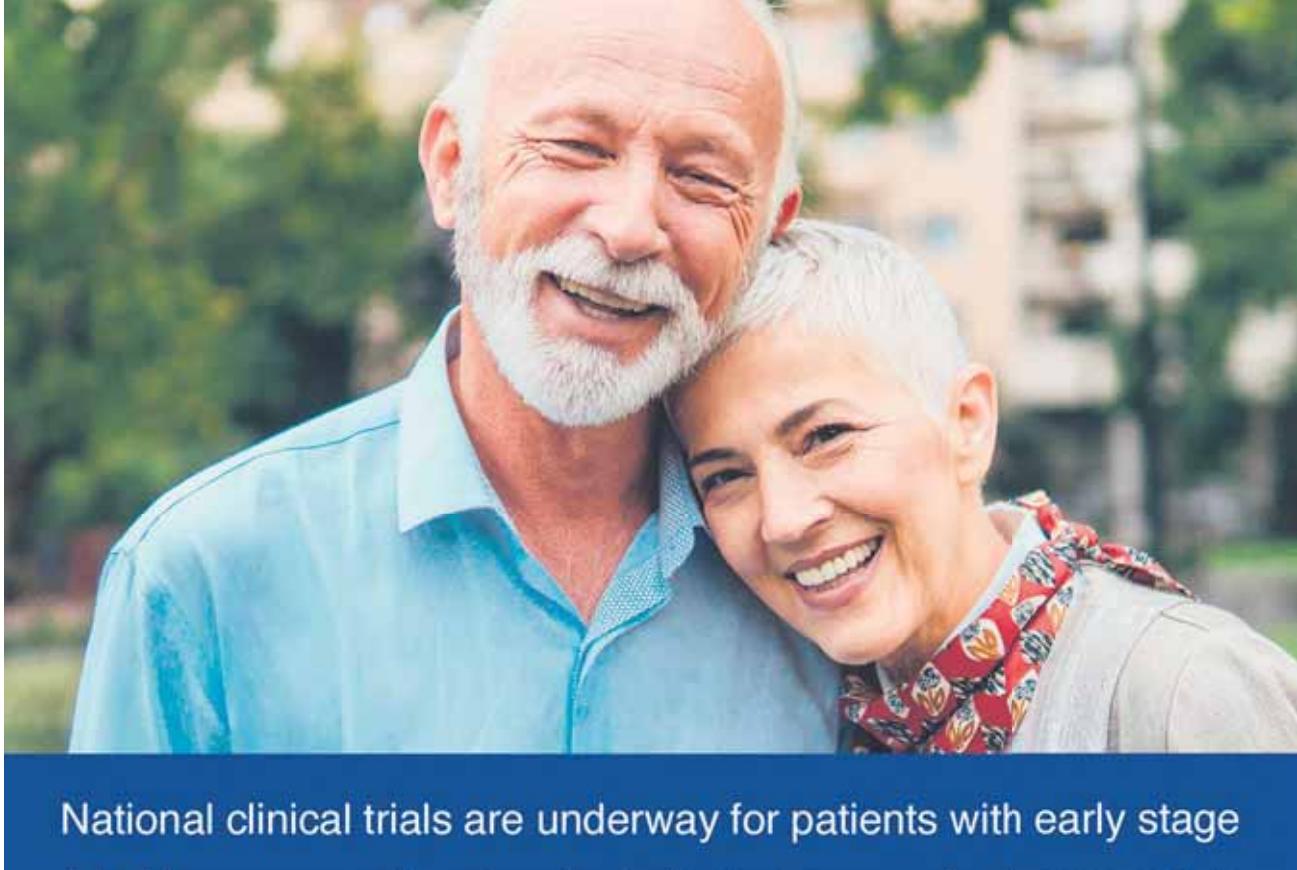
If MLB ever revives the uniforms from this year's Players Weekend, teams definitely should opt for the black.

In 44 games played from Friday through Sunday, teams wearing the black uniform outperformed those in the white, 26-18. In addition to players choosing their nicknames for the backs of their jerseys, the home teams chose which color they wore, with the visitors donning the opposite.

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Rochester, New York

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nashville, Tennessee

El Paso, Texas

Richmond, Virginia

Seattle, Washington

Tacoma, Washington

WHITE SOX

Travelin' man hitting his stride

In his 6th stop this season, Cordero emerging as option in pressure relief situations

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox held a two-run lead in the sixth inning Aug. 19, but the Twins were mounting a threat.

Jake Cave singled off starter Ivan Nova and moved to second on an error, putting runners on second and third with one out.

The Sox called on reliever Jimmy Cordero.

"I always have to be ready for those situations," Cordero said. "You have to be ready in the bullpen. You have to be prepared 100% in your mind for it."

Cordero rolled up his sleeve, literally, and went to work.

He got C.J. Cron to ground to third, and Ryan Goins threw home to cut down Miguel Sano. Cordero then struck out Jason Castro to end the inning.

"When I got to the mound, I said, 'OK, let's do this,'" Cordero said. "It's what I want. It's what I have to do. Let's go."

Cordero, 27, has been a nice addition to the bullpen since the Sox called him up July 20. While he has a 4.50 ERA, 10 of his 15 appearances have been scoreless, and he has 22 strikeouts and five walks in 18 innings.

"When we got him, everybody was concerned about the strike-to-ball ratio," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "He's actually been much better here with us. (Pitching coach Don Cooper) and the guys have done a great job with him."

"His confidence is really high. I do believe with the change of scenery, he wants to show everybody what he's capable of doing."

Cordero made 22 appearances last season with the Nationals and had several stops this season before joining the Sox.

He played for Triple-A Fresno, Buffalo and Charlotte, appeared in one game for Double-A Arkansas and had one relief outing for the Blue Jays, who selected Cordero off waivers from the Nationals on May 15. The Mariners claimed him off waivers from the Blue Jays on May 27, and the Sox claimed him from the Mariners on June 7.

The journey has made him appreciate this opportunity.

"If you know what happened to you before, you don't want to be in the same spot again," Cordero said. "So you have to



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Jimmy Cordero, who has been effective out of the bullpen for the Sox, pitches against the Tigers this month in Detroit.

give 100% of your time to prepare for the game and do the best job that you can every time you come in the game."

Cordero's fastball has been consistently clocked in the upper 90s.

He also has a unique look, often rolling up the right sleeve of his jersey.

"I like it pulled up because I feel comfortable," he said. "I feel more freedom to throw all my pitches."

Opponents are batting .197 against Cordero since he joined the Sox.

The bullpen as a whole pitched effectively in the four-game series against the Rangers, allowing two runs and four hits in 13 1/3 innings. Cordero pitched two scoreless innings with two strikeouts Thursday but allowed a two-run homer Saturday.

Renteria has turned to Cordero in some tight spots.

"It's very important that the team gives me those opportunities in those situations," Cordero said. "They show me that they believe in me."

Renteria is glad to have Cordero as an option.

"He's getting some work and showing everybody he's got a really good arm with a lot of action," Renteria said. "He continues to work on his secondary pitches, slider and changeup."

"The guys in the front office did a great job being able to recognize and get him."

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Kyle Hendricks.

"All I saw was one thing on Twitter where (Darvish) replied something about off-speed pitches with two strikes," Hendricks said. "I remember laughing, and that was it. He's really funny. He likes being involved."

First baseman Anthony Rizzo, who has more than 886,000 followers and is a paid guest on Kaplan's WMVP-AM 1000 radio show, claimed he wasn't up on the Twitter war between his teammate and his radio pal.

"I didn't see it," he said. "I don't scroll anymore. It's helped me out (mentally) healthwise."

Manager Joe Maddon sent out a "bully for Yu" statement of support afterward, and Kaplan later reached out to Darvish to ensure everything was OK. Darvish said Saturday that Kaplan was going to take him to lunch or dinner in the near future and confirmed there was no animosity between them.

But few players answer their media critics on Twitter, so why did Darvish engage at all?

"It's just if I want to tweet, I'm going to tweet," he said. "Sometimes I get in trouble, especially with my wife. Sometimes I post stupid things."

Darvish admitted he did that just last week, making a dumb comment on her birthday. He said he has been tweeting back at people since he joined Twitter in 2010 in Japan, and the exchange with Kaplan was nothing new.

"I did that the whole time (in Japan)," he said. "Some media wrote stupid things, and I always responded to them. I always did that."

Baseball players have a love-hate relationship with Twitter.

They love how it helps them promote their charities and their brand, or when people say nice things about them. They hate when the trolls come out and criticize everything they do and say, ignoring the fact they're human beings.

Cubs outfielder Nicholas Castellanos doesn't have a Twitter account, so he can avoid the nonstop commentary.

"It's amazing how people change when talking with their thumbs as opposed to looking me in the eyes," he said. "All of a sudden their perception changes. They don't act the same."

The difference, of course, is you can say things with an anonymous Twitter handle that you never would say to someone's face.

"Bingo," Castellanos said. "So I don't worry about that. The people and comments I really listen to and respect and take to heart are the ones that come from people who can look me in the face and tell me what they mean."

Players can easily ignore what's said about them by staying off social media completely or, as Rizzo said he now does, not looking at the mentions. Hendricks said he doesn't read much on Twitter or in the papers.

"And even if I do interviews, I don't read the story to be honest," he said. "If something is bad, you'll end up hearing about it from (media relations) or from another player."

Cubs reliever Derek Holland can relate to that. Holland was eviscerated on Twitter the night of Aug. 15 after serving up the walk-off grand slam to Bryce Harper in the Cubs' 7-5 loss to the Phillies.

Holland, who has more than 268,000



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Cubs starter Yu Darvish on his Twitter usage: "Sometimes I post stupid things."

Twitter followers, uses his account for entertainment and to promote his charity that helps pediatric cancer patients. He said he learned a lesson in handling online criticism from a boy he was close to who died of cancer.

"He brought a lot to my life, showing me how you go about your business and how you should live your life," Holland said. "It's crazy. Not everyone is going to like what you do and not everyone is going to be supportive of what you do, but you've got to do what makes you happy and live your life to the fullest, no regrets, and don't worry about those things."

"When people talk all the crap about me and everything, I'm doing what I want to do. This is a dream for me. I may not be the greatest, or I may be the best. But at the end of the day, it's what makes me happy. I'm very happy I get to use my platform to help those in need and inspire kids to play the game."

"And anyone that wants to hate on me, fine, hate on me. That's just the way it is."

Maddon, who has more than 409,000 followers, has been on Twitter since 2009, when he managed the Rays. But his opinion has changed, and he's now on the anti-social-media bandwagon.

"I'm not a fan overall," he said. "I never really understood why that would become so popular. When I was with the Rays, I did it because I thought the Rays needed followers, quite frankly."

Maddon said Twitter is for reporting news and helps promote his foundation, Respect 90. He admitted he even giggles reading "inane commentary" on Twitter but doesn't care for food photos and pointed out people have died taking selfies in dangerous places for posts.

In his dream world, Maddon would like someone to "bifurcate Twitter" with a positive Twitter and a negative Twitter, complete with "Twitter cops" policing things. He also called smartphones a "very annoying instrument" and Twitter a "narcissistic method we're promoting" and the "breeding ground of a lot of negativity and bad feelings."

So why not just delete your account?

Maddon said promoting his foundation and friends' charities, along with his children's business ventures, were the main reasons he has kept it.

"Those are the things I think there's positive ilk to it," he said. "But the negative influence of this thing totally overwhelms and outweighs the positive."

For better or worse, the Twittersphere will be following and commenting on the Cubs minute by minute during their stretch run.

"When there are things we don't like about it, too bad," Maddon said. "Because we've created it, man."

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season than they are to playing in the World Series.

And every day the 2016 Cubs creep a little closer to joining the 1985 Bears on a list of one-hit wonders.

Forget dissecting manager Joe Maddon's lineups and deciding how much blame Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer deserve for constructing a roster in a constant state of flux. It's now up to the players on the Cubs' \$217 million payroll — one through 25 — to alter what could be the course of franchise history as well as their own careers.

Has anybody seen Javy Baez?

In fairness, it's not just on the struggling Baez to remember how to hit in the clutch. It's not all on the aging rotation to recapture its youth or the struggling hitters to copy newcomer Nicholas Castellanos at the plate. It's not up to 38-year-old Ben Zobrist to illogically swoop in Sept. 1 to save the season. It's not on closer Craig Kimbrel to regain his Hall of Fame form and have a clean inning every outing.

It's on every Cub, from team leader Anthony Rizzo to recently acquired reliever David Phelps, to approach the final five weeks as if they affect the next five years.

They just might.

Consider how close the Cubs are to giving Epstein an offseason mandate for the kind of seismic change that will make moving on from Maddon seem like simply a good start. That's not exaggeration as much as anticipation. If the Cubs miss the playoffs with baseball's second-highest payroll — a year after the bitter disappointment of bowing out feebly with losses in Game No. 163 and the wild-card playoff — the status quo must become the next renovation project at Clark and Addison.

Whether the uncertainty over Maddon's contractual status contributed to so much inconsistency is a debate for another day, but losing three straight to the Nats established the low-water mark. Getting

swept at home in the midst of a pennant

race sounded the alarm louder than any walk-off defeat. Or it should.

The challenge of winning the NL Central appears more daunting with 23 of the final 32 games against division opponents and 14 September games on the road, where the Cubs have been as reliable as an on-time departure. Oh, and the team with a 25-39 record in opposing ballparks hopes to begin its turnaround Tuesday in New York in a series the Mets will start the terrific trio of Marcus Stroman, Noah Syndergaard and Jacob deGrom.

The Cubs still have more talent than the Cardinals and Brewers, and their postseason experience makes it impossible — and possibly unwise — to deem them incapable of an October run if they enter the playoffs hot. But that would mean they found a way to avoid the fits and starts that have plagued a season that began amid so much optimism.

Slowly, realism threatens to creep in.

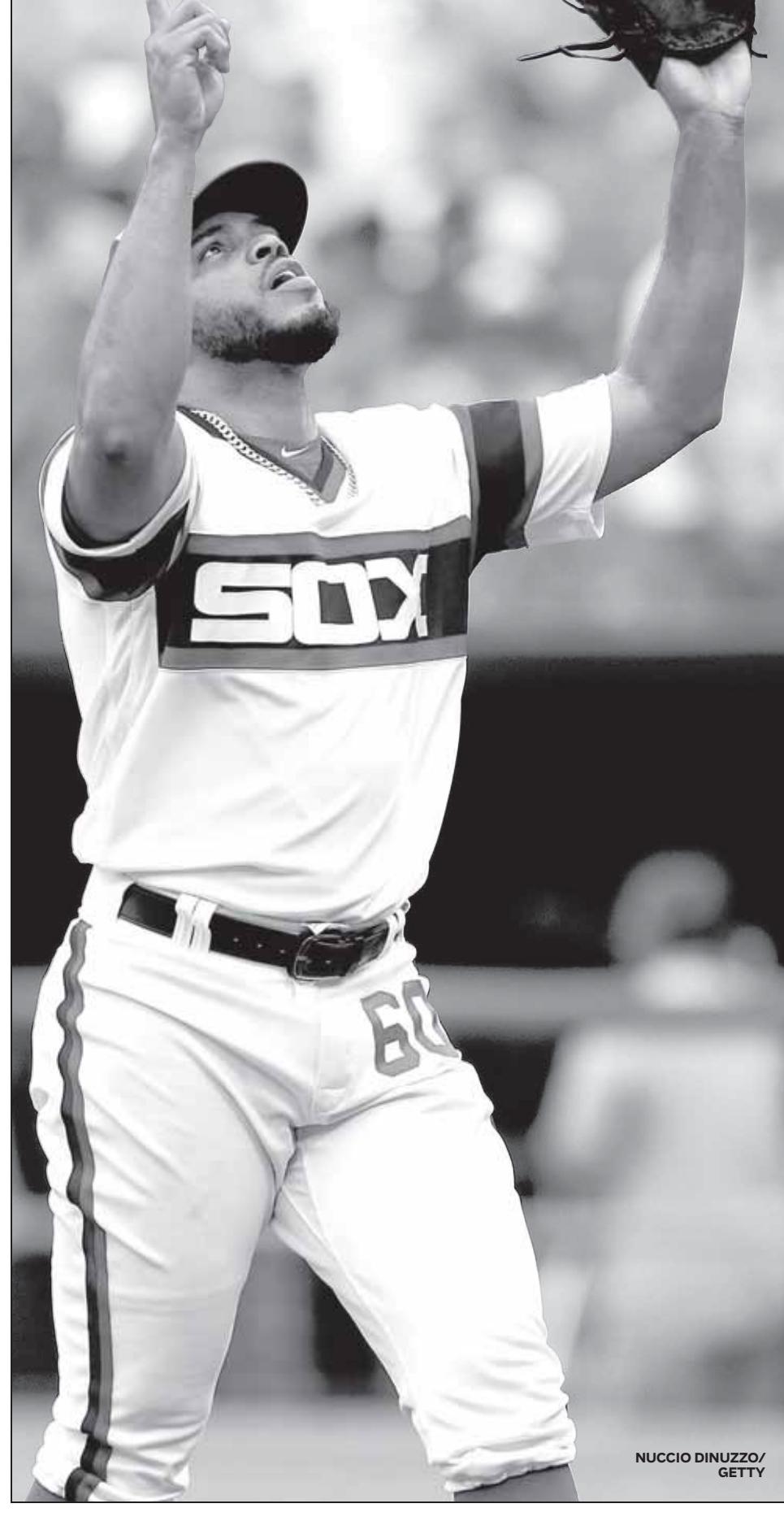
If the Cubs miss the playoffs or fail to win a postseason series, drastic but necessary changes loom. Speculation will surround the availability of the Cubs' four core players: Baez, Rizzo, Kris Bryant and Willson Contreras. Epstein no longer can sell high on once-marketable young players such as Albert Almora Jr., Ian Happ, Addison Russell and Kyle Schwarber, so that leaves bigger names and bolder ideas.

The Cubs likely will pursue long-term contract extensions with Bryant and Baez, but Epstein can't afford not to listen to trade offers for both players. The free agency of Castellanos — would a five-year, \$75 million deal do it? — must be a priority. At some point, rebuilding an aging pitching staff will be costly. A team with World Series-or-bust expectations can't go three seasons without playing for a second title without considering anything and everything.

The Cubs winning it all in 2016 was the stuff of legends. But it presaged much more that has yet to follow.

This remains the golden age of Cubs baseball. The next month could determine how long it lasts.

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BASEBALL**American League**

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	86	47	.647	—	—	5-5	W-2	49-20	37-27
Tampa Bay	76	56	.576	9½	—	5-5	L-2	34-31	42-25
Boston	70	62	.530	15½	6	7-3	L-1	34-34	36-28
Toronto	53	80	.398	33	23½	2-8	L-1	25-39	28-41
Baltimore	43	88	.328	42	32½	4-6	W-2	22-46	21-42
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	79	51	.608	—	—	7-3	W-2	39-29	40-22
Cleveland	76	55	.580	3½	—	4-6	L-1	41-27	35-28
Chicago	60	70	.462	19	15	6-4	W-1	33-32	27-38
Kansas City	46	86	.348	34	30	2-8	L-1	24-40	22-46
Detroit	39	89	.305	39	35	3-7	L-2	17-43	22-46
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	85	47	.644	—	—	7-3	W-4	49-16	36-31
Oakland	75	55	.577	9	—	7-3	W-1	43-26	32-29
Texas	64	68	.485	21	12	4-6	L-1	38-27	26-41
Los Angeles	63	70	.474	22½	13½	3-7	L-5	33-31	30-39
Seattle	56	76	.424	29	20	6-4	L-1	29-38	27-38

Late games noted below

TUESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

TEAM PITCHER	2019			2019 VS. OPP.			LAST 3 STARTS			
	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Pit Brault (L)	3-3	3.98	5-8	0-0	0.00	0-2	17.2	3.57		
Phi Smyly (L)	6:05p	2-6	6.99	8-7	0-0	1.50	0-0	14.1	6.91	
Cin Castillo (R)	12-5	3.10	14-12	1-0	7.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	6.35	
Mia Smith (L)	6:10p	8-7	3.82	11-10	0-0	0.00	1-2	15.2	6.89	
Chi Darvish (R)	4-6	4.43	11-15	0-0	6.0	0.00	0-1	18.1	4.91	
NY Stroman (R)	6:10p	7-11	3.18	12-13	0-0	0.00	1-1	15.1	4.11	
StL Mikolas (R)	7-13	4.43	13-13	0-1	5.0	9.00	0-1	16.0	8.44	
Mil Houser (R)	6:40p	6-5	3.62	4-7	1-1	9.1	5.79	2-0	18.1	1.47
Ari Leake (R)	9-10	4.77	12-14	0-0	6.0	6.00	0-2	16.0	9.56	
SF Samardzija (R)	8:45p	9-10	3.44	14-12	1-1	16.2	5.40	1-1	20.1	1.77
LA Buehler (R)	10-3	3.16	15-9	1-0	9.0	1.00	0-1	17.0	2.65	
SD Quantrill (R)	9:10p	6-4	3.32	5-8	0-1	5.4	3.60	2-1	18.1	2.45
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019			2019 VS. OPP.			LAST 3 STARTS			
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cle Plutko (R)	5-3	4.54	9-4	1-0	11.1	5.56	1-1	18.0	4.50	
Det Turnbull (R)	6:10p	3-12	4.05	6-17	0-4	2.00	6.30	0-3	14.0	6.43
TB Morton (R)	13-5	2.85	17-10	1-0	5.0	3.60	1-1	18.0	3.50	
Hou Verlander (R)	7:10p	15-5	2.82	18-9	1-0	7.0	1.29	0-1	21.0	3.43
Min Pineda (R)	9-5	4.26	14-9	3-0	2.00	3.15	2-0	18.0	4.00	
Chi Giolito (R)	7:10p	14-3	3.20	16-9	2-1	19.0	3.32	2-1	21.0	1.71
Oak Fiers (R)	12-3	3.46	18-9	0-0	0.00	2-0	18.1	3.44		
KC Montgomery (L)	7:15p	3-6	5.07	2-5	0-0	0.00	2-1	18.0	2.50	
Tex Minor (L)	11-7	3.17	14-12	1-0	2.50	3.60	1-1	20.2	3.92	
LA Heaney (L)	9:07p	3-3	4.31	8-4	1-0	13.0	2.08	2-0	18.2	2.41
NY Tanaka (R)	9-7	4.68	16-10	0-0	6.2	2.84	2-1	20.1	3.10	
Sea Kikuchi (L)	9:10p	5-6	5.19	12-14	1-0	7.2	1.17	1-0	17.1	3.12
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Bal Brooks (R)	3-7	6.21	7-7	0-2	2.38	1-2	13.1	10.13		
Was Corbin (L)	6:05p	10-5	3.17	16-10	0-0	0.00	1-0	20.0	1.35	
Atl Soroka (R)	10-2	2.41	16-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	20.2	2.18	
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Bos Porcello (R)	11-10	5.49	15-11	0-0	0.00	1-2	16.0	5.06		
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TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE**AMERICAN LEAGUE****MONDAY'S RESULTS**

Oakland 19, Kansas City 4

N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 4

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.

Baltimore at Washington, 6:05 p.m.

Atlanta at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.

Cleveland at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Chi. White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Houston, 7:10 p.m.

Oakland at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Boston at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE**MONDAY'S RESULTS**

Colorado 3, Atlanta 1

Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 5 (11)

St. Louis 12, Milwaukee 2

Cincinnati 6, Miami 3

Arizona 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

San Diego 1, San Francisco, late

St. Louis at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m.

Baltimore at Washington, 6:05 p.m.

Atlanta at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.

Chi. Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Cincinnati at Miami, 6:10 p.m.

Boston at Colorado, 6:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 8:10 p.m.



MORRY GASH/AP

Harrison Bader celebrates after hitting a two-run double during the Cardinals' victory.

CARDINALS 12, BREWERS 2**Cards roll, extend division lead**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Marcell Ozuna's bases-loaded double keyed a six-run second inning and the surging Cardinals pounded out a 12-2 victory over the Brewers on Monday night.

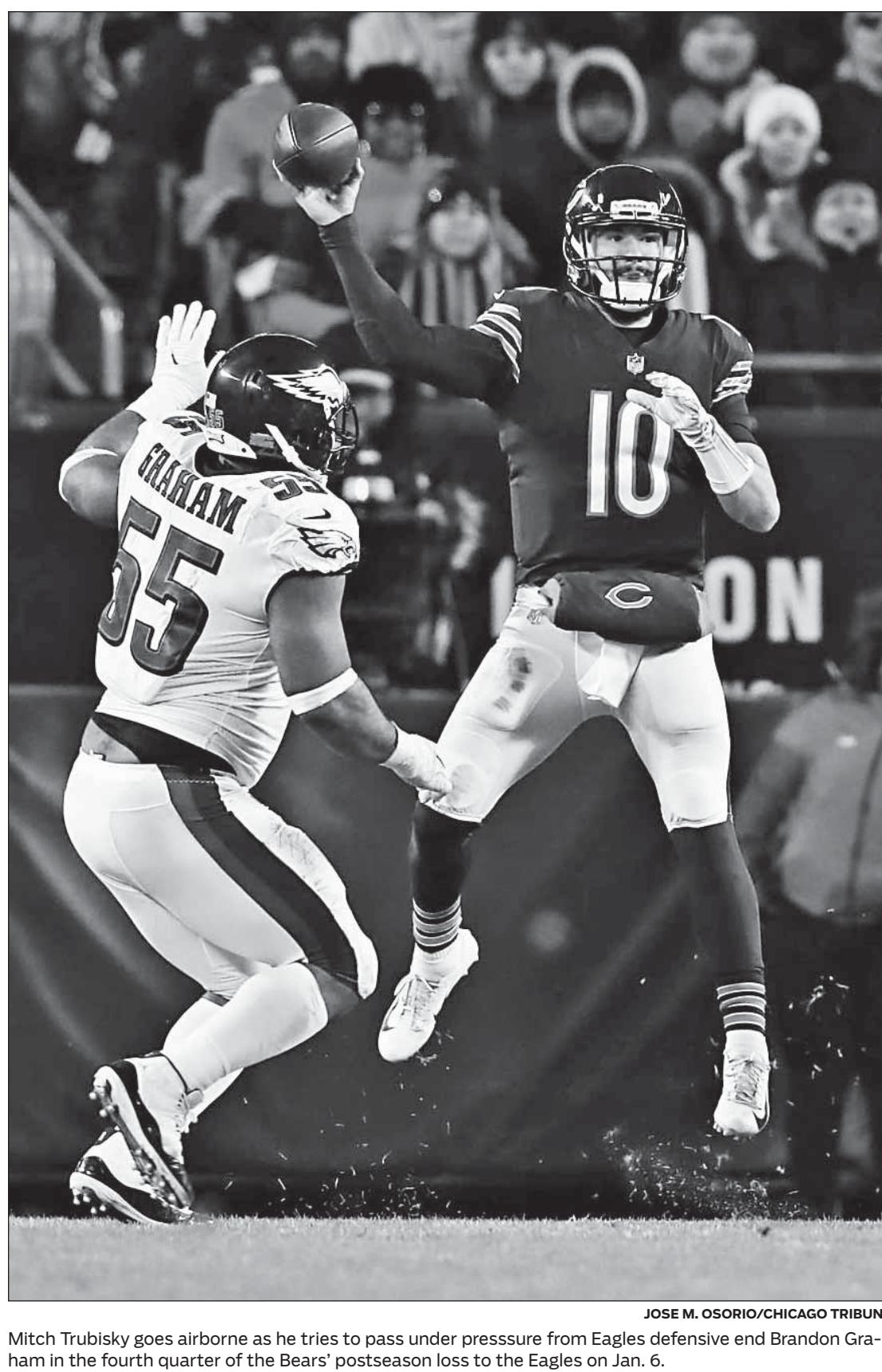
The Cards, who have won five straight games, jumped on starter Gio Gonzalez (2-2) for eight runs in the first two innings en route to their 14th victory in 17 games.

Yadier Molina and Paul DeJong each homered and drove in three runs for the Cards, who moved to a

season-high 14 games above .500. The Cards extended their lead in the NL Central to three games over the idle Cubs. The third-place Brewers dropped 5½ back.

Despite being staked to a 9-1 lead, starter Adam Wainwright lasted just 3½ innings, throwing 90 pitches. He allowed two runs on six hits with three walks.

John Gant (9-0) relieved Wainwright and struck out three in 2½ hitless innings for the victory.

BEARS

JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mitch Trubisky goes airborne as he tries to pass under pressure from Eagles defensive end Brandon Graham in the fourth quarter of the Bears' postseason loss to the Eagles on Jan. 6.

Bears

Continued from Page 1

can't build off that as a core foundation, then we need to talk."

Ragone's orders to Trubisky, then, were clear. Take that fourth quarter into the offseason. Seize confidence from the final drive. Make sure it fosters development, regardless of Cody Parkey's missed kick. And be ready to show that growth in the nationally televised season opener Sept. 5 against the Packers.

Because Trubisky did everything required in that make-or-break moment to position the Bears to win. He ended up within inches of rewriting the top line of his resume.

Last-minute, come-from-behind drive to beat the defending champs in the playoffs.

That would be a steel beam in any quarterback's legacy. The kicker just missed the dang kick.

Now, there are no asterisks here. Nor would Trubisky ask for one. Especially considering how ordinary his play was through the first three quarters of that game.

But the irony is worth underscoring as he enters his third season with the city debating what exactly the Bears have in their franchise quarterback.

Citywide chatter about his uneven practice performances this summer filled the vacuum created by his lack of preseason game snaps. It continues to fuel the tug of war between his supporters and detractors, with both sides desperate for new, better data from the opener against the Packers.

Surely, though, the Trubisky debate would be framed more favorably for him if a kick he watched from the sideline had split the uprights.

Within the team, at least, that fact spawns no self-pity. Rather, Trubisky and his coaches have used that final drive to build his confidence as though January's DNA test proved he has the clutch gene, double doink be damned.

"It doesn't matter how big the stage is," Trubisky said when asked what he took from the final drive of last season. "If all 11 guys are on the same page and we believe in what we're doing and we execute it, then plays are going to work. It's really as simple as that."

'Put it behind you'

Just before Trubisky took the stage that final time, coach Matt Nagy grabbed him. The Bears still had a pulse because Tarik Cohen's electric kickoff-return cameo set up the offense at their 48-yard line.

With Trubisky smiling back at him, Nagy delivered one last message: "This," he said, "is where the story begins."

Those words were as generous as they were inspirational. Trubisky's performance to that point in the playoff game had been mixed, at best.

It wasn't all his fault. The Bears offensive line played one of its worst games of the season against the Eagles' strong, fast front. Tight end Trey Burton's surprising groin injury the previous day allowed the Eagles to devote defenders to Cohen, limiting him to 27 yards from scrimmage on four touches.

Trubisky also injured his right heel on a second-quarter scramble. But he played through that and seemed unaffected when he launched his worst throw of the game just before halftime.

On the run, he slung a pass 26 yards into the end zone, where the Eagles' zone coverage featured two defenders on Taylor Gabriel.

Safety Tre Sullivan will never have an easier interception in his life. As if he had dipped his gloves in bacon grease, the ball went through his hands and allowed the Bears to salvage three points.

So let the record show that before the football gods damned the Bears to an early offseason and left Trubisky without full credit for his fourth-quarter surge, they gave him a considerable reprieve.

"You don't play as well as you want in the first half — I mean, who cares?" Trubisky said immediately after the game. "Put it behind you. There's always a next play to be had."

That, itself, indicated growth. Throughout last season, Nagy, Ragone and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich painted a picture of a quarterback who tends to struggle flushing negative plays from his mental engine.

In the biggest game of his life, though, Trubisky compartmentalized as well as he ever had.

Over a span of eight passes in the fourth quarter, he completed seven for 115 yards and a touchdown. Once the Bears finally identified the backside mismatch between Allen Robinson and cornerback Avonte Maddox, Trubisky was surgical.

"I was more proud of his decisions," Ragone said. "I know he made some throws, but the decisions on which he made those throws, that's how you replicate that success. Consistent, productive decisions are how you stay in this business a long time."

'The kid is going to do something'

All eyes were glued to Trubisky as he spoke to Nagy on the sideline and then trotted onto the field.

Could he make the moment his?

He at least carried positive momentum out to the huddle. Two drives earlier, he completed consecutive passes for 19, 34 and 22 yards, the last a touchdown to Allen Robinson.

"The best part ... was the look in his eye when Coach Nagy was calling the plays as he walked off the sideline into the huddle," Ragone recalled. "I looked at the backup quarterbacks at the time and said, 'Man, I've got a great feeling here. The kid is going to do something.'"

Teammates felt it too. In that unfamiliar situation, Trubisky was a steady force.

"He was super chill," left tackle Charles Leno said. "He was just like, 'Let's just go down there and get this win.'"

After a first-down incompletion, Trubisky hit Robinson with a back-shoulder ball on the right sideline for 25 yards to the Eagles 33. It wouldn't be a stretch to call it his best throw of his career, given the situation and degree of difficulty.

The Eagles had a deep safety in the right half of the field, and Maddox sank in coverage underneath Robinson. For Trubisky to get the ball over Maddox and into Robinson's hands before the safety arrived, he had to throw it on time through a window of about two feet.

"He knew the area I would be in," Robinson said this summer. "I knew the area I needed to be in. He knew to give me a shot, and we were able to come down with it."

Robinson and Trubisky separately explained how those big fourth-quarter completions resulted from reps throughout the season. Eventually, the offense grew to understand how they would attack teams on any given play depending on the coverage.

That knowledge carries into 2019. Pair that with Trubisky's exposure to all sorts of situations, especially a playoff atmosphere, and it amounts to the experience factor that prompts the Bears to forecast a significant step forward for the franchise quarterback.

"This position is so predicated on confidence, and it's inner confidence," Ragone said. "If you can't get confidence from that last drive, there's probably something a little off. He should have it, and hopefully he does."

He'll need it too. To pick up against the Packers where he left off against the Eagles. To get the Bears back to the playoffs. And to make sure that resume features a new top line before long.

WHAT WE LEARNED

WR Miller back, targets opener

Returns after missing time with ankle sprain — and has eyes on Pack

BY COLLEEN KANE

shoulder injury, also returned in a limited capacity Monday.

Nagy is interested to see how kicker Eddy Pineiro handles success.

A week after the Bears cut Elliott Fry, Pineiro made the most of being the lone kicker on the roster during Saturday's game against the Colts.

He made 21- and 58-yard field goals and all three of his extra-point attempts. Now Pineiro has another week to prove to the Bears that he is the kicker they need and that they shouldn't consider other options when NFL cuts day arrives.

"These guys can probably use a little bit (of success)," Nagy said. "There's been such a microscope on them, and that's OK. ... (Now the question is) how are you going to handle when you do well? But how cool was it to see the team react the way they reacted to him making that (58-yarder)? To seeing Eddy react the way he reacted? He knew it was a big kick. Now he gets more opportunities this week, hopefully."

The Bears are hurting at swing tackle.

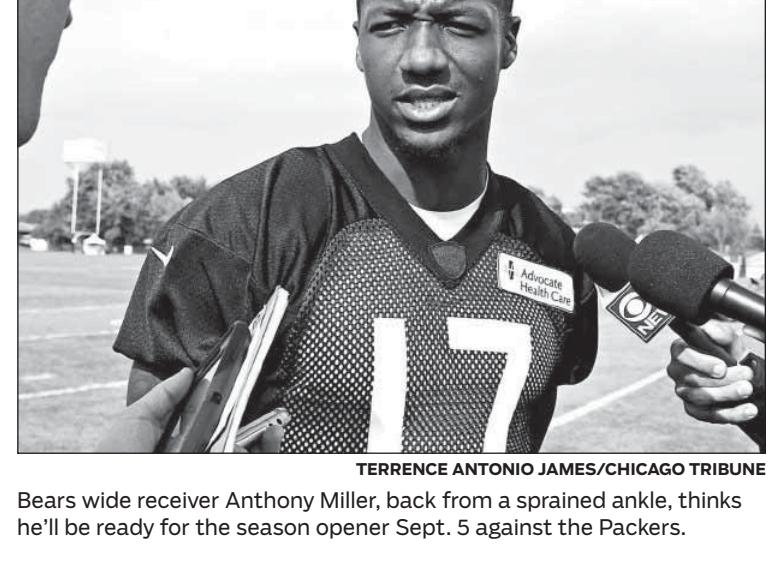
T.J. Clemmings is out for the year with a quad injury suffered against the Colts, Nagy announced Monday. Rashaad Coward, who converted from defensive line to offensive line last season, injured his left elbow against the Giants. He has been sidelined while wearing a large brace, and while Nagy said he is improving, he is not close to returning this week.

So that leaves the Bears searching for options.

Nagy said Alex Bars, an undrafted rookie out of Notre Dame, likely will work more at tackle this week after playing there against the Colts. Bars started 12 games at right tackle for Notre Dame in 2016 before he moved back to guard in his final two seasons.

After reviewing the film of the Colts game, Nagy said he saw some promise in Bars' effort.

"He did some good things there," Nagy said. "We just want to see him keep growing and see what he can do. But I liked what I saw, so we'll get him going there a little bit more."



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller, back from a sprained ankle, thinks he'll be ready for the season opener Sept. 5 against the Packers.

NFL festival will close streets near Grant Park

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Talk about shutting down the ground game.

If Matt Nagy's team can stop the Packers on Sept. 5 as effectively as the NFL Kickoff Experience festival will close down streets near Grant Park, the Bears' 100th season should get off to a strong start.

Whether that's of sufficient solace to Chicagoans whose routine travel through the area will be detoured remains to be seen.

Fans planning to attend the game will need to allow extra time to get there, not just because of the closures and typical weeknight rush-hour traffic but because of the thousands of people the free Kickoff Experience is expected to attract, rain or shine.

Kickoff Experience attendees will have the opportunity to take pictures with the Vince Lombardi Trophy and all 53 Super Bowl rings.

There will be autograph sessions with former Bears and, according to Bears Chairman George McCaskey, a concert headlined by Chance the Rapper.

Street closures will include:

■ East Ida B. Wells Drive from Congress Drive to Colum-

bus Drive will be closed from this Saturday to Saturday, Sept. 7.

■ Columbus Drive from Balbo Drive through Jackson Boulevard will be closed after morning rush hour on Wednesday, Sept. 4 through the morning of Friday, Sept. 6.

■ East Congress Plaza Drive from Harrison Street to Van Buren Street will be closed after morning rush hour on game day, Thursday, Sept. 5 until midnight.

The closures are not as pervasive as they were in 2015 or 2016, when Chicago was host for the NFL draft and Draft Town attraction for fans.

Bears alumni scheduled to sign autographs at the NFL Kickoff Experience are Jim McMahon (2-3:30 p.m.), Matt Forte (4:15-5:45 p.m.) and Charles Tillman (6-7:30 p.m.).

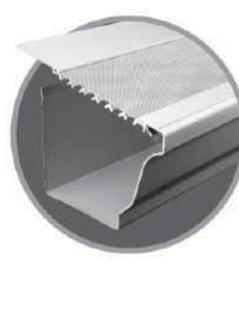
Other attractions include NFL combine drills, a mini-Madden NFL 20 tournament, live music and an appearance by the Chicago Bears Drumline.

The festival will conclude with a massive viewing party for the Bears-Packers game on 17-foot-tall video screens. The game will be televised by NBC, with Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth calling the action.



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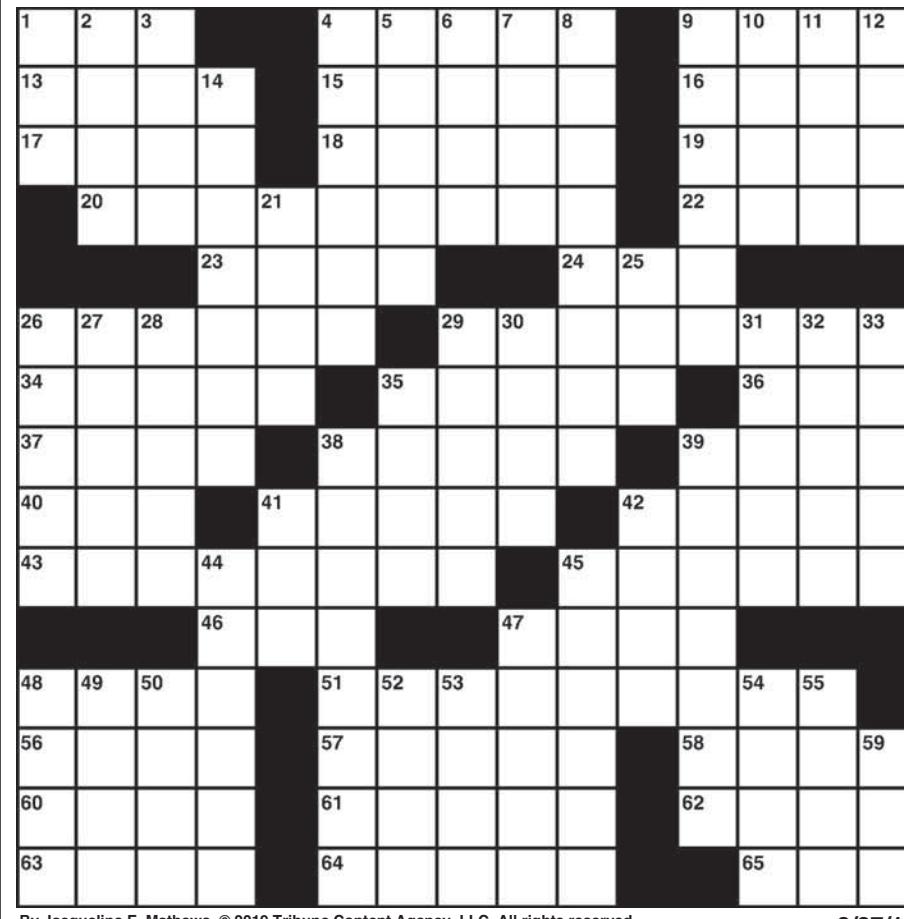
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ACROSS

- 1 Hoover or Aswan
- 4 Thespian
- 9 Not pretty
- 13 Every 24 hours
- 15 Mold; form
- 16 Sincere request
- 17 Notre __
- 18 Jazz section
- 19 Meander
- 20 Macho
- 22 Keeps
- 23 "___! The Herald Angels Sing"
- 24 Org. for Grizzlies & Pelicans
- 26 Conflict; struggle
- 29 Day with short bank hours
- 34 Want badly
- 35 Wally & Courteney
- 36 "___ Miss"; southern univ.
- 37 Costa __
- 38 Hauled away a car
- 39 Graceful dance
- 40 Presidential nickname
- 41 Yearns
- 42 Prescribed amounts
- 43 Bugged
- 45 Noiseless
- 46 Wee hour
- 47 Told tales
- 48 Forehead
- 51 Abandoning
- 56 Mauna Loa's output
- 57 Being in debt
- 58 ___-do-well; bum
- 60 Wrapped up
- 61 ___ pie
- 62 Fence door
- 63 Warp
- 64 Concluded
- 65 Youth

DOWN

- 1 Family member
- 2 Garden man
- 3 One of the Three Bears
- 4 Relieve someone's doubt
- 5 Hopscotch grid drawer's "pen"
- 6 Hired vehicle
- 7 Out in the ___; visible to all
- 8 Felt bitter about
- 9 Pandemonium
- 10 Moon shine
- 11 Tilt to one side
- 12 Potato varieties
- 14 Jewish school
- 21 Eatery
- 25 Students' transport
- 26 Reject
- 27 Navajo or Sioux
- 28 Runs competitively
- 29 Planted
- 30 Pink-slips
- 31 Throw water on
- 32 Woody, for one
- 33 Bread ingredient
- 35 Dunce cap's shape
- 38 Tedious
- 39 ___ on to; keeping
- 41 Slammer

42 Kicked the bucket

44 In the direction of

45 Burned the edges of

47 Knight's spear

48 Sci-fi villain

49 Wild party

50 Chef's need

52 Look-alike

53 Lemon peel

54 Actor

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55 ___ rise out of; provoke

59 Mr. Skelton



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NY Mets	-110	Chi Cubs +100
at Milwaukee	-138	St. Louis +128
San Fran.	off	Arizona off
LA Dodgers	-176	at San Diego +164
AMERICAN LEAGUE		TUESDAY
Cleveland	-140	at Detroit +130
Minnesota	-127	at Chi White Sox +117
at Houston	-168	Tampa Bay +158
Oakland	-163	at Kansas City +153
LA Angels	-140	Texas +130
NY Yankees	-180	at Seattle +165
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at Washington	-305	Baltimore +275
at Toronto	off	Atlanta off
at Colorado	-109	Boston -101

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at Arizona St	25	Kent St
Utah	5	at BYU
FRIDAY		
at Army	21½	Rice
at Wake Forest	3½	Utah St
Wisconsin	13½	at South Florida
at Michigan St	23	Tulsa
Rutgers	15½	UMass
Colorado	13½	Colorado St
Purdue	10½	at Nevada
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SATURDAY		
at Ohio State	27½	FAU
at Nebraska	36	S. Alabama
at NC State	16½	East Carolina
at Illinois	17	Akron
Indiana	17	Ball St
at Kentucky	12	Toledo
Miss. St	21	LA-Laf.
at Memphis	6	Mississippi
at Tennessee	26	Georgia St
E. Michigan	6½	at Coast. Carol.
S. Carolina	9½	N. Carolina
Alabama	35	Duke
at Stanford	6½	Northwestern at Boston Coll.
Virginia Tech	4½	at Liberty
Syracuse	17½	Boise St
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at Arkansas St	2½	Mid. Tenn.
at Michigan	33½	Miami (Ohio)
at Iowa	21½	Ga. Southern
at LSU	27	at Vanderbilt
Georgia	21	at Pittsburgh
Virginia	2½	at Wyoming
Missouri	17½	Oregon
Auburn	3½	Louisiana Tech
at Texas	20½	New Mexico St
at Wash. St	32	Fresno St
at USC	13½	SUNDAY
at Oklahoma	21½	Houston
Notre Dame	20	MONDAY
at Louisville		

NFL PRESEASON

WEEK 4		THURSDAY
Pittsburgh	3	at Carolina
Minnesota	3	at Buffalo
at Cincinnati	3½	Indianapolis
at NY Jets	3	Philadelphia
at Jacksonville	4	Atlanta
Baltimore	5½	at Washington
at New England	2½	NY Giants
at Cleveland	4	Detroit
at Green Bay	2½	Kansas City
at Dallas	3	Tampa Bay
at Chicago	3	Tennessee
at Houston	2½	LA Rams
at New Orleans	3½	Miami
at Denver	2	Arizona
at San Fran.	4	LA Chargers
at Seattle	2½	Oakland

NFL PRESEASON

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New England	3	0	1	0.000	63	28
Buffalo	3	0	1	0.000	75	50
Miami	2	1	0	.667	63	50
NY. Jets	1	2	0	.333	57	69

afc north	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
Baltimore	3	0	1	0.000	81	28
Pittsburgh	3	0	1	0.000	65	41
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	63	41
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	63	41

afc south	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	50	50
Houston	1	2	0	.333	56	85
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	51	72
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	17	75

afc west	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
Oakland	3	0	1	0.000	69	50
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	62	61
Denver	1	3	0	.250	49	66
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	45	59

nfc east	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
NY. Giants	3	0	1	0.000	88	58
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	57	27
Washington	1	2	0	.333	42	60
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	49	63

nfc north	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
Minnesota	3	0	1	0.000	79	53
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	62	74
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	53	72
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	46	89

nfc south	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	57	56
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	72	64
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	40	50
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	54	89

nfc west	w	l	t	pct	pf	pa
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	68	41
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	64	54
L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333	23	34
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	52	66

THURSDAY'S GAMES

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RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#10 Brian Urlacher

1st-ballot Hall of Famer revolutionized demands on middle linebackers

BY WILL LARKIN

Olin Kreutz did a double take. For the Bears center, blocking linebackers on outside zone runs was "easy ... I cut them off in a second." So on one of the first days of training camp in Platteville, Wis., in 2000, Kreutz thought something must have been off when a rookie linebacker sprinted past him as if he weren't there.

"This is my block. I'm going to kill this guy," Kreutz remembered thinking in a Tribune story on July 30, 2018. "He just flew by me big and strong and fast, and I don't know if I've ever seen anything like that."

Offensive players around the NFL soon shared the feeling. Competing against Brian Urlacher sometimes defied belief. How in the world could a 6-foot-4, 258-pound middle linebacker be so fast?

"I came back to the huddle and was like, '(Wow!) That guy is fast!'" Kreutz said. "I don't even think 'Lach' knew how fast he was at that time. ... There wasn't a linebacker I played against — Pro Bowl, All-Pro — that I wasn't cutting off with ease, and Lach's speed was on a whole other level."

The Bears drafted Urlacher with the ninth pick of the first round in 2000. He played strong-side linebacker for most of training camp and for his first two games as a Bear. When defensive coordinator Greg Blache and linebackers coach Dale Lindsey shifted Urlacher to the middle, he became a revelation. His combination of size, speed, athleticism, football intelligence and instincts had never been seen at the position.

"The versatility and his athleticism was incredible," former Bears safety Tony Parrish told the Tribune's Dan Wiederer on Aug. 2, 2018. "This was a guy who played safety and returned punts at New Mexico. And now he's at middle linebacker in the NFL."

Like Kreutz, Bears coach Dick Jauron, who played safety in the NFL for eight years, had trouble believing his eyes. The Tribune's Don Pierson wrote on Feb. 2, 2018, that Jauron, who was four inches shorter and about 70 pounds lighter than Urlacher, "marveled at being able to witness evolution before his very eyes." Pierson also noted that Urlacher's 40-yard dash time of 4.59 seconds at the scouting combine was comparable to Bears running back Walter Payton's time 25 years earlier.

Urlacher could play any style. During his first four seasons, Jauron and Blache often used him as a blitzer, and he had 21 of his 41½ career sacks in that time. Under Lovie Smith from 2004-12, Urlacher was a key to the team's pass coverage and had 16 of his 22 interceptions. Most of Urlacher's impact wasn't measured in statistics, though. In 2005 he was named the AP Defensive Player of the Year after a season in which he went without an interception or a fumble recovery.

It didn't take long for fans and media to anoint Urlacher as the next great Bears middle linebacker, the heir to Bill George, Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary. Urlacher always brushed off such comparisons, but when he was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year he accepted his place in team lore.

During his induction speech as the record 28th Bear to enter the Hall in Canton, Ohio, Urlacher said: "To me, it's the most coveted defensive position in football: middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears. ... Bill George, Dick Butkus, Mike Singletary, and now, I can barely say it, me."

While Urlacher certainly belongs in that category, it is hard to compare him to the middle backers who came before him. He was taller and heavier than George, Butkus and Singletary but more athletic than any of them. Like Urlacher, Jack Lambert stood 6-foot-4, but he weighed 220 pounds. Ray Lewis, who went into the Hall of Fame with Urlacher in 2018, played at 6-1 and 240. Junior Seau, in the same ballpark size-wise at 6-3, 250 and excellent against the run and pass, might be the closest comparison.

"No middle linebacker, including Lewis, offered the size-speed dimension of Urlacher," Pierson wrote.

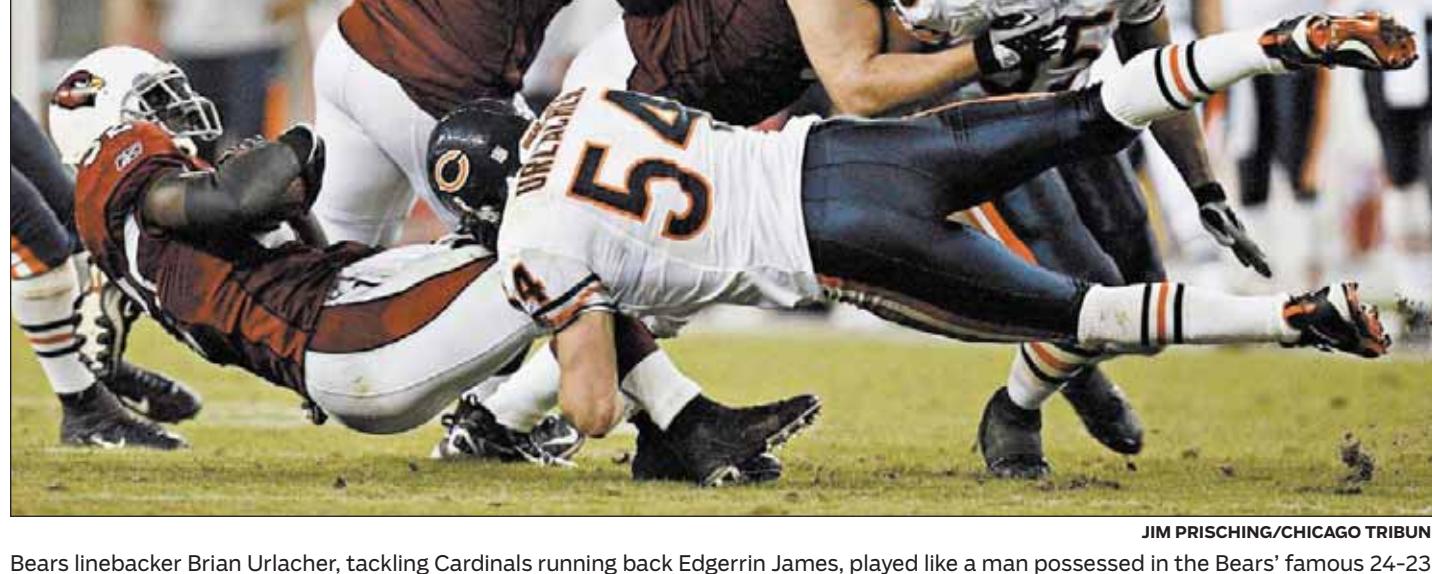
Like Butkus and Singletary before him, Urlacher played with a trademark facial expression. Butkus scowled. Singletary stared with wide-eyed intensity. Urlacher smiled from earhole to earhole, especially after making a big play.

"I remember coming back to the huddle, and during timeouts, Brian would be singing just about every song they were playing in the stadium," Parrish said. "And it seemed like he knew all the lyrics to all the songs. Didn't matter what genre. He was just having fun the whole time."

Running back Thomas Jones added: "On the field, he was always goofing around. Stuffing grass in people's helmets. It was like if you took kids from Pop Warner and you fast-forwarded 20 years later and they were doing the exact same things."

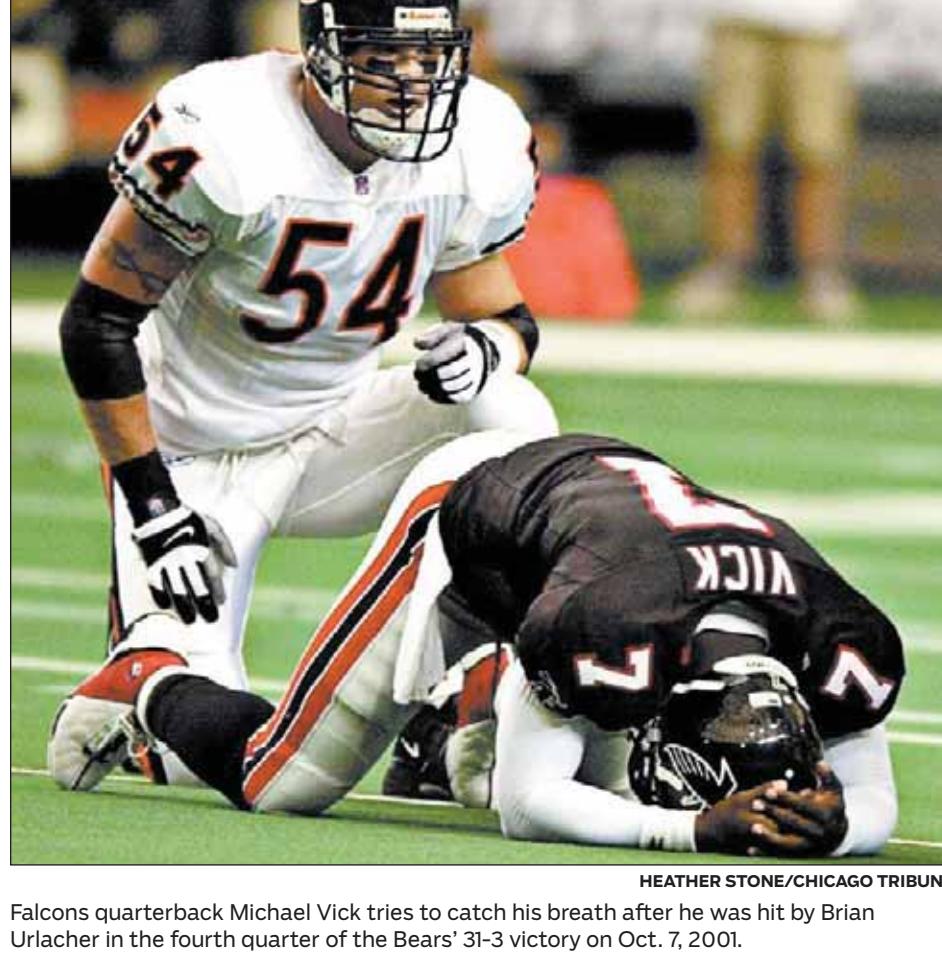
Perhaps no play displayed Urlacher's combination of excellence and enthusiasm more than Nathan Vasher's 108-yard return of a missed field goal for a touchdown against the 49ers on Nov. 13, 2005. Urlacher led the way up the right sideline, blocking one player to the ground, somehow zooming back ahead of the sprinting cornerback and finishing the play by pancaking another 49er.

Bears Chairman George McCaskey, remembering the play to Wiederer on Aug. 6, 2018, said: "He was just as happy for Vash as he'd be for himself. Guys feed off that. On



JIM PRISCHING/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, tackling Cardinals running back Edgerrin James, played like a man possessed in the Bears' famous 24-23 comeback victory on "Monday Night Football" on Oct. 16, 2006.



HEATHER STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Falcons quarterback Michael Vick tries to catch his breath after he was hit by Brian Urlacher in the fourth quarter of the Bears' 31-3 victory on Oct. 7, 2001.

the field, while he was playing at a Hall of Fame level, he looked like he was just playing a pickup game with his buddies at the park."

"Football for him was like recess," Blache told Wiederer.

Urlacher ended his career after the 2012 season with unofficial Bears records of 1,353 career tackles and 153 in 2002. In 13 seasons he made 180 starts, third in team history behind Payton's 184 and Kreutz's 193. He was one of five NFL players with at least 40 sacks and 20 interceptions in his career, joining Lewis, Karlos Dansby, Seth Joyner and Wilber Marshall.

He made eight Pro Bowls, was a four-time first-team All-Pro selection, the 2000 Defensive Rookie of the Year, the 2005 Defensive Player of the Year and a member of the All-Decade team for the 2000s.

"Brian just had this mystique, man," Jones said. "He was playing at such a high level. He's chasing down quarterbacks, chasing down running backs, knocking the crap out of fullbacks and linemen. Always around the ball. Always making plays."

At New Mexico, Urlacher played a hybrid safety/linebacker position. He also returned punts, averaging 15.8 yards per return, and he was a red-zone receiving threat, catching seven passes, a team-leading six for touchdowns. Dave Bliss, then the Lobos' basketball coach, wanted him to try out for his team. Urlacher had considered playing junior-college basketball after his preferred football program, Texas Tech, didn't offer him a scholarship.

Going into the draft, Falcons scout Mike Hagen told the Tribune's Skip Bayless on April 13, 2000: "Urlacher's combination of size, speed, strength, smarts, character, maturity, throwback toughness, athletic ability, cover skills and hands just doesn't come around very often. You could put him at middle linebacker and know he'd never have to come off the field. These days you need more than just a run stuffer in the middle. This guy can blitz and intercept passes. He could really become the leader of a defense."

The Bears were hoping one of Jones, wide receiver Plaxico Burress or Urlacher would fall to them at No. 9. The Cardinals selected Jones at No. 7, the Steelers took Burress next, and the Bears were happy to take Urlacher. They drafted safety Mike Brown in the second round, and the two picks infused the Bears defense with the talent, intelligence and instincts the unit would come to be known for in the next decade.

Urlacher moved into the starting lineup in the third game of 2000 after Barry Minter suffered a back injury. After his rookie-of-the-year season, Urlacher took off in 2001 after the Bears signed huge defensive tackles Ted Washington and Keith Taylor to make it difficult for centers and guards to reach him. Fans across the country took notice of Urlacher's athleticism on Oct. 7 against the Falcons, when he hounded quarterback Michael Vick in a 31-3

win that included an interception and a 9-yard fumble return for a touchdown for Urlacher.

Dan Pompei, a former Tribune reporter who successfully presented Urlacher's case to the Hall of Fame committee, said that game made him realize he was covering a player who had a chance to become an all-time great.

"Michael Vick came into the league in 2001, and he could not be stopped," Pompei told the Tribune on July 30, 2018. "And then the Bears played him, and Urlacher just chased him all over the field, ran him down, kept hitting him the whole game."

"It really was an eye-opener about the kind of athleticism this guy had. Playing at over 250 pounds, he could chase this incredible, one-of-a-kind quarterback all over the field and not only match his speed or exceed his speed but beat him up physically to the point where he basically defeated him."

Jauron was fired after the 2003 season and replaced with Lovie Smith, whose defense showcased Urlacher's special talents. The linebacker's speed, size and coverage ability allowed Smith to tweak his Cover-2 zone, with Urlacher covering the deep middle on pass plays and allowing the safeties to help the cornerbacks outside if needed.

The result was Urlacher's Defensive Player of the Year honor in 2005, one year after the Sporting News named him the league's most overrated player.

"That pissed me off," Urlacher told the Tribune's David Haugh on Feb. 4, 2018. "And the next year what happened? ... I think I was vindicated."

Lance Briggs, the outside linebacker who played beside Urlacher for 10 years and was named to seven Pro Bowls, told the Tribune: "I remember the first game in 2005 against the Redskins. Brian was flying around. ... I remember saying to myself, 'Man, he's going to win defensive player of the year this year.' And sure enough, he did!"

Urlacher led the Bears to Super Bowl XLI after they went 13-3 in the 2006 regular season with a defense that ranked third in scoring, fifth overall, sixth against the run and 11th against the pass. That season featured Urlacher simply willing his team to a win on "Monday Night Football."

Down 23-3 late in the third quarter against the Cardinals on Oct. 16 in Glendale, Ariz., Urlacher led the charge to a 24-23 win. He was credited by the Bears with 25 tackles, and when he yanked the ball from Edgerrin James' hands for a 40-yard touchdown return by Charles Tillman, the Bears suddenly were within 23-17 with 5 minutes to play. Devin Hester's 83-yard punt return and a Neil Rackers missed field goal clinched the victory.

Smith said he gave a special pep talk to Urlacher between the third and fourth quarters and that Urlacher responded beyond what even his coach thought was possible.

"I said, 'You're freaking Brian Urlacher,'" Smith remembered on July 30, 2018. "You

URLACHER AS A BEAR

2000-12 | 13 seasons | 182 games

Bears record: 110-98 (.529).**Playoff appearances:** 4.**Acquired:** First round (11th overall), 2000 draft from New Mexico.**THE LIST**

55. Dick Gordon
56. Jim McMahon
57. Neal Anderson
58. Mike Brown
59. Jim Osborne
60. Willie Galimore
61. Mark Carrier
62. Mark Bortz
63. Julius Peppers
64. J.C. Caroline
65. Ed O'Bradovich
66. Mike Pyle
67. Mike Hartenstein
68. Keith Van Horne
69. Tommie Harris
70. George Wilson
71. Jack Manders
72. James Williams
73. Jim Dooley
74. Robbie Gould
75. Bennie McRae
76. Johnny Lujack
77. Bill Osmanski
78. Jay Cutler
79. Jim McMillen
80. Khalil Mack
81. Eddie Jackson
82. Doug Plank
83. Zuck Carlson
84. Bill Wade
85. Kyle Long
86. Brandon Marshall
87. Lee Artoe
88. Alshon Jeffery
89. Beattie Feathers
90. Kevin Butler
91. Bill Karr
92. Matt Suhey
93. Ed Brown
94. Gary Famiglietti
95. Akiem Hicks
96. Joey Sternaman
97. Hugh Gallarneau
98. Tom Thayer
99. William Perry
100. Patrick Mannelly

need to make something happen right now. And Brian did."

Urlacher did not make the Pro Bowl after the 2007-09 seasons but returned to form for his final two selections in 2010-11. He suffered a hamstring injury chasing down Seahawks rookie quarterback Russell Wilson in a 23-17 overtime loss on Dec. 2, 2012, and missed the final four games of the season. The Bears finished 10-6 after a 7-1 start, missed the playoffs, and Smith was fired. General manager Phil Emery did not come close to reaching a contract agreement with Urlacher, who was a free agent and ended up retiring after the awkward exit.

While his teammates loved Urlacher, he had a sometimes-shaky relationship with the media. He took slights against his teammates and coaches personally, so when, for instance, Smith's conservative game plans or Briggs' holdouts came under fire, Urlacher would become surly and offer one-word answers during interviews.

He feared that gruffness might negatively affect his Hall of Fame candidacy, so when he was up for election in 2018 he started lauding his career for the first time.

"I hate talking about myself," he told Haugh, "but just look at the way I changed my position. I changed what was asked of middle linebackers, to do what a lot of guys can't do: cover 40 yards down the middle and still play the run."

"There were no glaring weaknesses in my game. Of course I didn't get off blocks great; not a lot of guys did."

Urlacher was voted in on the first ballot, and on Aug. 4, 2018, he took his place among the game's greats. In his speech, he said he had only one goal as a football player.

"I just want to be remembered as a great teammate," Urlacher said. "That's it."

Smith said Urlacher will go down as much more than that.

"Brian was everything you want a linebacker to be," Smith said. "First off, that leader. That voice. The guy who's out in front. He's an imposing figure. Every play they see a 6-4, 260-pound, 6% body-fat guy in front of you. And Brian was a guy who knew what he was supposed to do. You expect that guy, in big games, to come through. If we needed him to make a big hit, he did that time after time. ... You expected that out of a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

"The Chicago Bears should have a player like that. And they did."

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Back to his roots



Former Baylor coach Art Briles returns to coaching football at Texas high school

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Texas — In a small East Texas community, a few blocks from a quaint town square, Art Briles is coaching football again on American soil.

He is some 200 miles and seemingly a lifetime away from Baylor, the school he led to the doorstep of the College Football Playoff five years ago and the school that fired him three years ago in the wake of a sprawling sexual assault scandal he has insisted he handled correctly. After going to Europe when job opportunities in the Canadian Football League and a Mississippi college dried up, Briles is back — sort of.

He will be under the Friday night lights in Mount Vernon, population 2,750, and on humble fields in a handful of otherwise quiet, Class 3A towns into early November.

"I'm a football coach. That's what I've always done, so that's what I do," said Briles, 63. "This right here is as important as any job as I've ever had. That's the way I've always treated any job. I treat it like it's the only job I've ever had. I'm not thinking beyond this."

Most residents knew nothing about the possibility of Briles becoming coach until the school board unanimously approved his hiring in a special meeting on the Friday night going into Memorial Day weekend. That was only a couple of hours before the high school graduation ceremony at Don Meredith Stadium, named after the former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and "Monday Night Football" announcer who is easily the town's most famous native son.

Some saw the announcement on Facebook and thought it was a prank by one of the graduating seniors.

"The town had no clue," said Jeff Briscoe, a former city councilman and four-year Tigers quarterback who along with his wife have two downtown businesses, a gym and a funky resale/consignment shop in what was a vacant building just two years ago. "I didn't like how it was real secret."

The hiring drew criticism nationally, overshadowing a Reader's Digest feature around the same time touting the town square and residents, who include retired NBA player Greg Ostertag and his wife, Shannon. They have spent more than \$2 million to spruce things up in town, including the purchase and restoration of a more than century-old general store that now has retail and meeting space around a



Former Baylor coach Art Briles, 63, on his return to coaching high school football: "I'm a football coach. That's what I've always done, so that's what I do."

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A few weeks after Briles got a two-year contract for \$82,000 a year, about 60 people filled the room for a school board meeting. Only three of them addressed superintendent Jason McCullough and the seven board members about hiring Briles and only Lauren Lewis spoke against it.

"I thought I was going to be in a long line of people and my two cents would just be a drop in the bucket," Lewis said.

One of the others was a former Baylor regent and longtime Briles supporter who came from out of town to specifically address the board. Lewis, who returned to her hometown with her husband about three years ago after living for a decade in Austin, said people later thanked her for speaking out when they would see her in the post office or bank.

"This is a kind, loving, welcoming place, and I think that they tried to put that spin on it, this is a redemption story, we're going to be able to help this guy," Lewis said. "But there's no redemption without remorse."

To understand why people who've never met Briles might feel that way requires an understanding of what happened at Baylor.

Briles was fired in May 2016 after an investigation by a law firm found that over several years the school mishandled numerous sexual assault allegations, including some against football players. The Pepper Hamilton investigation also led to the departures of university president Kenneth Starr, who was demoted and later resigned, and the resignation of athletic director Ian McCaw, now the AD at Liberty University in Virginia.

The investigation led to 105 recom-

mendations for the school to reform its Title IX process and the world's largest Baptist university is still waiting for the outcome of an NCAA investigation into the case.

It was a humiliating ending for Briles, a legend in Texas coaching. He was a high school coach for 21 seasons, among those credited with introducing versions of the spread offense to Texas high school ball, before becoming a Texas Tech assistant in 2000, and later the head coach at Houston and Baylor. He won four state championships in a seven-year span at Class 4A Stephenville, about a two-hour drive from his tiny hometown of Rule in the Texas Panhandle.

Briles, who received \$15 million from Baylor to settle his contract, got a "lot of no's" when trying to get back into coaching before his first real opportunity, a semipro team in Italy with players ranging in age from 16 to 43, many who openly smoked and drank after late-night practices.

And then Mount Vernon's previous coach left in May for his alma mater. Briles, then still about 5,300 miles away in Italy, was initially contacted by a woman living in Mount Vernon who had worked with him in Baylor's football office. Briles is now in a "Texas Treasure" town just off Interstate 30 about 100 miles east of Dallas and about 80 miles from the Arkansas line.

"I think we're lucky to have him and I'm going to support him 100 percent," said Tom Ramsay, the 79-year-old, cowboy hat-wearing former state representative whose real estate office is on the town square. Ramsay, a farmer and rancher who used to be on the school board, said he had

never met Briles before, though he had four children who went to Baylor.

"He's took some licks," Ramsay said. "Think about what he's been through. Let's just say 99 percent chance that he's innocent, has he paid a price for that one percent? Yeah, sure has. I think it's good to be able to be in a position to give him, not necessarily another chance, but give him another swing. It might not be the last chance."

When Mount Vernon opened practice the first Monday in August, Briles said he would be content if this was his "last dance" in coaching. Still, he seemed to perk up and sounded enthusiastic when asked if he would like to coach in college again. He has not spoken in depth with any reporters since he arrived in July.

He has had limited time to prepare for Mount Vernon's season with an entirely new staff, including five of his former Baylor players, and a significant change from a mostly option-running team to the pass-intensive schemes Briles has used for so long. The Tigers play their first two games on the road, opening Friday night at Bonham about 80 miles away. The home opener Sept. 13 against Canton will also be Mount Vernon's homecoming. The Tigers have never won a state championship, even when Meredith was there in the 1950s.

Susan Reeves is the publisher of the Mount Vernon Optic-Herald, the community newspaper that has been published since 1874 and owned by her family since 1952. She quickly came out in support of the school board's decision, and believes most of the community feels the same way.

"The people in town are truly excited and looking forward to seeing what will develop," said Reeves, whose father graduated high school with Meredith. "I probably only know of six or seven people that have been outspoken."

Some parents are even talking about the benefits of having such a well-known coach: Possible scholarships and exposure for their young athletes, both in football and other sports.

McCullough, a former coach and teacher in the district who returned as superintendent a year ago, anticipated some of the negative reaction, especially on social media from outside town. He said the response he has gotten locally has been genuine excitement.

"What my hope and desire is, that he's going to come here and fall in love with this place, and the kids and our community, and that he would want to stay long term," McCullough said. "But I also know that, no different than you or I, we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow."

"I'll take him for the time that we've got him," he said. "He'll invest in our kids and our community, and we're going to be excited about it."

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Athletics rookie pitcher Nathan Patterson tosses a ball Friday in Mesa, Ariz. Patterson earned a contract after hitting 96 mph on the radar gun at a fan pitching challenge at Coors Field.

Social media pitching ace has remarkable backstory

BY JANIE McCUALEY

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nathan Patterson never even made the varsity baseball team as a middle infielder during high school back home in Kansas.

In fact, he'd strayed far from the game — running his own landscaping business and working various other jobs that included sales and software — before baseball came back into his life when he least expected it.

If that was the whole story, Patterson's journey to the Oakland Athletics' rookie ball team would have been remarkable, yet the way the pitcher got discovered made it even crazier yet: He became an instant social media sensation.

In Colorado for a family reunion to celebrate his grandmother's 80th birthday last month, Patterson wound up at a Rockies game with time on his hands because of a rain delay. He and his brother tried out the speed-pitch challenge cage at Coors Field just for fun. His brother, Christian, hit 83 mph and the booth operator congratulated him on the top speed of the day.

Then Patterson took his turn, spending about \$5 total for all the tosses.

The radar gun read: 90-94-94-96-95-96.

He might have even had a couple of beers in his system.

His brother's video of the throws quickly took off on social media.

"Guys, we were just chillin at a @rockies baseball game, and my brother decided to step into a speed pitch challenge he hit 96 mph ?? @MLB Let's get him signed!" Christian posted on Twitter with the video.

Then, Christian sent a social media

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— Nathan Patterson

update that read, "And 2 weeks later he's now a professional athlete" featuring photos of Patterson signing his contract in full green and gold A's gear.

"It's become more and more real now," the 23-year-old Patterson said. "There's kind of a misconception that I threw a ball almost a month ago and got signed, a misconception that there was no work or sacrifice that went into it when in reality there was a ton of work and a lot of sacrifices over the last year that got me to being where I am today."

An elbow fracture discovered when Patterson was playing on a showcase team the summer before his senior year in high school kept him from playing baseball that final season at Blue Valley High in Overland Park, Kansas. Just 5-foot-8 and 140 pounds when he graduated, Patterson is now 6-1, 185 pounds.

There were also complications that derailed his rehab. He "wasn't ever able to really get 100%" healthy, so Patterson pushed aside any college baseball hopes and enrolled in community college courses. He lasted only two months before dropping his four classes to run the landscaping business that took off and became so busy that he and a friend needed to hire employees.

When Patterson realized about a year later in June 2015 that "sun up to sun down" lawn care and landscaping wasn't his life path and he wanted to "go experience the world," he used Google to determine where he would go next. Austin, Texas, came up as No. 1 when he

searched for "coolest places to live when you're young and single," so he told his friends and family that's where he would move.

He met his girlfriend in Austin. Fast forward and she was promoted and they wound up moving to Nashville, where Patterson was able to work remotely for the software company he had joined. Last summer, his family visited and they went to a Nashville Sounds Triple-A game, with the ballpark close to where Patterson lived. That's when he initially tried out one of those pitch-speed booths, hit 96 mph on his final throw and realized he had quite an arm — even with his background being as an infielder.

"Blew my own mind, honestly," he said.

A coach saw him and immediately encouraged Patterson to play baseball, if not collegiately then in the pros. So a couple of weeks later Patterson began contemplating the idea of chasing a lost dream once more, as a pitcher.

But last December, Patterson's plan to resume baseball was stalled again when he got hit by a car while riding his electric longboard. He broke the wrist on his left, non-throwing hand and needed surgery.

"It was a very, very sad day, like all this work over the last two months was for nothing," he recalled.

Patterson returned to Kansas City for two weeks at Christmas last year and his family urged him to push on. By January he was throwing off a mound again in Nashville with a cast on the other hand, and that's when about 20 colleges came

calling along with a handful of major league organizations. Patterson hired an agent.

He also began working closely with Jarrod Parker, who played for the A's before a pair of Tommy John surgeries forced him out of the game. Parker opened Parker Sports Performance last September in Nashville, and Patterson was one of the first athletes to participate in a regular training program at the center.

"Lucky enough to have him walk through the door first of all," Parker said. "Rarely do people get that kind of chance. Usually it's kind of that pipe dream. He came in and put his nose to the ground. We threw so much at the kid when he was here to prep him for the situation."

The A's signed Patterson, who struck out the side in order during his first pro appearance Aug. 15. His second outing wasn't as smooth with Patterson giving up three runs on two hits in two innings. Then Sunday night, in his final start before the rookie ball season concludes Monday, Patterson struck out two and retired the first eight hitters he faced before being pulled after a two-out single in the third.

Now, Patterson gets stopped for photos or to sign a baseball — "You're that guy," people will say.

"What guy?" Patterson responds.

He knows there's plenty still to do on the way to his goal of pitching in the big leagues one day.

"The first few days, weeks, it was just surreal," Patterson said. "But talking with my family, my dad, he's like, 'Nathan, this isn't surreal any more, this is real, you are living this, you are an athlete, you are good, you are talented, you are athletic, just live this, enjoy it, absorb every single day.'"



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Regine Phillips performs during the opening weekend at the spacious, mighty posh Lips Drag Queen Show Palace on Saturday on South Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

IN PERFORMANCE

Sassy queens

Conventioneers, bachelorettes have a wild time at glam drag club Lips

BY CHRIS JONES

At Chicago's brand new drag nightrierie Lips on Saturday night, the evening began with a warning and a snarky promise from the emcee, Shavonna B. Brooks: "If you treat the girls with respect, they'll wipe your makeup off and then reapply it for you *the correct way*."

At that, an over-rouged bachelorette near me threw her chair back with such a gutsy laugh, I worried she was going to tip all the way over and crash into Tori Sass, who was perilously hawking \$5 shots that seemed to have been prepared in test tubes but nonetheless came with little strap-on, illuminated baubles, all the

better to seduce the half-sozzled potential purchaser. "We don't accept cash so it will be on your bill at the end," Brooks instructed any potential partakers of the anonymous but apparently zesty liquid, immediately shooting a sassy glance at Sass.

"Why? She steals."

Of all the imagined reuses for a former Haynes-Appleton and then Lincoln dealership on Chicago's historic Motor Row on South Michigan Avenue, the latest outpost of a growing national chain of drag clubs (there already are Lips clubs in Manhattan, Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale and San Diego) was probably about the farthest from an Al Capone-era salesman's futuristic

imaginings as you could wander. All of the clubs claim to offer "the ultimate in drag dining," as if this were a crowded field.

But if, like me, your affection for this art-form has taken you to the kind of dodgy, B-list dive whereat Lady Gaga's Ally waited tables in "A Star is Born," then Lips likely will strike you as mighty posh. The ceilings are high. The air is clean. The milieu is spacious. The chandeliers are grand. The art is Vegas-style, er, classy. There are red velvet ropes on the street. And there is plenty of room within to extend your arm with a dollar bill at its

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY JAMES O'CONNOR

Members of the Playboys of West Town at a meeting in the 1960s.

'Chicaghoodz' offers a history of city street gangs

James O'Connor is known as "Jinx," Darren Corrado as "Mr. C." They are not and have never been members of a Chicago street gang and yet they understand and appreciate, if that's the right word, this distinctive subculture better than anyone you will ever meet.

The proof is here in "Compliments of Chicaghoodz: Chicago Street Gang Art & Culture" (Feral House), a remarkable and important book, a vivid and enlightening trip into our city's gangster past that does not contain stories about a guy who went by "Scar-



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

face."

There are no colorful caricatures here, no hoodlum romanticism. Lavishly illustrated, mostly with photographs of a homemade sort,

it traces the history, development and complexities of the neighborhood street gangs with assurance and intelligence and a focus on their creative spirit.

Gangs started early, as social-athletic outfits such as the Hamburg Athletic Club, of which that future mayor, Richard J. Daley, was a prominent youthful mem-

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With movie spoilers, what is the statute of limitations?

Opinions vary on how much time has to pass to talk about an ending

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Washington Post

We all agree that in writing about new films, spoilers should be kept to a minimum, right? But what about movies that are decades old — classics, whose stories are embedded in popular culture? Is there a statute of limitations on when it is not OK to openly discuss a film's secrets?

Gary Thompson, film critic for the Philadelphia Inquirer, recently wrote about the anniversary of M. Night Shyamalan's "The Sixth Sense," and he issued a "spoiler alert for a 20-year-old movie" before referencing the film's now-iconic twist. An angry reader chewed him out for revealing the surprise.

"There is a subset of readers that will never forgive spoilers, even if there are spoiler alerts," Thompson said. "Unless a work of art has achieved massive and long-standing cultural penetration, you run the risk of alienating readers. You can probably say that Hamlet dies. Or that Sonny dies on the causeway. Beyond that, you are on perilous ground."

Don't be too sure about "Hamlet." Matt Zoller Seitz, senior television critic for New York



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Leonardo DiCaprio, from left, Brad Pitt and Al Pacino in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood."

magazine and editor at large for RogerEbert.com, said that a reader recently went after him on Twitter for revealing the ending to that more than 400-year-old play.

To tell or not to tell? That is the question for thoughtful film critics, who at heart are film lovers, respectful of the filmmaking process. Even the hint that there is a plot twist can affect the movie-watching experience.

"I will mute certain words on Twitter — Tarantino, Hollywood — so I don't see any spoilers," said Alex Kasemir, 25, as he waited in line recently to see Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon

a Time ... in Hollywood," in Northbrook, Illinois. "I don't even watch trailers," said his friend Michele Demars, also 25, "which a lot of times give too much about the movie away."

Ann Hornaday, chief film critic at The Washington Post, said critics should adhere to their version of a doctor's Hippocratic oath. "Do no harm."

"As critics, we do tend to forget that movies are an emotional experience for people, even if it's just having fun," she said. "I almost take it as a personal and professional challenge to try to

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Angelina Jolie at Disney's D23 expo in Anaheim, California, over the weekend.

Proud Jolie sends oldest off to college

Angelina Jolie says she's "so proud" that her 18-year-old son is leaving home to study biochemistry in South Korea.

The actress was seen in video released several days ago dropping her son Maddox off at Yonsei University in Seoul, and holding back tears.

"I didn't realize everybody had watched me do it," she said at the D23 expo in Anaheim, California. "It felt very private when we were there, and just fun. The school is so wonderful and we're so proud that he's there. And it's a great university and I'm just amazed I have a son who's that smart."

Jolie is in two upcoming Disney movies: a sequel to "Maleficent" and Marvel Studios' "Eternals."

Of joining "Eternals," Jolie said: "They called me — but I was so happy. I think I just didn't see myself that way. I thought I was kind of ready to direct and sit home. Now I'm going to be dressing in gold and jumping around."

"Eternals," directed by Chloe Zhao and also featuring Salma Hayek, Brian Tyree Henry and Kumail Nanjiani, is set for release next year.

— Associated Press

Aug. 27 birthdays: Actor Tommy Sands is 82. Actress Tuesday Weld is 76. Guitarist Jeff Cook is 70. Actor Paul Reubens is 67. Guitarist Alex Lifeson is 66. Actor Peter Stormare is 66. Actress Diana Scarwid is 64. Bassist Glen Matlock is 63. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 58. Actress Chandra Wilson is 50. Actress Sarah Chalke is 43. Rapper Mase is 42. Actor Aaron Paul is 40. Actor Patrick J. Adams is 38. Singer Mario is 33. Actress Alexa PenaVega is 31.



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Apologizing: "Good Morning America" host Lara Spencer apologized for her "insensitive" comments about Prince George taking ballet lessons, saying she has learned the "bravery it takes for a young boy to pursue a career in dance." She was criticized last week when she heard the prince loved ballet and said, "we'll see how long that lasts." On Monday, Spencer interviewed dancers Robbie Fairchild, Travis Wall and Fabrice Calmels, who told stories about the stigma they faced. She said she hopes she has turned a negative "into a teachable moment."

Pleading: Harvey Weinstein pleaded not guilty to a new indictment Monday that includes revised charges of predatory sexual assault, a development that caused the judge to delay the start of his trial until Jan. 6. Weinstein mostly kept quiet during an appearance in a Manhattan courtroom aside from some brief exchanges with the judge, who at one point scolded him for pulling out his cellphone during the proceeding. Weinstein, 67, who's free on \$1 million bail, has denied all accusations of non-consensual sex.

Grooving: The Obama summer playlist has everyone from Drake to Frank Sinatra. The former president calls it "some new, some old, some fast, some slow." Barack Obama tweeted 44 songs that he and his wife, Michelle, have been listening to. They include: Drake's "Too Good," Steely Dan's "Reelin' in the Years," Sinatra's "I've Got You Under My Skin," and the "Lion King" song "MOOD 4 EVA."



ASK AMY

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Racist father seems unlovable to her

Dear Amy: My dad is a racist. We've had big fights about his bigotry. I'm his only daughter. Our relationship is already strained from his alcohol and opioid addiction and my unstable and abusive childhood. He's never apologized or taken responsibility for anything he's done.

My parents raised us on the West Coast. I have a lot of cousins, aunts, uncles, etc., I don't know very well who live in the Midwest.

Recently, my cousin (on his side) posted a picture of herself and her African American boyfriend on Facebook. My dad posted a racist comment. My cousin retaliated with a public Facebook post calling out his nastiness for everyone to see.

I privately messaged her, telling her how sorry and embarrassed I was for his inexcusable behavior.

I texted my dad angrily, telling him how it's not OK to make racist comments, and especially not to his niece. He justified and deflected his actions, as he's always done, and I stopped talking to him.

I feel humiliated and so ashamed by what he's done. I'm scared his family is going to associate me with his racism.

I want to cut him out of my life completely because I'm sick of tolerating all of his bad behavior. The rest of my nuclear family would rather keep the peace.

At the same time, I feel guilt and an obligation to talk to him because he lives alone and only talks to a couple of people.

He's my dad. You're supposed to love your parents. What if I can't love him?

— Fed-up Daughter

Dear Fed-up: He's your dad, and you're supposed to love him. You are his daughter, and he's supposed to love you. His actions aren't loving. Using blame and guilt to control you — this is the master-work of an addict, and it is your unfortunate burden to be the daughter of a mean-spirited, racist man.

You say your dad is alone, but he's not. He uses social media to connect with people. He's got other immediate family members who ignore his behavior because they're too tired, or cowardly, to respond to it. When faced with an outrage shared on social media, generally I believe it's wisest to respond proportionally on the same channel. Instead, you apologized privately. Cleaning up after your father is essentially enabling him. If you don't want to be associated with his public racism, then publicly say so.

You would benefit from connecting with a "friends and family" support group such as Al-Anon. You would learn that you are not your father's keeper.

You are not responsible for his life or duty-bound to like him. The best way to love him might be to demonstrate the "tough" kind — where you attach proportional consequences to his behavior.

Dear Amy: I am a widow and a senior citizen frequently included in family dinner outings. These include children and other adults, who often have several drinks. The bill gets divided among the adults.

After one outing my share came to \$30, when I only had a slice of pizza.

When I expressed my concern to my son, it fell on deaf ears. What to do?

— Widow Mom

Dear Mom: Who raised these characters who scam money from their mom after a night out?

One of the immense pleasures of adulthood is to pick up the check for your folks. Your son doesn't seem to have gotten the memo. How embarrassing for him. Evidently you are supposed to be so grateful to be included in these outings that you would pick up the drinks tab. Don't do it.

If you can't assert your right to pay only for your share, next time ask your waiter to please give you a separate check. Unlike your kids, the waitstaff are happy to oblige.

Dear Amy: "Furious Friend" was bullied and disrespected by her best friend's husband. You suggested that she verbally stand up to the bully and to tell her friend that she wasn't going to tolerate the disrespect in the future.

Amy, this could be dangerous advice. Standing up to a bully could get people hurt.

— Upset

Dear Upset: These people had known one another for a long time, and Furious had been deflecting the bullying with humor. I agree that this could be a tough call. People should always guard their own safety first.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Lil Pine Nut' ★★★★

Chicago Dance Crash pulls off a hip-hop take on 'Pinocchio'

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

It is reasonable to be skeptical of Chicago Dance Crash's "Lil Pine Nut: The Learning Curve of Pinocchio," running through Aug. 31 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts. This hip-hop company's latest theatrical dance show is based on "The Adventures of Pinocchio," the 1883 novel by Carlo Collodi which inspired Walt Disney's 1940 animated film. I, too, wondered if Crash could exceed or even meet the bar they set with the excellent "Bricklayers of Oz" (2017) an imaginative hip-hop prequel to the "Wizard of Oz."

You can rest assured, reader, that lightning does indeed strike twice in the same place. Certain patterns have emerged over the decade or so Crash has produced these full-length narrative shows. But their approach to storytelling isn't stale or formulaic. It could be hokey; it's not. No, "Lil Pine Nut," like the novel which inspired it was in its time, is a fresh and innovative take on universal questions about morality and what it means to be human.

Honestly, I didn't remember the plot of Pinocchio as well as I thought I would — I saw the Disney movie as a kid and probably read the book at some point, but can only recall a line about being a "real boy" and the puppet's nose growing every time he tells a lie. The good news about "Lil Pine Nut" is, whether you're a Disney superfan, a connoisseur of 19th century Italian children's literature, or have a vague memory about some nice guy named Geppetto, this dance theater fairy tale will meet you where you are.

Geppetto, danced by Monterrez Rezell, is one of two positive influences in Pinocchio's life. In Chicago Dance Crash's rendition, the puppet is named Lil Pine Nut, danced by the formidable Elijah Motley. The other is the Lady with the Turquoise Hair, a fairy portrayed by the spritely Kristi Licera who keeps rescuing Lil Pine Nut from his scrapes and troubles.

The enterprising puppet



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Chicago Dance Crash performs at Ruth Page Center for the Arts.

When: Through Aug. 31

Where: Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$25 at chicagodancecrash.com

master Mangiafuoco (Charles Cutler), on the other hand, along with Jo Fox and Side Cat, danced by Porscha Spells and Logan Howell, respectfully, are the villains of this tale, cunning, conniving figures who plot to take money Pine Nut's money by essentially roping him into a puppet pyramid scheme.

It comes to a happy ending, but along the way Pine Nut's mischievous mishaps include encounters with shenanigans of all kinds, narrated by Logan Paschall (via interpretive dance set to voice overs) in a green top hat and coat tails as the Talking Cricket.

Most of the choreography comes from Crash artistic director Jessica Deahr, with contributions from company dancer KC Bevis, and former Chicagoans Dionna Pridgeon and James Morrow. Some of the best bits are the more joyful sections, like Pridgeon's gangly robot dance in the opening wood shop scene — by the way, "gangly robot dancing" is not a thing, but it's the best I can do to describe her brilliant use of locking blended with a puppet-like malleability.

From here we move to Deahr's charming "Just the Two of Us," to a remix of

the Bill Withers song, and on and on. The score is as surprising as "Lil Pine Nut's" flips and tricks, with tracks ranging from dub-step to the Beach Boys.

The long-limbed Motley expertly pulls off this gawky, bungling puppet movement quality while still managing to stand on his head and give us all the tricks we want from a hip-hop show.

He's not the only one; in an astoundingly intricate section at Mangiafuoco's cabaret, he, Rezell and Bevis (here cast as the puppets Harlequin and Punchinello) break dance, doing literal backflips at the behest of the cool kids, the East Side Puppeteers, who tug elastic bands attached to their wrists and ankles like puppet strings.

The whole thing is supported by whimsical costumes by Jeff Hancock, Jae Jordan and Stereo Soul Clothing, and Erik Barry's lighting transforms the Ruth Page Center through tunnel-like back light, a bold color palette and creative use of darkness to guide the story along.

What makes this show so special, though, is its attention to detail and thoughtful interpretation of the story. It would be easy to lean into the spectacle and accept the rousing applause that inevitably comes from doing back flaps on stage.

But what makes "Pinocchio" and other tales like it so timeless is the moral questions they present.

Lauren Warnecke is a freelance critic.

Spoilers

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convey as much as I can that will be useful about the film without actually giving away what happens."

That's a reasonable goal with new movies. But what about old films? And very old films?

"There is no such thing as an old film," insisted Peter Bogdanovich, the director and former critic, who is adamant on the subject of spoilers. "There are films you've seen or haven't seen. Nobody says, 'Have you read that old play by Shakespeare?' or 'Have you heard that old symphony by Mozart?' If I haven't seen a movie, I don't care if it was made now or in 1920. If it works, it works."

A friend of Orson Welles, Bogdanovich was highly displeased with a 1973 "Peanuts" cartoon that spoiled the classic twist at the end of "Citizen Kane." Linus is watching the 1941 film on television when Lucy comes in and blithely tells all. Linus screams in agony.

Bogdanovich has a historic vantage on the no-spoilers movement.

Attending a press screening of Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 shocker, "Psycho," he said, "We all thought it was a picture about a woman who steals some money." Then Hitchcock pulled the rug out from the audience with a horrific, out-of-left-field plot twist. "I've never heard this before or since," Bogdanovich continued. "The audience - a thousand paying customers - shrieked through the entire sequence."

The spoiler alert became part of the film's ad campaign: "After you see the picture, please don't give away the ending. It's the only one we have."

(The marketing campaign for Jerry Lewis's 1963 Jekyll-and-Hyde comedy "The Nutty Professor" took this approach one step further. Its posters urged, "Please do not reveal the middle of this picture!")

"We should be even more careful (about spoiling) older films," said Bogdanovich, who is devoted to the cause of getting more people to watch them. He recently released a series of his five-minute



Actress Janet Leigh appears as Marion Crane in the famous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 classic thriller "Psycho."

"Peter Bogdanovich Recommends" clips, originally produced for CBS News in the 1980s, to YouTube, to tout the contributions of classic cinema. "There are so many films people should know about but don't," he said.

But Seitz thinks spoiler sensitivity has begun to go too far. "We are a culture of babies when it comes to this issue," he said. "If I'm going to meet everybody else halfway and try to be sensitive about not revealing the plots of things, I think there has to be courtesy in the other direction."

While he would never with malice aforethought reveal a film's plot twist, he argued that "everyone else is not obligated to tiptoe around your personal viewing habits. I don't know what movies you've seen. I don't know how much of a sense of film history you have. Things are going to get spoiled. Deal with it."

The internet, meanwhile, has made things difficult for even the most spoiler-averse filmgoers.

"I haven't seen Quentin Tarantino's new picture, but I know the ending," lamented director John McNaughton, whose "Wild Things" is one of the most jaw-dropping and twisty films of the last 20 years. "Even if the writer includes the words 'spoiler alert,' I'm not going to stop reading mid-sentence."

There are countless posts on the web with titles like "36 Movie Plot Twists That'll Honestly Mess You Up A Bit." You can even watch those plot twists on YouTube. There is actually a website devoted to movie spoilers. "Today the movie is

almost irrelevant," Hornaday said, "because everyone is discussing everything whether the movie has come out or not. They're critiquing the trailer. There is a miasma of commentary. There are generations who, we hope, are going to be discovering classic films. Why should they get the short end of the stick?"

To ensure a spoiler-free experience, one almost needs to disconnect. Alan Arkush, the encyclopedic film buff and director whose cult classic "Rock 'n' Roll High School" recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, did his best to avoid the "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" spoilers and was deeply satisfied. "I walked into that theater having no idea how it was going to end. It was great." And while it's probably next to impossible for any cinephile to have avoided the ending of "Citizen Kane" at this point, "there is nothing quite as great as when you find out (about Rosebud) when you watch that movie for the first time. It's such a smack of oh-my-God brilliance. I'm glad that wasn't ruined for me."

Even Charles Schulz seemed to have a change of heart. In 1995, the "Peanuts" cartoonist penned a callback to the 1973 Rosebud-revealing strip. This time, as Linus and Lucy's younger brother is watching the movie, Linus rushes in just before Lucy can spill the beans. "What are you trying to do?" he hollers. "Ruin the whole movie for him? Are you out of your mind?" Triumphant, he tells his brother: "Boy, that was close! I saved your life!"

Lips

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end, just in time for it to be snatched by the likes of Batty Davis or Sasha Love Bonet sashaying through the room, moving their lips to Beyoncé or Donna or, natch, Whitney. You can leave your phone on and take as many pictures as you like, all night long, honey.

"Lips" likely will strike some as sanitized or corporatized or post-RuPaulized drag, the kind of place where the lovely queens serve up a nice safe piece of salmon and you can get some bone-marrow butter atop your sirloin, should that ring your bell. Certainly, you do not see the meditations on gender, power and performative culture that you can find in more radicalized drag performances elsewhere in the city. If you're working on a doctorate on the genre, Lips likely is not your joint. On the other hand, assuming you can resist all the boozy upselling, the vibe is warm ("What do you need my gorgeous love?" was my personal greeting from my server Delilah, improbably from the Bronx, and, hey, a boy doesn't hear that every day). Better yet, the ticket price is remarkably reasonable: just \$39.95 including a decent three-course dinner, less than the price of most noshless shows in town.

There is, though, a two-drink minimum, which I did not observe anyone struggling to meet. The main market here, more than one of the queens who sat down at my table for a chat confirmed, is not so much the conventioneer from nearby McCormick Place as the bachelorette crowd: brides to be and birthday girls are asked

to line up by the stage, en masse, each to be feted in turn by Books and obliged to perform an aptly embarrassing act involving whipped cream or some other jolly comestible. If they talk back, she's ready. "If it doesn't work out for you," she hissed on Saturday at one veiled, newly rocked big-mouth, implying that she had already made that determination, "then we also celebrate divorces."

I'll bet they do, with a variety of other shows alongside this "Glitz and Glam" weekend flagship. There's a celebrity impersonator show on Thursdays and, be still my heart, a twisted Broadway extravaganza on Wednesdays (watch this space). On Sundays, there's even a Gospel brunch, which Brooks told me is her particular specialty, extracting yet a further promise to return for some Hallelujahs. Drag queens invariably know how to get what they want.

The queens are mostly Chicagoans, albeit with some experienced Lips hands from out of town helping with opening weekend ("Some of these girls are just babies," Delilah opined in my ear, *sotto voce*). Some even have moved with the franchise; more than one described that to me as a life-changing move. The costumes, as you might expect, are phenomenal throughout and, frankly, so are a couple of the performances. Your queens may vary, but I especially enjoyed the live vocals of Aria B. Cassadine (a former Miss Atlanta Showgirl), the stylings of Sasha Love Bonet and the version of Ariana Grande's "Break Free" so deftly curated by Kinley Preston, an activist-performer with a long history in this city.

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Aria B. Cassadine performs during the opening weekend at Lips Drag Queen Show Palace on Saturday in Chicago.



Hinkypunk, from Chicago, greets guests during opening weekend at Lips.

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"Stay or Sell" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Minneapolis-area home renovation experts Brad and Heather Fox cater to homeowners who feel a strong attachment to their neighborhood, but have outgrown their current home in some respect. In the series premiere, a couple realizes they are outgrowing the house they have been in for 10 years. A successful renovation would have to expand the space, fix the choppy layout and incorporate a rustic midcentury modern style.

"Intervention" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): After Bill gets arrested, interventionist Michael Gonzales meets with his family to plan how to intervene once Bill is released in the new "The Heroin Hub: Chapter 4." Suspecting Alana already has relapsed, her mother kicks her out of the house. Newly out of jail, Janine wrestles with the question of whether she's ready to do what it takes to get clean.

"Deadliest Catch" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): The captains and their crews go toe-to-toe with a ferocious Bering Sea storm, but Captain Wild Bill is determined to finish ahead of the competition, so he and his exhausted deckhands keep toiling even as they're battered by crushing waves. As the storm continues building, a veteran finds his season threatened by a gruesome injury. Jake's trip likewise is compromised when one of his key crew members is forced to fly home.

"The Little Couple" (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): Bill and Jen realize they need to make more of an effort to find activities for Zoey that reflect her own Indian heritage after they take Will and her to an Asian market that celebrates Will's culture in the new episode "We Par-tay!" Accordingly, they take the kids to a local Holi festival, a joyous Hindu celebration of springtime and love. Not surprisingly, the children have a blast hurling brightly colored powders at each other and drenching their parents with watercolor-filled toy guns.

"Flipping Exes" (9 p.m., 11:31 p.m., Bravo): The new episode "Letterman's House" revolves around Nina and Michael submitting a bid to renovate and sell the childhood home of former late-night talk show host David Letterman, a highly coveted project that attracts stiff competition. Elsewhere, they clash over the exterior of a home they are renovating for an investor who could throw a lot of future business their way if he is pleased with the results on this job.

"Miz & Mrs." (9 p.m., 12:02 a.m., USA): Mike and Maryse Mizanin — the married WWE superstars better known to fans as The Miz and Maryse — close out the first season of their hit reality series with a finale called "It Couple in LA," which finds Mike surprising Maryse with a nostalgic trip down memory lane to Los Angeles. What he doesn't know is that Maryse has a surprise of her own in store. USA Network announced last April the show has been renewed for Season 2.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Natasha Lyonne.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Maya Rudolph; Rita Ora talks and performs with Kygo.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel; actor Michael Ian Black.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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NBC 5		America's Got Talent: "Quarter Finals 3." (N) (Live) © HD		(9:01) Bring the Funny (N) © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
ABC 7		Bachelor in Paradise: "604B." (N) © HD		Bless This Mess © HD	black-ish ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
WGN 9	black-ish: "THE Word." © HD	black-ish: Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)		
Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.		
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PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Encore Programming			Encore Programming	Encore Programming	♦	
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MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	First Sunday (PG-13, '08) ★★ Ice Cube. ©			Dope ★★★		
FOX 32	The Resident: "If Not Now, When?" © HD		First Responders Live: "Episode 111." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds © HD	Criminal Minds © HD			Private Eyes HD		Private ♦	
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CW 50	Pandora (N) © HD	Mysteries Decoded (N)			Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	• The Wife He Met Online	Apocalipsis			Noticiero Uni Apocalipsis HD			
WJYS 62	Israel	Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Ab. Life	Monument	
Univ 66	La reina soy yo (N)	Juntos, el corazón (N)			Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
AE	The First 48: Drugs Kill	Intervention (N) ©			60 Days In: Narcoland (N)		Ghost ♦	
AMC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		Ghostbust ♦	
ANIM	River Monsters ©	Big, Small & Deadly (N)			Wild New Zealand ©		Monsters ♦	
BBCA	The Spy Who Loved Me (PG, '77) ★★★ Roger Moore, Barbara Bach. ©				View-Kill ♦			
BET	• The Family That Preys ★★ Tales: "Ex-Factor." (N)				The Next Big Thing (N)		Tales ♦	
BIGTEN	Purdue Football Classic	The BIG Show ©			Big Ten	The BIG Show ©		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC (N)			Flipping Exes (N) ©		Watch What	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			Cash Pad (N) ©		Shark ♦	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)			CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
DISC	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N) ©			Undercover Billionaire (N)		Catch ♦	
DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	Raven	Coop	Coop	Raven	
E!	Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R, '08) ★★★ Jason Segel. ©						Dating (N)	
ESPN	• (6) 2019 U.S. Open Tennis: First Round. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2	• (6) WNBA Basketball (N)	Sp. Shorts	Sports Shorts (N)	Sp. Shorts	NFL Live ♦			
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD	Chopped: "Viewers Rule."	Chopped (N) ©			Supermarket Stakeout (N)		Chopped ♦	
FREE	• Hancock ★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G, '71) ★★★ Gene Wilder.				700 Club ♦			
FX	Men in Black 3 (PG-13, '12) ★★ Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones. ©				Men in Black 3 ('12) ★★ ♦			
HALL	• (6) Love on the Menu ©	The Birthday Wish (NR, '17) Jessy Schram. ©			Golden Girls			
HGTV	Fixer Upper ©	Stay or Sell (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Rooommate			
HIST	American Pickers	American Pick. (N)	(9:05) American Pickers	Pickers ♦				
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	• (6) Wayne's World 2 ★★	Office Space (R, '99) ★★ Ron Livingston. ©			Smoke ♦			
LIFE	Dance Moms (N) ©	Dance Moms (N) ©	(9:03) Dance Moms (N)	Dance ♦				
MSNBC	All in With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
NBCSCH	• (6) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets. (N)				Postgame	Baseball (N)	Postgame	
NICK	Jumanji (PG, '95) ★★ Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. ©					Friends ©	Friends ♦	
Ovation	• (6) Fatal Attraction (R, '87) ★★★ Black Hawk Down (NR, '01) ★★★ Josh Hartnett. ©							
OWN	Ambitions: "Giving Up."	Ambitions: "Ex-Factor."	Ambitions (N)		Greenleaf			
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦			
PARMT	• (6) National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG, '07) ★★ Ink Master (N) ©				John Wick ♦			
SFY	• Hansel Red (PG-13, '10) ★ Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. ©				Futurama			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Westerner (NR, '40) ★★★ Gary Cooper. ©				Home in Indiana (NR, '44) ★★★ ©			
TLC	The Little Couple (N) ©	The Little Couple (N) ©	Outdaunted ©		Couple ♦			
TLN	Let Think Z. Levitt	Focus on Know Cause	Life Today	Insights	Paid Prog.			
TNT	The Accountant (R, '16) ★ Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. ©				Shooter (R, '07) ★★ ♦			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Expedition Unknown (N) ©				Code of the Wild (N) ©		Code-Wild ♦	
TVL	Raymond Everybody Raymond	Raymond			Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Miz & Mrs	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley ♦	
VH1	Hip Hop (N)	Hip Hop Sq.	Hip Hop Sq.	Hip Hop Sq.	Hip Hop Sq.	Hip Hop Sq.	Wild 'n Out	
WE	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds: "No. 6."		Criminal Minds: "No. 6."		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
HBO	Justice League (PG-13, '17) ★★ Ben Affleck. ©				Hard Knocks (N)		Gemstones	
HBO2	Succession: "Hunting."	Black Lady	Brexit (NR, '19) Benedict Cumberbatch.		Hard ♦			
MAX	Twins (PG, '88) ★★★ Arnold Schwarzenegger. ©							
SHO	God	On Becoming a God	(8:35) My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13, '97) ★★★					
STARZ	• (6:05) Superfly ('18) ★★	(8:03) Power ©	(9:02) Venom (PG-13, '18) ★★					
STZENC	• Prince of Persia: Sands	Bad Teacher (R, '11) ★★ Cameron Diaz.	The Wedding Planner ♦					

PREMIUM

street gangs. He soon came across a website that O'Connor had started devoted to his own gang-related research.

"It was like finding a gold mine," Corrado says.

The two men talked, met and decided to collaborate on a book, the first for both. It took varying shapes over the next years, growing ever larger and more ambitious.

"And so, six years later, here we are," says O'Connor. "It was never easy but Dameen really kept the ball rolling."

They are justifiably proud of their work, confident that they have done justice to the gang members who shared with them the details of their lives.

"The whole time we wanted to be honest," says O'Connor, who has long worked as a school custodian and is taking mandolin and fiddle lesson in the hope of starting a band.

He became friends with some gang members and some of them have met violent deaths. But some survive.

"The city has changed," he says. "Much of what we used to see in the city is gone, many of our working-class neighborhoods turned into high-rent areas. It's obvious that a lot of gangs have been priced out and moved to become more active in the suburbs."

There has always been brutality and death in the street gang world, but it was never as seemingly random as it is today or as peppered with collateral damage. When once local gangs marked their territory with bold murals painted on walls, they now do so with bullets and blood.

"At its heart, the book is about art and culture," says Corrado. "The gangs active today are so much more violent. There was once a ... maybe not an innocence but a certain code of honor among gangs. Now it is just too easy to get guns. And too easy to use them."

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JAMES O'CONNOR PHOTO

Wall mural in Chicago.

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Aug. 27): Discover domestic joys this year. Succeed through persistent practice with arts, skills and passions. A fine romance expands your heart this winter, before a community challenge engages.

Domestic renovations make messes next summer, before your team wins. Invite them over.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Have fun with friends and family. Enjoy time with someone sweet. Expect the unexpected. Relax, and get restored by laughter and satisfying flavors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Household projects may not go as planned. Measure carefully. Pad the budget for unexpected costs or delays. Review options, and choose for durability.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. You're uncovering a fascinating story. Keep digging and reveal the root cause. Discover a surprise. Disagree respectfully and persuasively. Don't react without thinking.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Estimate potential expenses, and pad the budget for the unforeseen. Confirm intuition with data. Maintain lucrative practices. Generate dough for cookies and bread.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Step into your comfort zone. Focus on a personal objective. Pamper yourself with a style upgrade. Dress for success, and step onstage. You're especially hot.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Look back for insight and inspiration for the road ahead. Notice dreams and symbolism. Consider recent changes. Adapt plans and strategies.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Develop your team strategy. Hold meetings and collaborate for a larger cause. Keep your side of the bargain. Investigate all options, and report back.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Prepare for an upcoming test. A career opportunity requires a demonstration or display. Submit bids and proposals. Get your team set up.

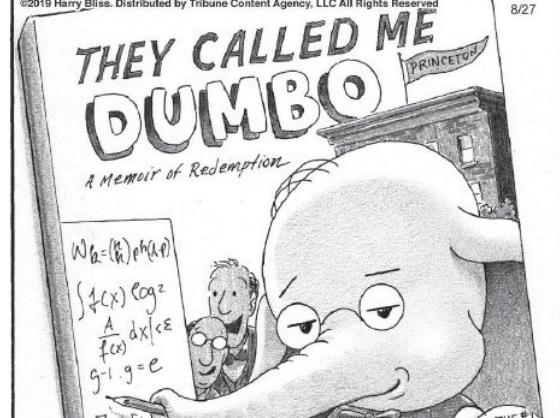
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Anticipate changes along the road. Chaos mingles with beauty. Resolve details as you go. Wait for confusion to pass. Pull over to resolve mistaken directions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Handle financial matters. Coordinate tasks with your partner. Contribute your share to a joint venture. Adapt to unexpected circumstances.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Rely on your partner's strong support. Discuss strategy, timing and ideas. Brainstorm and consider creative options. Align on the best solution.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. The physical pace picks up. Stay in the action to make your deadlines and goals. Avoid risky business. Slow around sharp objects. Rest and recharge.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss**Bridge**

Both vulnerable, North deals

North

♠ A K 2
♥ K 10 2
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ A 3 2

East

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 5 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ K 10 5 4

West

♠ J 8 7 5
♥ Void
♦ A K 10 8 2
♣ Q 9 8 7

South

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q J 9 8 7 6
♦ Q J
♣ Q 6

This is another deal from Larry Cohen's excellent web page, www.larryco.com. It illustrates how an expert pair might handle an otherwise ordinary deal in a duplicate pair game.

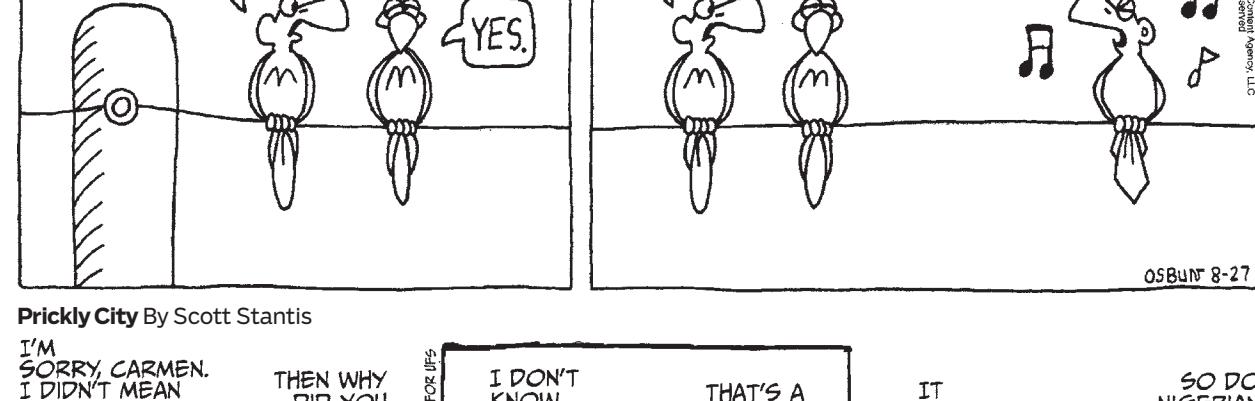
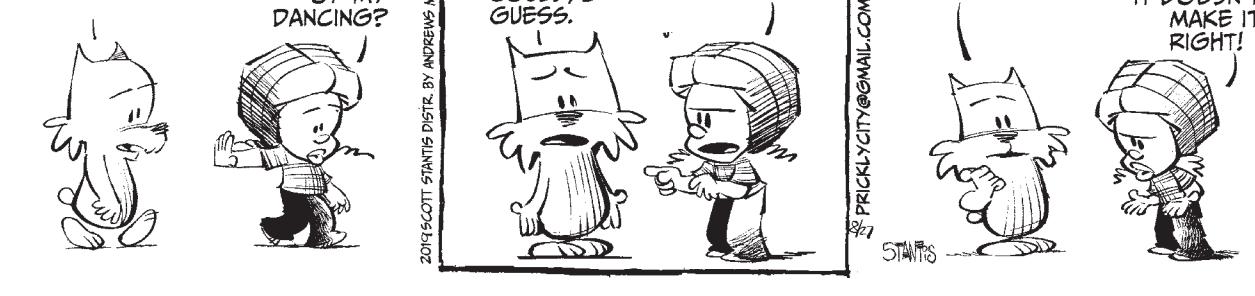
West passes the first time. North has bid his best suit and his other two suits are nothing special. At West's second turn, however, it looks like the auction is about to end. You can't make a living defending at the two level in a duplicate game, so West makes a takeout double. He is pre-balancing, expecting that his partner will have too many hearts to do anything but pass out two hearts. This has the desired effect of pushing the opponents to the three level. East-West sell out

there, happy to take any profit that might come to them.

West continues with the king of diamonds at trick two and then must shift to a black suit. Which one? Despite partner's club bid, it is right to shift to spades. Should there be a trick there, the defense has to get after it. Clubs can wait. West's low spade shift is won by dummy's ace. East grabs the king of hearts with his ace and returns a spade. Which spade? The queen, of course. The return of a low spade would see East get endplayed with the queen after South finishes drawing trumps.

Dummy's king wins this trick, and declarer draws the trumps before exiting with a spade. West wins with his jack and finally leads a club. East's king of clubs becomes the fifth defensive trick and the contract is down one. Well done!

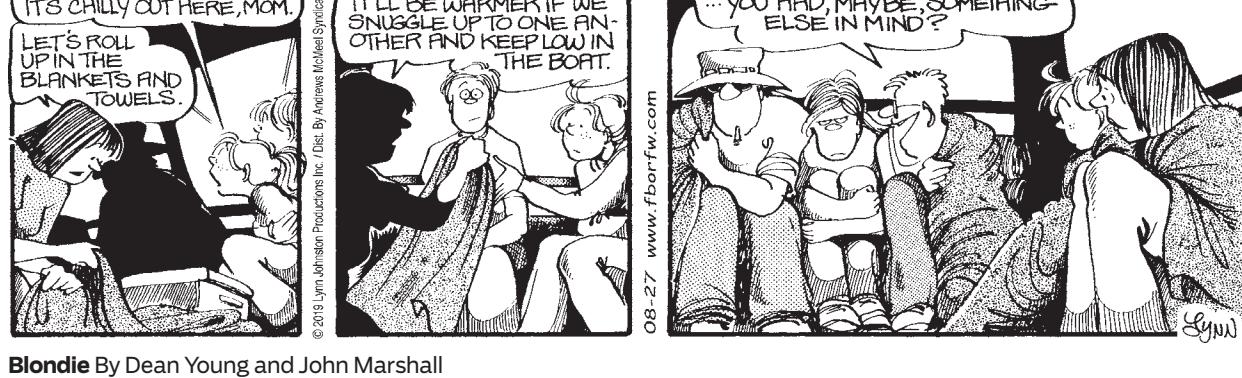
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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



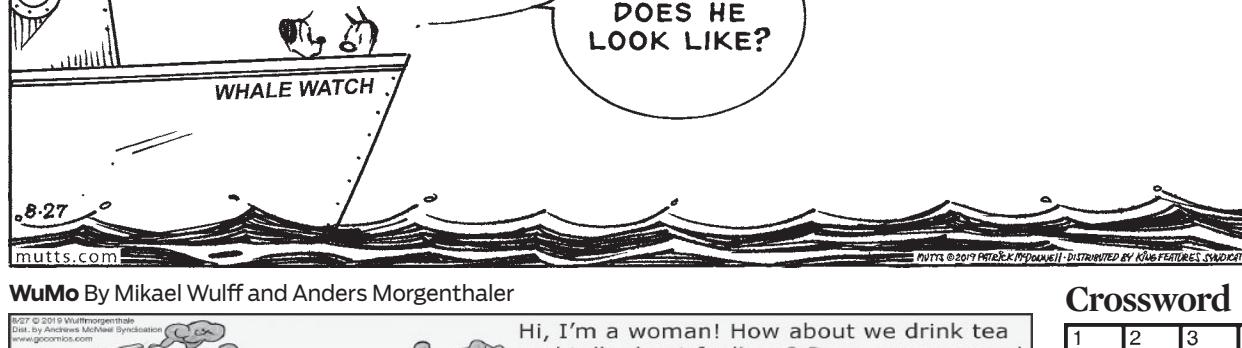
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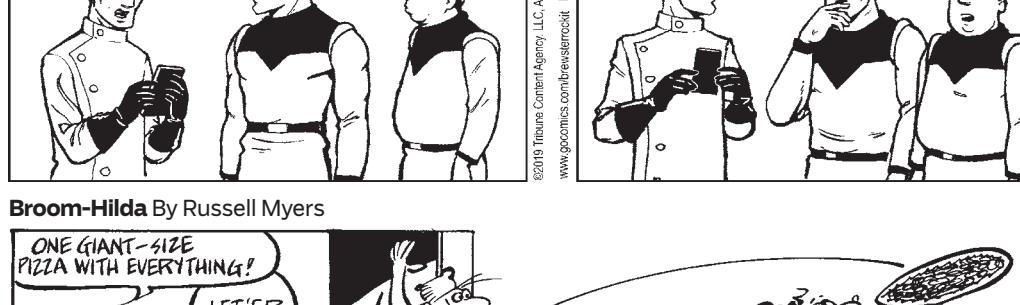
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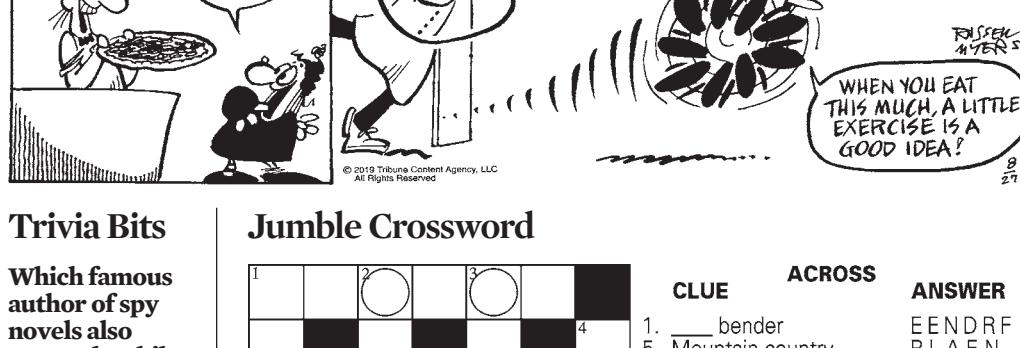
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Trivia Bits

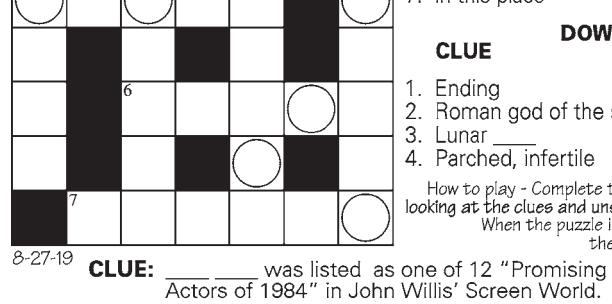
Which famous author of spy novels also wrote the children's classic "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"?

- A) Leslie Charteris
B) Ian Fleming
C) John Le Carre
D) Helen MacInnes

Monday's answer: Genesis 4:2 says that "Abel was a keeper of sheep."

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Jumble Crossword



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.

ANSWER: **ELLEN DEGENERES**

BONUS: **ELLEN**

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BONUS: **ELLEN**

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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		3										
		8										
7				2						4	5	
3										1		9
2	6				5					9	7	4
										7		6
9	8					6						3
						4				3	6	
										2		

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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9	1	2	5	4	6	3	7	8				
7	6	4	8	1	3	5	9	2				
3	5	8	2	7	9	1	4	6				
2	9	5	6	3	7	8	1	4				
4	3	6	1	8	5	9	2	7				
8	7	1	4	9	2	6	3	5				
6	2	9	7	5	1	4	8	3				
1	4	7	3	6	8	2	5	9				
5	8	3	9	2	4	7	6	1				

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.

CROGA

NTTUS

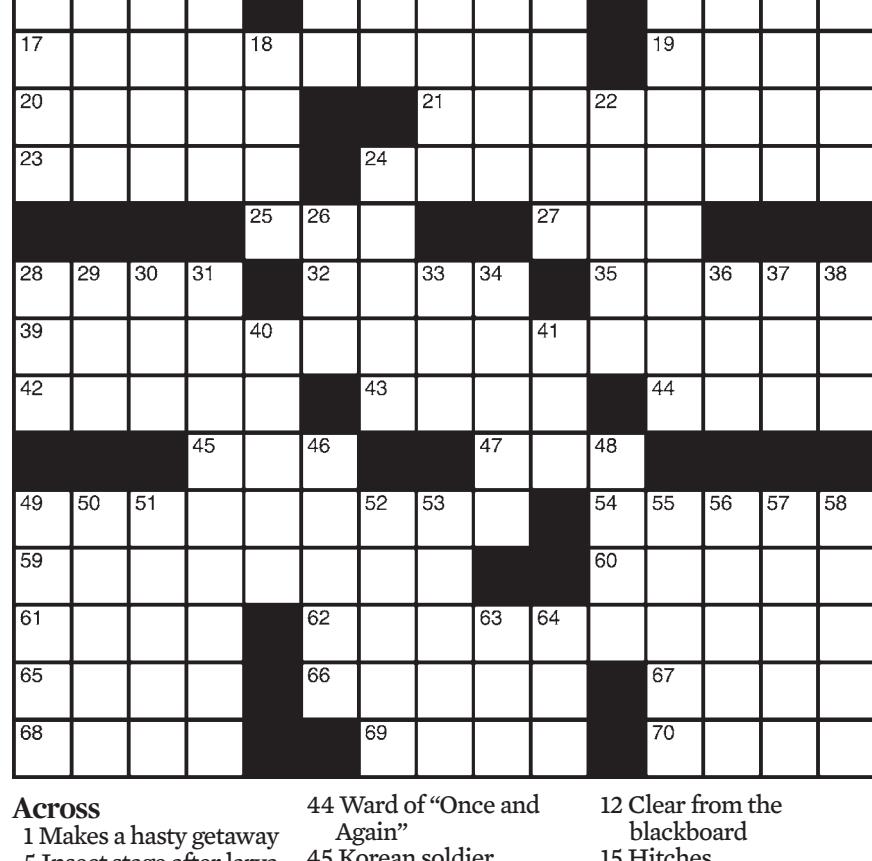
EYELKW

FCEDET



Answer here

Crossword



Across

- Makes a hasty getaway
- Insect stage after larva
- Bathroom wall piece
- Not many
- Umpires' decisions
- Cabinet dept. with a windmill on its seal
- Toy on a track
- Volcanic output
- WWI French soldier
- Almanacs, calendars, etc.
- Drag one's feet
- Native growth in an Asian orchard
- Philosopher -tzu
- Mme., in Madrid
- Money for the poor
- Ancient colonnade
- Bumper sticker word
- Grilling accessory
- Award for "Green Book"
- Spanish appetizer

Monday's solution

P	A	T	T	E	D	E	E	M	S	P	A
A	C	H	O	O	A	L	P	O	A	M	E
R	A	I	N	Y	I	M	I	N	C	O	L
K	I	N	G	O	F	R	O	C	K	N	R

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44 Ward of "Once and Again"

45 Korean soldier

47 Springsteen's "Born in the ___"

49 Result of too-tight jeans, perhaps

54 TV monitoring device

59 Directed

60 Maine college town

61 "Star Trek" helmsman

62 Blather, and a phonetic hint to the four other longest answers

65 "The Time Machine" race

66 Gave an address

67 Foul mood

68 Director Gus Van ___

69 Laundry blemish

70 Red and Coral, but not pink

12 Clear from the blackboard

15 Hitches

18 Temporary calm

22 Composer Ned

24 Sacred choral piece

26 Volcanic output

28 Latin "I love"

29 French article

30 Rock's Fleetwood ___

31 Tropical food that has a five-point shape when sliced

33 U.K. singer Rita ___

34 Intensify

36 Hot time on the Riviera

37 Cartoon frame

38 La-la lead-in

40 Square root of neuf

41 Western treaty gp.

46 "Trick" joints

48 Declare openly

49 Exodus leader

50 Throat dangler

51 Serious criminal

52 Subs at the office

53 "Hop ___": Dr. Seuss book

55 In a foul mood

56 "Stormy Weather" singer Lena

57 Mumbai's land

58 Twitter updates

63 Ring ref's decision

64 To this point

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TUESDAY, AUG. 27

NORMAL HIGH: 81°

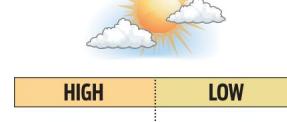
NORMAL LOW: 62°

RECORD HIGH: 97° (1973)

RECORD LOW: 47° (1982)

Cool, dry air returns following Monday's rain

LOCAL FORECAST



■ Breezy conditions bring drier weather following a soggy Monday.

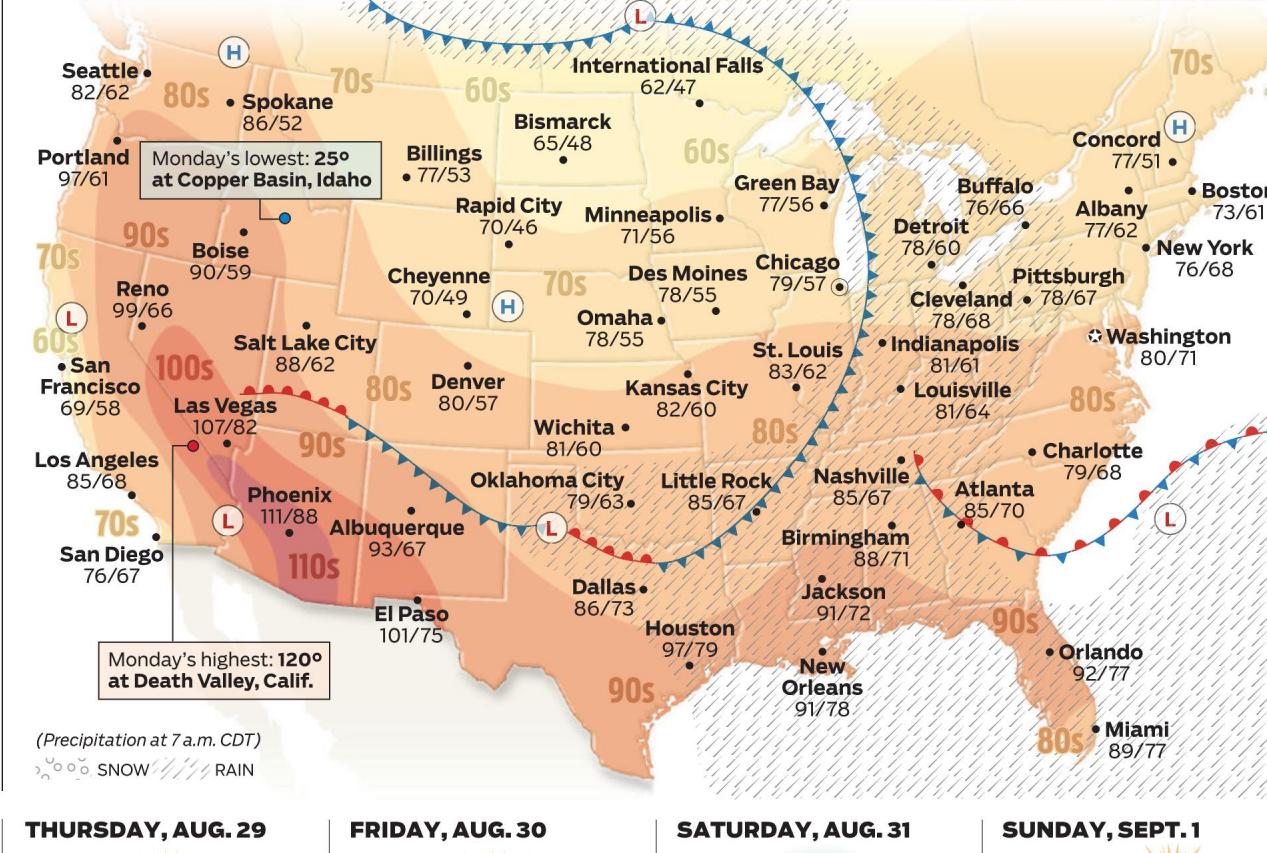
■ Lingering clouds may produce a few showers around daybreak. Temps generally range in the mid-upper 60s.

■ Skies turn partly sunny as W winds increase to 15-20 mph. Dew points slowly lower to the low-mid 60s.

■ Afternoon temps peak in the upper 70s, with a few 80s in spots.

■ Clearing and cooler at night. Lows range from around 60 city, to the low 50s outlying suburbs.

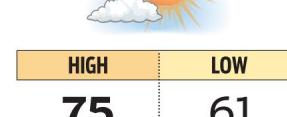
NATIONAL FORECAST



(Precipitation at 7 a.m. CDT)

SNOW RAIN

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28



Deep low pressure over Canada circulates cooler, drier air across the Great Lakes region. Scattered clouds midafternoon, otherwise sunny. Temps peak in the mid 70s. W winds 15-25 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

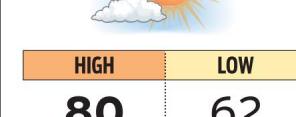
THURSDAY, AUG. 29



Mostly sunny, though scattered clouds begin to build mid-late afternoon. Breezy and warmer. Temps reach 80 degrees most areas. Evening showers/storms possible. SW winds 15-25 mph and gusty.



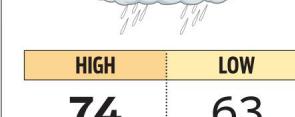
FRIDAY, AUG. 30



High pressure over the upper Midwest brings sunshine and comfortable temps. Readings climb to near 80 inland, but hold closer to 70 lakeside. Clouds increase overnight. NE winds 10-15 mph.



SATURDAY, AUG. 31



Disturbance over the mid-Mississippi valley brings clouds and a chance of showers. Lack of sun limits daytime warming. Highs range mid 70s inland, upper 60s lake. E-SE winds 10 mph.



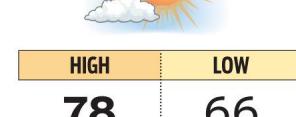
SUNDAY, SEPT. 1



September opens with a taste of early autumn. Considerable cloudiness lingers, with spotty showers possible. Highs again low-mid 70s inland, upper 60s near the lake. E winds around 10 mph.



MONDAY, SEPT. 2



Partial sunshine returns for Labor Day. Temps respond by rising to near 80 degrees at some inland locations. Readings stay lower at the beaches as light winds turn onshore around 10 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is Chicago's record for consecutive days when the temperature does not drop below 60 degrees?
Chuck Kennell

Dear Chuck,
It is common for Chicago to log an extended period when the temperature does not drop below 60 during the warm season, with a typical run lasting from 25 to 35 days. One such spell ranks head and shoulders above the others: a 102-day stretch from June 8 to Sept. 17, 1921, when temperatures ranged from a high of 97 on July 17 to lows of 61 on Aug. 8, 21 and 22. A distant runner-up was a 73-day stretch in 1910 that ran from June 13 to Aug. 24.

The extended 1921 warm spell played a significant role in elevating that year to the city's second-warmest, with an average temperature of 54.4 degrees, just behind 2012, the city's warmest year, that averaged 54.5 degrees.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koerner, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Monday's rains: the heaviest official tally here in 3 months

MONDAY'S DRENCHING DOWNPOURS

	Wilmette	2.49"	River Forest	1.56"
	Glenview	2.45"	Des Plaines	1.49"
	Morton Grove	2.30"	Kenilworth	1.45"
	Mt. Prospect	2.05"	Deerfield	1.43"
	Kenosha, Wis.	1.78"	Arlington Hts	1.24"
	Waukegan	1.70"	St. Charles	1.24"
	Wheeling	1.69"	Downers Grove	1.21"
	Glencoe	1.65"		

1.40"*

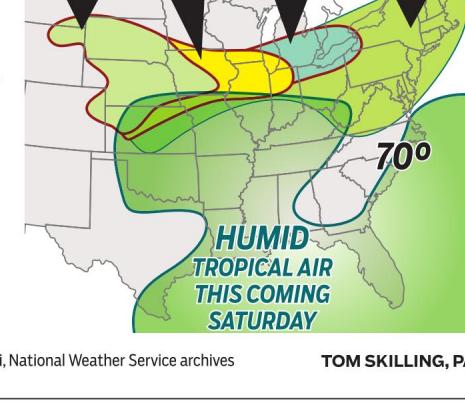
O'HARE

0.55"

MIDWAY

*Heaviest rain in 3 months (since May)

HERE'S THIS SATURDAY'S HUMID TROPICAL AIR Swath of Labor Day weekend rainfall



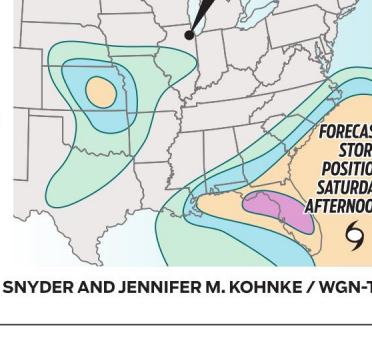
DORIAN FORECAST TO BECOME A HURRICANE

Forecast track and positions from the National Hurricane Center



DORIAN'S RAINS TO IMPACT THE SOUTHEAST IN COMING DAYS

Forecast rainfall through 7 PM Monday



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.

ILLINOIS	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Champaign	ts	82	61	su	80	57
Decatur	pc	81	57	su	77	54
Moline	su	81	57	pc	78	55
Quincy	pc	80	57	pc	77	55
Rockford	pc	79	57	pc	74	52
Springfield	pc	81	57	pc	74	52
Sterling	su	80	57	pc	76	52

INDIANA	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Bloomington	rn	80	59	su	77	54
Evansville	ts	78	59	pc	76	53
Fort Wayne	ts	78	58	pc	76	53
Indianapolis	rn	81	61	su	78	55
Lafayette	sh	82	56	pc	78	53
Terre Haute	sh	78	57	pc	74	52

WISCONSIN	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Green Bay	pc	77	56	pc	76	51
Kenosha	pc	78	57	pc	76	51
La Crosse	su	78	58	pc	76	51
Madison	su	77	58	pc	75	52
Milwaukee	pc	79	56	pc	73	55
Wausau	pc	71	52	sh	69	54

MICHIGAN	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Detroit	rn	78	60	pc	77	57
Grand Rapids	ts	78	60	pc	76	56
Marquette	ts	78	60	pc	76	54
Midland	ts	78	58	pc	76	53
St. Joe	rn	73	57	sh	67	53
Traverse City	sh	78	57	pc	76	53

MISSOURI	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Ames	su	76	52	su	75	55
Cedar Rapids	ts	78	54	pc	75	55
Dubuque	pc	78	54	pc	77	60
El Paso	pc	71	55	pc	69	54

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.

FLORIDA	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	ts	96	69	ts	86	71
Albuquerque	cl	96	69	pc	85	65
Billings	ts	93	67	pc	83	65
Bismarck	cl	76	60	pc	82	64
Boise	pc	75	51	pc	69	51
Boulder	pc	75	51	pc	69	51
Brownsville	sh	75	65	pc	80	56
Baltimore	sh	75	65	pc	82	56
Baton Rouge	sh	75	65	pc	82	56
Bethesda	sh	75	65	pc	82	56
Big Island	sh	75	65	pc	82	56
Bluffton	sh	75	65	pc		